

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on October 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Glenn Irby

PRESS PRESENT: John Perry - The Apopka Chief
Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice

INVOCATION: Mayor Kilsheimer introduced Pastor Waldemar Serrano of Remnant Christian Center, who gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kilsheimer said on October 22, 1968, members of the Apopka Historical Society appealed to the City Council for use of a room on the second floor of City Hall to establish a museum. The Council's vote was unanimous and the Apopka Historical Society quickly setup the museum in City Hall where it remained for nearly twenty years. In 1987, looking for more space for the growing number of exhibits, the museum relocated to the ground floor of the McBride building. The Museum of the Apopkans today is situated in a modern log cabin structure built in 2001. It hosts an impressive display of the rich heritage and history of Apopka and serves an important role in preserving artifacts and presenting the stories of the past. He asked everyone to remember those men and women who help preserve our history for future generations as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. City Council special meeting September 27, 2017.**
- 2. City Council regular meeting October 4, 2017.**

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve City Council minutes of September 27, 2017, and October 4, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

AGENDA REVIEW

Proclamations:

1. Mayor Kilsheimer read a proclamation recognizing and proclaiming November 4, 2017, through November 11, 2017, as Week of the Family in the City of Apopka, and presented it to the Week of the Family Foundation.

Presentations:

- 1. Presentation on Apopka Property Values by Property Appraiser Rick Singh.**
Mr. Singh gave an overview of Orange County stating there was a total parcel count of 453,000

parcels and in addition there are 60,000 tangible personal or business assets. He reported Apopka has 49,458 residents, total housing exceeds 17,000, and the average age is 38 years. He advised Apopka is home to close to 2,000 veterans. Apopka's population has grown nearly 20% from 2010 to 2016. He reported 86.6% of Apopka's population has graduated from high school or higher. He advised the average household income in Apopka is moving closer to \$60,000 per year. He said foreclosures are down in Apopka and there were 332 new single family homes built in Apopka in 2016. He stated Apopka has a budding hotel market and there is strong growth in Apopka for 2017. Total commercial property value in Apopka is approaching \$1 billion. He advised the historical value in Apopka is \$4.4 billion which is a \$1.5 billion increase in market value from 2013 to 2017. He spoke of technology and how it is changing the dynamics of real estate and other industries.

PUBLIC COMMENT/STAFF RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Public Comment:

Madeline Spencer was present to discuss concerns of the egress in Emerson Park between Tract J and the Townhomes. She said she walks by this every morning and showed photographs of how it appears, stating it has been torn up since early spring. She met with the City Engineer who reviewed the plans and said this was going to be put back to a green space. She said she later received a call from the City Engineer who told her it was going to be a green driveway and there would be a gate put in to allow for emergency vehicles. She was advised that in December the City Council approved a final development plan that allowed the grass area to be utilized as an emergency entrance.

Jennifer Hay said she was a resident in the Emerson Park community and stated they have watched their community private roads and green space be invaded by construction vehicles. She stated it was her understanding the City Council signed off on Centex-Pulte's construction plans and allowed them to turn their private property into their personal roadway without notifying the residents. She said Centex made their non-gated community streets private, but failed to mention that very important detail to the homeowners who purchased property there. She stated once their HOA fees started they soon learned about the required large reserves for the maintenance of the seventeen private streets and by then Centex-Pulte was long gone leaving the residents to pick up the pieces. She said after the Briar Team construction crew broke ground on a nearby tree field lot, they soon became aware of their latest intentions of utilizing their streets with construction trucks over the next year and lack of concern or respect of their quiet community. She said their HOA Board tried to resolve this but could not compete with a multi-million dollar corporation. The company assured them they would respect their roads and only use the green space as an emergency easement. She questioned the legality of the signed agreement between the City and Builder allowing use of Emerson Park private streets and green space.

Richard Earp, City Engineer, said the signatures were on the final development plan that was approved in December. Since the spring, the engineering inspector and the city engineer have been helping the developer, inspecting the project, and he advised the emergency access easement is part of the approved final development plan. He advised this area has been torn up and some water lines were put in. The area has not been regraded, irrigation replaced, or sod replaced yet. He said Pulte Homes has been working with the City and they have put a white vinyl fence up so that you cannot drive between the two properties. He advised there will be a sod delivery on the Emerson Park side and they are working with Pulte for implementation of the final development plan.

