

1 MINUTES OF THE LAKE MARY CITY COMMISSION MEETING held September 3,  
2 2015, 7:00 P.M., Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 North Country Club Road,  
3 Lake Mary, Florida.

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6 1. Call to Order  
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8 The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Mealor at 7:05 P.M.  
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10 2. Moment of Silence  
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12 3. Pledge of Allegiance  
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14 4. Roll Call  
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16 Mayor David Mealor	Jackie Sova, City Manager
17 Commissioner Gary Brender	Dianne Holloway, Finance Director
18 Deputy Mayor Duryea – Absent	John Omana, Community Dev. Dir.
19 Commissioner Sidney Miller	Bryan Nipe, Parks & Recreation Dir.
20 Commissioner Jo Ann Lucarelli	Tom Tomerlin, Economic Dev. Mgr.
21	Wanda Broadway, HR Manager
22	Colin Morgan, Deputy Police Chief
23	Frank Cornier, Fire Chief
24	Katie Reischmann, City Attorney
25	Mary Campbell, Deputy City Clerk
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27 5. Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2015  
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29 **Motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes of the August**  
30 **20, 2015, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lucarelli and motion carried**  
31 **unanimously.**  
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33 6. Special Presentations  
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35 There were no special presentations at this time.  
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37 7. Citizen Participation – This is an opportunity for anyone to come forward and  
38 address the Commission on any matter relating to the City or of concern to our  
39 citizens. This also includes: 1) any item discussed at a previous work session; 2)  
40 any item not specifically listed on a previous agenda but discussed at a previous  
41 Commission meeting; or 3) any item on tonight’s agenda not labeled as a public  
42 hearing. Items requiring a public hearing are generally so noted on the agenda  
43 and public input will be taken when the item is considered.  
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45 Kim Tines, 2608 Reagan Trail, Lake Mary, Seminole County, Florida, came forward.  
46 She asked what was being built at Lake Mary Boulevard and Country Club.

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2 Mr. Omana said what's being built is a 5,000 square foot pediatric after hours clinic. It  
3 went through the site plan process and went through all the boards for their required  
4 approvals. He gave Ms. Tines his business card and said he would be glad to show her  
5 the site plan.

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7 No one else came forward and citizen participation was closed.

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9 8. Unfinished Business

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11 A. Ordinance No.1527 – Reduce the Elder Affairs Commission from 9 members  
12 to 7 members – Second Reading (Public Hearing) (Bryan Nipe, Parks &  
13 Recreation Director)

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15 The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 1527 by title only on second reading.

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17 Mr. Nipe said this comes from the Elder Affairs Commission. They have had difficulty  
18 reaching quorum over the last several years and getting the amount of attendees to the  
19 table to make decisions to bring back to the Commission.

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21 Mayor Mealor asked if anyone would like to speak in reference to Ordinance No. 1527.

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23 Kim Tines, 2608 Reagan Trail, Lake Mary, Florida, came forward. She said she is  
24 newly implanting herself in the community and asked what the reduction of elder affairs  
25 means.

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27 Mr. Nipe said the Elder Affairs Commission was created years ago to be able to provide  
28 a voice to seniors and the older population in our community. The board is made up of  
29 9 members, some of which have to be over 65, and the remainder can be under 65 so  
30 long as they live within the city limits of Lake Mary. The onus of that group is to focus  
31 on advocacy for older adults and look into grants. They meet on a routine basis. If  
32 there's anything they feel older adults or seniors in the City need or if there are types of  
33 programs they are not receiving or there are trends out there that we should be looking  
34 at, they then recommend that to the City Commission. There are currently 9 members  
35 on the board and in order to get a quorum they need to have 5 at the table. They have  
36 been having difficulty having all 5 show up to meetings. This is reducing the total  
37 number of members to 7 so they can get an easier quorum.

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39 Ms. Tines asked when the meetings were held.

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41 Mr. Nipe said they are held every other month on Mondays. He gave her his card and  
42 said he would get her that schedule.

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44 Mayor Mealor said the Elder Affairs does a remarkable job for the City. We have a very  
45 successful recycling campaign, the Shred-A-Thon, and that group takes an advocacy  
46 role with that.

