

**MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELAND
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 5, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
120 SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Apgar at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Apgar requested that anyone present who wishes to address the City Commission on an item appearing on tonight's agenda, or regarding an item not on the agenda, please fill out a Speaker's Card and give it to the City Clerk. The public has a right to speak about any item on which the City Commission is to take action.

INVOCATION

Mayor Apgar stated as of this time, the City Commission is scheduled to hear the Beresford Reserve ordinance on July 25, 2022. This date will be confirmed within a week.

Mayor Apgar welcomed Ms. Charlene Gagnier, Legislative Aide to Senator Tom A. Wright.

Leah Molyneux, Central Florida Freethought Community, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Apgar led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Charles Paiva	Present
Commissioner Jessica Davis	Present
Commissioner Chris Cloudman	Present
Commissioner Kevin Reid	Present
Mayor Robert F. Apgar	Present

Mayor Apgar mentioned Darren Elkind, City Attorney, was unable to attend this evening. Attorney Lonnie Groot is standing in for Mr. Elkind.

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Pleus, City Manager; Lonnie Groot, Attorney; Julie Hennessy, City Clerk-Auditor; Michael Grebosz, Assistant City Manager; Jason Umberger, Police Chief; Todd Allen, Fire Chief; Rick Werbiskis, Community Development Director; Chad Gamble, Public Services Director; Jim Ailes, Deputy Public Service/Utilities Director; Ray Underwood, Public

Works Director; Mark Hayward, Human Resources Director; Chris Graham, Community Information Specialist, members of the public and press.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Employee Years of Service Awards

The City of DeLand is fortunate to have many dedicated employees who have served the DeLand community for many years. To honor these outstanding employees, the City Commission presents each with a plaque.

Mayor Apgar presented a plaque of recognition to Latisha Pasley, Police Department for 20 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Davis presented a plaque of recognition to Edward Zamora, Utilities Department for 10 years of dedicated service.

Mayor Apgar stated the City Commission of the City of DeLand is very proud of the employees of the City of DeLand. He thanked both tenured employees for their dedication and service to the City of DeLand.

2. Recognition of DeLand Police Sergeant Tony Tagle

Mayor Apgar thanked Sergeant Tagle for his recent coordination of the visit from a contingent of people from the Province of Mexico.

Chief Umberger recognized Sergeant Tony Tagle for actions taken on April 17, 2022, while off-duty. Sgt. Tagle was visiting Ponce Inlet at the jetty where two children were swept into the ocean and struggling in the surf. Sgt. Tagle swam one of the children to safety, suffering lacerations and cuts on his legs from the rocks. Another bystander went into the water and saved the other child.

A Metal of Valor was bestowed upon Sgt. Tagle for showing exceptional courage while saving a life. In addition, Sgt. Tagle will be receiving a Life Saving Award.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution re Surplus Equipment
2. Consideration re Grant of Easement to Duke Energy, East Hangar Complex
3. Consideration re Agreement with New Hope Animal Shelter
4. Resolution Approving Fingerprinting Services Provided by the City of DeLand Police Department; Fees and Charges
5. Consideration re MOU with Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for Florida's Facial Recognition Network

Mayor Apgar pulled item 4 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to approve consent items 1-3 and 5. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Apgar commented the fee should be a non-resident fee rather than a non-zip code fee.

Commissioner Reid has advocated to add value to what a DeLand resident gets from the community. If it would not be an overburden to administer this, he would support changing it.

Commissioner Paiva stated a lot of people need the fingerprint on paper. He assumes there is still a paper version in addition to the digital read. He also feels there should be a differential between residents and non-residents. Chief Umberger said there are still paper copies of the print available to those having their fingerprints done.

Mr. Pleus said the easiest way to differentiate between residents and non-residents would be to use the property appraiser's office rate code. This would be the best way to determine whether or not the person being fingerprinted is a resident. He said it isn't difficult to verify an address.

