

Moore: Tom Staley's life a blessing

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area. As District 2 commissioners, it is our duty to maintain and enhance this wonderful slice of nature in our backyards.

Commissioner Staley was also proud of backing the expansion of the Orange County Convention Center to bring in business

to our county. The convention center provides almost \$3 billion in economic impact to Central Florida each year. Now that conferences are back in full swing, the convention center will return to its normal average of hosting about one million delegates every year. More than 25,500 people are employed directly or indirectly because of activity

generated by the convention center.

Tommy Staley definitely had a vision. While at the funeral, I saw his great-grandchildren and couldn't help but think he was thinking of them many, many years ago, when he made the choice to invest in trails and encourage business to thrive in Orange County. We will miss you.

Byrd: Do use encouraging words

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every day. What we seem to have forgotten in our society is that words matter. When accusations without facts are made, or kids are told they are deviant as I heard spewed at last week's board meeting, it does real damage. When educators or students hear these words, it chips away at their confidence and well-being.

As you have read in my columns many times, we are facing unprecedented mental health challenges not only with our students but with our educators. We've lost several students this year alone because they felt they had no other option. Educators are leaving this profession at all levels because they feel undervalued and not respected by their communities.

They all need support. We have to stop tearing down our public education system and start supporting it in every way we can if it's going to survive.

What we are seeing

lately is the convergence of politics and public education, and this is nothing new. Dana Goldstein, author of "The Teacher Wars: A History of America's Most Embattled Profession," writes about how fights and debates about education have been taking place since the 19th century. She states, "There are always moral panics over what goes on in schools and we are definitely in a moment like that right now."

Politicians know that people are passionate about schools and they know that if they want to score political points, doing it through schools and education is the way to do it. They spout talking points that citizens take as truth. This process has taken on a whole new level these past few years.

Our classrooms, schools, and school board meetings have become a political battleground. Literally, during every time for public comment at our board meetings, the focus is on issues that are really non-issues because people who have no chil-

dren in our schools come to speak on things that are not even happening in our local classrooms, but are something they have heard about on news outlets or from politicians who are trying to win elections.

These words they spout are hurtful and damaging to our educators and our students and, worst of all, these discussions suck the air out of the room and distract from the actual important work that needs to be done for our kids. It's always disappointing when I see these citizens leave after the public comment period instead of staying for the board meeting to see the real work that the board does.

Yes, words matter. My prayer is that our society will someday see this and begin to use words and their time to build up our public schools, classrooms, educators, and students instead of tearing them down. As always, I encourage the public to get involved and volunteer at a local school to see all the miracles that take place every day!

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AMENDMENTS TO APOPKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Land Development Code of the City of Apopka, Florida in accordance with Florida Statutes 166.0413(3)(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), to revise sections of said Land Development Code as specified within the Ordinance title and within Ordinance Number 2925. The proposed amendments affect or may affect the use of property, the development of building and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 2925

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING PART III - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE: ARTICLE 3 ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.3 RESIDENTIAL BASE ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBSECTION 3.3.9. MHP: MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT BY CREATING SINGLE-FAMILY USE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.2. PRINCIPAL USES, SUBSECTION 4.2.2. PRINCIPAL USE TABLE BY AMENDING CERTAIN PERMITTED USES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 5.2 LANDSCAPING AND BUFFER STANDARDS, SUBSECTION 5.2.5. LANDSCAPING AND BUFFER STANDARDS BY CREATING SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOT TREE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.3 TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS, SECTION 5.3.8 RETENTION OF SPECIMEN TREES BY CREATING REPLACEMENT TREE SPECIES LIST AND TREE PLANTING STRIP WIDTHS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.10 SIGNS, SUBSECTION 5.10.8 STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES BY AMENDING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY WALL SIGN SIZING; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A - MIXED USE KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE (MU-KPI) FORM-BASED CODE, CHAPTER H. DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS, TABLE 4: DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE BY REVISING DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER P. STREET STANDARDS, TABLE 12: STREET STANDARDS BY REVISING STREET STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER P, FIGURE 63. STREET TYPE F (ALLEY) BY REVISING DIMENSIONS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER R. DEVELOPMENT BONUSES AND TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS BY REVISING BONUS STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D - DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES, SECTION 3 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS, SUBSECTION 3.2.1. SINGLE FAMILY ARCHITECTURE BY PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM SHED HEIGHTS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D, SECTION 3, SUBSECTION 3.6 RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN LANDSCAPING STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2925 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, May 18, 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 Text Amendments 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.

May 6, 2022

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The following ordinance will be read on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022** and held over for second reading where it will be considered for adoption at the City Council meeting in the Apopka City Hall Council Chambers on **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

ORDINANCE 2933
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, CHAPTER 78 UTILITIES, ARTICLE II WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BY CREATING DIVISION 15 INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PRETREATMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office for inspection.

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Dated this 25th day of April, 2022
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk
City of Apopka, Florida

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Interested parties may appear at this meeting and be heard with

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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	
.....	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