Intentions are not clear

Editor:

Near the conclusion of the June 21st meeting of the Apopka City Council, Kyle Becker announced that he would not be seeking reelection as the commissioner of Seat 3. He attributed the timing of his announcement as an attempt to ensure that his actions for the remainder of his term would not be misconstrued as politically motivated.

Fast forward to very next council meeting held on July 5th, and Mr. Becker almost gleefully introduced a resolution to censure Mayor Bryan Nelson as it pertained to the employment status of former Apopka city attorney Michael Rodriguez. Contrary to his assertion on July

21st, a resolution to censure is about as political as it gets and is not something that one does on the spur of the moment. Clearly, he had put a lot of thought into it. So, to one degree or another, it appears that Mr. Becker lied when he stated that his actions would not be politically motivated. Granted, the manner in which Mr. Rodriguez's employment and departure could have been better communicated by everyone involved and should have been discussed at the council level so that a mutual understanding and agreement could be reached by the council members. Unfortunately, Mr. Becker

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Byrd: Read Around the City is being repeated

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and Read Around the City has proven to help build that foundation, and more.

That's why we're expanding it to include all of District 7 and adding an element to where everyone can participate – even the adults.

Here's how it will work.

Students will log their reading minutes on an app called Beanstack, and throughout the push, there will be events in the community and in the schools to help develop the love for reading and to keep kids motivated.

At the end of the program, the schools at each level (elementary, middle and high) with the most

reading minutes logged will be named the champions!

Our goal? To have one million minutes of reading time logged by January 31, 2024.

Here's where you can help.

You can show kids that everyone loves to read and spread the message that reading is joyful and fun! All you need to do is download the community Beanstalk app when it is launched and log your reading time.

Then, you just need to assign your minutes to your favorite school or just to the district's goal.

Get your whole family involved, your church groups, book clubs or offices signed up. Anyone,

anywhere in the world, can sign up to be a part of this fun challenge!

In addition, help make your workplace a hotspot where students and families can come, read and enjoy discounts at the busi-

There are already five businesses signed up, but we want to add more.

We are also looking for sponsors to help us with providing incentives to keep the kids excited throughout the challenge. Sponsors can sponsor a school or the district.

If you are interested in becoming a Read Around the City sponsor or hotspot, go to https://www.re-imaginecommunities.org/ for more details on both opportunities.

The challenge is already getting a lot of attention. The University of Central Florida, the Orlando Magic and the Florida Chamber of Commerce have all asked to help. This is going to be a big deal for our community and our children!

We all know how important literacy is for our students' futures and we know that fostering a love of reading at a young age is one of the best ways to develop strong literacy skills.

Let's show our kids that their community cares and supports them as we all Read Around the City! Follow my Facebook page for updates and the link to the app coming soon at https:// www.facebook.com/MelissaByrdOCPS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that DENNY SHIVER has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an ANNEXATION of a property located on the southeast corner of Plymouth Sorrento Road and Dowman Drive. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3024 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 SNP PROPERTIES, LLC; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD AND DOWMAN DRIVE, COMPRISING 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE



Parcel Identification Number(s): 07-20-28-0000-00-030 AND 07-20-28-0000-00-070 Contains: 5 +/- acres

at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3024 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, September 6, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, September 20, 2023 beginning

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings 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.

> Apopka City Council Apopka Planning Commission Community Development Department

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nicipalities to implement evidence-based community violence intervention (CVI) models

Both the county and City of Orlando have new programs which need time to mature. I also believe the City of Apopka should begin a program.

Under intervention the plan recommends coordinating with mental health providers to increase the number of providers in the areas identified and require agencies to increase their hours of operation. And this recommendation from my experience is key: teach and educate families, youth, and young adults on life skills programs.

I'd like to know more about how the recommendation will be faithfully implemented. Dr. Tracy Salem will be working with Deputy Chief of Staff Carol Burkett and Deputy Administration Carla Bell Johnson.

was recommended to continue the community ambassador program to connect organization, community leaders, and members on providing details on key resources, activities, and events offered in the county. Secondly, it was suggested that the Sheriff's Office Behavioral Response Unit to promote awareness of their programs and services. And, of course, this program should be replicated in the municipalities.