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2 No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

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4 **Motion was made by Commissioner Brender to approve Ordinance No. 1527 on**  
5 **second reading, seconded by Commissioner Lucarelli and motion carried by roll-**  
6 **call vote: Commissioner Brender, Yes; Commissioner Miller, Yes; Commissioner**  
7 **Lucarelli, Yes; Mayor Meador, Yes.**

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9 9. New Business

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11 A. Resolution No. 970 – Rescind New Century Park Development of Regional  
12 Impact (Public Hearing) (~~Steve Noto, Deputy City Planner~~ John Omana,  
13 Community Development Director)

14  
15 The City Attorney read Resolution No. 970 by title only.

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17 Mr. Omana said this is an interesting project in that back in 1998 he was the project  
18 manager that brought it through the system. This evening he is presenting findings of  
19 fact that will rescind them provided the Commission passes a motion to that effect. It  
20 has been interesting to see it go through a variety of statuses.

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22 Mr. Omana said we are asking the Commission to hit the reset button. The DRI was  
23 approved in 1998 and it went through a couple of amendments. What this will do is  
24 extinguish the DRI status of the property and revert it back to its underlying zoning and  
25 land use designation. We are recommending approval of that action based on the  
26 guidance provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 380. It allows municipalities to allow the  
27 rescission of a project provided all mitigation and conditions of approval addressing  
28 impacts have been addressed.

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30 Mr. Omana said this project was not vested. When it came in and subsequently went  
31 through a NOPC and an amendment, the concurrency and all the mitigation parts were  
32 basically tied to individual site plans as they came in. That never happened. What we  
33 have is a DRI on paper with no vested entitlements. What Ms. Fitzgerald and her client  
34 want to do is come in and start from scratch, take away the DRI designation, and move  
35 forward with whatever plans they may have. We have reviewed it under the provisions  
36 of Chapter 380 of the Florida Statutes. We find it is consistent with the relevant portions  
37 of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

38  
39 Mr. Omana said the Planning & Zoning Board reviewed this item at their July 29, 2015,  
40 meeting and voted unanimously 5 – 0 to recommend approval of the rescission of the  
41 New Century Park DRI.

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43 Mayor Meador recognized P&Z member Justin York who helped handle this item  
44 through the P&Z process.

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46 Commissioner Brender asked the plus side for use doing this.

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2 Mr. Omana said one of the plus sides is it's like hitting the reset button. It allows for a  
3 variety of things to happen. You could come in with a PUD, provide for flexible design  
4 and development regulations. It provides for a fresh start. Given the underlying land  
5 use and zoning, those issues can be looked at to see what needs to be done to make it  
6 the highest and best use, also consistent with the high tech corridor and the vision we  
7 have for that portion of the City. That would be tied to DRI regulations.

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9 Randi Fitzgerald of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Law Firm, 215 North  
10 Eola Drive, Orlando, Florida, came forward representing Crescent Communities. She  
11 said Mr. Omana did a great job telling the Commission what we are trying to do. She  
12 wanted to say hello to the Commission and say thank you for your consideration. It is  
13 an interesting project. She said this is the only DRI she has worked on that has no  
14 entitlements. We thought why keep it around. It's an opportunity to get the state out of  
15 the City's business. That is one positive for all government she had done work in where  
16 they have rescinded DRIs. It has been a big factor not to have to deal with the state  
17 level of review and bring it more into the City's purview. We will be back but don't know  
18 how quickly because we are still working on concepts and having discussion on what is  
19 the appropriate use for this site. We are excited about the opportunities that this offers.

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21 Mayor Mealor asked if anyone wanted to speak in reference to Resolution No. 970. No  
22 one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

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24 **Motion was made by Commissioner Lucarelli to approve Resolution No. 970,**  
25 **seconded by Commissioner Brender and motion carried by roll-call vote:**  
26 **Commissioner Miller, Yes; Commissioner Lucarelli, Yes; Commissioner Brender,**  
27 **Yes; Mayor Mealor, Yes.**

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29 B. Ordinance No. 1528 – Amending Police Pension – First Reading (Public  
30 Hearing) (Dianne Holloway, Finance Director)

31  
32 The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 1528 by title only on first reading.

