

Moore: Citizens can access Magnolia Park and the Apopka Loop Trail

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of the trail led to a rebirth of the city of Winter Garden. Thus, when I speak about the planning, engineering, and construction of gaps through northern Apopka, Wekiwa Springs,

Lockhart, and North Pine Hills, you can see why I am so excited. These sections of the district, with some visionary leadership and skill, could lead their revitalization as well.

I recently attended an in-depth briefing on plans

for the completion of gaps with County Parks Manager Matt Suedmeyer and Transportation Planner Brian Sanders. They reported to me that first up for construction in 2022-2023 is the Lake Apopka Connector Trail. The goal of this

section is to connect the existing West Orange Trail with Magnolia Park and the Lake Apopka Loop Trail. The county purchased the northwest corner at Binion and Ocoee-Apopka Road to make one section of this gap possible. Several developers will also be constructing portions along McCormick Road and up near Keene Road. The closing of the gap will make it possible for our western Orange County residents to access Magnolia Park and the Apopka Loop Trail.

The second gap to be completed is the Pine Hills Trail. It is being designed in 2022 and 2023. Construction is scheduled for 2024. This portion will connect Barnett Park and northward to the Clarcona-Ocoee Connector to either reach destinations to the west, or Magnolia Park, West Orange Trail, or Lake Apopka to the north.

The third gap scheduled for completion is a state-funded portion called the Coast-to-Coast Trail. This segment, much to

my chagrin, has been delayed. It connects the Wekiwa Trail with the Clarcona Connector and, ultimately, the West Orange Trail through Lockhart. This gap has been funded by the state legislature. We have three levels of government involved in financing the construction of recreational trails in District 2. The goal of the state was for connectivity from Pinellas County to Brevard County. The Coast-to-Coast Trail System travels right through Orange County – Districts 1 and 2.

As this gap has been delayed, I am working with Orange County Public Works to fund simple five-foot sidewalks down Eden Park Road in Lockhart westward along Beggs Road to Lakeville Road.

At this point, riders can utilize the Clarcona-Ocoee Connector and West Orange Trail to access downtown Winter Garden. This will be the alternative route over the next 7-8 years.

We have discussed

completing trail gaps in North Pine Hills, Lockhart, Clarcona, and Ocoee. We also need the West Orange Trail extended in northern Apopka to connect to Wekiwa Springs State Park, the Northwest Recreation Center, and Kelly Park.

This northern trail gap has been scuttled for 20 years. Thankfully, I was able to get MetroPLAN, while working to improve the Rock Springs/Welch Road intersection, to additionally fund these northern gaps.

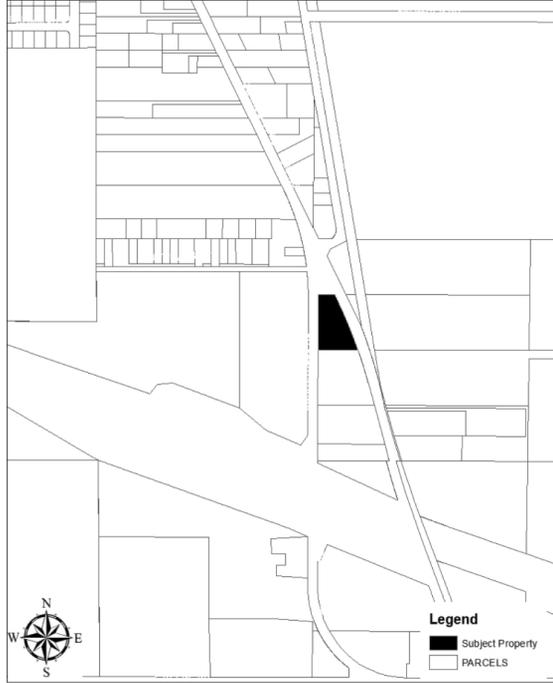
The bad news is, because we got these projects in the capital improvement plan only a year ago, that design will not take place until 2025-2026. My goal is to increase funding in order to accelerate these northern gaps.

In Northwest Orange County, we have the most square miles of trails of any district in the county. District 2 and all our municipalities are definitely the best area for “play” in Central Florida.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF A SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **E&H Clarcona, LLC**, has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL TO INDUSTRIAL (.60 FAR) AND A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) DISTRICT TO CITY I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT FOR 1.34 +/- ACRES**. This application relates to the following described property located east of Coral Hills Road and west of Clarcona Road.

