



**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2022 – 4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Lori Pfister, Mayor
Walter Price, Vice Mayor
Amanda Boggus, Council Member
Sandy Gamble, Council Member
Troy Singer, Council Member**

STAFF PRESENT

**John Drury, City Administrator
Lindsay Holt, City Attorney
Susie Novack, City Clerk
Scott Aldrich, Community Services Director
Crissy Bublitz, Human Resources Director
James Dillon, Public Works Director
Mike Fitzgerald, Community Development Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Richard Keith, Fire Chief
Stoney Lubins, Police Chief
Mark O'Keefe, Public Communications Director
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pfister called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1. Pastor Chase Allen, Umatilla Baptist Church

Pastor Chase Allen, Umatilla Baptist Church, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked for changes to the Agenda. There were none.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Walter Price. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Holt said there was one quasi-judicial matter before the Council; Tab 5. Ordinance 2022-01 – Trzaskoma Property – Planned Development Amendment for Approximately 3 Acres of Property Located at the Northeast Corner of Ann Rou Road and Lake Eustis Drive. She swore in those who wished to provide testimony.

Attorney Holt asked the Council for any exparte communications.

Council Member Gamble said he spoke with one member of the community who inquired about the subject matter.

VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Ms. Novack read the following Resolutions and Ordinance by title only:

RESOLUTION 2022-02

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA; RELATING TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING; FURTHER KNOWN As CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF); AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,889,651; THE CITY OF TAVARES FULL SLFRF FUNDING ALLOWANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR the US TREASURY AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE REVENUE LOSS SELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR A SPEND PLAN WITHIN THE REVENUE LOSS PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2022-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAVARES, REPRESENTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET, AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2022-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AMENDING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE 2006-43 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2009-35 OF THE CITY OF TAVARES BY AMENDING SECTION 2.2, LAND USES; AMENDING EXHIBIT "A", CONCEPTUAL PLAN; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked if anyone would like to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. There were none.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 2. Approval of the February 2, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, and Tab 3. Leela Reserve Phase 2A – Preliminary Plat], seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 2. Approval of the February 2, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Tab 3. Leela Reserve Phase 2A – Preliminary Plat

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

Tab 4. Resolution 2022-03 – First Budget Amendment for FY2022

Ms. Houghton made the following presentation:

Resolution 2022-03 represents increases and/or decreases to the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Appropriation increases represent capital projects, and prior year/project encumbrance rollovers. In addition, the Resolution also

reflects transfers between individual accounts within adopted budgets for all departments.

This resolution represents the FIRST AMENDMENT to the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council. There were none.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve [Resolution 2022-03], seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

Second Reading

Tab 5. Ordinance 2022-01 – Trzaskoma Property – Planned Development Amendment for Approximately 3 Acres of Property Located at the Northeast Corner of Ann Rou Road and Lake Eustis Drive

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

The subject property is approximately 3 acres located at the northeast corner of Ann Rou Road and Lake Eustis Drive. The property is currently vacant and is part of the Etowah Planned Development approved by City Council on April 6, 1994, with subsequent amendments in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2009. As part of the Etowah Planned Development, the property was designated as Phase 4 with multi-family use and a maximum allowance of 17 dwelling units. On November 16, 2021, the property was sold by CG Land Services, LLC, and the new owner desires single-family use rather than multi-family use. Ordinance 2022-01 proposes an amendment to the Etowah Planned Development to redesignate the subject property from multi-family use to single-family use with a maximum allowance of two (2) dwelling units. The subject property shall retain its Planned Development (PD) zoning classification, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Etowah Planned Development and the City of Tavares Land Development Regulations as they pertain to single-family development.

At their January 20th meeting, the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2022-01.

Staff recommends that City Council moves to approve Option 1 – Approve Ordinance 2022-01 a Planned Development Amendment for Approximately 3 Acres of Property Located at the Northeast Corner of Ann Rou Road and Lake

Eustis Drive, redesignating the property from multi-family use to single-family use.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Boggus inquired about the number of dwelling units per acre. Mr. Fitzgerald said there would be a limit of two (2) dwelling units on the subject property. The property owner initially requested one home. Due to the large property size, staff provided an option to split and sell a portion in the future.

Council Member Boggus asked if the driveway entrances would be off Ann Rou Road. Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed.

Vice Mayor Price asked why the property owner is going from multi-family use to single-family use. Mr. Fitzgerald said he believed the property owner's intent is to build a homestead.

