

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that **Andrew McCown, GAI Consultants, Inc.** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY**. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2840
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM TRANSITIONAL (T) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF W. ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND WEST OF S.R. 429, COMPRISING 73.93 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

Parcel Identification Numbers: See Parcel Table
Contains: 73.93 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2840 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Further, notice is given that public hearings For Ordinance No. 2840 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible AND on **Wednesday, June 16, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance and Master Plan can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Council
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department

April 30, 2021

PARCEL TABLE

27-20-36-0000-00-093	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-075	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-052	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-068	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-074	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-048	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-085	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-020	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-040	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-051	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-070	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-060	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-050	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-066	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
28-21-06-7172-16-030	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-047	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC
27-20-36-0000-00-083	COLLIER BENGLE LAND JOINT VENTURE LLC

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Moore: Expansion plans are in the works for West Orange Trail

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can take years.

Mr. Nick Leff of MetroPLAN, with whom I work closely, estimates construction would start in 2026. By that time, you may have completely different leaders, but, Mr. Lepp assured me that the project would not be diminished in the intervening years. I will stay up to speed on the improvements and regularly share details with *The Apopka Chief* readership.

Nevertheless, even with the long timeframe involved, I'm glad I successfully elevated the issue of severe congestion at the corner of Rock Springs and Welch roads to the attention of MetroPLAN. This occurred when I first began attending their meetings in 2019 as an Orange County delegation member.

I remember hearing from my friend and former State Rep. Fred Brummer

about his attending meetings for the Wekiva Basin Study Commission back in 2004. He shared about the meetings, which from his telling it, were long and contentious. Eventually, the route for the Wekiva Parkway was chosen and an elevated highway was selected to be built across the environmentally sensitive areas. And guess what? Construction still hasn't been completed in 2021. However, I do expect to attend a ribbon cutting sometime early next year for the Wekiva Parkway. This has been 18 years of planning, design, right-of-way, and construction. So, if we only take eight years to get our intersection at Rock Springs and Welch roads improved, we will be doing well.

I would be remiss if I didn't expand upon the West Orange Trail expansion plans included in a recent package from MetroPLAN. These are very exciting. While they have

been in the Orange County Trails Masterplan for years, they weren't funded. I have learned that first comes getting your idea in a plan, and secondly, funding must be secured. With these expansions of Rock Springs and Welch roads, at least we have the planning and funding being committed.

The two trail extensions would be from Rock Springs road to Wekiwa Springs State Park, and from Lester road to Kelly Park. Generally, when Orange County Parks and Recreation determines they will expand a trail, Orange County Public Works handles the construction process. I'm not sure who would handle construction for MetroPLAN, but, that is something I can ask about in our next meeting.

Thank you for reading my weekly columns. I hope you find this column on the improvements of Rock Springs and Welch roads informative and useful.

Byrd: A business advisory board is discussed for inclusion in AHS

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but also spent time discussing a major issue within our schools: the struggle to get some kids to come to school every day.

Most recently, around 94 percent of senior students at Apopka High School graduated.

Heinz shared with us that one of the struggles for the other six percent who don't get to the finish line is getting them to attend school. For various reasons, some students decide to work full time instead of finishing school.

While this is a problem that has bigger reasons that need to be addressed, one thing could help: mentorships between community members and students.

Sometimes all a student needs is someone telling them that the diploma

will pay off in the long run and to show them that there are ways to learn trades and get certifications that will allow for students to graduate ready to enter the workforce, earning money right away.

Another great idea that Ms. Manley shared was the development of a Business Advisory Board for the school. This board could be made up of businesses in all the fields that are represented in the school's programs like diesel mechanics, culinary, engineering, and medical.

These business leaders would meet at the school once a month with some of the students, as well as program teachers, and discuss the current state of industry and trends in the field. The best part is the very real connections the students can make to industry pro-

fessionals.

The possibilities are endless and the benefits to our students are enormous as they build relationships that can lead to internships, scholarships, and job opportunities. It also ties our local businesses into our schools more closely.

It was apparent from the meeting that this is a goal of Manley. Her passion for strengthening the relationship between the business community and our schools is evident. She understands that the future of our community and businesses is dependent on how well we prepare our students for the workforce. She understands that getting involved is how we do this.

I'm excited about the possibilities that lie ahead with the Chamber. The future is bright!

Beary: Defunding police means fewer officers and less training

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reason and not a political game by misinformed legislators and activists with an agenda.

The cries to defund the police are absurd as we watch countless U.S. cities burn, courthouses attacked, police stations burned, and violent crime on the rise. The left wing wants to decriminalize sex crimes, weapons charges, drug offenses, economic crimes, and burglary. Mayor Bill de Blasio defunds the Street Crimes Unit in New York City and robberies and gun crimes skyrocket.

The real issues that occur when you defund the police are as follow:

*** The criminals and bad actors of our society will have free reign on the safety of our community.** Gangs and the criminal thugs who are already getting a free pass in various metropolitan areas will go unchecked. Our communities will follow that of Minneapolis, Chicago, NYC, Portland, Baltimore, and Seattle.

*** Lower police budgets mean fewer law enforcement officers on the streets.** This is concerning because the hate and racism that has been a constant cry over the past four years has already increased the numbers of cops who are retiring and leaving for different jobs.

There is a shortage of police recruits nationally and add the COVID-19 restrictions placed on the police academies, there is a severe shortage to replace officers on the street.

*** Defunding police budgets also reduces the amount of training that a law enforcement officer receives by their agency.** This is a serious situation with the attacks on law enforcement on the increase. Sadly, this is the case in Minneapolis where the police union president called for survival training for his officers. The mayor turned it down. Add the two major incidents of police shoot-

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ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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The Apopka Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address, or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit letters.

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net	

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
State Representatives	
Keith Truenow (Dist. 31)	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
State Senators	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441