Vicinity Map



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

Parcel Identification Number: 22-21-28-0000-00-210
Contains: 1.34 +/- acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2900

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL (1 DU/AC) TO CITY INDUSTRIAL (.60 FAR) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF CORAL HILLS ROAD AND WEST OF CLARCONA ROAD; OWNED BY E&H CLARCONA, LLC., COMPRISING 1.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2901

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) DISTRICT TO CITY I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF EAST OF CORAL HILLS ROAD AND WEST OF CLARCONA ROAD; OWNED BY E&H CLARCONA, LLC., COMPRISING 1.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Apopka Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022, beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications 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.

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Byrd: Advisory councils beneficial

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High School Agriscience Advisory Council meeting.

This council, of course, included administration and teachers involved with the magnet program at the school but better yet, there were various industry professionals in attendance who volunteered their time as well.

The professionals are so important to the success of the magnet because they share what would be most beneficial for the magnet to focus on in order that students are marketable in the real world as they leave school.

We discussed what the trending areas of interest in the field of agriculture are, and where the industry is heading and what can set the magnet apart in the field. The input from the in-

dustry leaders gave invaluable information that we wouldn't have had without them.

Most, if not all, of the magnet programs in Orange County have advisory councils like this one, so I would encourage any community members who are experts in their field to consider getting involved in these councils. It is so important to the success of our programs.

I also was fortunate enough to participate in the Martin Luther King Parade in Apopka on Monday as well. This is something I look forward to every year.

It's a great time when community members, and various groups within the community come together to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King by promoting peace, love, and community.

The crowds were excited and, most importantly, the children were happy and engaged. It's so important for our children to see that the adults around them care enough to come together in their community and to spend this time with them.

It sends the message to the children that they matter and their community matters. There is nothing more important that we can teach our children. Sometimes, it is our actions that mean the most and create the lasting impressions.

Again, I'm so fortunate to live in a community that cares so deeply about our children and our schools. Thank you to all of you who are engaged with your community.

Together, we can make all our dreams fulfilled for our kids!

Hayden: Relationships are a must

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ployment to everyone, but affects minorities more than anyone else.

As I have stipulated before, I dislike the word “minorities” because, if you are a citizen of this great nation, you are an American and there is nothing minor about that title. In the movie “War of the Worlds” years ago, all the nations of the world stood shoulder-to-shoulder to combat a common enemy.

We, as Americans, need to use that allegory, to combat our common enemies, i.e., those who want to usher in socialism, communism, fascism, or any other “ism” to destroy our God-given inalienable rights, and those people who want to make

this a tyrannical nation.

We are a free people guided by our common sense, dedication to improve our lives, and an ethical, moral standard we choose to live by. It makes no difference the color of your skin, your cultural background, or your language at home. What matters is the fact we owe each other the security of knowing that if our neighbor is in need, we will be there. We need to do away with the passivity of looking the other way when it comes to our fellow Americans in need, whether it be as a physical presence, as was the case with the man who chased down and retrieved the purse from the thief who had stolen it from an elderly person, or perhaps just by

letting someone know you are available if they have a need.

That is one of the things I have learned from those I have worked with from other countries. They form relationships that strengthen their citizenship in the United States of America and they are proud of what they have accomplished through that struggle to become Americans. They exhibit a happiness and a confidence the illegals cannot show. Their strength in overcoming obstacles has been increased by their willingness to do the right thing the right way, regardless of the challenge.

Remember that doing the right thing, even when no one is looking, is called integrity!

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Apopka Planning Commission considers land use items, housing

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

In the first meeting of 2022, the Apopka Planning Commission elected a chairperson and vice chairperson, as well as unanimously recommending approval in a 6-0 vote on all five of its meeting agenda items that included a master plan and rezoning for a single-family development at Kelly Park Crossing.

The meeting was held Tuesday, January 11, at Apopka City Hall. Planning Commission meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month.

Jim Greene was re-elected chairperson, and William Gusler was re-elected vice chairperson.

205 E. Keene Road

The first agenda item for consideration was a small scale, future land use amendment for 205 E.

Keene Road from county rural to industrial.

The estimated 12.74 acres contains a nursery and is located north of East Keene Road and west of Clarcona Road.

The property owner is AED Dewar Nursery 2019 Trust. The applicant is Tara Tedrow.

The same property was given recommended approval for rezoning from T (transitional district) to I-L (light industrial district).

Phil Martinez, planner II with the city's planning division, is the project manager.

By Ordinance Number 2383, the subject property was annexed into the city of Apopka on October 1, 2014.

The City Council will hold a first reading of both the future land use amendment and the rezoning of 205 E. Keene Road on February 2. The second read-

ing and adoption will be on February 16.

730 Monroe Avenue

There was a proposal for a small-scale future land use amendment from commercial to mixed use for 730 Monroe Avenue.

The property is about 5.67 acres and is located north of East Semoran Boulevard and west of

Sheeler Avenue.

The property owner is Three R Corporation. The applicant is A and R Real Estate Development. Martinez is the project manager.