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34 The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 1529 by title only on first reading.

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36 Ms. Holloway said when we make pension changes to the Firefighter or Police Pension  
37 Plans it is required to be done by ordinance. Recently the Florida legislation passed a  
38 law that requires a defined contribution component to be set up for both of the plans.  
39 What the Commission has before them are two ordinances—one for the Police Pension  
40 and one for the Fire Pension. They are rather lengthy but the most significant change is  
41 the creation of the defined contribution components of those plans. Other changes are  
42 Internal Revenue code tweaks but nothing significant. All these changes are being  
43 made to both plans.

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45 Ms. Holloway said as we set up the defined contribution plan, that is also called a share  
46 plan. The pension attorney, Scott Christiansen, for both of those plans developed a

1 share plan component that talks about dividing up any of the state premium tax monies.  
2 Currently there is a reserve on both of the plans and this law addresses that reserve  
3 and how the state premium taxes will be used for further benefits in the future. One of  
4 the things we had to do was the employee trustees of both plans went back to the  
5 members to get a majority vote on how the share plan would work. The way it was  
6 written and recommended by the attorney is the most common form of a share plan.  
7 The numerator is credit years of service for an individual. The denominator is the total  
8 of those credited years of service. We received majority approval for both plans. By  
9 adopting these ordinances we are going to create a defined contribution portion of the  
10 share plan and it is required to be done by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

11  
12 Commissioner Brender asked if the state premium tax money could be deposited into  
13 the share plan portion.

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15 Ms. Holloway answered affirmatively. The reserve on the books now has to be  
16 negotiated between the City and the pension members on how to divvy it up.

17  
18 Commissioner Brender said it could go into either one.

19  
20 Ms. Holloway said there are lots of options. The default provision in the law is if the City  
21 and the members cannot agree on that division, the default is 50/50. That is 50% to the  
22 members and 50% to the unfunded liability or towards future payments.

23  
24 Commissioner Brender said there were 20 or 30 pages aimed at the DROP program.  
25 He asked what we are doing with DROP.

26  
27 Ms. Holloway said what she understood by reading it and from talking to the pension  
28 attorney is the provisions have been tweaked by the Internal Revenue Code changes  
29 because is a relatively new plan that was adopted in 2008. There is just a lot of  
30 tweaking in the language to clarify some of the terms.

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32 Commissioner Brender questioned if it was required that we have it. He asked if we  
33 have anybody on it.

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35 Ms. Sova answered affirmatively.

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37 Ms. Holloway said we have several people who are eligible.

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39 Commissioner Brender said his question is why we need a DROP program.

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41 Ms. Sova said the DROP program is a way that these people can program themselves  
42 in a lump sum at retirement. They stop and we stop contributing on their behalf but their  
43 money continues to accrue so they can leave with that money as a lump sum and they  
44 get their monthly payments. It doesn't cost us extra money to have a DROP program.