Jay Davoll, Public Services Director said this was a unique concept that was new to the City of Apopka with larger density, smaller lots and alleyways. It was agreed upon at the time they would be private streets because of the nature of the development. He said this was a five phase project that was platted all at once. He advised the first page of the plat lists clearly that they are private streets and there are easements for the City to maintain utilities. He said there was a Pulte representative present that may be able to address the legality of Tract J that is under discussion. He stated this was platted from the beginning that this would be an emergency or some type of tract to the north. In response to Mayor Kilsheimer inquiring why the City would not want to take over the private streets, Mr. Davoll said the City would inherit the maintenance of private streets that would be near the end of their life cycle that should have been maintained by the private development throughout this time frame. He also responded to Commissioner Bankson explaining it was for emergency vehicle access and the access for construction was approved at the time the development plan was approved.

Commissioner Bankson said since this was set in motion from the beginning, was it their due diligence that they needed to see the small print.

City Attorney Shepard said if he was speaking of the homeowners, the answer is clearly yes. If the question is regarding the agreement to come in under the emergency access for construction, he could not answer.

Neil Klaproth, Land Development Manager for Pulte-Centex, said he was the manager for this project and it was his understanding that connection through Tract J was provided when the land was sold and they reserved an easement over Tract J to connect future utilities and this was incorporated through the sale of the project to the developer who finished Emerson Park. He advised he met with the HOA of Emerson Park before they broke ground and explained how the project was planned, what was expected, and what the expectation was at the end of the project to restore the tract to the existing condition. They are finally at the end and within the next two weeks Tract J will be sodded and landscaped. He said they immediately blocked it off when they were told it was being used and placed the fence to make sure no one went through that tract. He declared Emerson Parks HOA attorney has agreed that their access through Tract J was valid. He apologized for inconvenience that has been made to these people. Some of the concerns he has heard through their attorney is construction traffic through their neighborhood. He maintained that they have explained to all of their vendors that is not an access point that should be used and that there is Hilltop Reserve across Marden Road and there is probably other people using it for construction purposes. He advised they have reacted each time they were contacted and from his understanding they are operating completely within the confines and aspects they are legally allowed.

Mayor Kilsheimer provided a recap of the issue of Tract J and its current use stating today it is fenced off and there will not be any more construction traffic. He stated Pulte is in the process of restoring the tract and it will be sodded and restored within the next two weeks. He said with regards to whether or not what they did was legal, Mr. Klaproth has represented that he spoke to the Emerson Park Homeowner's Association and attorney and they mutually agreed that the use they had was legal and provided for in the documents. At this point, this issue is coming to an end in terms of the irritation and annoyance it has caused. He stated with regards to the private streets, that issue was decided before the majority of council was here and it was legally disclosed to all of the home buyers in Emerson Park at the time they closed on their property.

Ray Shackelford gave comparisons of the millage rate, total budget, total general fund, amounts transferred to the general fund and the total budget amounts for FY 2014 and FY 2017/18. He said the total general fund of 2014 was \$38 million, and 2017/18 was \$48 million, and transferring in to the general fund in 2014 was \$4.4 million and in 2017 \$7.4 million. He stated the reserves into the general fund for 2014 was \$400,000 and transferring into the general fund in 2017/18 was \$1.3 million. He said the debt service for 2014 was \$2 million and in 2017/18 it is \$3.4 million. He said he mentions this data as he feels it is very important to become more sensitive as to how the tax money is spent. He called upon City Council to develop a strategic plan to support a 25% reserve fund balance within five years as recommended by Commissioner Bankson. He stated the general fund and reserves for 2016/2017 to 2017/2018 will be reduced and, the transfers in and debt service will increase.

Rod Love said he wanted to encourage the City Council to look at contracting transparency within the City. He stated he attends the Council meetings and looks at the contracts moving forward and he sees some contract irregularities that need to be addressed. He said he would like to see the policy in place for local preference utilized more. He stated he continues to hear about legacy issues and he understands this, but at some point in time responsibility needs to be taken for the here and now. He said he was disappointed about the CRA decision that was made and to see a decision on \$2.2 million made within fifteen minutes. He said if Council is not totally prepared to move forward, it was alright to study these issues. He stated he was glad to hear Commissioner Becker mention the homestead that will be on the ballot and the City needs to plan for this if it passes. He said it was refreshing to hear the individual from Centex apologize and hear willingness to make amends for what has taken place. He recognized Commissioner Bankson, Commissioner Dean, and Commissioner Becker for their participation in the Gospel Fest.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Approve the renewal of Inmate Contract W1084 for the use of Inmate Squad III.
2. Approval of two voting precincts for the General Election March 13, 2018.