The primary intent of the mixed-use land use category is to allow a mixture of residential, office, commercial, industrial, recreation, institutional and public

facilities uses to serve the residential and non-residential needs of special areas of the city of Apopka, according to city documents.

The City Council will hold a first reading on the 730 Monroe Avenue small-scale future land use amendment on February 2. The second reading and adoption will be on Febru-

ary 16.

Laurel Oaks

The Laurel Oaks master plan proposes 126 single-family detached residences at about three units per acre on an estimated total of about 41.2 acres that are located east of S.R. 429, west of Plymouth Sorrento

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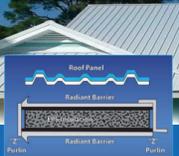
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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Directions Fellowship, Inc.** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **Special Exception to permit a Place of Worship in the RSF-1B, Residential Single-Family District - Large Lot.**

This application relates to the following described property located south of Schopke Road and east of Plymouth Sorrento Road.



Parcel No:06-21-28-7172-15-130
Containing: 14.7 acres +/-

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the special exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. 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, Florida 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that the property owner noted below and shown in the attached vicinity map has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, to the City of Apopka City Council, for ANNEXATION of the property shown in the following map:

ORDINANCE NO. 2899

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY G&B SORRENTO LLC; LOCATED NORTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD AND EAST OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 07-20-28-0000-00-031
Contains: 5.00 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2899 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. The proposed Annexation 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.

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Traffic: Questions remain about cost to move large metal utility pole

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Springs Road. Moving the pole owned by Duke Energy could cost about \$1 million and there is discussion about who will pay for moving the pole, Apopka, Orange County, or Duke Energy.

A developer who is looking to put a gas station, coffee shop, and a medical office on the northwest corner of the intersection has agreed to give 12 feet of right-of-way to accommodate the new lane.

In addition to the improvements at the intersection of Rock Springs Road and Welch Road, the study proposes putting a traffic light at the exit from the Publix plaza that empties onto Rock Springs Road from between McDonald's and the former Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ restaurant on the north end of the plaza. The traffic signal there would allow for pedestrian crosswalks traversing Rock Springs Road.

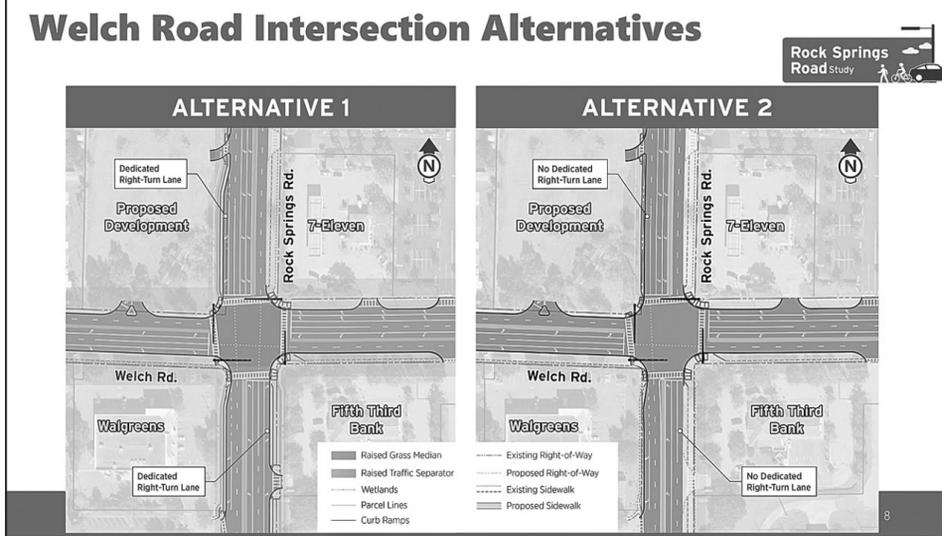
There is also a mid-block crosswalk with rapid-flashing beacons proposed in the MetroPlan study that would be north of the proposed traffic signal. However, during the DRC meeting, city staff members said that pedestrians trying to

cross Rock Springs Road in that area may be served best by having the only crosswalk be the one at the traffic signal.

The MetroPlan study for the Rock Springs-Welch intersection also included the Sandpiper Street-Park Avenue intersection, which is about 3/4-mile south of Rock Springs-Welch. Rock Springs Road becomes known as Park Avenue between Welch and Sandpiper but is the same road.

The study calls for a traffic signal at Sandpiper and Park along with the realignment of westbound Sandpiper to meet up with Sandpiper on the west side of Park Avenue. In addition, there will be turn lanes installed on the realigned part of Sandpiper. Plans also call for new sidewalks on the north side of Sandpiper Street from Park Avenue west to Lake Avenue, and on the south side of Sandpiper from Park Avenue east to Ustler Road.

