

Byrd: State only provides 60 percent of annual costs for transportation

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* \$12.6 million was shared proportionately with charter schools as required by law.

If the one mill is not extended by voters, OCPS anticipates a 2023 budget reduction of \$177 million, which would impact hundreds of teachers, academic programs, arts and athletics. Basically all the things that make our children's school

experience enriched would be lost. I've heard people say, "well OCPS has plenty of money, why can't the district budget better?"

For every dollar received by OCPS, 79 cents is spent on teaching, transporting, supervising and counseling students; 7 cents is used for library materials, staff training and curriculum development; 11 cents goes toward acquiring, operating and maintaining school

facilities; and 3 cents goes towards central and fiscal services, general administration and district technology. In fact, OCPS has the lowest administrative costs per student, among the seven large, urban districts in the state.

I can assure you, pennies are pinched wherever they can be found. It's unfortunate that the public has to be asked to assist the state in funding schools, especially when the percentage of the state's general revenue go-

ing to education decreased this year from 48.8% to 42.0%. All of this while the state enjoyed a total general revenue increase of 20.3% or \$7.4 billion.

This percentage remains well below the pre-lottery amount of over 60%, as well as below the funding level during the Great Recession in 2007. Yes, before the lottery was started, our state dedicated nearly 60% of the state budget to education. The majority of the lot-

tery money today goes to the Bright Futures Scholarship fund which is a great program, but does not fund our local public schools as it was promised.

A good example of where this under budgeting affects the school district is transportation. We are required to transport students who live outside 2 miles of their school, yet the state gives us only enough money earmarked for transportation to fund 60% of our annual

costs for that transportation. Hopefully all of these reasons help you to see why the school district absolutely needs the voters to again approve continuing the one-mill. If you are wondering how much this costs, for a home with a median value of \$265,030.00, it is \$20 per month.

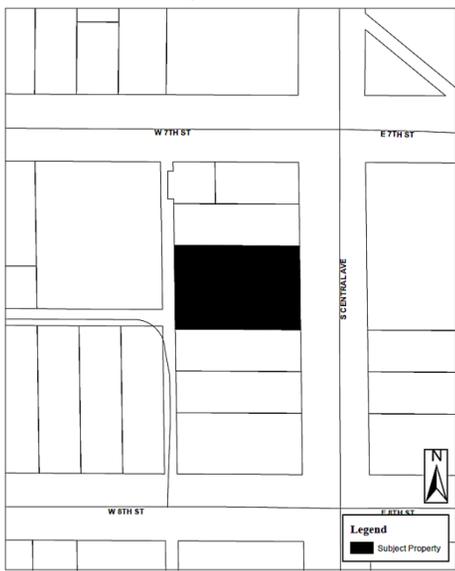
For additional information, I encourage you to visit www.ocps.net. Remember, the one-mill will be the last item on your ballot!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT 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 **Beckwood Management Group, Inc.** 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 COMMERCIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR 0.34 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described property located on southwest intersection of Central Avenue and 7th Street.

ORDINANCE NO. 2951

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 COMMERCIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST INTERSECTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE AND 7TH STREET, OWNED BY MARIAN B WHITE AND FELECCA DENISE AIKEN, COMPRISING 0.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel I.D: 09-21-28-0196-80-190
Contains: 0.34 +/- Acres

Notice is given that a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity 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, August 9, 2022, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2951 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, September 7, 2022 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, and **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or soon thereafter.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application 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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ed waste storage, and precision agriculture equipment.

The application and program overview for the fiscal year 2022-2023 cost-share program can be found

online at www.sjrwmd.com/localgovernments/funding/agricultural-cost-share.

District staff will evaluate each project based on criteria approved by the District's Governing Board and present projects recom-

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sister and me in social graces and what was expected of us in using them. Our folks taught us to be aware of our neighbors' needs and to help when we saw an opportunity to help them. You see, the school taught me how to read, write, and do mathematics, but I learned how to behave, how to be kind to others, how to overcome strife, and how to love the United States of America and what she stood for through my home life and by those we called neighbors.

We do not need schools to indoctrinate our children with the forerunner of communism, which is socialism. There is not one nation in the world that has ever benefited through socialism, NOT ONE! Our education system is failing our children because of the government's involvement. The only class that we desperately need (outside of the reading, writ-

ing, and arithmetic) is civics, taught by teachers that understand what a Democratic Republic, governed by a constitution that puts the power of the government into the hands of the people through delegates that have been chosen by the people.

Our government today is completely out of control. There is only a handful of representatives that are looking to their employers (you and me) for directions on how we want the job that we hired them for, to be done. Anytime a government can charge you and harass you for what, they think you are thinking, it is time to rearrange the government by spending time at the voter's box. Our children are being taught and encouraged to do self-evaluation about whether they are really the correct gender and if they want to change. Why, according to these bubble-heads, men can get pregnant

and have babies. On the other hand, the ones who have been created to give birth are marching in the streets for the "right" to kill the babies in the womb, and have it paid for by taxpayers of which 75 percent are against abortion upon demand.

Common sense is completely gone, replaced by idiotic ideas that are more fanatical than any fairy tale ever read. At least the fairy tales of yesteryear taught basic lessons that would give us a greater advantage in obtaining a peace-filled life by being good people. When you go to the ballot box remember this: The government that is big enough to give you everything you want, is also big enough to take everything you have. It is time to go back to kindergarten and start all over! Let us get the basics taught again and let us start with the ones who work for "We the People!"

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **The City of Apopka**, in accordance with Florida Statutes 166.021(3), is amending Article 1, Section 1.2, Land Development Code, Code of Ordinances, City of Apopka, Fee Requirements as set by Resolution of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2959

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 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1.2 AUTHORITY, BY CREATING SECTION 1.2.3. DEVELOPMENT FEES; BY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 725 IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka City Council** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, August 17, 2022 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** and **Wednesday, September 7, 2022 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed rezoning 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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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

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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