Discussion was held on Item 2.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to approve two items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

BUSINESS

1. Approval of blanket purchase orders for the Public Services Department.

Jay Davoll, Public Services Director, said it is a new budget year and they need to have purchasing in place for the new budget. He advised these were for standard items used throughout the year that they do a blanket purchase order in order to have the funds encumbered and ready to order as the need arises.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Dean to approve a blanket purchase orders for the Public Services Department as presented Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

2. Approval of a proposal to perform rehabilitation and repairs of Lift Station #9 Wet Well.

Kevin Burgess, Assistant Public Services Director, advised that following Hurricane Irma there was a line break within the wet well of Lift Station #9 located at Oasis of Wekiva apartments. In conducting the repair, the concrete inside the wet well is eroded from sewer gases creating an unsafe situation. He advised the line has been repaired, but they need to rehabilitate this wet well that will include restoring the concrete and placing a fiberglass liner that is resistant to the gases and new HDPE piping for the pumps. He advised this was an unbudgeted item and they are requesting approval.

In response to Commissioner Bankson inquiring about the piggyback option rather than going out to bid, Mr. Burgess explained due to the safety hazard this was posing, it would not be advisable to take the additional time required to bid.

MOTION by Commissioner Dean, and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the rehabilitation and repairs of Lift Station #9 wet well. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

3. Approval of a Management Assessment/Audit of the meter reading & customer service operations.

Mr. Burgess said a condition of our consumptive use permit with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is that we conduct an audit on the potable water system. He stated he conducted the audit and in 2016 we had a 26.1% of unaccountable water and the allowable amount is 10%. He said they have been working with SJRWMD and explained in 2007 the City switched to an automated meter reading system and since then the unaccountable water has gradually climbed. He advised they believe this to be due to the age of meters and said we need to understand the best way to approach this and the scope of the problem. This is the purpose of having this study completed.

Commissioner Velazquez inquired if this was related to the discussion held a few months ago regarding the replacement of aged meters. She spoke of residents in Rock Springs Ridge that had utility bills that suddenly increased and apparently is was due to the meter not transmitting.

Mr. Burgess said that was discussed during the budget workshops and he advised there are two new employees added to the budget to address the meter replacement issue and following it on a schedule. He stated due to the magnitude of this problem, they need to have a better idea of the scope of this issue and how quickly it can be dealt with

Pam Barclay, Finance Director, said they identify the meters that have zero reads and stated most of the residents were receiving the base rate on their bill and when the meter is replaced they send an updated bill. She advised they do not back bill, but the reason for the increase is that they were receiving the base rate and not paying for any consumption and once the meter starts reading they are suddenly paying for consumption. They are notified by a door hanger that their meter has been replaced.

Mayor Kilsheimer said, as a result of the audit, we have determined that we are probably in need of a systematic program of replacing water meters on a routine basis. At this time there is not a

systematic program of replacing water meters that age out or become nonfunctional. He stated in this case you would want an independent third party assessment of the entire water meter infrastructure as a proactive measure to understand the scope and show SJRWMD we are addressing the issue.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve a Management Assessment/Audit of the meter reading and customer service operations. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

- 4. Approval of a property bid offer for the SE corner of N. Park Av. and E. Sandpiper Road.** James Hitt, Community Development Director, said this was the second parcel of some parcels declared surplus in February 2017. This parcel is the SE corner of N. Park Avenue and E. Sandpiper Road. An appraisal was done on the property and a bid came in at \$1.3 million from Wekiva Capital Partners, LLC. He advised this is over the appraised value and staff recommends approval. He advised if approved by Council, Item 9, Confidentiality, will be removed from the contract. This does have proper land-use and zoning for Commercial and C-1 zoning and if approved will be back on the tax rolls.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve a property bid offer for the SE corner of N. Park Av and E. Sandpiper Road. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