During the presentation, Bouck said that even with the improvements at the two intersections, the level of service will range from B to E at various spots, but without the changes, the level of service will be at either E or F. The worst level of service is F, while the best is A.



This shows the two alternatives for possible improvements to the intersection of Rock Springs Road and Welch Road. For more information, visit MetroplanOrlando.org/rocksprings.

The West Orange Trail extension part of the study calls for the trail to be extended north along Rock Springs Road to Kelly Park Road from its current terminus at Rock Springs Road and Lester Road.

In addition a spur of the trail would be built along

Welch Road from Rock Springs Road to Wekiwa Springs Road to the entrance of Wekiwa Springs State Park. Another spur would traverse down Ponkan Road from Rock Springs Road to the Wolf Lake schools and the Northwest Recreation Complex.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 380.06(11) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) that the City of Apopka proposes to abandon the Kelly Park Crossing Development of Regional Impact (DRI).

ORDINANCE NO. 2903
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF THE KELLY PARK CROSSING DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT AND ITS ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT ORDER; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO RECORD AND TRANSMIT THE ORDINANCE OF ABANDONMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Further notice is given that a public hearing for the proposed ordinance will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, and **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 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 ordinance 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.

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Vote: Apopka is only city in Orange Co. to host early voting

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Cowles' office in Orlando. The change also makes Apopka the only municipality in Orange County to pay for early voting inside its city limits for a city-only election.

The change came after Apopka resident and former City Council candidate Leroy Bell asked why there wasn't early voting in Apopka for the election, saying that people shouldn't have to drive to Orlando for early voting in a city-only election.

There will be three races on the city election ballot with Mayor Bryan Nelson facing a challenge from City Commissioner Kyle Becker. Nelson is in his first four-year term as mayor, while Becker is in the middle of his second term as a commissioner. Becker has resigned from Seat 4 to run for mayor. His resignation is effective April 26, the day that the election winners will take office.

Running for Becker's seat are Nick Nesta and Eric Mock. Nesta ran unsuccessfully for the City Council two years ago, while this is Mock's first foray into Apopka politics. The winner will have to

run for re-election in 2024 since he will be filling out the final two years of Becker's four-year term in Seat 4.

Commissioner Diane Velazquez is up for re-election for Seat 2 and she is facing opposition from Wes Dumey for the four-year term.

Commissioner Alexander Smith was automatically re-elected after no one qualified to run against him and his name will not appear on the ballot.

Doug Bankson was the only sitting member of the City Council who was not up for re-election after he won a second four-year term in 2020.

Funds to pay for the early voting at the Apopka Community Center/VFW will come from the General Fund reserves.

All of the seats on the City Council are elected at-large, meaning all Apopka voters can cast their ballot in each race. The current mayor's salary is \$127,000, while commissioners are paid \$16,200 annually.

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 3B

1. Loud cheer	33. Sun-dried brick	1. Cool!	29. Et _; indicates further
5. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)	38. One point south of due east	2. Passover offering	34. Insecticide
8. Type of cell	41. Female fashion accessory	3. Swedish rock group	35. Luke Skywalker's mentor _-Wan
11. Oblong pulpits	43. A way of making a copy of	4. Collegiate military organization	36. Cast out
13. Pitching statistic	45. A way to debilitate	5. Large nests	37. Breakfast food
14. Uncommon	47. Wings	6. Beloved baked good	39. By reason of
15. Liabilities	49. Social insect	7. 1980s pop legend	40. One who makes thread
16. Thin, straight bar	50. Dull brown fabrics	8. Finger millet	41. Baseball stat
17. Oh goodness!	55. Indian musical pattern	9. Hillside	42. Breeced through
18. Competitions	56. N. England university	10. Surrender	44. Frothy mass of bubbles
20. _ Jima, WW II battlefield	57. Portable stands for coffins	12. Midway between south and southeast	45. Tony-winning actress Daisy
21. Professional assn. (abbr.)	59. Iranian district	14. Long, narrow strap	46. Made of fermented honey and water
22. Italian mountain range	60. Envision	19. Discount	47. Member of a Semitic people
25. Taking possession of	61. Passerine bird genus	23. A type of cast	48. Monetary unit of the Maldives
30. Used in cooking and medicine	62. Container	24. Large, tropical lizard	51. Run batted in
31. Water (French)	63. Falter	25. Half of "Milli Vanilli"	52. Makes publicly known
32. Parent a child	64. Tunisian city	26. Single	53. Disagreement
		27. Big truck	54. Soluble ribonucleic acid
		28. Midway between east and southeast	58. Single-reed instrument

Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle found on page 3B of this newspaper.