

**MINUTES
ORMOND BEACH CITY COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

October 2, 2012

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Present were: Mayor Ed Kelley, Commissioners James Stowers, Troy Kent, Rick Boehm and Bill Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Assistant City Manager Ted MacLeod, City Attorney Randy Hayes, and City Clerk Scott McKee.

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**
 - A. Employee of the Quarter – Stephen Brugone
- 5. AUDIENCE REMARKS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes from City Commission meeting – September 18, 2012
- 7. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-139** : A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, ALSO ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUILDING IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND ORMOND BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SEE ITEM #8A)

Staff Contact: Ric Goss, Planning Director (386-676-3238)

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The action proposed is stated for each item on the Consent Agenda. Unless a City Commissioner removes an item from the Consent Agenda, no discussion on individual items will occur and a single motion will approve all items.

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- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-140** : A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM HALL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE RACQUETBALL COURTS, BASKETBALL COURT AND SPORTS LIGHTING AT THE NOVA COMMUNITY PARK; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION THERETO; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-141** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 1 TO LOAN AGREEMENT WW710140 BETWEEN THE CITY AND FLORIDA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING CORPORATION REGARDING WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)

- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-142** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA UNDER THE ECHO GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK IV; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS INCIDENTAL THERETO, INCLUDING ANY CONTRACT NECESSARY FOR THE CITY TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Loretta Moisiso, Grants Coordinator/PIO (386-676-3315)

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-143** : A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-98, LIENS, OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A LIEN AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY EILEEN D. MCGINN, LOCATED AT 31 BELLEWOOD CIRCLE, ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, (PARCEL ID NO. 4210-03-00-0070), FOR COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY TO TERMINATE OR ABATE A SITE MAINTENANCE VIOLATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Joanne Naumann, Neighborhood Improvement Manager, (386-615-7069)

- F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-144** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ROMP, INC. REGARDING THE RENOVATION OF THE MAGIC FOREST PLAYGROUND AT THE NOVA COMMUNITY PARK; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director (386-676-3279)

- G. **Tymber Creek Road Widening Project, Phase 1, SR40 to Peruvian Lane**

Staff Contact: John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated October 2, 2012.

- N. **Halifax Humane Society Contract**

Staff Contact: John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated October 2, 2012.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Amendment 4 Position**

Staff Contact: Joyce Shanahan, City Manager (386-676-3200)

- B. **Synthetic Drug Moritorium**

Staff Contact: Joyce Shanahan, City Manager (386-676-3200)

10. REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item #2 – Invocation

Pastor Ronald Todd, Harbor Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4A – Employee of the Quarter – Stephen Brugone

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that Officer Stephen Brugone was hired as a Maintenance Worker with the city in 2003. She stated that he began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Police Department in March of 2006. She stated that he was currently assigned to the patrol division and also served as a field training officer. She stated that you had to be really good to be able to train other officers and that it was quite an honor that he was able to do so. He stated that Officer Brugone often volunteered his time in the city's Explorer Program, mentoring young members in all aspects of law enforcement. She stated that the Ormond Beach Police Department Citizens' Alumni Academy recently awarded Officer Brugone the Officer of the Quarter Award. She stated that when not working or volunteering, Office Brugone enjoyed the beach, kayaking, spending time with family and friends, and watching Notre Dame football. She stated that he was a valued member of the Ormond Beach Police Department and a fine example of the law enforcement profession, using his knowledge and skills for the betterment of the department and the community. She thanked Officer Brugone for his service.

Mayor Kelley stated that only four Employee of the Quarter awards were given each year from a pool of 360 employees. He stated that the award was a big deal and was well deserved by Officer Brugone. He presented Office Brugone with a plaque and displayed the plaques that would hang in the atrium at City Hall. He presented Officer Brugone with a watch with the city seal and congratulated him on his achievement.

Item #5 – Audience Remarks

Mr. Jim Schultz, 117 Harvard Drive, stated that the Health Department had a major campaign to ensure that people did not throw their prescription drugs down the toilet because it was a risk to the ecosystem, sewer plants, and water supply. He stated that sodium fluoride was the basis of many pharmaceuticals. He stated that sodium fluoride was once used to suppress overactive thyroids, prior to the development of other medications such as radioactive iodine. He stated that 2 to 5 milligrams used to be the prescribed dose of sodium fluoride. He stated that according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that was well within the range of the current fluoridation level and some could basically receive a prescription sized dose of sodium fluoride through fluoridation. He stated that Prozac was fluoride activated because fluoride had the ability to cross the blood brain barrier and help the drug to get to the brain. He stated that fluoroquinolones were taken during the anthrax scare and that more people died or had permanent damage from taking the fluoroquinolones than from anthrax. He stated that it was a risky, black-box type drug.

Mr. Schultz stated that most anesthetics were fluoride based so that they would get to your brain. He stated that when people did not recover from anesthesia it was because of fluoride toxicity. He stated that fluoride was a very potent chemical and care and caution should be used when using it. He stated that fluoride was coming from a manufacturer that would not ensure its safety and effectiveness, so more care should be used. He stated that it was a good idea to get someone to say that it was safe. He stated that the FDA had never reviewed any fluoride compound for safety and benefit.

Mayor Kelley stated that Volusia County had a successful drive the past weekend to take prescription drugs off of the street, which the Ormond Beach Police Department participated in. He stated that 140 pounds were collected in Ormond Beach. He stated that the prescription drive was done four times a year. He encouraged those with prescriptions sitting around to turn them in at the next drive.

Item #6 – Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Kelley advised that the minutes of the September 18, 2012, regular meeting had been sent to the Commission for review, and were on the city’s website for public viewing. He asked for any corrections, additions, or omissions. He stated that hearing no corrections, the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Commissioner Kent stated that he had a correction. He stated that on page 19 in the first large paragraph it read: *“He stated that it confirmed the study of 4,000 children in the New York and New Hampshire area doubling the amount of lead in their blood, with more than 4 times the amount present for Latinos and 7 times for African Americans.”* He stated that the number should be 400,000 and not 4,000.

City Clerk Scott McKee called the vote on the approval of the minutes as amended.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Stowers	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Partington	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Kelley	Yes

Item #7– Community Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Kelley explained that the City Commission served as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the Downtown Redevelopment Area, and as such, must review related items and make a recommendation as the CRA prior to the City Commission public hearing; therefore, the City Commission meeting would be recessed, and a meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency convened. He explained that once the recommendation was made, the CRA meeting would be adjourned and the City Commission meeting reconvened.

Mayor Kelley stated that the City Commission meeting was recessed, and he called the meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency to order at 7:12 p.m. for discussion of Resolution No. 2012-139. He stated that the item was open for a public hearing.

Item #7A – 42 N. Beach Street Building Improvement Grant

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

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Commissioner Boehm moved, seconded by Commissioner Kent, to recommend approval of Resolution No. 2012-139, as read by title only.

Ms. Linda Lampman, 1 John Anderson Drive, 2012, President of the Ormond Beach Historical Society, stated that she wanted to thank the Commission for offering the opportunity to apply for grant dollars and improve the nearly 100-year old Anderson Price Memorial building. She stated that the city’s history made local residents proud, interested visitors, and drew tourists. She stated that the society’s membership and board included many local citizens who volunteered endless hours with a smile to achieve the goals that they shared. She stated that the museum committee had specifically focused a lot of effort on that project and the organization was enthusiastic and excited about moving forward with their vision. She thanked the Commission again for their interest in local history. She stated that she would also do a History Walk for Mayor Kelley’s Fitness Challenge.

Mayor Kelley stated that there had been a very detailed report on each of the items that was reviewed by Ormond MainStreet and the city.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Mayor Kelley adjourned the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened the City Commission meeting.

Item #8 – Consent Agenda

Mayor Kelley advised that the actions proposed for the items on the Consent Agenda were so stated on the agenda. He asked if any member of the Commission had questions or wished to discuss any items separately.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he would like to comment on items C, D, and F after the consent agenda was approved.

Commissioner Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Stowers, for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Partington	Yes
	Commissioner Stowers	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Kelley	Yes

Item #8C – SRF Loan Amendment #1

Commissioner Boehm stated that in 2008 money was borrowed from the State Revolving Fund to perform wastewater system improvements, lift station replacements, and North US1 force main extensions. He stated that all of those projects had been completed and that the loan amount was being reduced by \$509,382 and the loan service fee was being reduced by \$10,188. He stated the city was being a good steward of the money that it had and used. He stated that everyone who worked on the project, including Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Ted MacLeod, should be congratulated for their vigilance in seeing that the project came in under budget. He stated that he did not think the public always appreciated how hard city staff worked to provide bang for the buck.

Item #8D – Volusia County ECHO Grant Submittal – Environmental Learning Center

Commissioner Boehm stated that the Environmental Learning Center had been in the works for quite a while. He stated that the city worked with Florida State University on a design the previous year. He stated that now the city was putting in for a Volusia County ECHO (Environmental, Cultural, Historical, Outdoor) grant. He stated that he hoped the city would receive the grant and be able to move forward and build the Environmental Learning Center in Central Park. He stated that he felt it would be a great addition to the city.

Commissioner Kent stated that he wanted to, hopefully not prematurely, congratulate the city and especially Commissioner Partington. He stated that it was about seven years earlier that Commissioner Partington had come up with the idea of the Environmental Learning Center in Central Park. He stated it was very close to coming to fruition. He stated that through the efforts of Commissioner Partington and the city, the city's residents would be better off from having such a center and that he looked forward to it.

Item #8F – Service Agreement for ROMP, Inc.

Commissioner Boehm stated that the city initially authorized a \$40,000 matching grant for the private group that was going to help rebuild Magic Forest Playground. He stated that over time the cost had escalated to \$127,000. He stated that the city was now continuing their role in wishing to work with the private sector when the private sector wished to help them. He stated that the matching grant would be increased to \$63,500 because of the additional cost of the project. He stated that in increasing the amount, the city was requiring the private group to continue to work to raise their share of the funds and to continue to volunteer to do the work on the project. He stated that it was a wonderful example of a public-private partnership.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he wanted to make comments regarding those items for the benefit of the audience, in person and listening online, since they were on the Consent Agenda and the audience may not know the amount of work that went into them.

Mayor Kelley stated that all of the information on the agenda items was available online at www.ormondbeach.org. He stated that the city also now had a mobile app for android and iPhones that residents could download and access information from the city.

Item #9A – Amendment 4 Position

Commissioner Boehm stated that he felt that the Commission should oppose Amendment 4. He stated that he felt that it was detrimental to the city. He stated that it was an example of the state legislature passing along to cities the responsibility to provide revenue breaks to citizens instead of taking the responsibility themselves. He stated that the burden was repeatedly being put on cities and counties. He stated that was true throughout the amendments to the Constitution that year. He stated that the part he was most opposed to was that which said that the law granted an additional homestead exception to *every person* who established the right to receive the homestead exception provided in the constitution within one year after purchasing the homestead property and who had not owned property in the previous three calendar years to which the homestead exception applied. He stated that the way he interpreted that was that *everybody* who purchased a home in Ormond Beach from any other state and stayed in that home would be able to qualify for a homestead.

Commissioner Boehm stated that the homestead exception that was being provided could not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue was located. He stated that the homestead exception could be worth half or almost the total value of a home, literally allowing someone from another state to purchase a home in Ormond Beach and not pay city taxes. He stated that was wrong, as far as he was concerned. He stated that he was a city official and did not want to see the residents' taxes have to be raised if that amendment passed because people moved to the city and did not have to pay taxes. He stated that he flat out disagreed with the amendment and was utterly opposed to it.

Mayor Kelley stated that Commissioner Boehm articulated the position very well.

Commissioner Kent stated that he agreed with everything that Commissioner Boehm said and was also officially opposed to the amendment.

Mayor Kelley stated that he was opposed as well. He stated that legal experts had said that potentially someone that owned a vacation home could re-deed the home to themselves coming from another state and would qualify for a great homestead exemption on a home that they already owned. He stated that concerned him. He stated that at some point in time the state would have to take a real hard look at the tax code and find solutions that were fair for everyone.

Commissioner Partington asked whether the city would be adopting the Volusia Council of Government (VCOG)'s resolution or if staff would put together one for the city.

Mayor Kelley stated that staff would put together a resolution and bring it back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Partington requested that staff include a paragraph or two about the fact that passage of the amendment would put new and expanding businesses at a competitive disadvantage and explain some of the reasoning for that. He stated that it was a failed attempt at tax reform which made Florida's very difficult and clunky tax system even worse. He stated that it was not a solution and would cause tax rate increases or deep local service cuts, either one of which were not good for an economy that was already struggling. He stated that he agreed with Commissioner Kent, Commissioner Boehm, and Mayor Kelley. He requested information be put on the city's website providing information on both sides and urged residents to review it to make an informed decision before they voted.

Item #9B – Synthetic Drug Moratorium

Mayor Kelley stated that there was a rampant array of synthetic drugs that were available, such as bath salts. He stated that the government had banned certain chemicals and the drug manufacturers' solution was, once a chemical was banned, to include different ones and still sell the drug products with a different makeup. He stated that the synthetic drugs were even more damaging than the real drugs.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he actually had done a little homework on the issue, taking inspiration from Commissioner Kent's research on the fluoride issue. He stated that he had with him the National Institute of Health on Drug Abuse paperwork on the topic and that he wished to read some of the information. He stated that the drug's trade name was spice.

"Spice refers to a wide variety of herbal mixtures that produce experiences similar to marijuana and that are marketed as "safe". Legal alternatives to that drug are sold under many names including K2, fake weed, Yucatan fire, skunk, moon rocks, and others, and labeled "not for human consumption". These products contain dry shredded plant material and chemical additives. The federal government stated that the labels on spice products often claimed that they contain natural psychoactive material taken from a variety of plants; however, while they do contain plant material, the chemical analysis show that the active ingredients are synthetic or designer compounds. For several years spice mixtures have been easy to purchase in head shops, gas stations, and via the internet. Because the chemicals used in spice have a high potential for abuse and no medical benefit, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has designated the five active chemicals most frequently used as schedule one controlled substances, making it illegal to buy, sell, or possess them. Manufacturers of these products attempt to evade these legal restrictions by substituting different chemicals in their mixtures while the DEA continues to monitor the situation. Spice products are popular among young people. Of the illicit drugs used most by high school seniors, they are second only to marijuana. Easy access and the misconception that spice products are "natural" and therefore harmless, have likely contributed to their popularity. Another selling point is that the chemicals used in spice are not easily detected in standard drug tests."

Commissioner Boehm stated that the document also contained a chart showing the past year percentage usage of illicit drugs by high school seniors. He stated that marijuana was number one at 36.4% and that synthetic marijuana was second at 13.4%. He stated that the drug was much more widely used than might be otherwise thought. He continued to read from the document:

"How is spice abused? Since spice products are sold as "incense" but more closely resemble potpourri, like marijuana it is abused mainly by smoking. Sometimes spice is mixed with marijuana and prepared as an herbal infusion by drinking.

How does it affect the brain? Users report experiences similar to those produced by marijuana: elevated mood, relaxation, and altered perception. In some cases the effects are even stronger than those in marijuana. There are no scientific studies that have been done of spice's effect on the human brain."

Commissioner Boehm stated that it was very dangerous because there were no studies about what it was doing to a person. He stated that children were taking it and damaging themselves in the process. He continued to read from the document:

"Spice abusers who have been taken to poison control centers report symptoms that include rapid heartbeat, vomiting, agitation, confusion, and hallucinations. It can also raise blood pressure and cause reduced blood supply to the heart, and in a few cases has been associated with heart attacks."

Commissioner Boehm stated that when he read the information it opened his eyes and he could not get a moratorium in place fast enough.

Mayor Kelley stated that there were about 30 chemicals now banned by name. He stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Mary Swiderski, Executive Director, VCOG, and those who worked hard to raise awareness on the issue. He stated that it only made sense to ban synthetic drugs when real ones were banned. He stated that on VCOG Resolution 2012-05, Section 2, it asked for the license of a business caught selling the synthetic drugs to be revoked for one year and stated that he could not go along with that.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she did not know that the city would legally be able to do that. She stated that she had a note to herself to speak to City Attorney Randy Hayes about it. She stated that the city did not actually issue a license but a business tax receipt.

Mayor Kelley asked if a moratorium for one year could be prepared. He stated that the hope was that the state legislature may enact something during that year to ban it entirely. He stated that legislation could potentially be finished by the second week of May and hopefully in effect by July.

Item #10– Reports, Suggestions, Requests

T-ball Fields

Ms. Shanahan stated that the city was in full swing at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex for fall season. She stated that the t-ball fields were almost 90% complete.

Andy Romano Beachfront Park

Ms. Shanahan stated that the work continued on Andy Romano Beachfront Park. She stated that from the deck at Dimtri's you could see the progress made.

Hand Avenue Reconstruction Project

Ms. Shanahan stated that in the roadway on the east section of US1 was nearing completion and should be opened by Friday. She stated that they were working to allow businesses by Nova Road to be able to access their parking lots.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Ms. Shanahan stated that the wastewater treatment plant expansion and rehabilitation was well under way and that the contractor was ahead of schedule.

Movies on the Halifax

Ms. Shanahan stated that Movies on the Halifax would be on Friday, October 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. and that the movie would be *The Perfect Game*.

Cameron Brenneman Playground Dedication

Ms. Shanahan stated that on October 13, 2012, the Sanchez Park Playground would be dedicated to Cameron Brenneman, the young man tragically killed the previous year in an accident.

Laurel Wilt on Bay Trees

Commissioner Kent stated that the Commission received an email from the city about the laurel wilt that had affected bay trees. He stated that he was devastated driving around town and seeing all of the massive bay trees affected. He stated he read the information from Dr. Don Spence, a plant pathologist and certified municipal arborist, who had been doing research at the University of Florida. He stated that the information gave the impression that there was nothing that could be done to combat the problem. He stated that once the bug got into the tree, within weeks it would kill it. He stated that the only thing to do then was to take the tree down to get it mulched and hopefully kill the bug. He stated that the information mentioned that the best thing to do was to get the tree down within a two-week period and not transport any of the wood over 50 miles. He asked Ms. Shanahan whether a resident would need to obtain a permit from the city to take a tree down; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that they did. He asked if they would still need to obtain one even though there was such a wide spread disease affecting so many trees; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that they would still need to.

State of the City

Commissioner Kent stated that Mayor Kelley did a fantastic job at the State of the City address. He stated that the city and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce did a great job of putting on the luncheon, as well.

King of the Grill

Commissioner Kent stated that the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce's King of the Grill Competition was fantastic. He stated that the Commission served as judges and that they all ate a lot. He stated that the food was delicious and hoped the event would be held again.

D.A.R.E

Commissioner Kent stated that he had thanked the Commission as a Commissioner and as a resident for deciding to put children first in the community by continuing to fund the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. He stated that he wanted to let

the Commission know that there were only two cities out of the 16 in Volusia County that had continued the D.A.R.E. program, Ormond Beach and New Smyrna Beach. He stated that he listened to Officer Gregory Stokes tell his students that day that although he liked working undercover and on the road, his favorite time in his career was what he currently did because he had the opportunity to reach out and positively affect a child before they were in trouble. He stated that Officer Stokes and his partner, Officer Lloyd Cornelius, gave presentations to other cities. He stated that doing good things was contagious because now Deland and Orange City were now back on the D.A.R.E. program. He stated that he wanted to give 'mad props' to the cities that decided to budget for the program and put their children first and showed it through their actions. He stated that he wanted to make sure Mayor Kelley had a spot on his calendar open for the D.A.R.E graduation at Pathways Elementary on October 26, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. He stated that he wanted to make sure that Mayor Kelley handed out the pins to the children.

King of the Grill

Commissioner Boehm stated that he would piggyback Commissioner Kent's comments about the King of the Grill competition. He stated that it was the first time that event had occurred. He stated that he thought that the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce intended to have two sets of judges. He stated that there were 12 amateur competitors and five professional groups. He stated that they had to eat food from 17 different groups with two to four items on each plate. He stated that at a church pot luck you could walk away when you were full, but as a judge at a food competition you had to eat everything all the way through. He stated that in both instances the last items they ate were the two that they gave awards to.

West Granada Landscaping

Commissioner Boehm stated that he saw that Landscape Architect Paul MacDonald was in attendance and that he usually tried to stay out of sight. He stated that he drove down West Granada Boulevard on October 1 and October 2, and on both days Austin Outdoors had multiple crews working. He stated that he felt that West Granada Boulevard looked excellent and felt that they received the message transmitted to them by Mr. MacDonald.

National Association of City and County Managers

Commissioner Boehm stated that Ms. Shanahan, City Manager of Ormond Beach, a city with a population of less than 40,000, was the President of the Florida City and County Manager's Association. He stated that she would be going to Phoenix to attend the National Association of City and County Managers' Conference as the state of Florida representative, representing all 22 million Floridians. He stated that he had no qualms in saying that she would do a marvelous job.

Hand Avenue Road Improvements

Commissioner Partington stated that he wanted to make sure that the city was communicating with the School Board regarding the Hand Avenue Road Improvements project. He stated that day there had been a number of children that were left at Ormond Beach Middle School for an hour or two past when the bus would normally have picked them up because of confusion regarding the construction and re-assignment of buses. He stated that he did not think it was a city issue and that the city had already communicated that information but wanted to make sure.

Ball Field Recreational Field Hotline

Commissioner Partington stated that he wanted to thank the city for operating and maintaining the ball field recreational field hotline at 386-676-3284. He stated that with all of the rain lately there had been times when the fields were closed for public use and it was nice to be able to call the hotline in the afternoon and know whether or not there would be practice that night. He stated that was a great feature and he did not think it was widely known that it was available.

Joint City Commission and Planning Board Workshop

Commissioner Partington congratulated the Planning Department, Ms. Shanahan, Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Hayes, for the Joint Planning Board workshop the night before. He stated that he was very pleased with the city's Planning Board and felt that the city had one of the best in Volusia County, if not in the state of Florida. He stated that he thought all their hard work on the issues plus the Commission's time on the issues helped focus the discussion and enabled the meeting to only be a couple of hours rather than the six or seven it could have been if they had not all done their homework.

Ormond Beach Farmer's Market

Commissioner Partington stated that the Ormond Beach Farmer's Market was returning to Rockefeller Gardens. He stated that it would resume on Thursday, October 4, 2012, with an exciting mix of new and returning vendors. He stated that there would be produce, crafts, plants, baked goods, and a host of other items. He read an advertisement for the market's return:

"Stroll the riverfront garden from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., try a gourmet popsicle or a garden fresh tomato, take home artisan made jewelry or pottery, pretty up your bath with handmade soap and candles, squeeze some fresh Florida citrus, free parking is available across the street next to the Casements or park across Granada and stroll under the bridge to enjoy the river breezes and get in morning exercise without having to worry about crossing the street."

Commissioner Partington stated that he hoped to see everyone there one day, if they had the chance.

Mayor Kelley stated that one of the good things about speaking last was that he could say ditto to what had already been said.

D.A.R.E

Mayor Kelley stated that he had Officer Stokes and Officer Cornelius attend a VCOG meeting and make a presentation to all the members and was glad two cities came away impressed. He stated that for those who chose not to participate in VCOG and did not feel like they could get anything out of it, the children of Deland and Orange City would now be participating in a D.A.R.E program that would make a difference. He stated that alone would be worth more than the membership.

Laurel Wilt on Bay Trees

Mayor Kelley stated that he purchased a permit to take down his own two bay trees. He stated that it was sad he needed to do so.

Mayor's Health & Fitness Challenge

Mayor Kelley stated that the Mayor's Health & Fitness Challenge would begin on January 5, 2013, but that there would be three preliminary mile walks. He stated that the first would be a walk through Central Park on October 13, 2012, the next on November 10, 2012, on the beach, and the last would be over the river and through the parks. He stated that there would be prizes for the event and that the first prize may be about \$500. He stated that there was a \$25 entry fee but it included a lot of basic health tests and monitoring for that cost. He stated that Ormond MainStreet, Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce, Florida Hospital Memorial, Florida Health Care Plans, YMCA, and Brown & Brown Insurance were participating. He stated that another person offered to volunteer after hearing about the program during the State of the City address.

Item #11 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: October 16, 2012

BY: _____
Ed Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Scott McKee, City Clerk