

**MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELAND
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 Cloudman at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Cloudman 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

Pastor Peter Migner, The Nazarene Church DeLand, gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cloudman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Charles Paiva	Present
Commissioner Jessica Davis	Present
Commissioner Daniel Reed	Present
Commissioner Kevin Reid	Present
Mayor Chris Cloudman	Present

Mayor Cloudman announced that due to jury duty and illnesses, Assistant City Manager Mike Grebosz would be acting as City Manager and City Clerk this meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Grebosz, Assistant City Manager; Darren Elkind, City Attorney; Jason Umberger, Police Chief; Todd Allen, Fire Chief; Heidi Van Etten, Assistant Finance Director; Mike Holmes, Planning Director; Carol Kuhn, Deputy Planning Director; Mariellen Calabro, Deputy Public Works Director; Mark Hayward, Human Resources Director;; Rick Hall, Parks & Recreation Director; Corey McMillen, Purchasing Coordinator; Ray Bahrami, City Engineer, Chris Graham, Community Information Manager, members of the public and press.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Cloudman reordered the presentations.

1. (Formerly Item 2.) Introduction of Michael J. Degirolmo, DeLand High School Principal on Assignment

Mayor Cloudman introduced Mr. Degirolmo and asked him to address the City Commission and those present. He is a long-term resident of the City of DeLand and is proud to be serving the students and community of DeLand.

2. (Formerly Item 1.) Student Superstars of the Month

Mayor Cloudman stated this program was started several years ago at the request of Commissioner Davis. The program recognizes students from local schools and the accomplishments that have led each student to be the recipient of a Superstar of the Month Certificate. The students were asked to remain up front for a group picture once all certificates had been presented.

Commissioner D. Reed read the student names along with a description of why the student was chosen as a Super Star. Commissioner Davis presented the certificates. For the December 5, 2022, agenda, the City of DeLand Super Star Student of the Month recognizes:

Blue Lake Elementary: Khloe Galarza
Citrus Grove Elementary: Angel Cosme
DeLand High School: no submission
DeLand Middle School: Clara Price
DeLand Preparatory Academy:
Freedom Elementary: Samantha Munoz Machado
George Marks Elementary: Arlo Cohen
Southwestern Middle School: Sarah Tucker
St. Barnabas: Ethan Su
St. Peter's Catholic School: Bryce Martin
Starke Elementary: Miranda Vidalez Servin
Stetson Baptist: Zachary Floyd
TOP Academy: Maurice Smith
Woodward Avenue: Sophia Badilla

3. Resolution No. 2022-101, Honoring the Retirement of Chris Jusick

Commissioner Paiva read Resolution No. 2022-101, honoring Chris Jusick upon his retirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-101

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELAND, FLORIDA, TO CHRIS JUSICK UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF DELAND; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Detective Chris Jusick has dedicated his career to the safety and protection of our community, serving well and faithfully as a Detective of the DeLand Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective Chris Jusick, after twenty years of service to this community, will retire as a sworn police detective; and

WHEREAS, Detective Chris Jusick was hired as a Police Officer by the City of DeLand on October 7, 2002. Detective Jusick was initially assigned to the patrol Division where he quickly became a Field Training Officer. In September 2009, he transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division. Detective Jusick worked in this division for 14 years investigating major case crimes. In 2016, Detective Jusick was DeLand Police Department's Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year nominee for two homicide investigations in which the suspects were identified and prosecuted. In 2017, he was presented an award by the Statewide Prosecutors Office in front of the City Commission for his outstanding investigation while working with multiple law enforcement agencies in solving a string of violent robberies that resulted in the conviction of two subjects. He also earned several commendations from DeLand Police Department to include two Medals of Merit and received letters of appreciation from his command staff, Mayor Robert Apgar, Saint Peter Catholic Church, Volusia Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jusick's dedication and commitment to the City of DeLand, the City where he was raised, and to the DeLand Police Department has earned the respect, admiration, and high regard of his superiors, fellow officers, his peers with other law enforcement agencies in Volusia County, as well as that of the citizens of this community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF DELAND, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Commission of the City of DeLand does hereby honor Detective Chris Jusick for his twenty years of service to the City of DeLand and the DeLand Police Department for the duty, honor, courage, integrity, caring, respect, and loyalty he has devoted to the community.

Section 2. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the city Commission of the City of DeLand as part of the permanent memento of the city's thanks and appreciation to detective Chris Jusick.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2022.

/s/ Christopher M. Cloudman

Mayor – Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie A. Hennessy

City Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Paiva moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Reid, and unanimously approved.

4. Fire Department Badge Pinning Promotions: Joshua Brown, Megan Milks, Justin Pacifico, Ryan Kamine

Fire Chief Allen stated four individuals have earned the right to have their badges pinned on their uniforms. Each of the individuals was introduced to the City Commission approximately one year ago and have since completed the requirements necessary to receive their badges.

Joshua Brown's badge was pinned by his parents, David and Sharon Brown.