Mayor Pfister recognized Planning and Zoning Board members in the audience. She said they are available for questions.

Council Member Singer asked if the property would still be within the Etowah subdivision or separate. Mr. Fitzgerald said the subject property is not a platted piece of the Etowah subdivision and is still under the purview of the Etowah planned development zoning classification. The original planned development ordinance regulations would still pertain to the property.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 6. Fourth of July Celebration Parade Discussion

Mr. Aldrich made the following presentation:

The City of Tavares Community Services Department organizes two large street parades each year in the downtown, a patriotic one at the Fourth of July Celebration and another lighted, holiday parade at the Christmas Celebration. While the lighted holiday parade in December has seen growing numbers of spectators, participants and floats over the past few years, interest in the Fourth of July parade has been stagnant at only a fraction of the Christmas parade.

Lack of interest in participating at the Fourth of July Celebration parade includes reasons such as the hot Florida summer weather, school not being in session,

and organizations not committing the time to participate in the summer.

In order to reinvent and rejuvenate the participation in the Fourth of July parade, staff is seeking the Council's approval to shift from a street parade to a boat parade on the waterfront of Wooton Park. A patriotic boat parade incorporated into our Fourth of July Celebration would bring a renewed sense of spirit and highlight our new marina and shoreline in Tavares. Under the shade canopy of our many trees, the park's entire waterfront is set up nicely for spectator viewing and the waterway itself offers a natural path for the boat parade participants. Additionally, many of the new businesses on or along the waterfront could be incorporated into the parade (i.e. Dora Queen, boat rental companies, etc.).

Mr. Aldrich presented a video depicting a Fourth of July boat parade held in Martin, Alabama.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Singer said it could be hot during the Fourth of July parades. He asked if the regular festivities would continue downtown if the parade moved to the waterfront. Mr. Aldrich confirmed. Council Member Singer said he would be interested in trying a new approach and commended Mr. Aldrich for taking advantage of the waterfront.

Council Member Boggus said most cities had discontinued their Fourth of July parades. She noted the history of the Fourth of July parade and said a street parade is more inclusive to people who do not have boats. Council Member Boggus said shifting the parade time may help alleviate the heat participants experience in the afternoon and noted high boat traffic on the Fourth of July.

Vice Mayor Price said Tavares is well known for having a street parade and spectacular fireworks on July 4, and he would like to continue the traditional Fourth of July festivities. He said a street parade is an excellent opportunity for citizens to know their candidates and stated his support for a boat parade in conjunction with a street parade.

Council Member Boggus asked if the City had any boats to organize a boat parade as the Fire Department boat is not operational. Mr. Drury said the City uses boats for all events, including Police boats to manage the waterway.

Council Member Gamble said the City is seeking an ARPA-funded rescue boat to replace the Fire Department Boat. He asked if the City could coordinate with the County for their support and said he likes the idea of holding two parades if possible. Council Member Gamble said he would like to continue with a street parade, noting Covid may have had an impact that lowered attendance over the past few years.

Mayor Pfister noted her support for a boat parade and said the street parade is historical in the City. She stated concern for the visibility of participants in the water and adequate dock accommodations for boats. Mayor Pfister liked the idea of a night boat parade with red, white, and blue lights leading up to the firework display and would need more information provided to the Council.

Mr. Drury said it is his understanding there is a consensus from the Council to hold a boat parade. He asked the board to discuss street parade time options. Mr. Aldrich said the Tavares parade begins at 5:00 p.m., and Mount Dora has their parade at 10:00 a.m. There are a lot of people who attend and participate in both parades. Mr. Drury said he would like to hear Ms. Blaise's thoughts on changing the parade's time. Mr. Aldrich said the street parade takes the entire City staff to work the street parade and is hesitant to say both parades could be accomplished due to staffing issues.

Debby Blais, Administrative Coordinator, Community Services Department, said 5:00 p.m. is the most logical time for the Tavares street parade to allow participants to line up and stage. She said changing the time may also impact those who wish to participate in both the Mount Dora and Tavares parades.

Council Member Gamble asked how long the street parade lasts typically. Ms. Blaise said 40 to 45 minutes and noted staffing issues to hold two parades.

Mr. Drury asked the Council if staff could reach out to the Tavares Chamber of Commerce to inquire if they would like to organize a small boat parade. He noted the Chamber used to run the City parade many years ago before the City took it over and is unsure what resources they have to manage a parade on the water or what services they would need from the City.

Council Member Singer said he attended a recent Tavares Chamber of Commerce Directors meeting and they were in favor of a boat parade.