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1 Commissioner Brender said because all it is is accruing in their current account or  
2 current actuarial.  
3  
4 Ms. Sova answered affirmatively.  
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6 Commissioner Brender said he was wondering how many people were on it. At the  
7 state and county levels it is huge item.  
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9 Ms. Holloway said we have one firefighter and another one getting ready to, and  
10 perhaps a police officer very soon. It is something we all agreed to several years ago  
11 and this is not changing anything in the plan. It is just tweaking the language.  
12  
13 Commissioner Miller said it sounds like Gary is asking if we should participate in DROP.  
14 He questioned if we had a choice. He asked if that was a state mandate.  
15  
16 Ms. Sova said it is not but it is part of our plan and we would have to bring a separate  
17 action to change the DROP and pull it out of the plan.  
18  
19 Commissioner Miller said if we did take DROP out we would suddenly be different in a  
20 way that would affect us for hiring new employees because other cities and places have  
21 DROP and we would not. He asked if that would put us at a competitive disadvantage  
22 for hiring people.  
23  
24 Ms. Sova said it depends on who that new hire is. There is a generation of people that  
25 is not so focused on retirement and they change jobs a lot. For an employee very  
26 focused on retirement it would be a disadvantage not to have it.  
27  
28 Commissioner Brender said when he was joining the Navy, having a retirement program  
29 was important and was glad he participated in that. At the same time we're not playing  
30 with the retirement program. The police officer becomes a police officer because of  
31 who he is and what he likes to do and the retirement system. He said he couldn't  
32 believe any one of them would say you have DROP so I'm in. DROP is 20 years ahead  
33 for him. He didn't think that would make a hill of beans difference.  
34  
35 Commissioner Miller said for the employees we have they might be more anxious to  
36 transfer to a different system.  
37  
38 Mayor Meador asked if anyone wanted to speak in reference to Ordinance No. 1528  
39 and/or Ordinance No. 1529. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.  
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41 **Motion was made by Commissioner Brender to approve Ordinance No. 1528 on**  
42 **first reading, seconded by Commissioner Miller and motion carried by roll-call**  
43 **vote: Commissioner Lucarelli, Yes; Commissioner Brender, Yes; Commissioner**  
44 **Miller, Yes; Mayor Meador, Yes.**  
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1 C. Ordinance No. 1529 – Amending Fire Pension – First Reading (Public  
2 Hearing) (Dianne Holloway, Finance Director)

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4 Ordinance No. 1529 was presented, discussed and a public hearing held under Item B.

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6 **Motion was made by Commissioner Lucarelli to approve Ordinance No. 1529 on**  
7 **first reading, seconded by Commissioner Brender and motion carried by roll-call**  
8 **vote: Commissioner Brender, Yes; Commissioner Miller, Yes; Commissioner**  
9 **Lucarelli, Yes; Mayor Meador, Yes.**

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11 D. Ordinance No. 1530 – Proposed FY 2015/2016 Millage Rate – First Reading  
12 (Public Hearing) (Jackie Sova, City Manager) **AND** Ordinance No. 1531 –  
13 Proposed FY 2015/2016 Budget – First Reading (Public Hearing) (Jackie  
14 Sova, City Manager)

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16 The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 1530 and Ordinance No. 1531 by title only on first  
17 reading.

18  
19 Ms. Sova said tonight begins the final adoption process for the Fiscal Year 2016  
20 citywide budget. It is a balanced budget of \$33,983,586. We will be establishing an ad  
21 valorem millage rate of 3.5895 mills and the rolled back (“forward”) rate estimated to  
22 yield approximately the same tax levy as Fiscal Year 2015 which is 3.4826 mills. The  
23 value of a mill in the City of Lake Mary is calculated to be \$1,883,440 and ad valorem  
24 tax revenues are projected to be some \$6,760,000. The total General Fund budget,  
25 which is the most operating budget of the City, is \$20,183,942 and is down .83% from  
26 the previous fiscal year.

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28 Ms. Sova said the total Capital Improvement budget is \$5,818,000 including \$1.8 million  
29 in carry forward projects. Eighty-five percent of these dollars are committed to our  
30 Downtown redevelopment such as our SunRail enhancements; the signal and  
31 beautification at Wilbur, North Country Club, Crystal Lake Avenue; Palmetto Street turn  
32 lane; and the Lake Mary Boulevard sewer project which is now underway. Other  
33 projects in the budget are the reviving of the Emma Oaks Trail sidewalk that has been  
34 on hold due to Duke Energy’s lack of completion of relocating utility poles. We’ll have  
35 our first phase of Heritage Park and get right to our bi-annual resurfacing program. Also  
36 planned is the redevelopment of a high dollar end of life equipment for the fire  
37 department to include 21 self-contained breathing apparatuses and is a \$150,000  
38 expenditure. A critical component of this department’s life safety equipment is the  
39 replacement of hose and appliance items for the fire engines which are currently out of  
40 compliance. As our buildings and facilities are aging we have nearly \$200,000 of costly  
41 maintenance items including a roof and HVAC equipment. Other items are economic  
42 incentives in the amount of \$348,250. We will be purchasing a fire engine at nearly  
43 \$550,000 and we have had a 9.1% increase in our employee healthcare costs.