Commissioner Cloudman is supportive of the process if the City's investment is being covered through the fees being charged.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to approve the MOU with the change making City Residents eligible for the \$10 fee and non-city residents continue to pay the \$20 fee. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

1. Consideration re Appointments to Tree Advisory Committee

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to approve appointments to the seven seats as recommended in the RCA. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Doug Pettit, 129 Magnolia Drive Ormond Beach, is a candidate for the Volusia County Council at-large seat. He recently visited the DeLand Fire Department and Deputy Fire Chief Desy and was very impressed. Mr. Pettit would like to use the City of DeLand's fire department as an example for other fire departments, if elected to office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Approving the Demolition at 389 West Taylor Road

This request is for the approval to demolish a structure located at 389 W. Taylor Road. The structure is owned by Eastover Holdings LLC. The property is not recorded on the Florida Master Site File list, it is not located in a historic district, nor is it in the support district, neither is it a contributing structure. At their June 2, 2022, meeting, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval of demolition of the residential structure. The property has substantial interior and exterior deterioration, which the applicant feels makes it cost prohibitive to renovate.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Cloudman seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Consideration re Recommend Top Ranked Contractor for Solid Waste and Recycle Collection Services

Staff initiated a selection process for Solid Waste and Recycle Collection Services (RFP 22-03).

Mayor Apgar explained that he served as the Commission's representative and explained the process.

Mr. Ray Underwood, Public Works Director, outlined the criteria regarding approach, qualifications and price proposals.

Discussion ensued regarding the process used to reach the rankings and where the city's rates with GFL are in comparison to rates across the county.

Mr. Pleus noted even at the new rate of \$15.50, DeLand is still at a lower cost than other jurisdictions.

Commissioner Cloudman asked if the levels of service were comparable. Ray Underwood, said services were consistent in both of the top ranked submittals. Commissioner Cloudman asked if the containers would be generic black with green lids. Mr. Underwood said that would be used in the city along with a green toter with a yellow lid for recyclable items. City logos will be on the green toters.

Commissioner Reid noted there is some confusion among residents about who and when to pay bills. It might be helpful to provide some education. Mr. Underwood said after the free 2nd pickup, the hauler will assess and tag the waste so the resident can pay the hauler, directly.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to approve the contractor ranking for solid waste and recycle collection services. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Pleus brought up the rest stop issue, information has been provided to the City Commission and staff will continue to monitor.

Commissioner Cloudman said a presentation was made at the last TPO meeting. Several years ago, there used to be a rest stop on I-4 before Daytona and this will be in the same location, only for semi-trucks. Commissioner Cloudman said a lot of good thought has gone into selecting locations.

Mr. Pleus reminded the City Commission of budget workshops next week. Mayor Apgar asked if the meeting on Thursday could begin at 6:30 due to his nephew having surgery that day. There was no objection.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Nothing to report.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Nothing to report.

CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Reid said July 4th weekend was great. Big thanks to Parks and Recreation and the band was amazing.

Commissioner Cloudman said the Firecracker Festival was a great event.

Commissioner Paiva had nothing to report.

Commissioner Davis also enjoyed the Firecracker Festival and she thanked staff for pushing through in the rain to provide a great event. She said the Crumble Cookie grand opening was great. The owner is open to getting involved in the community.

Commissioner Davis reported last week a “You and the Police” press conference was held in Daytona, a countywide initiative. She thanked Chief Umberger for being proactive with community policing and thanked him for being on the front page of their pamphlet.

Mayor Apgar noted the bill (House Bill 105) signed by Ron DeSantis which will allow cities and counties to restrict smoking in public parks and beaches that they own.

On Sunday, Mayor Apgar spoke with Stan O'Neal who used to teach History at DeLand High School. Mr. O'Neal does historic tours downtown while singing songs. He would like to take the Commission and some members of staff on his tour.

Mayor Apgar thanked everyone again for the July 4th events. He thanked RC Hill for his continued support of the event, as well as all of the sponsors.

Mayor Apgar mentioned something that happened when he attended an event at the Police Department with the delegation from Mexico. Several Mayors were there from that Province and he was given a letter asking the City of DeLand to consider having them as a Sister City. What intrigued Mayor Apgar about this opportunity was 1) it is one of the places where Monarch Butterflies "winter"; and 2) they represented that most of the Mexican population in West Volusia are from this province. It may make sense for the City Commission to give this request some consideration.

No one objected to having staff investigate the possibility of engaging with a Sister City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Prepared by:
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City Clerk – Auditor

Approved on:
07/06/2026
Date