The Council thanked Mr. Aldrich for thinking outside the box.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to keep the street parade as is and explore a boat parade with the Tavares Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 7. Lake County Joint Planning Meeting with Municipalities

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

Previously, the City of Tavares completed a city-wide Comprehensive Plan for the future growth of the City and then developed a Smart Growth Horizon Team which has been working diligently to develop public workshops on Smart Growth

initiatives necessary to support the new Comprehensive Plan.

Subsequent to these Tavares initiative on addressing growth, on February 7th, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners held a Joint Planning Meeting with representatives from all Lake County municipalities to discuss Lake County's future growth potential and its collective impact on cities and the county. The meeting was an open forum that gave each City representative an opportunity to highlight the challenges and opportunities that accompany growth. Tavares Mayor and City Administrator were "seated at the round table" for this discussion and other Tavares City Council members and the public attended this public meeting too. The discussion of issues included some common elements, such as road improvements, utility expansion, water consumption, and public safety. A key takeaway was the realization that not all municipalities share the same challenges related to growth, and that problems must be specifically defined in order to apply appropriate solutions. The City of Tavares looks forward to coordinating with Lake County and surrounding municipalities to ensure success in growth management.

An opportunity is provided for those Council members who attended to share their observations and view point of the February 7th County Commission meeting. In addition, The Smart Growth Horizon Team is ready to set a date for the Tavares Smart Growth Public Workshop and seeks City Council determination on a date.

A discussion was held regarding the Council's availability and the Tavares Smart Growth Workshop was scheduled for March 14, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Tavares City Council Chambers.

Mayor Pfister commended Mr. Drury on his discussions during a recent Lake County Growth meeting.

Mayor Pfister asked if the workshop information would be included in the City newsletter. Mr. Drury confirmed. Mr. Fitzgerald said the workshop will be publicly advertised and all Council members could attend.

Tab 8. North Lake Trail Phases 1 & 2 – Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Dillon made the following presentation:

The purpose of this Interlocal Agreement is to establish a regional unified approach on a shared-use pathway for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles along a corridor connecting the downtowns of Eustis, Umatilla, and Tavares to foster recreation and economic development opportunities. The agreement allows the City of Tavares, Lake County, Eustis, and Umatilla to cooperate using available resources of all Parties and to best manage the interconnection of the Trail through the Cities along public roadways, railroads, or other corridors as

depicted in "Exhibit A" of the agreement. Should all parties enter into this agreement, each Local Agency consents to the following actions:

- 1. Meet at mutually agreeable times to determine the prospects for corridor alternatives for the trail;*
- 2. Designate a staff person as the Project Manager and provide contact information for that person;*
- 3. Share available data and information regarding existing and proposed land development that may affect the Trail corridor;*
- 4. Request the other parties to review proposed Trail alignments within and/or impacting its jurisdiction and to consider the interests of the other parties during the selection of a final alignment;*
- 5. Reach out to third parties as needed, such as the Florida Department of Transportation and private developers/landowners, to pursue public-private partnerships to help advance completion of agreed-upon Trail project;*
- 6. Dependent upon the source of funding, location of Trail, or a specific segment of Trail under design, acquisition, or construction, the parties agree to determine which Local Agency would be the most appropriate and practical to act as Lead Local Agency for a specified term to oversee the Trail Project;*
- 7. Timely enter and prosecute formal agreements with each other and/or with third parties, as appropriate, for funding of the Trail or segments of the Trail by appropriate parties;*
- 8. Collaborate collectively on the design, placement, and construction of any new land development on the Trail corridor to ensure designs that harmonize grading and driveway access along and through the Trail corridor; and*
- 9. Keep all in a spirit of continuing cooperation; maintain all in a spirit of continuing cooperation.*

Mr. Drury recognized Mike Stevens, Lake 100 and Lake County Trails Committee Member, in the audience and available to discuss the agreement and impacts to the Lake County trail system. Mr. Stevens thanked Mr. Drury and City staff for spearheading the effort and provided an update on the trail system segments that are proposed and underway.

Council Member Boggus asked if railroad easements would be used along SR 19 to Umatilla. Mr. Stevens confirmed and said the County owns the easements, eliminating the need to purchase right-of-way's or conduct a PD&E study from Umatilla. He said environmental impact requirements would need to be satisfied through the Ocala National Forest.

Council Member Boggus asked where a trail would be located between Umatilla and Tavares. Mr. Stevens said the anticipated location of the trail is on the railroad right of way, and the best trail route would be identified in the study.