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45 Ms. Sova said we have had some personnel changes proposed. The elimination of one  
46 vacant Code Compliance position and with the retirement of our City Planner, the

1 Deputy City Planner will be promoted and the Deputy City Planner position will be  
2 eliminated. We will be adding a part-time Recreation Assistant for the Parks & Rec  
3 Department to be assigned to the Community Center.

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5 Ms. Sova said the action required by the Commission tonight is to first adopt the millage  
6 rate at 3.5895 mills, which is a tax increase of 3.07% from the rolled back rate of 3.4826  
7 mills, and by separate vote adopt the Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget.

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9 Mayor Meador asked if anyone wanted to speak in reference to Ordinance No. 1530. No  
10 one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

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12 **Motion was made by Commissioner Lucarelli to approve Ordinance No. 1530 on**  
13 **first reading setting the millage rate for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 at 3.5895 mills,**  
14 **seconded by Commissioner Brender and motion carried by roll-call vote:**  
15 **Commissioner Miller, Yes; Commissioner Lucarelli, Yes; Commissioner Brender,**  
16 **Yes; Mayor Meador, Yes.**

17  
18 Mayor Meador asked if anyone wanted to speak in reference to Ordinance No. 1531. No  
19 one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

20  
21 **Motion was made by Commissioner Brender to approve Ordinance No. 1531 on**  
22 **first reading adopting the 2015/2016 Budget, seconded by Commissioner**  
23 **Lucarelli and motion carried by roll-call vote: Commissioner Lucarelli, Yes;**  
24 **Commissioner Brender, Yes; Commissioner Miller, Yes; Mayor Meador, Yes.**

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26 10. Other Items for Commission Action

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28 There were no items to discuss at this time.

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30 11. City Manager's Report

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32 A. Items for Approval

33 a. Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance  
34 Grant (JAG) Program

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36 Ms. Sova said this is the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice  
37 Assistance Grant Program. It is our annual JAG Program grant. The Florida  
38 Department of Law Enforcement has set aside \$112,682 to split in Seminole County  
39 amongst the Sheriff's Office and the seven cities so it is eight total agencies each  
40 receiving about \$14,085. We intend to spend our money on a new project called "What  
41 You See is What You Get" to help with the purchasing of our body cameras as well as  
42 computer redacting programs. We need some software to do that. When the press or  
43 somebody asks for a copy of what's on those body cams we need to be able to redact  
44 and it takes some software and equipment. We ask approval for "What You See is  
45 What You Get".

1 **Motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the distribution of funds**  
2 **from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and**  
3 **authorize Mayor to sign the letters. Seconded by Commissioner Lucarelli and**  
4 **motion carried unanimously.**

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6 B. Items for Information  
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8 Ms. Sova said in the packets is an update on quiet zones and where the County stands  
9 with getting that funding and working with FDOT and SunRail on creating the quiet  
10 zones.

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12 Ms. Sova announced that Commissioners Duryea and Lucarelli qualified without  
13 opposition and will serve another two-year term. She extended congratulations.

14  
15 Ms. Sova asked to schedule a swearing-in for 6:30 P.M. on November 5<sup>th</sup>. There were  
16 no objections from the Board.

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18 Ms. Sova said all non-emergency offices will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in  
19 observance of Labor Day. Waste Pro will be collecting solid waste and recycling on  
20 their normal schedule.

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22 Ms. Sova said we have a 9/11 ceremony to be held Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00  
23 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. at the gazebo in Central Park. We ask everyone to join us as we  
24 honor and remember the many lives lost in 2001.

25  
26 Ms. Sova reminded everyone that we have a work session scheduled prior to the  
27 September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:30 P.M. to present the Downtown Traffic Study.

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29 Ms. Sova thanked everyone, especially Tom Tomerlin, for helping her through the last  
30 month.

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32 Mayor Meador said it is a joy to have Ms. Sova back. It has been an incredibly difficult  
33 time for her but as always she handled it with dignity and class. We wish her continued  
34 good health.

