

**MINUTES FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF
THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELAND
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Apgar led Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

INVOCATION

Frank Gummy, long time resident of Volusia County, has passed away. Mayor Apgar asked everyone to keep his family in their thoughts and prayers.

Pastor Mike Carroll, First Assembly of DeLand, gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Pleus, City Manager; Darren Elkind, City Attorney, Julie Hennessy, City Clerk-Auditor; Michael Grebosz, Assistant City Manager; Jason Umberger, Police Chief; Todd Allen, Fire Chief; Dan Stauffer, Finance Director; Mike Holmes, Planning Director; Jim Ailes, Deputy Public Service/Utilities Director; Ray Underwood, Public Works Director; Chad Gamble, Public Services Director; Rick Hall, Parks & Recreation Director; Nick Conte, Economic

Development Director; Greg Whidden, Information Technology Director; Ray Bahrami, City Engineer, members of the public and press.

OATHS OF OFFICE

1. Julie Hennessy, City Clerk-Auditor, introduced herself and stated she is empowered by the Charter of the City of DeLand to administer the Oaths of Office to returning and newly elected Commissioners.

- Seat 3, Commissioner Jessica Davis, was sworn into office.
- Seat 5, Commissioner Kevin Reid, was sworn into office.
- Seat 4, Commissioner Daniel Reed, was sworn into office.

Commissioner Cloudman escorted Commissioner D. Reed to the Dais

- Seat 1, Mayor-Commissioner Christopher Cloudman, was sworn into office.

Mayor Cloudman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked former Mayor Apgar for providing an amazing example over the past 21 years as Mayor. He said Mayor Apgar has set the city up for success and has set the standard for how a City Commission should work together to conduct its business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration re City Commission Appointments to R2CTPO, Elected Officials Round Table, Spring Hill CRA, Audit Committee, River-of-Lakes Heritage Corridor, Legislative Liaison, Downtown Art Liaison, and School Board Oversight Committee

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization – Mayor Cloudman stated he would like to continue serving on this board since he is currently the incoming Chairman for that organization. He would also like to have an alternate to start attending those meetings as his successor.

Commissioner Davis thanked Mayor Cloudman for his service on the R2CTPO. Commissioner K. Reid stated he would like to continue as the alternate for that committee.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Mayor Cloudman to the R2CTPO and Commissioner K. Reid as alternate. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Elected Officials Round Table – Mayor Cloudman stated traditionally, this position is filled by the Mayors of Volusia County. He would also like to have an alternate member.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Mayor Cloudman to the Elected Officials Round Table and to appoint himself as the alternate member. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Spring Hill CRA – Mayor Cloudman stated by Charter of the CRA, he would automatically be on that board. Commissioner Paiva and Commissioner Davis serve on that board and expressed they would be happy to continue to serve on that board. Commissioner Davis continued that she has served on the CRA for eight years, and if someone else would like to serve she would support them.

Commissioner Dan Reed stated that he would like to serve.

Commissioner Reid made a motion to appoint Commissioner Paiva and Commissioner D. Reed to serve on the Spring Hill CRA. Commissioner Paiva seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Audit Committee – Commissioner Reid currently serves on the Audit Committee and would be happy to continue to serve on that committee.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Commissioner K. Reid as primary and himself as alternate member on the Audit Committee. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

River-of-Lakes Heritage Corridor – Mayor Cloudman stated the committee promotes everything related to the highway and byway corridor in Volusia County. He has served as the liaison for 8 years and would like to pass the opportunity to someone else. Mayor Cloudman suggested Commissioner D. Reed to serve on the River-of-Lakes Heritage Corridor.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Commissioner D. Reed as the primary member and himself as alternate member on the River-of-Lakes Heritage Corridor. Commissioner D. Reed seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Legislative Liaison – Mayor Cloudman said he would be happy to serve and Commissioner Paiva felt the Mayor would be the most appropriate representative of the city.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Mayor Cloudman as primary and himself as alternate legislative liaison. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Downtown Art Liaison – Mayor Cloudman stated this is an ad hoc committee that meets as needed. Commissioner Davis is interested in this position.

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Commissioner Davis as primary for the Downtown Art Liaison and Commissioner D. Reed as alternate. Commissioner D. Reed seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

School Board Oversight Committee – Mayor Cloudman said this committee meets once a year. Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Commissioner Davis as primary member and Commissioner K. Reid as alternate. Commissioner D. Reed seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Faith, Hope and Charity – Mr. Grebosz stated additional information about this committee will be forthcoming, there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow. Commissioner Davis expressed interest

Commissioner Paiva made a motion to appoint Commissioner Davis as primary member and himself as alternate. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council – Mayor Cloudman stated this position will be appointed by the Volusia County League of Cities. He is currently serving in that role.

2. Consideration re Appointment of Vice-Mayor

Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Paiva as Vice-Mayor. Commissioner D. Reed seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Cloudman recalled Mayor Apgar's aspiration to make the City of DeLand a place in which our children and grandchildren would want to raise their families. He thanked Mayor Apgar for his dedication and for the groundwork he has laid for the City of DeLand.

Commissioner Davis also thanked everyone in attendance. She reflected on 2014 when she was first sworn into office and everything that has been accomplished during the past 8 years. She thanked everyone for supporting and re-electing her to office. She loves serving the City of DeLand.

Commissioner Dan Reed congratulated former Mayor Apgar on his long and successful career as Mayor. He stated Mayor Apgar has left a long-standing mark on the DeLand community that will never be forgotten. Commissioner Reed also thanked everyone in attendance and the residents of DeLand for the support shown through the election process and electing him as City Commissioner.

Commissioner Kevin Reid echoed those comments that have been made. He said the support received during this recent election indicates the City Commission is on the right path. He said Mayor Apgar has left a legacy and he is honored to serve on the City of DeLand City Commission.

Vice Mayor Paiva stated Mayor Apgar was an amazing teammate for the past 21 years and DeLand is absolutely a better place because of his service. He thanked Mayor Apgar for being a friend and mentor. He welcomed Dan Reed to the Commission and looks forward to the value and perspective he will bring to the Commission. He also welcomed Mayor Cloudman and stated one of his best decisions was to appoint Chris Cloudman to the City Commission and the other best decision was to hire Michael Pleus as City Manager. Commissioner Paiva stated he appreciates Mayor Cloudman always attending City Commission meetings prepared and ready to serve the community. He is looking forward to the future of DeLand.

Julie Hennessy, City Clerk-Auditor, expressed congratulations to the City Commission and she looks forward to working with everyone in the future.

Mayor Cloudman stated the City of DeLand is an amazing place to live, work and play. He spoke about all of the great things happening in the city and stated how proud he is to be a part of “the greatest city in the multiverse”.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Julie Hennessy, MMC
City-Clerk Auditor

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Interim City Clerk

APPROVED:
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