Under enforcement, it

Finally, under prosecution ideas were promulgated to identify an advocate who will make pass legislation which will create protections for witnesses. Additionally, the state attorney's office should issue a statement of affirmation and commitment to fully prosecuting gun violence cases and increasing street

My office has spent a significant time promoting the Neighborhood Leader's Program to share principles

Moore: Crime reduction addressed for keeping entire neighborhoods, corridors, and communities safe from the intrusion of crime. I have significant support in the Lockhart, Wekiwa Springs, and North Pine Hills area. I need more people to step up in the Apopka area. While there is significant participation on social media, I need more boots on the ground.

Nevertheless, the Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force report addressed reducing crime. Their recommended services include more mental health, credible messengers, and conflict resolution training.

As an active grandmother, I cannot stress enough the importance of character training for grandchildren. There is no reason to wait for local government to provide all the solutions. Every one of us have a role in building safer communities through quality time with family members.

Hayden: History is being repeated

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cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years." Then he states eight stages a democracy will gravitate to in its decline. See if you can relate to these stages of deterioration: "From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness

to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage."

I guess what bothers me more than anything else is there are those out there who will read this warning and "ho-hum" their way into oblivion, not realizing we are progressing exactly as Lord Woodhouselee predicted.

As of right now, we have the ability to counteract this atrocity before it overwhelms us. Stop and think, two hundred and fifty years ago a king tried to tell us how we ought to live and how much we should give him for the privilege of being his subjects.

We told him no, so he sent soldiers over to make us cower before the mightiest army in the world at that time, and we told them where to go.

That angered the king and his soldiers started shooting us. That was his

mistake! After it started, we thirteen colonies stood up and said we will rule ourselves, and we drew up the Declaration of Independence from the king and we wrote up our Constitution which stipulated that we would govern ourselves and the government was formed to protect our rights as free men, and we would be the overlords of the government and we would direct its path. The king was defeated and relinquished his rights as a ruler over we Americans.

Once again, we stand at the crossroad of decision. Will we take our rightful place as the employers of our government employees, or will we whimper before this regime and beg them not to make threatening overtures to us.

Remember the road of life is filled with flattened squirrels that could not make a decision.

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August 25, 2023

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Woman's body found on Boy Scout Road

A woman's body was found Orange County Sheriff's Office: deputies located a woman in her 20's on Boy Scout Road in Apopka the morning of Friday, August 18, the Orange County Sheriff's Office says.

"On August 18, 2023 at 6:50 a.m., deputies responded to the 1900 block The following is from the unresponsive female. Upon arriving,

who was deceased. This is an ongoing death investigation and we do not of Boy Scout Road in regards to an have any additional details to release at this time."

CRA: District comprised of 611 acres

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walk repair and installation in the CRA District to include north of Main Street, increased funding for af-Residential Impact Fee Assistance Program, and three new community parks to be planned, designed and installed.

The Community Re-

Board had its workshop meeting on July 19 to review its fiscal year 2024 budget.

The funding source is fordable housing in the the CRA Redevelopment Trust Fund, established by Ordinance No. 783 on June 16, 1993, and uses Tax Increment Funding (TIF) from Orange County and the city of Apopka. All projects and programs are in accordance with Florida velopment Plan 2017~Up-

Located downtown, the Apopka CRA is comprised of 644 acres that has a mix of residences, businesses, and historic properties. The CRA is bound on the south by Tenth and 11th Streets, Hawthorne Avenue to the west, Oak Street to the north; and sections of multiple streets to the east including but not limited to

development Area (CRA) Statutes and the CRA Rede- Highland Avenue, Monroe Avenue, and Alabama Av-

> The local government created Apopka's Community Redevelopment Agency Board to direct the agen-

The Apopka Board is comprised of the City Council, an Orange County Board of County Commissioners representative, and other individuals appointed by the local government.