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36 12. Mayor and Commissioners' Reports (3)  
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38 Mayor Meador had no report at this time.  
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40 Commissioner Miller said he attended the Municipal Advisory Committee meeting this  
41 morning at MetroPlan Orlando and there were two items of interest he would share.  
42 The first is the program called "Best Foot Forward". Central Florida has the distinction  
43 of having the highest pedestrian deaths of any area in the nation. The program "Best  
44 Foot Forward" is designed to try and address that. The primary focus of that is looking  
45 at media attention and crosswalk work. They showed us videos of media coverage  
46 where people drive through crosswalks. They can have a plain clothes officer standing

1 there and cars passing right and left and they don't obey. It is a \$162 fine and three  
2 points off your license if you don't stop when somebody is in a crosswalk attempting to  
3 cross. While it's inappropriately humorous when you think about how some of these  
4 people have been hit by cars, it is ridiculous that it happened the way it did that they just  
5 wander out in the middle of cars going 55 MPH and get killed.

6  
7 Commissioner Miller said the one thing he thought he would bring back for the City  
8 Manager and the Chief to look at is they have come up with an idea of crosswalks  
9 where they paint them differently. They showed where they had a rate of people  
10 passing a crosswalk where only 10% of the cars stopped. They changed the way they  
11 painted the crosswalk where they put a red color inside the crosswalk and the rate for  
12 people stopping went from 10% to 40%. You can change the design of a crosswalk to  
13 have people pay more attention to it. We only have three or four in the City but it is  
14 something we probably should look at.

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16 Commissioner Miller said Dr. Jim Wright from UCF gave a presentation of a public  
17 opinion survey that UCF had done for MetroPlan Orlando. He distributed copies to the  
18 Commission (copy attached). The interesting thing about it is the change in perceptions  
19 of people relative to transportation. People are beginning to think more favorably about  
20 transit and things other than a car. They are also beginning to recognize that we are  
21 underfunded in the area of transportation. One of the things we need to do is figure out  
22 how we are going to fund that. Most people are still in favor of gas tax as a way to do it.

23  
24 Mayor Mealor said it is very important to bring this kind of information back. He knew  
25 that public safety would take the information about the crosswalks and incorporate into  
26 their next planning meeting.

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28 Commissioner Lucarelli said we discussed that when she served on the committee and  
29 it makes her more aware of it. She goes to Rinehart to work every day and even though  
30 they have that No Right on Red she still sees people run it. They don't pay attention or  
31 don't care.

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33 Commissioner Lucarelli said she had lunch with Kathy Till. She had been e-mailing  
34 Bruce and Jackie about legislative priorities and things we want to stay focused on for  
35 our city. One good thing she heard Kathy say is they are always pushing on our behalf  
36 for home rule and don't give us any more unfunded mandates. The House is being very  
37 adamant that they do not want to see any unfunded mandates. The Senate she is not  
38 so sure about but the House is coming more to our side. She thought that was a good  
39 sign but we all need to keep after them and be aware of what's going on up there and  
40 say what you have to say.

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42 Commissioner Brender said he attended CALNO in Oviedo and they hosted in their new  
43 Community Center by the new amphitheater and downtown area. It is an impressive  
44 area. It is off Mitchell Hammock Road on City Plaza Way. They have put together a  
45 phenomenal grouping of townhomes and apartments, a fairly large lake and  
46 amphitheater. It is very nice. They have done an excellent job.

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2 Commissioner Brender said regarding the meeting itself, Jeff Bauer from the School  
3 Board asked that each one of the commissions in the County address a letter of support  
4 to the School Board regarding the question of testing, the FSA and whether or not to  
5 use other testing methods. He said he requested that Mr. Griffin put together a worded  
6 document that all the cities can adopt. It may be something we will get copies of and  
7 we should take action on. However, it does bring up the point that if you're not exactly  
8 up to date with what this whole argument is with common core and testing, you may  
9 want to get yourself familiar with it because it looks like we will be asked to put in some  
10 level of support for the School Board. They are in a fight. We got support from Lake  
11 County, there is no support from Orange County, there is very little support from  
12 Volusia, and are like the voice crying out in the wilderness right now compared to some  
13 of the other large districts. It is important the letter be addressed specifically to the  
14 Department of Education and the Commissioner. We should be learning and finding out  
15 for ourselves what's the background and that sort of thing. It is an important issue. He  
16 said he looked for that in the next couple to three weeks so we can take that up some  
17 time in October if we choose to.