Megan Milks' badge was pinned by her husband, John.

Justin Pacifico's badge was pinned by his father, Vinney.

Ryan Kamine's badge was pinned by his father, Chuck.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution re Surplus of Glock Firearm for Detective Chris Jusick upon his Retirement
2. Consideration re Gateway Grant Request for 400 South Woodland Boulevard
3. Resolution Approving Amendment #3 to Florida Department of Public Transportation Grant Agreement FM 438416-1-94-01 for Hangar Construction
4. Consideration re Change Order #1 – Fire Station No. 81 Reserve Garage
5. Consideration re Award of Bid from Data Flow Communications for Network Switches
6. Consideration re Scope of Services for Professional Engineering Services for Airfield Marking and Signage Assessment

Commissioner Reid pulled Item 2 from the consent Agenda.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to approve consent items 1 and 3-6. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Reid mentioned, with regard to consent item 2, staff is working on ways to expand the eligibility of some of the potential improvements. He would like to see the funds used.

Nick Conte, Economic Development Manager, stated an aggressive program was put into place last year. He agreed with Commissioner Reid and stated staff will be looking at the program again.

Commissioner Reid made a motion to approve consent agenda item 2. Commissioner Paiva seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC PRESENT

The speaker did not wish to state his name. He was interested in getting flood lights for the Southwestern Middle School football field. The only lights present at that location are streetlights. He does not know who to talk to.

Commissioner Davis said there is a field behind the school and teams do practice at that location. She asked for the speaker's name and address to begin proper communications. The school is in Volusia County, and communications will need to take place with the school board. She told Mr. James Footman, 736 West Lisbon Parkway, she would try to get the process started. She asked Mr. Footman to leave his telephone number with staff for follow-up.

Mr. Elkind has become familiar with the process of getting lights on a ballfield. He said lighting is significantly expensive to purchase, install and maintain. To the extent that other agencies or entities would like to partner with the school board for funding, it seems to be an opportunity to get things done.

Commissioner Paiva pointed out the field is in the Spring Hill CRA. He said there is reserve funding in the CRA and this may be looked at along with other CRA projects.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Approving Amendment to the City of DeLand's Personnel Rules and Regulations

Mark Hayward, Human Resources Director, presented an 18-month cycle involving a rewrite of the Personnel Rules and Regulations. This will update the policies for the City, making it more efficient and logistically and financially sound.

The City Insight and Innovation Committee has been extremely helpful with input and moving this process forward. He also thanked Carrie Lasky, HR Administrator and Julia Dundon, college intern, who have been phenomenal in assisting with getting this document to completion.

Commissioner Reid raised questions about paid maternity leave, which is not currently in the budget. Mr. Grebosz said the paid maternity/paternity leave was not in the budget but was going to be brought back to the City Commission for inclusion in the budget. Mr. Stauffer, Finance Director, addressed the budget questions.

Commissioner Davis thanked the committee members for working on the update of the city's personnel rules and regulations. She supports the direction put in place by staff and the committee.

Commissioner Reid asked how disability leave and maternity leave relate. Mr. Hayward explained that short term disability is bought by city employees through AFLAC. Mr. Hayward also explained the linkage between FMLA and maternity leave.

Commissioner Paiva asked for additional information about the use of the maternity leave program during the budget process.

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

2. Resolution Approving City's Purchasing Policy

Dan Stauffer stated this policy consists of updates and rewrites to include details and clarification of the process.

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

3. Consideration re Change of Meeting Date, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

Commissioner Davis made a motion to move the meeting to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2022. Commissioner D. Reed seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Davis commented the MLK festivities are being planned and she encouraged everyone to join the Facebook Page, DeLand MLK. The new Executive Director is Andre Darby and he is very engaged in the community.

CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Grebosz said Main Street Christmas Party invitations have been sent out for Monday, December 12, 2022, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Main Street office.

Santa neighborhood visits will follow the regular schedule as published on the city's website.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Nothing additional to report.

CITY CLERK REPORT

No report.

CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Davis said the Christmas parade was excellent.

Commissioner D. Reed enjoyed the Christmas parade. He attended his first River of Lakes meeting today and is looking forward to serving on that committee.

Commissioner K. Reid reiterated kudos to staff on coordinating with Rotary on the parade. He said the tree lighting ceremony was also excellent. He thanked everyone for their hard work to make these events successful.

Commissioner Paiva had nothing additional to report.

Mayor Cloudman noted that a large crowd attended the tree lighting and he looks forward to building on that event. The Christmas parade was also wonderful, one of the largest ever. It is great to see all of the vibrancy in town.

Later this week, the Volusia League of Cities will host a dinner in Daytona Beach.

Mayor Cloudman said the MESTRONG event is moving forward and later this year, the race will be held downtown.

Scrooge is at the Athens Theater and worth going to see.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Julie Hennessy, MMC
City-Clerk Auditor

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Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:
07/20/2026