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 3021. 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. 3021

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, 3.3.7. RMF RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.3. RESIDENTIAL BASE ZONING DISTRICT, 3.3.8. RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.6. SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONING DISTRICTS, 3.6.3. MIXED-USE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.7. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, 3.7.2. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 - USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.2 PRINCIPAL USES, TABLE 4.2.2.C. PRINCIPAL USE TABLE; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 - USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.3. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES, TABLE 4.3.2.B. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES TABLE; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 5.1. OFF-STREET PARKING, BICYCLE PARKING AND LOADING STANDARDS, 5.1.8. OFF-STREET PARKING ALTERNATIVES, H. ALTERNATIVE SURFACING MATERIALS FOR PARKING AREAS: BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D - DEVELOPPMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES, 3. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES, 3.2.3. BALCONIES AND PORCHES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3021 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 6, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings 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.

August 25, 2023

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School crossing guards are needed ien; have a high school diploma or state

Positions are open for School Crossing Guards

by Orange County. Paid positions are open near most neighborhood schools.

Adult school crossing guards are employed by the Sheriff of Orange County to protect children attending elementary and middle schools in all parts of the county. School crossing guards are paid \$17.13 per hour and only work two hours a day.

Cash allowances are paid for recruiting assistance and good attendance. Training, fingerprints, employment exam, and protective safety equipment are provided at no cost to the guards.

Candidates for employment must meet the minimum requirements whuch are: be at least 18 years of age; be a U.S. citizen or permanent registered alequivalency diploma (recommended but not mandatory); not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral character, false statements, perjury or domestic violence; be able to communicate in English; successfully pass an agility test; pass an occupational health medical exam; meet the vision qualifications; successfully complete a state certification course and re-certify annually; and be able to handle working with children in a high traffic environment.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer and its address is: OCSO, Human Resources Division, 2500 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando 32804. Telephone 407-836-4082 for details.



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D.C.: Trip instilled 'fire' in teen to speak more about Type 1 diabetes, father says

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"... I felt like I was a little bit nervous before speaking, but once I was done with the first meeting, I felt like I started to feel more comfortable with talking about it and not being scared and rushing my conversation or anything," he said. "I feel like my speaking has gotten better since Washington D.C., which has helped me a lot."

According to Nathaniel's father Jermaine Plummer, since returning home from D.C., there has been "this fire" in his son to want to speak up more on Type 1 diabetes.

"In the beginning, I think he was a little skepti-

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chose to go the censure route which

has no teeth and is simply a means

to grandstand and attack and embar-

rass a political adversary as a precur-

sor to an election. Why would he do

this? I can't say for sure but I suspect

it's because he still hasn't gotten over

the fact that he lost the 2022 mayoral

for Apopka as Mr. Becker put him-

August 2nd was truly a sad day

self and his ego ahead of city business

and pushed forward with his censure

resolution. Of course, it passed on

a 3-1 majority with the usual coun-

cil members voting in the affirma-

tive. When Mayor Nelson offered his

Mrs. Velasquez repeatedly interrupted

and talked over the Mayor. It was ob-

cism as they had become accustomed

to Mayor Nelson and other city em-

vious that they were uncomfortable

being on the receiving end of criti-

rebuttal, Mr. Becker, Mr. Nesta and

cal kind of with going, but the one thing that I can tell you is he did come back and it did change his perspective because it actually opened him up," Jermaine Plummer said. "He's always been very outgoing, full of light. Any person that he meets, they're astounded with how he's able to speak, how he's able to just not be scared to have a conversation with just anybody no matter what walk of life it is."

Nathaniel was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 4-½. Now that Nathaniel is older, he has learned how to better manage his diabetes because of the improved technology.