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19 Commissioner Brender said the other item is while we were there we took a walking  
20 tour of the new park and amphitheater and one of the things they proudly showed us  
21 was a new veteran's memorial section. One of the things they had done is rather than  
22 making it a memorial, which is a recognition of past, they brought it up into the present  
23 by listing the names of all the veterans in the City of Oviedo. Oviedo is a city of 25,000  
24 to 30,000 and they only had about 2,000 names. There were several people that only  
25 served for three years but they wanted their name up there and there were people who  
26 couldn't care less. They did send out and requested anybody who was in the service  
27 could have their name put up. It is not engraved on the wall so it is not expensive. It is  
28 put on a silver plaque-like material and attached onto the wall. While we were there a  
29 couple was showing their daughter her grandfather who was a veteran in World War II.  
30 It was a good example of bringing a memorial to a present day position and inspiring  
31 something for the future. It was a little more alive. He brought up the Vietnam  
32 memorial. It is a living memorial. It lists every name of 50,000 or 60,000 veterans that  
33 were killed in that war. When you go there you are always aware of the fact that there  
34 are hundreds of people trying to find names on the wall. It brings it up to a current level.

35  
36 Commissioner Brender said we have done a lot of work with our Heritage Park and we  
37 shied away from putting any kind of names up. He said he wasn't sure. After seeing  
38 Oviedo's park he would like to review that. We can discuss it in a work session. If we  
39 decide to change something, Mr. Nipe says we are in the planning stages then we can  
40 take it back to Heritage Park Board and go from there. It was moving and he was  
41 impressed. He said he had been to a lot of memorials that you go to once and never go  
42 back. That is not what we're looking for in this park.

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44 Mayor Mealor said Admiral Ty Dedman is consulting with the Heritage Park group. He  
45 asked Mr. Nipe at the next gathering to share Commissioner Brender's comments and  
46 the sentiment of the commission.

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2 Commissioner Brender said Admiral Dedman was one of the people who addressed the  
3 problems with names is you're going to forget somebody. Since we are not engraving it  
4 in stone but doing it as a plate for a trophy, if we forget somebody it can be fixed by the  
5 local trophy club for five bucks and it's finished. He thought that addresses some of the  
6 concerns that Admiral Dedman had. Our park is headed toward a recognition of  
7 volunteerism; he didn't know how they would recognize each volunteer by name.  
8 Something we can consider is recognizing veterans, police and fire who have served in  
9 the past.

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11 Commissioner Lucarelli said the concern was not thinking of everybody's name. She  
12 had no issue with doing that for military or police and fire. With the military she didn't  
13 mind it. It is awesome to have community pride of who in our community served the  
14 country. She liked that.

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16 Commissioner Brender said the volunteerism is difficult to address.

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18 Commissioner Miller said he attended the League of Cities convention and has three  
19 items to follow up on with Ms. Sova.

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21 Mayor Mealor said regarding the testing issue, because of his background and  
22 profession he knew something about them. Regardless of outcome, our school board  
23 and superintendent need to be commended for having the courage to come up with an  
24 alternative and do exactly what the Department of Education and Legislature asked the  
25 providers to do. It is a system that is fair, it is one that family members and parents will  
26 support them, the teachers are going to respect them, and the students are going to be  
27 the beneficiaries. He said he didn't care what the study says. All you have to do is  
28 observe what took place in the spring and if you think that is a valid and reliable  
29 assessment then that needs to be reevaluated. The dilemma is the check bundlers and  
30 the lobbying that will go on. It's unfortunate that process is bought and sold in the  
31 marketplace. When you have a school district that is the best in the state and one of  
32 the best in the southeast coming up with a viable alternative and not willing to have an  
33 audience that will give them a fair hearing. He said it wasn't respectful. He thought the  
34 Department of Education can do much better.

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36 13. City Attorney's Report

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38 Ms. Reischmann had no report at this time.

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40 14. Adjournment

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42 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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2 David J. Meador, Mayor

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11 Carol A. Foster, City Clerk