Council Member Boggus asked if future train operations would be affected between Eustis and Tavares. Mr. Dillon said he does not foresee any issues.

Vice Mayor Price said it is his understanding the project would be funded solely from grants. Mr. Dillon said it is the ultimate goal.

Council Member Singer thanked Mr. Stevens for his hard work on the trails and asked him to discuss the economic benefits of community trails. Mr. Stevens said the Rails to Trails conservancy just came out with a report in 2021 that reflected a 1 to 7 return to the investment in terms of economic impact. Not only do you get business revenue increases, but tax and property tax increases are received, and there are medical and health benefits to the community. Nationwide Realtors Association shows a 4% to 5% increase in property values for commercial. There are also environmental and tourism benefits.

MOTION

Sandy Gamble moved to approve, seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 9. Resolution 2022-02 – American Rescue Plan (SLFRF) Standard Allowances Revenue Loss Selection and Spend Plan Approval

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides funds for municipalities, counties, states, tribal governments, and territories to respond to the Covid-19 emergency, and related public health and economic challenges. The City of Tavares has been awarded \$8,889,651 in ARPA funding.

ARPA funds have several uses and many restrictions enumerated in the U.S. Department of Treasury's final rule. At the prior City Council meeting of February 2, 2022, the Council reviewed a draft ARPA Spend Plan and communicated adjustments they would like made on the Spend Plan. Staff has incorporated most of those adjustments into the Spend Plan (See Exhibit A Draft-2) to reflect most (not all) of the adjustments desired by Council members.

New items added are highlighted in yellow and the three deferred items and plans for them are reflected at the bottom of Exhibit A-Draft 2 ARPA Spend Plan.

Resolution 2022-02 (see attached) authorizes the election of the "Standard Allowance" option provision for Revenue Loss identified in the American Recovery Plan Act Final Rule for expenditures of governmental services, and to further authorize specific eligible projects as identified in the attached ARPA Spend Plan (Exhibit A-Draft-2). Onetime non-reoccurring expense items are

identified for this onetime non-reoccurring ARPA revenue in Exhibit A Draft - 2.

The City Council may wish to further modify Exhibit A Draft-2 by continuing to swap out more capital items from the list of previously identified unfunded capital items from the FY 2022 Adopted Budget cut list which has been provided and is identified as (Exhibit B).

All of the expenditures identified in Draft Exhibit A and Exhibit B are eligible for ARPA. It is recommended that 10% of ARPA funds, or \$888,965, remain unallocated and available for cost escalations during the bidding process for the selected items.

The following uses of ARPA funds are prohibited:

- 1. Deposits into pension funds.*
- 2. Debt service*
- 3. Replenishing financial reserves*
- 4. Satisfaction of settlements and judgements.*
- 5. Any projects that conflict with the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act Statute.*

Any misappropriation of ARPA funds, as deemed by the U.S. Treasury Department must be paid back.

Mr. Drury said staff is looking for the Council to finalize Exhibit A and Resolution 2022-02 and move forward with the projects.

Council Member Gamble

Council Member Gamble said he is concerned with Civic Center costs and said he would like two types of air conditioning costs and believes the mini-split systems would be more economical in the long run.

Council Member Gamble said it is his understanding that the City would update the air conditioning, wiring, and some sheetrock in the historic train station, with a lessee completing any other work. Mr. Tweedie confirmed. Council Member Gamble said he would like to reduce the amount for the Historic Train Station by \$50,000 to \$350,000.

Council Member Gamble said he would like to keep the retention bonus for employees identified under New Broad-Based Budget.

Council Member Gamble said he would like to add the additional \$50,000 from the Fire Station to complete the Woodlea Sports Complex canopies.

Council Member Gamble said the City needs a Fire Department rescue boat.

Council Member Gamble said he supports the West Main Street project and noted the upcoming budget would include the project for consideration.

Council Member Singer

Council Member Singer noted his support for air quality improvements. He said he would like to lower the contingency to 9% to 10% as some items would not require a contingency. A reduced contingency would provide an additional \$135,000 to \$200,000 for other projects. He said he would like more Community Service Department projects, including the Woodlea field upgrades and additional sidewalks.

Council Member Boggus

Council Member Boggus said the presented Exhibit A is a good compromise and investment. She noted upcoming budget would include the West Main Street project.

Vice Mayor Price

Vice Mayor Price said he is satisfied with Exhibit A. He noted a concern the one-time retention bonus to the employees might set a precedent for future bonus expectations.