The Plummer fami-

punching bag.

tions.

ployees being their personal political

Mayor Nelson agreed to a brief inter-

view by a WESH Channel 2 report-

er. Mr. Becker, apparently caught up

in his own political euphoria, saw fit

to shout out to the reporter, "Be care-

ful, that Mayor will lie to you." What

drives an adult to be so petty and be-

have so childishly? What drives a per-

son to put their own political fortunes

embarrassment to the city that he sup-

The biggest problem with the

Apopka City Council is that three of

the commissioners don't understand

that their role is legislative and policy

driven, not administrative. However,

they see fit to insert themselves into

the day to day operation of the City

ahead of their community? Does he

not see that his actions are a costly

posedly represents? Does he even

care? These are all legitimate ques-

at the conclusion of the meeting,

If all of that wasn't bad enough,

ly has been involved with JDRF for about eight years, since one year after Nathaniel's diagnosis. As volunteers, the family fundraises and speaks to newly diagnosed families and children about Type 1 dia-

Last April, Nathaniel raised over \$5,000 for JDRF at the organization's annual Orlando One Walk, placing him as one of JDRF's top 10 teams.

"Obviously from when Nathaniel was diagnosed, we've always been advocates of the JDRF. Once we realized what the organization was about each and every year, it has only gotten more impactful, especially for him," said Jermaine Plummer. "The one thing with Nathaniel is that he wasn't where we are, there's not a lot of kids that are Type 1. So, for him to go to the JDRF (Children's Congress) and be involved in these events, he obviously is around kids that share the same things that he does. It's just been good every single year. It's just been more impactful."

A global organization that funds Type 1 diabetes research, JDRF's mission is to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat Type 1 diabetes and its complications. Since its inception, JDRF has invested more than \$2.2 billion in research funding. JDRF's website is jdrf.org.

to the point that they're intrusive and

into a hostile work environment be-

cause of their foul language and ag-

gressive tone toward city employees.

On the other hand, the role of a strong

Mayor is both legislative and admin-

istrative. Unfortunately it has become

exponentially harder for Mayor Nel-

son to do the job he was elected to do

because certain members of the com-

mission seem preoccupied with tell-

ing him how to do his job while at the

same time attacking him politically at

every turn. Meanwhile, Apopka suf-

like a petulant child, re-align his pri-

ship, and do the job that he was elect-

ed to do. If he's unable or unwilling,

then possibly it would be in the best

interest of Apopka if he were to step

David Rankin

orities, show some genuine leader-

Mr. Becker needs to stop acting

See You At The Pole

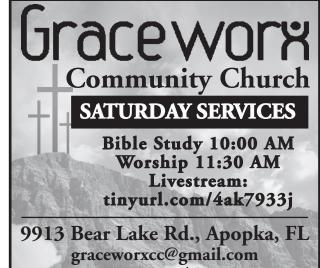
See You At The Pole Day nationally is Wednesday, September 27 at a local time.

Around the globe, students meet at flagpoles to pray for their schools. The event began in 1990 in Burleson, Texas, when a group of teenagers gathered to pray for several schools.

This year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness," and is based on James 5:16b (NKJV), "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Prayer is key to renewal in our nation.











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CITY OF APOPKA **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** AMENDMENTS TO **APOPKA CODE OF ORDINANCES**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes an amendment to the City of Apopka Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Section 18-49 as specified within the title of Ordinance 3022. The proposed amendments may affect 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. 3022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 18-49, BY AMENDING THE REJECTION OR CORRECTION NOTICES FEES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3022 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 6, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings 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.

Apopka Planning Commission Apopka City Council Community Development Department

OLD GLASSES & HEARING AIDS WANTED



Tavares **Lions Club** 352-343-0180

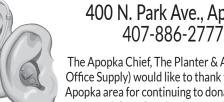


Foliage Sertoma Club, working with Dr. The Tavares Lions Club will use your recyclable eye glasses for the program "Project Right to Sight."

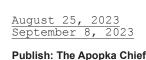
Amy Davis at Central Florida Audiology, will collect and recycle hearing aids for Apopka citizens with hearing needs.

If you have old glasses or hearing aids you no longer need, please take them to

The Apopka Chief and The Planter Newspapers or Apopka Office Supply at 400 N. Park Ave., Apopka



The Apopka Chief, The Planter & AOS (Apopka Office Supply) would like to thank the generous Apopka area for continuing to donate the gift of sight or hearing for so MANY.



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