- 5. Approval of the Johns Road Maintenance Map.** Richard Earp, City Engineer, advised this portion of Johns Road is a paved portion of the road that has been paved and maintained by the City since 2006. He advised Community Development has prepared a map that depicts the southern portion of the paved Johns Road right-of-way being maintained by the City and it connects to other rights-of-way on either end. The approval of this recording of the map will provide title over the southern portion of the area maintained by the City of Apopka. He advised he spoke with the property owner and he does not object of this formally becoming right-of-way.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve the Johns Road Maintenance Map. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS (Action Item)

- 1. Ordinance No. 2603 – Second Reading – Annexation – Project: Irmalee Lane Right-of-Way, located north of McCormick Road and east of State Road 429. The City Clerk read the title as follows:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2603

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS IRMALEE LANE SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LOCATED GENERALLY EAST OF STATE ROAD 429 AND NORTH OF MCCORMICK ROAD AND COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 6.5 ACRES; OWNED BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing. No wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to adopt Ordinance No. 2603. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioner Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

2. **Ordinance No. 2602 – First Reading – Corrective Ordinance – Kelly Park Crossing DRIDO – Project: Kelly Park Crossing Development of Regional Impact Development Order.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2602

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND CORRECTING ORDINANCE NO. 2564; AMENDING AND CORRECTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE KELLY PARK CROSSING DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ORDER; CLARIFYING THAT PROJECT ORLANDO, LLC IS THE APPLICANT AND DEVELOPER FOR THE KELLY PARK CROSSING DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT; CORRECTING ORDINANCE NO. 2564 BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SAME AND REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2230; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing. Witnesses were sworn in by the clerk.

Mr. Hitt said this is considered a corrective ordinance for the Kelly Park Crossing Development of Regional Impact and the Development Order. He advised the first amendment to the Development Order was approved, however, there was a request by the applicant to change the title from Project Orlando to Rochelle Holdings. He said Rochelle Holdings XIII is actually one of the property owners and the proper method should have been to change to Rochelle Holdings XIII with the approval of the other property owners. Staff recognized this and checked with the Department of Economic Opportunity. They are proposing a corrective ordinance to bring this back to the original title of Project Orlando, LLC. The remainder is the same, except for adding page numbers to the table of contents, and correction of the item numbers.

City Attorney Shepard advised this was where the City found they were being sued through an article in the newspaper. He said this should be approved based on what is being presented. He affirmed that this has also been ran by the plaintiff and if adopted there is an agreement in place that will cause that law suit to be dismissed.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Jeff Welch, Rochelle Holdings, said this was put in for a clarification. He stated while they don't agree with everything, they do understand why staff is doing this and would like to see this approved.

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Kilsheimer closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve Ordinance No. 2602 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioner Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

- 3. Resolution No. 2017-24– Opposing consideration of a second Wekiva Parkway Interchange.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, OPPOSING THE CONSIDERATION OF A SECOND WEKIVA PARKWAY INTERCHANGE IN NORTHWEST ORANGE COUNTY OR LAKE COUNTY.

Mayor Kilsheimer said this came up last week at MetroPlan and he was approached by an individual stating they had heard someone was going to propose a second interchange on the Wekiva Parkway. He affirmed there was an editorial in the Orlando Sentinel this past Sunday that laid this out pretty dramatically. He said one of the things Apopka has always counted on is the idea there would be only one interchange on the Wekiva Parkway at Kelly Park Road. This was part of the original legislation that was passed. He stated there is a temporary interchange on Mt. Plymouth Road that was opened to facilitate the use of the early section of the Wekiva Parkway. He declared the discussion has always been when the full Wekiva Parkway opens, that temporary interchange will close and there will be just the one intersection at Kelly Park Road. The discussions with the original legislation have been based on the Wekiva River being named an Outstanding Florida Water and while understanding the need for greater transportation access through this corridor, this is also one of the most pristine parts of the State of Florida. He said an incredible amount of work by the lawmakers, environmental groups, City of Apopka, and a host of people went into crafting the agreement that resulted in the unanimous passage of the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act in 2004. He asked for Council approval of this Resolution.

Commissioner Velazquez spoke of the many meetings Mary Brooks held with the public regarding the Wekiva Parkway and how it was being built to protect the environment and wildlife. She said she did not agree with keeping the temporary interchange.

Commissioner Bankson said the one interchange has been the mindset all along and it is a benefit to Apopka. He stated he reached out to various people involved and many times things are reported that put things in a certain light and the article makes it sound like this is a done deal. He reiterated the one interchange is best for Apopka.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Michael Jones, Conservation Committee Chair, Orange Audubon Society, said they support Resolution 2017-24 and feel this is a courageous act of the City of Apopka to go on the record to support the design of the Wekiva Parkway as a result of extensive negotiation that builds a road and protects the environment. To reopen the 2004 Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act would result in extensive costs and there would have to be an act of the legislation to do this. He submitted a letter of support and said the Orange Audubon urges Council to support this resolution.

Scott Taylor said he lives in Lake County, but also owns a nursery in Apopka and had some 60 acres taken by FDOT for section five of the Wekiva Parkway. He joined with the environmental community in 2001 to seek a compromise with the transportation community plan to four lane State Road 46. He said they worked together with transportation officials that started the process that led to the conclusion of the 2004 Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act. He encouraged approval of this resolution.

Deborah Green said while she is associated with Orange Audubon, she was speaking for herself as an advocate for the Wekiva River basin properties. She reviewed the history of how these came into public hands starting in 1969 with the purchase of Wekiva Springs State Park. She said this was a large state effort to have contiguous acreage assembled and connect to the Ocala Forest. The Wekiva Parkway was a very carefully crafted compromise with the 2004 Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act. She urged support of this resolution.

Charles Lee said he was not a resident of Apopka, but he was here representing Audubon Florida and he was here to speak in favor of the resolution. He stated this has taken a very long time to get to the point of a consensus highway through a very environmentally sensitive area. He said two commissions appointed consecutively by Governor Bush, the Wekiva Task Force and the Wekiva Coordinating Committee, carefully reviewed every aspect of this road. He pointed out that former Mayor John Land served on both of those commissions. He affirmed it was very clear the number of interchanges in the northern area needed to be limited because of the recharge areas that might be affected. It turned out that the area determined to be the least damaging was the Kelly Park Road interchange. He urged Council to support this resolution.

Russ Melling said he is a resident of Sorrento and has seen a lot of changes in the area. He stated he worked with the commission on the environmental side and public health. He said it took a large amount of work to come to this good plan and a change at this state makes no sense. He stated he supported this resolution.

Jeff Welch said the most compelling argument was by Commissioner Velazquez and said this was a violation of the public trust. He said he also attended all of the meetings and the expressway boards and the Florida State Department of Transportation did an excellent job of communicating this entire project to the people who will be impacted. He stated this was a compromise between developers, the environmental community, and the City of Apopka. He declared the City had properties placed in environmental protection for perpetuity and these are off of the tax rolls. He said this was the right thing to do and he supports the resolution.

Ann Volmer said she was speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Orange County in opposition of an additional interchange. She said many colleagues have already said what she was prepared to say. Her only request is regarding the plan for the additional interchange to be torn down in 2021, stating there was no guarantee this Commission would still be here, so she encouraged them to ensure there are laws and regulations in place so that the integrity continues to be supported. She stated she also spoke with her local chapter of the Native Plant Society in preparing her comments.

Loretta Satterthwaite said for thirty years or more there has been discussion about a western beltway around Orlando. It wasn't until the establishment of the 2003 Wekiva River Basin Commission and the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act of 2004 that any conclusion was able to be agreed upon. She said this 19 member Wekiva River Basin Commission has met consistently since 2003 and they have been charged to ensure and monitor implementation of the recommendations of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee. She said in the 2016 annual report of the Wekiva River Basin Commission, Florida Department of Transportation reported to the Commission a temporary ramp connects the Parkway to 435 and that temporary connection will be removed with CFX ties section 2A to the west into section 4A. She said promises were made and agreements were written into law. She urged Council to vote in favor of this resolution and not allow this second interchange to come into existence.

Pam Meharg said she was the Conservation Chair for the Seminole Audubon Society and said as many have spoken of tonight, the 2004 Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act was a model for the state. She stated stakeholders from the development community, transportation, and environmental community met to deal with the challenge of providing necessary transportation to accommodate our rapidly growing population and provide the important environmental protections needed in the Wekiva River Basin. Critical to the discussions on the Wekiva Parkway provision was the limiting of interchanges with just one in the Apopka area. She said additional interchanges would encourage urban sprawl in critical water recharge areas. She stated as Central Florida policy makers, they are now dealing with challenges of how to provide adequate potable water to citizens and she reiterated these are critical recharge areas. She said this was also critical areas to allow wildlife to move through safely and avoid human interaction. She said this resolution supports the public trust of being promised one interchange.

Robert Stamps said they have heard a lot of history tonight. He spoke of the future stating Apopka was working on development a high level identity and competing against a number of cities in this area that has things making them unique. He said Apopka has two great resources, to the west Lake Apopka and to the northeast they have Little Wekiva. No one else has this and by supporting this resolution Council can help protect the Wekiva area which will help in bringing in high quality businesses in the future.

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Kilsheimer closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Becker said he takes that route every day to work and it will be an inconvenience to him, but in a good way. He stated this was a well thought out plan in 2004. He said there was no compelling reason to change this and he fully supports the resolution.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to approve Resolution No. 2017-24. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and

Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, Becker, and Bankson voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS.

Commissioner Dean said in regards to Dr. Shackelford's presentation, he would propose City Council develop a strategic plan to obtain a 25% reserve fund balance within the next five years. He stated we must protect the fiscal integrity of the City.

Commissioner Becker asked who is going to do that walk for us to get to that 25% mark and who will formulate that proposal.

Commissioner Dean said the City Council is responsible and should appoint someone to monitor this proposal.

Commissioner Becker said he knows Commissioner Bankson had the PowerPoint presentation during the budget process and that number was in play. He declared from a financial perspective if trying to step up to a 25% mark, how we get there incrementally is what he perceives lacks. He stated if he could see that, it would allow to make better decisions on how to get to that mark.

Commissioner Bankson said that is a policy of where we need to get to and it is up for discussion of where they want to set that number. No policy in place hurts the City. He stated we need to find how to get there and giving a window of how to get there is partly done by giving staff a directive of where we need to be, putting the City in position not only for reserves, but investment opportunities. He said it should be designed to give flexibility based upon what the City will be facing over the years. He stated it should be a collaboration between Council's thoughts and staff saying this is a policy and a goal to aim for.

Commissioner Becker said until they have something in black and white text they can look at to determine if it is agreeable to not, they are talking aspirational.

Commissioner Bankson suggested this was an issue they could hold workshops to focus on what they can do to plan for a policy that is good for Apopka.

Mayor Kilsheimer said they keep going around in circles here and he did not hear a consensus among this City Council to move forward with this. He said this has been talked about at the budget workshop, and here on more than one occasion with no consensus to move forward, yet it keeps coming back. He stated if there was a more compelling argument than what has been presented, maybe they could move this agenda forward.

Commissioner Bankson said he simply brought this to the budget workshop to propose Council look at that as a foundation and work together to establish a policy that is considered by the experts he spoke with to be a good path to take.

Commissioner Velazquez requested Commissioner Bankson provide a list of all the experts he spoke with to give other Council members an opportunity to confer with them.

City Administrator asked Commissioner Bankson to provide those names to him and he will make them available to the other Commissioners.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Kilsheimer reported on the storm debris removal stating there has been a lot of progress made over the last two weeks. Josh Robinson, Sanitation Manager, has reported to him there are eight double loader trucks working in the City of Apopka now and the capacity for removal is at 8,000 cubic yards per day. He pointed out that we started with 250,000 cubic yards. The first pass is almost complete throughout the entire City. The second pass will be to go back and pick up what they were unable to take on the first pass and there is a crew going through trimming hangers out of trees. These will be placed in the curb and will be picked up as they go back through. There will be a third pass to make sure they have all storm debris.

Mayor Kilsheimer said Council needs to determine what to do with the debris once it is all collected. The debris is primarily being collected at the Northwest Recreation Complex. The original proposal was to grind it and haul it off, however, this is quite expensive. An idea proposed that will save approximately \$125,000 is to combust the debris utilizing an air curtain burner. This method directs air to the combustion zone, increasing the temperature resulting in complete combustion and greatly eliminates the amount of smoke and odor. This would result in only having to haul away the ash.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

_____/s/_____
Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST;

_____/s/_____
Linda F. Goff, City Clerk