Vice Mayor Price said he would support lowering contingency a little to complete the Woodlea lighting project.

Mayor Pfister

Mayor Pfister said she would like to include Woodlea Field lighting, a Gateway sign at SR19, West Main Street upgrades, and Tavares Nature Park upgrades. She said she would be more amenable to providing bonuses to the employees who worked through Covid. She said it was her understanding many employees stayed home when City Hall was closed and received their salaries. Mr. Drury said the City employees either worked from their homes when City Hall was closed or were present at City Hall. He said the Council has an amazing staff that maintained City business and operations throughout the pandemic. Mr. Drury noted he facilitated meetings each month to assist other cities in maneuvering through issues during the pandemic. Mayor Pfister said the City has the best employees and is proud of them. Mr. Drury stated the funds are specifically Covid related dollars and included in the ARPA funding.

Mr. Drury said it is his understanding the Council would like to lower the ARPA reserves to accommodate ball field lighting, reduce the Historic Fire Station by \$50,000, and increase the Woodlea Sports Complex shade structures by \$50,000.

Mayor Pfister inquired about the Gateway sign. Mr. Drury said the estimated cost is \$160,000 and noted right-of-way issues and possible land acquisitions that may impact the project. He said West Main Street is a \$1.6 million-dollar project. The project is complex, requiring surveys to address parking lots, sidewalks, driveways, et. al. The

entire project design would need to be completed, including bidding and construction. A package would be put together during the budget process, including an identified funding mechanism. The Board would have the ultimate authority to approve or deny the project and funding mechanism during the budgeting process. He said the project comes forward, and other priorities have overshadowed the project each year.

Council Member Boggus asked if any savings from the projects could be directed toward the West Main Street project. Mr. Drury confirmed. He said any dollars left in ARPA funding would return to the Council for reappropriation.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the audience.

Michael Watkins, 805 Summerall Avenue, Tavares, thanked Mr. Aldrich and said it would be nice to have an event on the water. He thanked Mayor Pfister and said the Council should consider the West Main Street project. He noted his support for the employee bonus and said the employees did a good job and provided leadership to other cities throughout the pandemic.

Gary Santoro, Royal Harbor, said the greatest asset the City has is the employees. He said the West Main Street project should be completed.

Kristie Furman, 204 North Rockingham Avenue, Tavares, noted her support for the West Main Street improvements.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve the tentative changes to the adopted Plan A and Resolution 2022-02 including reducing the Fire Station, reduce the percentage of reserves toward the Woodlea Sports Complex canopies and lighting, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

XIV. REPORTS

Tab 10. City Administrator Report

Mr. Drury recognized Lake County Commissioner Kirby Smith in the audience.

Mr. Drury said he and the Mayor would be attending an upcoming County Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, to support the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the YMCA, Lake County, and City for a regional park. The agreement would come before the Council in March 2022.

Mr. Aldrich said invitations to the Babe Ruth invitation to the opening day celebration on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Woodlea Sports Complex. He said the annual Father/Daughter Dance, scheduled for February 17, 2022, would be held at the Pavilion on the Lake. Three hundred tickets had been sold to date.

Tab 11. City Council Member Reports

Council Member Gamble

- Noted his support for the West Main Street project.
- Said he does not want to spend money at Woodlea when it will not be there in two to three years with the County's West Campus Regional Park.
- Noted his appreciation for the City staff's hard work during Covid.

Council Member Singer

- Said the Council had a good discussion on the ARPA funding. He said it is difficult to come to a consensus on the projects and agrees the West Main Street project needs to be completed and the City needs to look at debt service.

Council Member Boggus

- Encouraged each Council member to push for the projects they wish to be completed. She said all projects are worthy and noted there are so many dollars that can be spent each year without raising taxes.
- Said the Babe Ruth opening day is an exciting event. Council Member Boggus asked for other upcoming events.

Mr. Drury said Sunnyland and Boat Races would be held in March 2022.

Vice Mayor Price

- Said he is in favor of the West Main Street project. He said the business owners would like to see the improvements and he hopes the City can figure out a way to fund without raising taxes.
- Said he recently represented the City in Tallahassee with the Florida League of Cities and spoke with legislators. He provided an update on bills and key issues the Florida League of Cities was tracking.

Mayor Pfister

- Said she looks forward to representing the City in Tallahassee during an upcoming trip.
- Thanked the Police Department for their community policing programs including Coffee with Cops.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mayor Pfister adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully,

Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk