

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

March 20, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers

Present were: Mayor Bill Partington, Commissioners Dwight Selby, Troy Kent, Rick Boehm, and Rob Littleton, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, 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. AUDIENCE REMARKS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from City Commission meeting – March 6, 2018

6. 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.

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-35** : A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSALS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS & TRADES CONTRACTS WITH FIFTEEN (15) FIRMS FOR: CARPENTRY, PLUMBING, HVAC, ELECTRICAL, FLOORING, PAINTING/WATERPROOFING, ROOFING, OVERHEAD DOOR, FENCING, DOCKS/DECKING, ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS & REPAIRS, SHADE STRUCTURE REPAIRS, FIRE ALARM MONITORING, FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS, PRESSURE/POWER WASHING AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS, UNDER RFP 2018-12; REJECTING ALL OTHER PROPOSALS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-36** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CASEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-37** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHELSEA PLACE AT ORMOND BEACH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Jesse Godfrey, Police Chief (386-676-3525)

- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-38** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE/LIEN FOR CODE VIOLATION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 450 HARBOUR LIGHTS DRIVE, ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA (PARCEL ID NO. 4242-0G-00-0220); AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Chris Mason, Neighborhood Improvement Manager (386-676-3352)

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-39** : A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM ALPHA GENERAL SERVICES, INC. REGARDING THE PRETREATMENT EFFLUENT PUMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT, UNDER BID NO. 2018-16; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: *Dave Ponitz, Utilities Manager (386-676-3305)*

- F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-40** : A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM MCKIM & CREED, INC. FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES REGARDING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO LIFT STATIONS 3M, TOMOKA MEADOWS AND ASHFORD LAKES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: *Dave Ponitz, Utilities Manager (386-676-3305)*

- G. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-41** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FEE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SECURITY FIRST MANAGERS, LLC; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-42** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER, SEWER AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND SCOTT BIDDLE AND DENISE BIDDLE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 29 S. SEA ISLAND DRIVE, ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: *Steven Spraker, Planning Director (386-676-3341)*

- I. **Auto-Renewal Contracts – As Needed Information Technology Contracting Services**

Staff Contact: *Ned Huhta, IT Manager (386-615-7031)*

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated March 20, 2018.

- J. **Request for Qualifications Design Engineering Services – Runway 8/26 and Taxiway Alpha Extension Projects (RFQ 2018-23)**

Staff Contact: *Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director (386-676-3266)*

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated March 20, 2018.

- K. **The submittal of an application to the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization for funding assistance regarding a planning study to assess the expansion of Hand Avenue westerly across I-95 to Tymber Creek Road.**

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

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated March 20, 2018.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07** : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH C, OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF SECTION 2-01, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF ARTICLE I, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TOTALING 15.74± ACRES LOCATED AT 282 NORTH NOVA ROAD (VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 4217-01-03-0040) FROM BOULEVARD (B-8) WITH A PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DESIGNATION TO PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (PBD), AUTHORIZING REVISION OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Steven Spraker, Planning Director (386-676-3341)

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08** : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR A PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TO BE KNOWN AS "THE TRAILS SHOPPING CENTER", INCORPORATING THE USES AND DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS OF THE COMMERCIAL (B-8) ZONING DISTRICT AND ORMOND BEACH RESOLUTION 2003-202 AND ALLOWING A RETAIL WINE STORE WITH WINE TASTING USE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON 15.74± ACRES TO BE LOCATED AT 282 NORTH NOVA ROAD (VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 4217-01-03-0040); ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS AND EXPIRATIONS OF APPROVAL; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Steven Spraker, Planning Director (386-676-3341)

- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09** : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, SECTION 2-71, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS, OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY REMOVING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 76 CENTRAL AVENUE (THE "HATTEN" HOME) FROM THE ORMOND BEACH HISTORIC LANDMARKS LIST; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Steven Spraker, Planning Director (386-676-3341)

8. REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Partington called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item #2 – Invocation

Mayor Partington gave the invocation.

Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Partington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 – Audience Remarks

Ms. Rebecca McIntosh, 80 Dianne Drive, stated that she wanted to discuss a public safety concern. She stated that she lived on the corner of Halifax Drive and Dianne Drive, about a mile and a half north of Granada Boulevard and the post office. She explained that she lived in a residential community, but that her driveway entrance and exit were off Halifax Drive. She noted that her driveway was at a 45 degree angle going up and off Halifax Drive, which had a passing zone in that area, and that getting on and off the road was sometimes quite a hazard to her and others. She stated that she had

observed an increase in the volume of traffic, increased excessive speeding, and all types of close calls, personal and others, in the prior four years. She stated that there had recently been an accident reported a short distance south of her house, noting that someone in the southbound lane on Halifax Drive was trying to turn left and was hit by a passing car. She stated that she had spoken with neighbors and wanted to petition whomever had jurisdiction in that area to consider lowering the speed limits and to make Halifax Drive a no passing zone, noting that the passing zones went south to Oceanside Country Club and north to the new developments. She stated that she contacted Commissioner Selby about how to address the issue and he invited her to the Commission meeting that night.

Mayor Partington thanked Ms. McIntosh for bringing her concern to the Commission and asked her to pick up one of City Manager Ms. Joyce Shanahan's business cards. He noted that between Ms. Shanahan and other safety officials, they would make sure to address the issue.

Item #5 – Approval of Minutes

Mayor Partington advised that the minutes of the March 6, 2018, regular meeting had been sent to the Commission for review and posted 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.

Item #6 – Consent Agenda

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

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

Call Vote:	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Comments on Consent Agenda Items

Commissioner Boehm mentioned Item #6K and that Commissioner Selby sat on that organization. He stated that it was related to funding assistance in the Hand Avenue extension and that the issue had been discussed for years. He noted that it seemed self-evident that anyone who looked at the development and growth of the area would realize how important that road extension was. He stated that it did not seem that other entities, outside of Ormond Beach, treated it as seriously as he thought it deserved to be treated. He stated that it was comparable to the midlot crossings on Atlantic Avenue (A1A). He stated that Ormond Beach was undertaking a role that should have been undertaken by other individuals, in order to get things done that were necessary for the county and would benefit Ormond Beach. He stated that it was frustrating that Ormond Beach had to undertake this action and that the action was not led by the county or by other entities.

Commissioner Selby stated that he was glad the city was making a formal request and that the issue had once been on the five year plan at the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). He stated that he hoped it would gain traction and thought that with the new Latitude Margaritaville development moving north towards Granada Boulevard, that there would be an increased need for that road segment. He stated that he had noticed a nice article in the paper regarding east-west roads and the need for alternative ways to travel those directions.

Mayor Partington stated that Item #6C was about the Chelsea Place traffic control agreement and noted that there were residents from Chelsea Place in the audience. He stated that he was aware that those agreements had been done with other communities in Ormond Beach and mentioned Breakaway Trails as one. He stated that the residents might want the agreement but would probably want all details on how it would work in the long run. He stated that he was excited that it had been approved and hoped that it would improve the situation there. He asked Ms. Shanahan or Police Chief Jesse Godfrey to attend the next homeowner's association meeting and explain exactly how

the interlocal agreement would work; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that she would be happy to do so.

Item #7 – Public Hearings

Mayor Partington opened the public hearings.

Item #7A – 282 North Nova Road, The Trails, PBD rezoning

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH C, OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF SECTION 2-01, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF ARTICLE I, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TOTALING 15.74± ACRES LOCATED AT 282 NORTH NOVA ROAD (VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 4217-01-03-0040) FROM BOULEVARD (B-8) WITH A PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DESIGNATION TO PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (PBD), AUTHORIZING REVISION OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Steven Spraker, Planning Director, stated that it was a Planned Business Development, noting that the current item was the rezoning aspect and the upcoming item was the development order. He stated that the Planning Department had an application for a retail wine store, which the city's code did not include at all, and the only ability to gain that use was to go through that process. He stated that The Trails Shopping Center had an existing PBD Overlay District 2004 that changed which necessitated the rezoning to PBD. He explained that the Planning Board had conducted a public hearing, that three individuals spoke in favor of it, and that no objections had been received. He stated that this was not a new development, that there were no new other uses, and that it was an existing use within a unit within the shopping center. He stated that the Planning Board and staff recommended approval.

Mayor Partington noted that the applicant, Mr. Mike Mullins, was available in the audience for questions, if needed, for Items #7A and #7B.

Commissioner Littleton moved, seconded by Commissioner Selby, for approval of Ordinance No. 2018-07, on first reading, as read by title only.

Commissioner Selby stated that his comment was not specific to that particular item, but more generic and relative to the Ormond Beach code in general. He stated that it seemed like a no-brainer to taste wine in a wine store. He noted that as a business person, it did not seem like he or an applicant should have to go to that extent in order to do so. He explained that he mentioned his thoughts to Ms. Shanahan that day and that he would like to see the Commission take a look at the code to see if there were other things that were generally being done in other places that the city would not find objectionable. He stated that maybe they could get out ahead of a situation in the future, since this situation had been in the works for several months and the wine store could have been open for business, employing people, selling merchandise, and paying sales tax by that time. He stated that he was in support of the ordinance.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
	Commissioner Selby	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Item #7B – 282 North Nova Road, The Trails Planned Business Development, Development Order

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR A PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TO BE KNOWN AS "THE TRAILS SHOPPING CENTER", INCORPORATING THE USES AND DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS OF THE COMMERCIAL (B-8) ZONING DISTRICT AND ORMOND BEACH RESOLUTION 2003-202 AND ALLOWING A RETAIL WINE STORE WITH WINE TASTING USE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON 15.74± ACRES TO BE LOCATED AT 282 NORTH NOVA ROAD (VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 4217-01-03-0040); ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS AND EXPIRATIONS OF APPROVAL; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Littleton moved, seconded by Commissioner Boehm, for approval of Ordinance No. 2018-08, on first reading, as read by title only.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Item #7C – LDC Amendment Landmark Designation (Removal) – 76 Central Avenue, the Hatten Home

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, SECTION 2-71, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS, OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY REMOVING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 76 CENTRAL AVENUE (THE "HATTEN" HOME) FROM THE ORMOND BEACH HISTORIC LANDMARKS LIST; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Spraker stated that the item was a Land Development Code (LDC) amendment to remove a locally designated property. He stated that the LDC kept the local landmark list in the city's code itself and that the only way to remove a property was to do a LDC amendment. He explained that the item did go to the Historic Landmark Preservation Board and the Planning Board, noting that both recommended approval. He stated that the Commission had previously discussed charging fees to properties that were on the list and wanted to be removed. He noted that staff took an item on that issue to the Historic Landmark Preservation Board and that they would work to bring the item back to the Commission.

Commissioner Selby thanked Mr. Spraker for the information about the proposed fees.

Commissioner Littleton moved, seconded by Commissioner Selby, for approval of Ordinance No. 2018-09, on first reading, as read by title only.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Item #8 – Reports, Suggestions, Requests

Upcoming Commission Meeting

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that the next Commission meeting would be on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, and that there would not be a workshop prior to that meeting.

Civic Engagement

Ms. Shanahan asked if she should bring up civic engagement at that time; whereby, Mayor Partington stated that he wanted to wait until the end to discuss it.

Good Friday Holiday Closure

Ms. Shanahan reminded everyone that Friday, March 30, 2018, was the Good Friday holiday, noting that City Hall and all non-emergency facilities would be closed during that time.

River Bend Golf Course Update

Mr. Randy Hayes, City Attorney, stated that he would give a status update on the River Bend Golf Course outstanding property tax issue. He noted that staff first became aware of the issue during the process of submitting an application to Volusia County for the ECHO Grant and that it was important because it could affect the city's ability to get that grant. He stated that staff had been working to resolve the issue with the property appraiser and county's legal staff, but had not made headway.

Mr. Hayes gave history on the situation in general, noting that the golf course was first constructed and began operating in about 1988 by the Eddy Group. He stated that the lessee at the time was River Bend Investment Group, Inc. which was operated by the Eddys. He stated that the golf course qualified for tax exemption from taxes from 1994 until 2011 or 2012 when the exemption was removed and the property appraiser at the time, Mr. Morgan Gilreath, began assessing taxes on the property. He stated that tax notices were sent according to the tax bill, to the property address on Airport Road and not to the city, noting that the taxes were not paid by the lessee.

Mr. Hayes stated that in 2005, the Eddys sold the leasehold interest to Mr. Harold Layman and Mr. Layman's subsequent incorporated company by the name of River Bend Management Group of Florida, LLC. He stated that that was the current lessee and that it was now operated by Mr. Layman's son-in-law, to his understanding. He noted that the golf course had remained in continued operation, had the same lease, the same use, the same term, and that nothing had changed. He stated that in 2012, the property appraiser decided that because there had been a change in leasehold operation, the golf course qualified as a new lease. He noted that was what staff thought, although they were not certain, resulted in the assessment of the taxes from 2012 through 2017. He stated that those taxes had not been paid and totaled about \$135,000.

Mr. Hayes stated that the law in Florida was that the fee ownership interest in public property was not taxable, so that the city's ownership in the land was not taxable. He stated that when there was a lease of public property to a private interest, the private leasehold interest might be taxable if it did not qualify for public use exemption. He emphasized that the exemption had been removed in 2011 or 2012, and that the tax obligation was the responsibility of the lessee as a private debt of the lessee and that the city was not responsible for the payment of that. He stated that the county's position was that the city was responsible for the payment of the private tax debt obligation of a lessee of public property. He stated that staff believed that the law was clearly on the city's position and that there had been numerous discussions with the property appraiser and the county attorney's office, who were advising the property appraiser on those points of law. He stated that the county attorney's office disagreed with that stance and they had taken the position that the City of Ormond Beach was obligated to pay the tax.

Mr. Hayes stated that he had spoken with the property appraiser around 4:30 p.m. that day, before the workshop, and discussed an option that the city would file an action for declaratory relief to get final judicial determination on the responsibility of the city and the county on that issue. He stated that the property appraiser was amenable to that as an option. He noted that he thought it would be important for staff to do going into the County Council meeting on April 3, 2018, when the ECHO Grant matter would come before the Council for consideration. He reiterated that the bottom line was that the city did not owe the tax and that the county could not compel the city to pay the private debt obligation of a private lessee on city property. He stated that staff believed that was what the law supported, so absent any objection from the Commission, he requested that they move in a direction of filing legal proceedings to get an action for declaratory relief.

Mayor Partington stated that he thought that was the appropriate action. He noted that everyone had to follow the law and ignorance of it or a desire not to know what the law stated was no excuse. He stated that everyone was in a system of law that required them to abide by the rules that they understood were in place and that they had lived that way for hundreds of years. He wondered if anyone else on the Commission had a comment.

Commissioner Selby asked if what the golf course owed was considered ad valorem taxes on a leasehold interest; whereby, Mr. Hayes stated that they were ad valorem taxes on a leasehold interest.

Commissioner Kent stated that he agreed with Mr. Hayes' recommendation.

Mayor Partington asked if Mr. Hayes had the direction he needed; whereby, Mr. Hayes stated that he did.

First Step Shelter Board (FSSB)

Commissioner Selby stated that he had attended a FSSB meeting the prior night and that there had been an article in the Daytona Beach News-Journal about it. He stated that the most interesting part of the meeting was a presentation about a project called Soldier On, a nonprofit out of Pennsylvania that was geared towards veterans, and that had developed and operated several permanent supportive housing options. He stated that about three or four years prior the former director of Daytona Beach Housing Authority, Mr. Pete Gambel, reached out to that group and invited them down. He stated that the group came and looked at the community, noting that they liked it a lot but that there had been no community support for them to pursue an opportunity like that in the greater Daytona Beach area. He emphasized that interest had changed and that the FSSB voted unanimously to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Soldier On to do a project in Daytona Beach. He stated that if one thought of the First Step Shelter as the first step in the process, the project would be one option for a second step and that it would be available for everyone, not just veterans. He noted that the group was not asking for any money from the local community and that there had been discussion at the meeting about one possible site that was under control of the Daytona Beach Housing Authority, a vacant piece of land, which seemed like a good option. He stated that the current director of the Daytona Beach Housing Authority was not at the meeting and did not know what their position was on that. He noted that the project would provide first class units, consultation, and mentoring with all residents through their entire stay.

Commissioner Selby stated that there was little discussion about the construction schedule and believed that everyone thought it was painfully slow. He stated that if he had to pinpoint one thing, he believed the architect appeared to be one of the things that was going slower than hoped, noting that he was only 30 percent through with the design of the facility. He noted that the best case scenario would be early 2019 for the completion or later, and then they had two to three months held after that for furniture, fixtures, equipment, training, etc. He thought that the schedule might be padded a little and figured it could be done quicker.

Commissioner Selby stated that the board was advertising for an executive director for the FSS, the non-profit entity 501(c)(3) that he served on the board of. He stated that the application process had been open about 30 days and would close on March 29, 2018. He stated that there had already been 125 applicants and that most were not qualified. He noted that there was a lot of interest in the position and was aware of a few local individuals who were interested and that were qualified to do that job. He stated that he was excited with the progress, noting that the entity needed an executive director.

St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Bike Trail

Commissioner Selby stated that he had become aware the prior day of new information involving the plan for the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Bike Trail crossing the Intracoastal Waterway, from beachside to the mainland, at the Granada Boulevard Bridge. He noted that he had attended a public information gathering session at The Casements several months prior. He noted that all new information he had received had been sent to Ms. Shanahan and that there had been no discussion about this portion at the public hearing. He stated that the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance were now discussing the possibility of merging the bike lane and the pedestrian sidewalk into one eight or ten foot wide lane protected by a concrete barricade. He stated that they recognized that the city and citizens might have some opinions about that and hoped to have more information down the road. He noted that Ms. Pat Northey was the one who forwarded the information to him and was very involved in the SJR2C.

Grandkids

Commissioner Selby stated that his twin granddaughters were doing great, noting that they were well above their birth weights and that his son and daughter-in-law were adjusting well. He joked that there had been no midnight calls needing assistance.

Anniversary

Commissioner Selby stated that the prior day had been his 35th wedding anniversary to his wife, Ms. Sheryl Selby. He stated that for those who did not know his wife, they would recognize her from the halo that was constantly above her head. He joked that there had not been a homicide in the household yet and for everyone to imagine living with him for three and a half decades.

Election

Commissioner Selby announced that he officially filed paperwork at City Hall to become a candidate for re-election to the Zone 1 City Commission seat in the City of Ormond Beach and noted that he opened his campaign account. He stated that when he ran for office over two years prior, after listening to citizens, he had identified three things that he thought were important: jobs, housing, and budget. He stated that he was pleased to say that he learned that running a city and being an elected official was a team sport and that there was no "I" in team. He noted that there was a lot of collaboration especially in a place like Ormond Beach where people loved the city, cared about it, were passionate about it, and frequently came from different perspectives on issues. He stated that that was what he loved about the Ormond Beach community and that those threads were what wove the fabric of the community.

Commissioner Selby stated that the city had made significant progress in terms of jobs with the Ormond Crossings groundbreaking of Security First, who would house 300 employees with an average wage in excess of \$60,000 per year. He stated that in the housing aspect the city had facilitated housing options including a project on the old hospital site, the New Britain townhouses, the Halifax 100, encouraging a more walkable downtown, and giving more options instead of a single family detached only option, which Ormond Beach tended to be dominant in. He stated that in regards to the budget, there were two things that really stood out; healthcare costs and unfunded liabilities. He noted that he was proud to say that the city, through the Finance Department and creative actions, had turned the tide and reversed the trend on both of those costs. He stated that if the citizens were willing, he was willing to continue to serve them.

National League of Cities Conference

Commissioner Kent stated that he had the opportunity to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC the prior week. He explained that he attended breakout sessions in Finance Administration and Intergovernmental Relations, Transportation and Infrastructure Services, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Jobs in Our Community, Natural Disasters, and The Future of the Marijuana Policy, noting that the only breakout session with no open seats was the Future of the Marijuana Policy. He stated that every elected official in the country that was at the conference had lots of questions in that session. He stated that it had a great panel, noting that many communities, cities, and states had dealt with the issue already, and that one great take away from it was that a community did not want to be first in something like that. He noted that it was already out there and that communities could learn from the mistakes that had been made by others and handle it better in their community. He stated that voters of the great state of Florida had said that medical marijuana was something that they needed and wanted, and that he would see what would happen next.

Commissioner Kent stated that while there he met with Mr. Josh Gavitone, noting that Mr. Gavitone was principal of a lobbying company. He stated that Mayor Partington would remember that the city severed ties with their federal lobbyist at least eight years prior, thinking that when they did away with earmarks, the city did away with the lobbyist. He advised Ms. Shanahan that Mr. Gavitone wanted to come to the community to drive around, walk around, and see the city's concerns and needs. He stated that Mr. Gavitone believed that there were serious federal dollars that he could help the city navigate to receive, especially with the infrastructure overhaul that President Donald Trump had laid out and wanted to have happen across this great nation. He noted that maybe the Commission would want to try it for a year and see what results the city got at the federal level.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she knew Mr. Gavitone well and would give him a call.

Commissioner Kent stated that he would share Mr. Gavitone's information with her. He noted that some of the things he was thinking of with the infrastructure bill were east-west relief for the city outside of Granada Boulevard, A1A, crosswalks, I-95/Ormond Crossings, and things like that.

Coffee with Commissioner Kent – Monthly Meeting

Commissioner Kent reminded everyone of the monthly meeting that was held at his home, Coffee with Commissioner Kent. The meeting would be held the first Monday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and would be located at 130 Magnolia Drive. He stated that there were times that only one resident showed up and other times there was standing room only. He noted that discussions would be based on what was going on in the community or what the group wanted to discuss, noting that they would hit any subject of interest. He stated that when he first ran for office 15 years ago, he could not get in touch with the gentleman that sat in that position before him and that bothered him. He stated that he wanted residents to contact him so he included his personal home phone number on the campaign materials. He stated that once he won the Zone 2 seat, he started opening his home once a month for the residents so that discussions could occur. He noted that the next meeting would occur on Monday April 2, 2018.

Beachside Redevelopment Committee Meeting

Commissioner Kent stated that the upcoming Thursday would be the second to last Beachside Redevelopment Committee meeting, noting that it would start at 5:30 p.m. at the Ocean Center. He noted that he would have the results of that meeting, leading into the final meeting of the committee, and would share details at the next Commission meeting. He stated that they were close to having a recommendation for the County Council and possibly the City of Daytona Beach.

Calendars

Commissioner Kent stated that he missed the little calendars that used to sit in front of the Commission members.

Public Service

Commissioner Boehm stated that he appreciated being on the Commission for nearly eight years. He noted that Mayor Partington and Commissioner Kent were finishing 15 years of public service and that it was remarkable the passion they continued to have for Ormond Beach after all that time. He stated that the prior week was Spring Break and that Commissioner Kent took his Spring Break to go to the National League of Cities conference, because of his interest in learning more things to help Ormond Beach become a better city. He stated that Mayor Partington and Commissioner Kent had nothing to prove to anyone about how much they loved the city or how much they cared. He explained that they continued to give of their time and left their families to go places in order to find things that made the city better. He stated that they were a testament to the fact that term limits were artificial and that there were people who could serve for years and years and never lose their passion. He stated that that was his tribute to them for what they had done the prior week.

Unity in the Community

Commissioner Boehm stated that the Ormond Beach Police Department held Unity in the Community on March 17, 2018, at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center. He stated that the city's police department made a practice of reaching out to the community with events such as Soda Pop with a Cop, Coffee with a Cop, the science programs at the middle school, Unity in the Community, and others. He explained that they bent over backwards to show the community that they were not bad guys with guns, but were people who were part of a community, who supported the citizens and tried to make the community a better and less threatening place. He noted that they had done a superb job over the years and continued to do so under Police Chief Jesse Godfrey. He stated that he thought they were an example of what a police department could do in terms of being part of a community and enriching a community.

Gymnastics Team

Commissioner Boehm stated that the Ormond Beach Gymnastics competitive girls' team, which included 17 girls, had all qualified for the state meet on April 14, 2018, and April 15, 2018. He noted that he hoped they were successful and brought home many awards. He stated that it was a tribute to that program, which was city sponsored, that they had such a level of success.

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Commissioner Boehm stated that the city's Finance Department prepared 111 Accounts Payable checks totaling \$822,015.85 and 44 Accounts Payable EFT payments totaling \$368,079.50 the prior week. He stated that the reason he brought that up was because the little City of Ormond Beach produced that many checks in one week and the big bad State of Florida, who still had \$6,100,000 from Hurricane Matthew that they promised the city months ago that they were obligated to pay, had yet to find the ability to write a single check.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she had been told that the check was literally in the mail now so everyone would see what happened.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he called it the Mythical Matthew Money and it had remained mythical for months and months. He noted that a hard working city could produce a lot of checks in a given week and what was supposed to be a hard working state could not seem to write checks for a year and a half. He stated that it still flabbergasted him and that he hated to keep beating that drum. He noted that it was not just Ormond Beach waiting on money and that all cities in the county and the county itself were waiting for funds. He stated that Ormond Beach was a well-financed city and that they were able to pay for the debris cleanup from the Solid Waste Fund. He explained that some cities did not have money or reserves and had to borrow the money. He stated that in spite of the fact that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had approved it and the federal government had sent the money to Florida, the state had not found time to issue the checks to anyone. He joked that Ms. Shanahan did not like when he brought the subject up, but that she was ready for the money to show up as well.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she was eagerly waiting on the money.

New Smyrna Beach – Draft Day

Commissioner Littleton stated that he had the pleasure to attend Draft Day for the opening of a baseball field that the Miracle League of Volusia County built in New Smyrna Beach the prior Sunday. He stated that it would help children who were in a wheelchair, due to genetic diseases, be able to play baseball. He noted that baseball player, John Smoltz, was there along with elected officials and supporters and stated that he was proud to be there.

SR-44

Commissioner Littleton stated that after the event, he decided to make it a day in New Smyrna Beach and headed east on SR-44 around 12:30 p.m. He noted that it was backed up almost all the way to I-95. He explained that instead of going to downtown New Smyrna Beach, he stopped at the local KFC and ate lunch there. He stated that it reminded him of how much a gem everyone had in Ormond Beach and that another east-west corridor was needed, but at least Ormond Beach did not have anything compared to SR-44.

Unity in the Community

Mayor Partington stated that he had the opportunity to attend Unity in the Community the prior Saturday and that the police department did a great job with it. He noted that there was a wonderful turnout and that it had been a beautiful day. He stated that it had been hard to do the Mayor's Health and Fitness Challenge with all the events going on that involved food, including Unity in the Community and the Chambers' leadership program at Central Park. He stated that he enjoyed the community spirit he saw with the Police Athletic League basketball game, smiling kids, interactions between fire, police and the city's residents and that it was all positive. He stated that he was proud of the police department's outreach efforts and that they were able to do a lot with a little and made it work. He noted that they also had other events later in the year, such as National Night Out and the Donut Dash.

Crime View Event

Mayor Partington stated that Crime View would be on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Police Department. He stated that the event would explain to residents what the crime patterns were in the community and that citizens would learn about how the police used that statistical analysis to direct resources and schedule patrols. He noted that they looked at the entire city and what happened where, whether traffic, property, or person crimes and used that information to direct resources. He stated that they might not be able to explain why the patterns were that way, but would show when something indicated that a bike patrol was appropriate, a certain street might need a traffic unit running radar, a couple of motorcycle units were necessary, or whatever. He stated that the science behind it was fascinating and invited the community to stop by and learn something. He hoped everyone would be proud of the city's police department for their efforts to keep the community safe.

Civic Engagement

Mayor Partington stated that he wanted to discuss civic engagement, noting that staff had been discussing the issue for months. He stated that in 17 years of public service,

one thing he had learned was that active citizen engagement was critical to a community's continued success. He stated that Ormond Beach was blessed to have strong groups of dedicated citizens who frequently provided comments and direction to their elected officials. He noted that it happened in a variety of ways, including emails and letters, discussions after church, a brief chat at the local grocery store, or question and answer opportunities at speaking engagements with groups such as the Rotary, Lions Club, or Kiwanis. He stated that the elected officials, the Commission, directed those comments and instructions to city staff in the form of policy directives that ultimately the City Manager ensured were carried out. He explained that a group of citizens had recently come forward with specific requests regarding planning, growth, and development, and that because those issues affected the entire city, he thought it was critical that the city work with the group to engage all of the citizens constructively on those issues. He noted that it was critical that the city harness the energy and commitment of all citizens to help preserve and protect the character of their amazing city.

Mayor Partington stated that at that time, with no objection from the Commission, he was directing Ms. Shanahan to implement an action plan that would help preserve Ormond Beach's quality of life and increase the residents' access to information and opportunities to provide input. He noted that staff had been working on an action plan for increased citizen engagement for several months, but with recent concerns about development and traffic pressures, he believed it was necessary to expedite that initiative in order to help the City of Ormond Beach better engage their residents and keep their city great.

Mayor Partington stated that the plan had four parts that he had requested from staff: explore the establishment of a resident review committee for development projects and report back to the Commission; increase communication with residents via online surveys, polls, and comment opportunities; provide more access to information on the city's website regarding development projects; and, perhaps the most important, the creation of a series of programs and conversations with the residents and elected officials. He noted that the programs would consist of a variety of topics important to the residents and would be conducted over six to nine months, to facilitate a comprehensive dialogue and action steps on those issues.

Mayor Partington stated that he was truly more excited about the future of his great city than ever before. He stated that he was encouraged by the citizens' willingness to engage and provide the input that staff needed to move the city forward and he knew that by working together the city could only get better.

Ms. Shanahan stated that staff had been looking at civic engagement opportunities to engage a broader range of the community through the website, noting that there were a lot of different platforms out there. She stated that staff would come back at a future date to the Commission with an action plan and they would move forward.

Mayor Partington stated that the current Commission had been one of the most responsive Commissions that he had the pleasure of working with. He explained that they were transparent, always willing to listen, and considered the valuable input from their residents and advisory boards. He stated that they incorporated that into any decision ultimately that was made. He noted that by building on all of it, he looked forward to the action plan being a positive move for the city's future.

Item #9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED: April 3, 2018

BY:

Bill Partington, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Scott McKee, City Clerk