

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

April 17, 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. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**
 - A. PAL Volunteer Man of the Year Officer Greg Stokes
- 5. AUDIENCE REMARKS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes from City Commission meeting – April 3, 2018

7. 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. 2018-44** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ONLINE SUBMITTAL OF A HEALTHY COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS RECOGNITION PROGRAM SUBMISSION FORM; AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PRACTICES CONSISTENT WITH THE HEALTHY WEIGHT PROGRAM; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Staff Contact: Loretta Moisiso, Grants Coordinator/PIO (386-676-3315)
- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PRIME GLOBAL GROUP, INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Staff Contact: Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director (386-676-3266)
- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-46** : A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONCENTRATED ALOE, INC. AS A QUALIFIED TARGET INDUSTRY BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT THEREFORE; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Staff Contact: Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director (386-676-3266)
- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-47** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER, SEWER AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND WILLIAM BURGESS AND AUGUSTA BURGESS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 112 VIA MADRID DRIVE, ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Staff Contact: Steven Spraker, Planning Director (386-676-3341)

- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-48** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER, SEWER AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND KEITH A. COFFIN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT NO ADDRESS, WEST SIDE OF OCEAN SHORE BOULEVARD ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA (VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 3209-00-02-0030); PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-49** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER, SEWER AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND ANGELO PETROCELLI AND JEANMARIE PETROCELLI FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3638 OCEAN SHORE BOULEVARD (VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 3216-01-00-0010), ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- G. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-50** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ASPHALT PAVING SYSTEMS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING THE 2018 ROAD REHABILITATION MICROSURFACING PROJECT, UNDER CITY OF LARGO BID NO. 17-C-589; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-51** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FEE REMINBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SECURITY FIRST MANAGERS, LLC AND SECURITY FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Randal Hayes, City Attorney (386-676-3217)

- I. **2018-28 Invitation to Bid Runway 8/26 Rehabilitation Project Heliport Improvements Project (Construction Phase)**

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

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated April 17, 2018.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-52** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REGARDING THE "KID CITY USA" LOCATED AT 160 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE, AND BEING SITUATED WITHIN THE I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY NOT TO EXCEED 178 CHILDREN USING THE EXISTING SITE AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS AND EXPIRATION DATE OF APPROVAL; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

9. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2018-10** : AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFYING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR TAKING OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SERVICES AND MATERIALS WITH THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Scott McKee, City Clerk (386-676-3340)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **City Commission Summer Meeting Calendar**

Staff Contact: Scott McKee, City Clerk (386-676-3340)

11. REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Partington called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Item #2 – Invocation

Father Stephen Pessah, Church of the Holy Child Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Partington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 – Presentations and Proclamations

Mayor Partington invited Officer Greg Stokes and the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) youth to come forward for the proclamation presentation. He stated that the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) began in 1995 and for the prior 22 years, Officer Gregory Stokes had generously donated his time serving the needs of his community and the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League. He stated that Officer Stokes had helped to mentor, coach, and transport youth to events that contributed to their success by making better life choices and that he always went above and beyond the organization's highest expectations and was devoted to the success of the youth of Ormond Beach. He stated that Officer Stokes' insight to the needs of the community was unsurpassed. He stated that Officer Stokes was well known and respected in the community and continued to exemplify the spirit of volunteering through various PAL fundraisers, activities, and educational programs. He noted that Officer Stokes proudly represented the Ormond Beach Police Department as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Ormond Beach Middle School, and that as a part of the Ormond Beach Police Department's Outreach Unit, he had coordinated the City's National Night Out event, while producing a Crime Prevention fundraiser leading to thousands of dollars being raised for OBPAL. He stated that Officer Stokes had also acted as the agency coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Mayor Partington stated that Officer Stokes recognized the importance of Crime Prevention and the impact PAL programs created for the youth in the community by educating them on the dangers and negative influence drugs and gangs could have on their lives. He noted that Officer Stokes was also a D.A.R.E. instructor for seven years in the Ormond Beach Police Department's Outreach Unit and was very instrumental in securing funds to obtain a special graphics wrapping for the department's D.A.R.E. vehicle. He stated that the vehicle was confiscated during a drug bust and had been a fixture in many community events and demonstrations since that time. He stated that Officer Stokes answered the calling of the schools in the community in teaching

awareness of the effects of bullying to elementary and middle school students. He explained that Officer Stokes was always seeking to help the youth in the community, and that if there was a need that he was aware of, he would be there. He noted that Officer Stokes was a wonderful role model to both youth and adults and that he continued to volunteer his time and resources to create a better community and bright productive futures for youth.

Mayor Partington, on behalf of the City of Ormond Beach, proclaimed April 17, 2018, as a day to recognize Officer Gregory Stokes and encouraged all residents to join him in the tribute to Officer Stokes as recipient of the Florida PAL "Volunteer Man of the Year" award and for his service to the community. He congratulated Officer Stokes and invited one of the PAL youth to say a few words while presenting the plaque.

A young woman thanked Officer Stokes for leading and showing them a positive and happy path. She stated that he did not have to take the time from his family to help them, but that it was the thought that counted. She thanked him on behalf of the Ormond Beach PAL's Youth Directors Council and stated that they loved him and truly appreciated his help and dedication.

Officer Gregory Stokes exclaimed "Woah!" and stated that he was honored to receive the award. He stated that what he did for those youth was from the heart and he thanked the police department for allowing him to be part of it. He noted that Mr. Joe Daniels and Mr. Doug Thomas became examples to him of what it looked like to be involved in the community. He stated that awards were great, but most important was the community recognition of the need for the children. He stated that what mattered most for him was when the children remembered him and knowing that he had touched their lives. He noted that when someone called out and asked if he remembered them, he did not always if it had been about five or six years, which elicited laughter from everyone. He stated that he loved serving the City of Ormond Beach and thanked everyone.

Introduction of new police officers

Mayor Partington asked Police Chief Jesse Godfrey to introduce the new police officers; whereby, Police Chief Jesse Godfrey asked Officer Smith, Officer Feeley, Officer Douglas, and Officer Llanes to approach the podium and then introduced them.

Chief Godfrey stated that Officer Ryan Smith graduated from Honesdale High School in Pennsylvania, went to college at Northern Illinois University and Wilkes University with a major in Criminology and minors in Psychology and Sociology. He joked that Officer Smith would need expertise of that kind in his line of work. He stated that Officer Smith graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Daytona State College, that he lived in Ormond Beach, and was the nephew of retired Commander Mark Walker.

Chief Godfrey stated that Officer James Feeley was a native of the area, moved to Ormond Beach in 2001 and currently lived there. He stated that Officer Feeley attended Mainland High School, graduating in 2007, and lettered in Air Force Junior ROTC finishing as Cadet First Lieutenant. He explained that Officer Feeley enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving as a motor transportation operator from 2007-2015, and ended his service as a sergeant, noting that he had also been platoon sergeant, motor transportation instructor and range master. He stated that Officer Feeley had attended Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Daytona State College and graduated as a squad leader. He noted that Officer Feeley had been married for eight years to his wife, Amanda, and they had three sons, ages six, four, and 18 months.

Chief Godfrey stated that Officer Thomas Douglas was a native of Daytona Beach and also graduated from Mainland High School, but that he currently lived in Ormond Beach. He noted that Officer Douglas was a second generation law enforcement officer, following in his father's footsteps, and that his father worked for the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. He stated that Officer Douglas joined the Ormond Beach Police Department Police Explorer program at the age of 13 and moved through the ranks, exiting as Chief of Explorers. He stated that Officer Douglas worked at the Ormond Beach YMCA as a youth counselor, was an active member of the Florida National Guard as an E4, and that he recently earned his AA degree from Daytona State College.

Chief Godfrey stated that Officer Ramon 'Ray' Llanes was born and raised in New Jersey and moved to Miami, Florida when he was 14 years old. He stated that Officer Llanes attended Southwest Miami Senior High School and afterwards joined the United States Navy to serve as a hospital corpsman, until the end of his enlistment when he was honorably discharged. He noted that Officer Llanes started his career as a police

officer when he joined the Miami-Dade Police Department in December of 1995 and retired from there on February 24, 2017. He stated that Officer Llanes spent parts of his career in many different areas including investigations, the patrol division, as an auto theft detective, and the special victims unit. He noted that Officer Llanes was also part of the Tactical Narcotics Team (TNT), Community Order and Policing Unit (COPS), and Auto Theft Taskforce. He noted that Officer Llanes also worked in the headquarters Economic Crimes Bureau working fraud cases with the United States Secret Service. He stated that Officer Llanes was married to Robin and that they had two children, all living in Ormond Beach.

Mayor Partington thanked Chief Godfrey for introducing the officers. He welcomed them all and congratulated them on choosing such a noble profession. He stated that he was proud to welcome them into the city.

Item #5 – Audience Remarks

Mr. Harry Newkirk, 146 Creek Forest Lane, and on behalf of Newkirk Engineering, 1230 North U.S. Highway 1, stated that he was there to speak about what was going on in regards to development and rumors that he wanted to address. He stated that he had engineered many of the projects in Ormond Beach, including Granada Pointe, Ormond Central, the new Zaxby's next to Vystar, redevelopment on beachside, Starbuck's next to Outback Steakhouse, Fountain Square, 100 Halifax, and Chicken Salad Chick. He noted that he started his business in 2013 when he met Mr. Paul Holub. He noted that he started with one employee working out of his house and currently had ten employees with full medical and 401(k). He thanked Mr. Holub for allowing his business to grow, for helping him as a person, and for being a good friend.

Mr. Newkirk stated that when he saw projects like Granada Pointe happening, the need to take trees down and build on higher ground was due to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He noted that they kept raising levels so that they did not have to pay for flood damage and estimated that the level would probably go up a foot in the upcoming five years. He stated that the Granada Pointe project saved 35 percent of the existing trees while the city only required 15 percent, noting that was over two times the amount of trees that had to be saved, over 10 acres of conservation, and that was not normal in a development. He stated that he had not been involved in other projects that had done that and Mr. Holub went out of his way to purchase more property to put in a conservation area. He noted that laws changed, rules changed, and wetlands changed. He stated that other factors included traffic and that traffic on Granada Boulevard was due to houses, not the commercial developments. He stated that the Wawa gas station would not develop in Ormond Beach without the traffic already there. He noted that as Latitude Margaritaville developed in Daytona Beach, those individuals would use Granada Boulevard and add to the traffic issues. He stated that he was for development in the correct way and thought that Mr. Holub was doing it that way.

Mr. Sheriff Guindi, 1120 Hansberry Court, stated that he had attended the CANDO 2 meeting the prior week and wanted to clear up comments he heard about Ormond Renaissance, as the developer's representative. He stated that only six trees were taken down and that as the prior site of Ormond Memorial Hospital, the property had become dilapidated. He noted that the owner tried to sell to a health concern, but that it never happened. He stated that he heard mention of standing water after a drought and clarified that it was a retention pond that the hospital had used decades prior. He stated that Ormond Renaissance was a first class quality project, it was a 55 and over community, and that with a lot of people downsizing they already had reservations from across the city for their units. He stated that Mr. Holub was a self-made developer and that he had done many other jobs over the years including being a vendor at Daytona International Speedway, cutting lawns, worked a t-shirt shop, and sold cars. He noted that Mr. Holub was the major sponsor for a water plant in a small remote village of Africa, so that they would have clean water and the women did not have to carry buckets two miles to get deplorable water. He stated that he was sure the CANDO 2 individuals would sling arrows, but hoped they would not pull the bows too far back. He noted that Mr. Holub was also involved with Food Brings Hope, a major sponsor that fed children all over Volusia County. He stated that Mr. Holub developed first class projects, gave back to his community, and was proud to call Mr. Holub a friend.

Ms. Lark Shields, 20 Sea Harbor Drive West, Ormond Beach, stated that she attended the prior City Commission meeting to see for herself how the Commission responded to the Ormond Beach citizens' concerns. She stated that unfortunately she was greatly disappointed to see that most of them treated the citizens as if they were enemies and

with the utmost disrespect. She stated that Mayor Partington went so far as to accuse the people of having an agenda. She noted that she was appalled by that statement and that of course they had an agenda. She stated that they were the people that lived in Ormond Beach and were affected by the decisions that the Commission made and represented them. She stated that Commissioner Kent seemed to want everyone to know how much he cared about baseball fields, how he had lived in Ormond Beach a long time, and saved a baseball field from a Target being developed. She noted that he even said it was outrageous that citizens would say that he and the Commission did not care about trees. She stated that she was sure there were others that cared about the baseball fields and were happy that Commissioner Kent was making them part of the community, but that there were other issues that were equally, if not more, important to many citizens. She stated that the citizens cared and continued to care about the clear-cutting of the Grand Pointe property and other upcoming properties, noting that unfortunately that did not seem to be a concern of the Commission. She stated that she wanted to remind everyone on the Commission that it was not about their personal interests that were of primary importance, but their responsibility to the needs of the residents of Ormond Beach. She stated that she saw that sadly lacking by the current City Commission. She stated that she was hoping that she would hear from some of them that they understood everyone's concern and they would look into keeping Ormond Beach the kind of city that the citizens would like to have; a respect for keeping their lovely city, retaining its charm and integrity, to incorporate slower growth with matching infrastructure, water capabilities, and adequate green spaces for all to enjoy. She stated that she did not hear that. She noted that most residents did not want the Wawa gas station or the other clear-cut developments that were planned for the future and that those developments were the opposite of what the citizens wanted. She stated that it was also mentioned at the prior meeting that the Commissioners were proud of what they had accomplished, and that some of the current Commissioners were on the Commission when they saved the trees from being cut on John Anderson Drive. She stated that she did not think anyone in the room thought that the City Commission had not done some good things but at that point in time, they were not listening or responding in any way that was satisfying the needs of the Ormond Beach citizens. She stated that she knew Mayor Partington was planning on having a citizen panel in six months but did not really see how that would be very helpful, considering that would be after the election and many of the development projects would be started. She stated that it should not take six months to have a citizen panel in place and it would only be effective if they were listened to and their concerns were addressed in real terms. She stated that she would like to think that all the concerns that were brought that night would be listened to and more importantly, heard by the Commission and they would no longer be in a defensive mode.

Mayor Partington thanked Ms. Shields and clarified that her address was 20 Sea Harbor Drive West in Ormond-by-the-Sea, not Ormond Beach; whereby, Ms. Shields stated that was correct and she had an Ormond Beach address.

Mayor Partington stated that she was part of Ormond-by-the-Sea and that she did not live in the city limits; whereby, Ms. Shields argued that her address was Ormond Beach.

Mayor Partington stated that Ms. Shields said he accused people of having an agenda and that was incorrect, he did not; whereby, Ms. Shields asked if he wanted to listen to the recording.

Mayor Partington stated that he had asked what the agenda was and that it was simply a question. He asked Ms. Shields to please have a seat, noting that her time had expired, and that he was not going to go back and forth with her.

Ms. Ashley Spivey, 125 South Orchard Street, stated that she was disappointed to see the trees that provided a free service, multiple services actually, being taken down with what seemed like reckless abandon. She stated that being an Ormond Beach resident all of her life, she urged them to put back in place the land protections and a larger tree percentage for all future development. She stated that she did not think that the land that had been abandoned with developments on it already was being used wisely or being updated to comply with new code. She stated that she was passionate about the air that the Ormond Beach citizens breathed and since she lived so close to what was going to be a Wawa, she was worried about the noise pollution, light pollution, and the air pollution. She noted that those were all things that trees helped with and hoped that they heard her plea. She thanked them for listening.

Mr. Robert Campbell, 63 Saint Annes Circle, stated that he wanted to discuss Atlantic Avenue (A1A) crosswalks. He noted that he understood that the Commission was already working on it and he wanted to encourage them to keep pushing for it. He stated that a lot of families with children tried to cross A1A and that it was dangerous right now and there was not enough good signage. He stated that it was unfortunate that a lot of individuals in the area did not realize that it was a state law that one must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk and signs indicating that were not posted driving north on A1A from Granada Boulevard. He stated that most of them had lived in Ormond Beach a long time and probably heard that local legend Mike Fisher died trying to cross A1A. He stated that lots of families were worried whether or not cars would stop if their child tripped while trying to cross A1A. He explained that he had a friend who had stopped at a crosswalk for a pedestrian and noticed that the vehicle behind him was about to go around his stopped vehicle, which would cause that person to hit the pedestrian, so his friend turned his car sideways to stop the other vehicle's progress. He stated that Wilbur-by-the-Sea had flags and pushbuttons and hoped that even low tech solutions would be great for Ormond Beach. He reiterated that he knew the Commission was working on the issue and encouraged them again to continue their efforts to find a solution to make the crosswalks safer. He hoped that one day his children would be able to cross safely without him there waving at people to stop. He thanked them for their time and efforts.

Mr. Paul Holub, Applicant, stated that he attended the CANDO 2 meeting the prior week to hear about concerns and objections. He stated that an individual was there who stated that he had developed The Trails Shopping Center and that person never took a tree down in his life. He stated that he checked the archives and looked at The Trails Shopping Center before it was developed and at the current time. He referred to some slides and stated that the first was an aerial in 1975 before The Trails Shopping Center was built. He stated that it was heavily wooded and had a significant wetland prior to the development. He noted that it had significant historic and specimen trees and they used extraordinarily large landscape islands to preserve those trees. He noted that in photos taken recently, those landscape islands were gone and the historic and specimen trees were no longer there. He stated that when one tried to preserve those trees it would not necessarily work or last and that there were other examples of the same thing in Volusia County. He noted that was what happened over a period of 20 or 30 years after decay, hurricanes, storms, and other weather related incidents. He stated that at some point, The Trails Shopping Center would need to plant new trees and start again. He stated that there was an expansion to that property in 1984 which took down dozens and dozens of historic and specimen trees. He stated that the property used to have a significant green belt and that he had lived in The Trails in the early 1980s. He noted that the green belt currently had very little trees compared to prior years and that it was no fault of the owners, they did not take them out illegally or such. He stated that his point was the property was entirely clear-cut, other than the certain areas reserved, in the 1970s and that they did try to preserve a certain amount of trees, but that it did not work in the long run. He noted that it was no different from any project that he had done or would do, and that he could continuously bring numerous examples each week that included Wal-Mart, Publix, Ormond Town Square, and Regal Cinemas. He noted that all were clear-cut and replanted, the same way that Granada Pointe would be handled when the project was finished.

Ms. Donna Smith, 1066 Shockney Drive, stated that she and her husband moved to Florida from Massachusetts in 1995 and lived in Port Orange beachside for the first few months. She stated that they determined that they did not want to live in the busy, commercial beachside areas of Port Orange and Daytona Beach, so they started looking around for a house to buy. She noted that they found Ormond Beach, fell in love with the beautiful trees that they had missed on beachside, and purchased a house on a three quarter acre lot with majestic live oaks. She stated that approximately three years later they moved to a waterfront home on the Tomoka River and still lived in that location. She stated that she had witnessed many changes to Ormond Beach in the prior 25 years, and felt that 2018 had seen more dramatic changes to her hometown than the previous two decades. She noted the clear-cutting of large tracts of land and areas previously zoned as wetlands that had been rezoned to allow development, had shocked many Ormond Beach residents including her. She stated that people bought into a town based on its character and natural attributes. She stated that when those things disappeared, the Commissioners who voted to allow them to disappear should not be surprised at the dissatisfaction and the quest for change from the taxpayers. She stated that it seemed that laws and restrictions had been discarded in favor of development over citizens' quality of life. She noted that before demolition and construction, the city should ensure that existing properties were maintained and that empty commercial spaces were filled. She stated that development brought with it more people, traffic, congestion, and

pollution to a once beautiful natural environment. She stated that too much development did not improve an area, it destroyed it.

Ms. Lois Spiess, 209 Osceola Avenue, stated that she was there to discuss the removal of a tree at the corner of Sterthaus Drive and North Center Street. She noted that while she was standing there, she measured the circumference of that tree at almost 18 feet around and took a photo. She stated that the formula for calculating tree age placed that tree at around 425 years old. She stated that she sent that information to the city and asked for an explanation as to why that tree, on the perimeter of the property, had to be destroyed. She stated that city officials were cooperative in answering her questions, but unfortunately, the reason for that tree's removal came down to the fact that it had a large hollow in the center of its trunk. She stated that while growing up, she remembered seeing tree hollows filled in with concrete when they were at ground level, like that one was, and decided to do some research. She stated that she learned that a tree grew from the outside and that as the center wood aged it became hard, reducing its ability to move water and nutrients up into the tree's canopy. She noted that hard wood had little value to the tree and could decay without reducing the tree's health. She stated that she emailed a plant pathologist and master arborist with photos that the city had provided her and was told by him that it could have been saved. She stated that her reason for taking up the Commission's time was not to save the tree as it was already gone. She noted that the developer had cut off its limbs and tried to push it over with a bulldozer; when that did not work they brought in a backhoe and dug it out. She stated that it then fell after 425 years, a tree that first saw life prior to 1600, predating Plymouth Rock and the Revolutionary War. She stated that the tree had survived hundreds of storms and hurricanes and that it fell only after being condemned by the City of Ormond Beach. She stated that they were moving too fast, they were not taking the proper time to think about the full picture of the actions the city was taking and that the historic trees deserved their respect and protection. She stated that the tree had existed a lot longer than they had and there was very little else anyone would ever see that had been around 425 years. She stated that they must take better care of the heritage as they are the cities' living history.

Mr. Carl Lentz, 403 Airport Road, and business located at 1275 West Granada Boulevard, stated that he wanted to speak about the development process. He noted that he had been part of all sides of an issue in the past, including the Commission, resident, and from the commercial real estate side. He stated that he thought it was important to realize the process and that it took place over months and years. He noted that it was easy at the current time to be extremely passionate. He stated that many had lived in the area a long time, and to suddenly drive down Granada Boulevard and see change was difficult. He stated that he thought it was shocking to all but at the same time, if they relied on past experiences, he thought it important not to let the passion take over conscious decision making ability. He stated that he meant that people did not understand the months and years of planning that went into a certain project and the decisions made from that, including compromise. He stated that what concerned him, and he had witnessed it first hand in Daytona Beach, was where the process became a battle between the residents and the developers. He stated that when that happened, it afforded no area for compromise and created a difficult situation for everyone involved. He stated that he made several difficult decisions when he sat on a Commission and listened very intently, as he watched the current Commission listen intently, to the residents' concerns. He stated that sometimes after the projects and development occurred, many residents would come back years later and indicate that the project they were against had been a benefit to their lifestyle, to the area, and to the quality of life. He stated that he thought it was important for everyone to keep an open eye to that possibility. He noted it was shocking to drive down Granada Boulevard and notice the reduction of trees, but he had gone through the planning documents and realized that many of those trees were saved and people would see a benefit in that area in terms of the traffic flow and the ability to enjoy the conservation area. He cautioned people to not make it a battle between resident and developer, because at that point in time compromise was not available.

Mr. Ryck Hundredmark, 502 South Beach Street, stated that he was there to have some fun. He noted that the upcoming weekend would host the 8th Annual Celtic Festival at Rockefeller Gardens and that it was voted the Best Local Event by the Daytona Beach News-Journal Readers' Poll in 2017, but that this year would be better. He invited everyone to attend and have fun. He stated that there would be Celtic games and even an opportunity on Sunday to try lifting and throwing a 100 pound weight. He stated that there would be an opportunity for children to do some light throwing. He noted that there would be five music stages, 65-75 vendors, and it would be a great time.

Mr. Hundredmark stated that he and his wife drove up from Fort Lauderdale and down Granada Boulevard twelve years ago and he wondered why he was coming to Ormond Beach. He stated that they looked at a house that his son found and he walked out on the dock; later, his wife and son almost had to pull him off the dock because the view was so pretty. He remembered looking at Granada Boulevard and thought there was tremendous opportunity there. He stated that over the prior 12 years the City Commission, through support of projects that involved Ormond Beach MainStreet ("MainStreet") and other organizations, changed Granada Boulevard into something that everyone should have been proud of. He remembered the morning that he first saw palm trees and almost cried at the change they created. He stated that the Commission had done a fantastic job, thought they deserved to hear that, and thanked them for everything that they had done.

Mayor Partington noted that the 30 minute mark had been reached and closed the Audience Remarks. He reopened them at the end of the meeting prior to Item #11.

Mr. Jim Schultz, 117 Harvard Drive, stated that a little earlier he heard someone say "moving too fast" and he thought "moving too fast" might be bad, but moving in the wrong direction or continuing to go in the wrong direction was worse. He stated that he wanted to speak on his favorite topic of fluoridation, but wanted to mention opiates instead. He stated that Purdue developed a time released opiate, OxyContin and Oxycodone. He stated that the United States lead the world in opiate consumption and wondered what it had accomplished for everyone; massive amounts of deaths, people with addictions, and enslavement to a drug. He stated that what was not mentioned was that top level executives at Purdue ended up paying about \$34,000,000 out of pocket after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fined them for mislabeling the product, by lying about it. He noted that was rare with the FDA and that usually it was billions against a company and not a cent from the executives. He stated that the mislabeling included time release, which was true, and that it would be safer and more effective, but that individuals found ways around the time release. He stated that the FDA stated that more people needed to have greater doses and it made the reps rich. He stated that the FDA had stated that another drug was too dangerous for a script, noting that it was fluoride in a one milligram dose. He stated that it should be regulated and monitored by a physician if one wanted to buy it. He noted that one could get a truckload of it, put it in the city water, and there was no problem. He stated that fluoridation was an American experiment and that looking at the World Health Organization, the countries that did not fluoridate reduced cavities as fast as or faster than the United States with fluoridation.

Mr. Jeff Boyle, 614 North Halifax Drive, stated that the prior Tuesday 150 citizens engaged at his CANDO 2 meeting. He noted that three years prior at the Performing Arts Center, 75 citizens engaged in a workshop to establish city goals and priorities. He noted that Ms. Marilyn Crotty facilitated, there were easels filled with ideas, and the citizen message communicated to the City Commission a nearly unanimous consensus that could be summed up in two words; environment and history. He stated that that had been the public mandate in Ormond Beach for decades and lead to the creation of the Environmental Discovery Center. He stated that sadly, a mile north of that facility, the environment had been obliterated. He stated that against a clear public mandate, the prior nine years had seen the City Commission's agenda of weakened wetland and development rules, abolished advisory boards, questionable rezoning, planned business mega development, and waived traffic concurrency. He stated that on the history side, the Lincoln Avenue Historic District was trampled and citizens had to beg to preserve the MacDonald House. He noted that at the prior Commission meeting, citizens were told that the Commission "did not like more regulation and government telling people what to do" and that they were a "team", unified in their development philosophy. He stated that all of that sounded like a calculated agenda, one that had ignored public input and the shock and pain of tree removals that were still resonating in the community. He stated that to answer the question of what was the CANDO 2 agenda; it was wetlands and trees and reinstated rules to preserve both. He stated that there was no underlying agenda, no underlying motive, just simply two words: wetlands and trees. He stated that they were not opposed to development, noting that Office Depot in the same nearby flood plain was able to preserve two historic trees and that was a good model. He stated that it was too bad that it was from a previous time. He stated that to clarify their agenda they had assembled an information packet that contained the CANDO 2 mission statement, goals, and written counter to the public benefits claimed for Granada Pointe. He noted that it also included a formal request for a moratorium on all commercial development until wetland rules could be restored. He asked Mayor Partington if he

could approach to distribute the information packet to the Commission; whereby, Mayor Partington stated that he could.

Mr. Doug Thomas, 132 River Bluff Drive, stated that in 1949 his parents brought him to Florida and that their first house was on blocks, had a tin roof, and oil burning stove in the living room that provided the only heat for the house. He noted that Florida was beautiful then. He stated that he grew up on dirt roads, got married in 1970 after serving in the United States Navy, and decided to make Ormond Beach his home. He noted that in 1973, he moved into the Village which was way outside of town at that time. He stated that somewhere along the way, everyone up north decided that Florida was a paradise and that they grew up in areas that had been developed over a hundred years. He noted that in 1973, Pantry Pride was the closest grocery store and that it was located at the corner of Granada Boulevard and A1A. He stated that the next shopping center was A&P, which was located at Volusia Avenue (now International Speedway Boulevard) and Nova Road. He stated that if he wanted to complain about what had happened, he would complain about all the individuals that had moved to the area since 1973. He stated that the rooftops were what created the businesses. He noted that Old Tomoka Road was the only way to get to US 1 at that time, that Granada Boulevard did not go through, and the only place with houses was Orchard Avenue. He stated that everyone had to understand that even though they moved to Ormond Beach and found their piece of paradise, businesses and development came to take care of them.

Ms. Georgann Meadows, 817 Lindenwood Circle West, stated that she had expressed her disappointment about the bulldozing on Granada Boulevard via email and was not going to get into that. She thanked Mayor Partington and Commissioner Selby for responding to that email. She stated that she hoped by hearing both sides of the issue that there would be a way to compromise on future projects. She stated that she wanted to respond to comments made by Mr. Bryan Schaffer at the prior Commission meeting. She stated that he accused those upset about the destruction of the forest on Granada Boulevard as being hypocrites due to patronizing businesses that were built on land previously wooded, and indicated that he was correct. She stated that was true of anything built since Europeans set foot on North America, and that was why so many of them were concerned. She stated that the city already had gas stations and grocery stores within a mile of the new construction and were not sure why more was needed. She stated that if it were true that 95 percent of Granada Boulevard between I-95 and A1A was zoned as commercial, it meant that they needed to be more cautious about further developments in her opinion. She noted that the thought of paving over the entire east-west entrance to the city was not appealing. She stated that Mr. Shaffer stated that a tree was a tree was a tree and she noted that all trees were not the same. She stated that some provided more habitats for wild things, some took longer to grow, some were not native, and some were invasive. She stated that she did not expect a developer to know those things, but the city arborist would and she thought that developers and environmental experts needed to start working together more. She stated that when she discussed the issue with people from other cities in Volusia County, they expressed their dismay and thought that Ormond Beach knew better; her cousin wished that Holly Hill put more effort into beautification like Ormond Beach did. She stated that she wanted to encourage thoughtful development and compromise, noting that the truly desirable communities were ones that did have a lot of beautiful green space. She stated that all needed to acknowledge that financial prosperity and environmental protection were not mutually exclusive.

Mr. Joseph Dugan, 113 South Halifax Drive, stated that he would be running for the Zone 2 City Commission seat in the upcoming election. He stated that he intended to do so because he believed that there was fiscal and environmental irresponsibility, and that it led to a declining way of life in Ormond Beach. He stated that he had heard it from other citizens so it was true. He stated that he looked forward to working with those that he would work with to bridge the gap of communication that existed between leadership and the citizens of Ormond Beach.

Ms. Patti Surguine, 104 North St Andrews Drive, stated that she was a fifth generation Ormond Beach resident and that her grandmother's family was part of the original Tomoka settlement. She noted that her roots in Ormond Beach went deep and she wanted to speak about the clear-cutting of Granada Boulevard. She noted that it was painful to watch especially for her since that was her grandparent's farm. She stated that when she grew up, Granada Boulevard did not run by there and that the farmhouse sat where the Wells Fargo Bank was currently and a fence between the properties was where Granada Boulevard ran currently. She stated that she worked the farm in many ways throughout her childhood until she married and moved with her husband to begin a

27 year career in the US Air Force. She stated that they watched Ormond Beach change and grow from afar, and on their trips home, until his retirement in 1998 when they moved back. She stated that she bought a small business, which she loved for 16 years until her retirement in 2016. She stated that through her business, the Chamber of Commerce board, and many committees and projects she had the opportunity to work with the developers involved in that project. She noted that they were men who lived in Ormond Beach, were raising their families there, and were choosing to invest and continue to make Ormond Beach a great place to live. She stated that in her experience, they were hard-working good people.

Ms. Surguine stated that she wanted to highlight some facts. She noted that the first was that the developers purchased a property and as owners, they got to decide what they wanted to do with it, as long as they followed city ordinances and Environmental Protection Agency regulations. She stated that in taking her grandparents farm out of the equation, having a Wawa gas station nearby would be a plus. She stated that when they traveled, they liked to stop at Wawa because those gas stations were always clean and well run. She noted that the land was now clear and citizens had been assured that the developers would plant 119 shade trees and almost 3000 shrubs in a 36 foot setback of the project, with a few other items at the entrance. She noted that the track record of the developers in recent years included a downtown Ormond Beach that had wonderful, transformed restaurants and businesses. She stated that on the beachside, they had the Gaslamp Shoppes on Granada that preserved the block where historic Billy's Tap Room had been as long as she could remember. She stated that the investors had infused the old buildings with new life, creating spaces they loved while retaining their charm. She noted that change was tough for all of them. She stated that her grandmother was a hardworking and practical woman, and that during the war she answered the call to work as a welder for the United States Navy to help the war effort, while her sons served. She stated that she knew one thing; her grandmother would wholeheartedly approve of transforming her farm into both a beautiful and useful space that would benefit everyone in the community she loved her whole life. She noted that it brought to mind something she heard from two famous psychologists, one her grandfather. She read his quote:

"It takes a mighty poor fool to judge half finished work."

Mayor Partington called Mr. John Trost, 1275 West Granada Boulevard, to come forward but he had already left the Commission Chambers.

Item #6 – Approval of Minutes

Mayor Partington advised that the minutes of the April 3, 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 #7 – 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 Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Boehm, 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

Mayor Partington noted that no member of the Commission wished to make any comments on any Consent Agenda items.

Item #8 – Public Hearings

Mayor Partington opened the public hearings.

Item #8A – 160 Business Center Drive, Special Exception

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ISSUANCE OF A DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REGARDING THE "KID CITY USA" LOCATED AT 160 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE, AND BEING SITUATED WITHIN THE I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY NOT TO EXCEED 178 CHILDREN USING THE EXISTING SITE AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS AND EXPIRATION DATE OF APPROVAL; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Steven Spraker, Planning Director, stated that the site formerly housed the Kidsco Child Care Facility and had been vacant for approximately two years. He noted that the property was in I-1 Zoning District and that in order to reestablish a use, the child care facility use was a special exception use, that it required a special exception. He stated that the owners were using the building and site improvements as it existed currently, that they were not doing any additional improvements, and the number of children was limited to 178. He stated that it was a great use of a property and a lot of potential businesses could use a childcare facility in that location. He stated that the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval, as well as city staff.

Mayor Partington noted that the applicant, Ms. Audrey Bruner, was available in the audience for questions, if needed, for Item #8A.

Commissioner Boehm moved, seconded by Commissioner Selby, for approval of Resolution No. 2018-52, as read by title only.

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

Mayor Partington closed the public hearings without objection.

Item #9A – Ordinance Calling 2018 Regular City Election

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-10

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS TO THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFYING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES; ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR TAKING OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SERVICES AND MATERIALS WITH THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Littleton moved, seconded by Commissioner Kent, for approval of Ordinance No. 2018-10, 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 #10A – City Commission Summer Meeting Calendar

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that the Commission had the summer meeting calendar in front of them. She noted that June 5, 2018, would include the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop at 5:30 p.m., before the regularly

scheduled City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m., and that June 19, 2018, would include the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting. She stated that in prior years, the Commission was gracious to give staff extra time to prepare the operating budget, so there would not be a first meeting in the month of July. She stated that the second meeting in July was tentatively scheduled for July 31, 2018, with the Operating Budget Workshop at 5:30 p.m. She noted that the tentative millage rate would be set at the regularly scheduled meeting that evening as it was due to the property appraiser by August 4, 2018. She reminded everyone that National Night Out was always the first Tuesday in August, and that traditionally the first City Commission meeting had been moved to the first Wednesday in August, so this year it would land on August 8, 2018. She noted that the second meeting in August would be on August 21, 2018. She stated that staff was still working on the September calendar since state law required the city to have its budget meeting on a different day than the county and the school board. She stated that in recent time, the Volusia County Council moved their meetings to Tuesdays instead of Thursdays, so they got first choice at the September calendar. She noted that staff hoped to be back with options for the September calendar by the end of June, so that the Commission could lock in their meeting dates. She stated that the city did not traditionally have a separate meeting for the budget and that it was the same day as the City Commission meeting. She stated that if there was anything that needed to be changed to let her know and staff would bring back a revised calendar.

Commissioner Kent stated that he asked for the agenda item as he had a conflict with the June 19, 2018, City Commission meeting, as he would be out of the country. He noted that if his conflict interrupted anyone else's schedule, then he would have to miss a meeting and that he had only missed one other meeting in his 15 years. He stated that he could do the meeting on June 26, 2018, if that worked for the other members of the Commission, so that they could hold the second June meeting a week later. He stated that he took his job seriously and did not want to miss a meeting, as he knew the others did as well.

Mayor Partington stated that June 26, 2018, worked for him. He asked if any of the other Commissioners wanted to weigh in; whereby, Commissioner Boehm, Commissioner Littleton, and Commissioner Selby all stated that they were available on June 26, 2018, for the meeting.

Commissioner Kent thanked the Commission for agreeing to move the meeting a week later.

Ms. Shanahan asked City Clerk Scott McKee if staff had to bring the issue back as an agenda item; whereby, Mr. McKee stated that staff would prepare a formal resolution for the City Commission's approval.

Item #11 – Reports, Suggestions, Requests

ECHO Grant

Ms. Shanahan stated that staff attended the County Council meeting earlier that day to discuss the ECHO Grant and that the city attorney would discuss that issue further.

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Shanahan stated that the next regular Commission meeting would be May 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. and that the budget workshop for the Capital Improvement Program, which included roads, buildings and such, would be June 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Projects

Ms. Shanahan stated that there was a lot of ongoing work and that the South Peninsula Reclaimed Expansion was almost complete. She noted that some restoration was being finalized and the final inspection would be conducted with the city contractor and the engineer.

ECHO Grant

Mr. Randy Hayes, City Attorney, stated that the good news was that the Volusia County Council approved the ECHO Grant for Ormond Beach, in a five to two vote. He stated that it was an interesting discussion, with multiple issues, and appreciated the Volusia County Council's thoughtful consideration to the issues. He noted that they listened, and that some of the issues were easy to understand and others were not quite so easy. He appreciated Chairman Ed Kelley's leadership and County Manager Dineen as well.

Property Tax Dispute

Mr. Hayes stated that once Ormond Beach had the ECHO Grant, that project could move forward. He noted that was a small issue and that the bigger legal issue was still looming and had statewide consequences. He stated that the underlying issue that transcended was whether or not municipal tax payers could be forced to pay a private tax debt of a private lessee of public property. He stated that it seemed pretty simple and that some of the case law and statutes were pretty easy to understand. He noted that the problem was when one looked at 40 years of case law and tried to interpret statutes that had been modified and repealed, it was almost like peeling the layers of an onion back, noting that it could be difficult to understand for the local government lawyers and county attorney's office. He stated that the issue was not going away. He explained that the county staff position was that they could collect from city taxpayers' money that was allegedly owed for taxes by a private lessee of public property. He stated that consistent with the direction and consensus from the Commission in a prior meeting, he had already been working on a complaint to file on that issue. He expected to have the official form complete and ready to file within the coming days.

ECHO Grant

Ms. Shanahan stated that Mr. Hayes did an outstanding job at the County meeting. She noted that he was well prepared, had her well prepared, and had a forceful yet professional argument and she was proud of the work he did.

Mayor Partington stated that one could go back and watch the presentation in county archives. He stated that he caught the end of the vote, but did not get to hear the city attorney's full presentation, noting that in a later conversation Mr. Hayes stated his mouth was dry from no water to drink. Mayor Partington addressed Mr. Hayes informing him that whenever he had an important issue that he was representing the city on, he wanted him to have cottonmouth. He stated that Mr. Hayes did a great job and that common sense prevailed, the city's children prevailed, and the tax payers of Ormond Beach prevailed. He noted that without Mr. Hayes and Ms. Shanahan there it would not have happened and thanked them both.

Congratulations

Commissioner Boehm congratulated the police department as the Victim Services Coalition of the Seventh Judicial Circuit awarded the Law Enforcement Agency of the Year award to the Ormond Beach Police Department. He stated that they richly deserved it and was proud of all the work that Chief Godfrey had done.

Beachside Redevelopment Committee

Commissioner Boehm stated that he was proud of Commissioner Kent. He stated that some might think the job involved showing up at a Commission meeting every two weeks, spending a couple hours there, and going home. He noted that was not true and that Commissioner Kent had been on the Beachside Redevelopment Committee, spending an incredible number of hours with them on top of being an Assistant Principal at Ormond Beach Middle School and City Commissioner. He stated that in his 15 years appearing in front of the Commission, he had never seen or heard anyone more passionate about beachside in Ormond Beach. He looked forward to seeing the report that would be made to Volusia County.

Home Rule Hero

Commissioner Boehm stated that the Florida League of Cities announced 89 city officials as 2018 Home Rule Heroes in the State of Florida. He noted that a Home Rule Hero was someone who was seeking to ensure that local government continued to have the ability to govern locally, while trying to prevent the state from preempting and taking over control of literally everything the local government did. He stated that it had been an ongoing battle with Tallahassee for several years and during that time, Mayor Partington had traveled there, Washington D.C., and wherever, seeking to ensure that home rule would stay local. He noted it was not the first time Mayor Partington had been named Home Rule Hero and that he had been recognized by Florida League of Cities for efforts in trying to ensure that Ormond Beach and all other cities continued to maintain their ability to take care of themselves.

Celtic Festival

Commissioner Boehm stated that Mr. Hundredmark did a great job discussing the Celtic Festival and he wanted to add a few things. He stated that he was on the MainStreet Board, had attended the meeting the prior night, and that it was one of the big events of the year. He stated that the Seabreeze High School Band was seeking to go to London, England in December 2018 and in doing so, they needed to raise around \$250,000. He stated that MainStreet recognized their need and made the point that any and all tips

that were received at any place during the Celtic Festival would go to them. He noted that band students would be there and would get service hours for working the event. He encouraged everyone to go and that it would be a great festival. He stated that there would be a Kilt Challenge which included crawling down a tube. He joked that if people wore kilts like he thought, he did not want to be behind the entrance to that tube as they were crawling down. He noted it was the first he heard about that challenge and emphasized that anyone could always learn something new and different.

Annual Earth Day Picnic

Commissioner Boehm stated that the upcoming Thursday, April 26, 2018, was the Annual Earth Day Picnic on the Plaza from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, noting that it was the same day as the Farmer Market. He noted that he had gone every year since he became a Commissioner, that staff did a terrific job with the event, and that departments would have booths with educational pamphlets and goodies.

Ormond Beach PAL

Commissioner Boehm stated that Ormond Beach PAL was an organization that he donated to when he had money left over from campaign account, a matching grant to make, or any opportunity to give to a charity. He stated that Ormond PAL was Ormond Beach children that benefited from the programs, and that it was not just an athletic league, it included tutoring, teaching science, and after school programs. He noted that any dollars raised went to the local community and that there was great support from the police department. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Second Annual Donut Dash, noting that he had participated the prior year, but did not eat the donuts at the mile markers. He joked that he would forgive anyone for stopping to eat donuts at the mile markers at the upcoming event. He noted it was a great organization and event to support and would be May 5, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at The Trails Shopping Center.

Art in the Park

Commissioner Boehm stated that Art in the Park would be May 5 and May 6, 2018, in Rockefeller Gardens. He stated that it was a major event sponsored by the city annually and included many vendors and huge support.

Halifax Hospice – POWMIA Flag Raising

Commissioner Boehm stated that he was a Vietnam War veteran. He noted that during his time on the Commission they had honored and recognized Korean War veterans, WWII veterans, and Vietnam War veterans, noting that there were displays and sculptures at the Memorial Gardens for all of them. He stated that as a veteran he had always honored and supported veterans and it warmed his heart to see what the Commission had done for them over the years, including the Memorial Day celebration, as well as Veterans Day Luncheon and Celebration. He noted that the prior Saturday he had the opportunity to visit Halifax Hospice for a flag raising ceremony for POWMIAs. He stated that was something close to him due to his service. He was touched that Ormond Strong and Vietnam Veteran organizations were there to support the event. He noted that the hospice was a special place to have in the community, and that people who worked there were special. He pointed out what Commissioners did beyond just serving on the Commission and showing up at meetings. He stated that those were opportunities to be in the community and hoped that fellow Commissioners would have opportunities to attend the upcoming events also.

Celtic Festival

Commissioner Littleton stated that his favorite event that MainStreet put on was the Celtic Festival and that it got him in touch with his Scottish heritage. He noted that it was a great event.

Thanks

Commissioner Littleton thanked Planning Director Steven Spraker. He noted that Mr. Spraker had been answering many emails recently and appreciated how much he informed the Commissioners and citizens.

Grandkids

Commissioner Selby stated that his older son's children, a three year old and one year old, were staying at his house that night and his wife was holding down the fort without him at that point.

Ormond Memorial Art Museum Veteran's Art Exhibit

Commissioner Selby stated that he attended the Ormond Memorial Art Museum Veteran's Art Exhibit and that virtually all veterans exhibiting there had suffered PTSD or

other trauma. He stated that it was interesting, met great people, and thought that the art was clearly an outlet for them, therapy wise.

Leadership Program

Commissioner Selby participated in the Ormond Chamber Leadership Program where he was asked to give advice and guidance to the future leaders of Ormond Beach. He noted that it was a real honor to be involved.

Election

Commissioner Selby reminded everyone that he had announced his candidacy for reelection to the City Commission Zone 1 seat. He stated that when asked if he liked it, he told them that he loved serving the citizens of Ormond Beach. He stated that he was not a politician, but a public servant and that made the job enjoyable. He stated that when asked what he wanted to get done, he had three things on the horizon: environment, economic development, and engagement.

Commissioner Selby stated that he was passionate about the north peninsula and getting them from septic to sewer. He noted that there were approximately 4,000 homes that still had septic tanks and that they were already Ormond Beach water customers. He stated that even a properly working septic tank did not remove nitrogen and ended up in the ground water in the Intracoastal Waterway (Halifax River). He stated that being that far from the natural tidal effect in Ponce Inlet led to very little flushing movement. He hoped on June 5, 2018, at the CIP Workshop that the Commission would find a way to provide funding for the first phase, about 700 homes, to provide design and permitting which cost around \$500,000. He noted that once that was done, it would be shovel ready. He stated that there was money available to help offset cost, but that they had to work through the details.

Commissioner Selby stated that he originally ran on a jobs platform. He stated that he wanted to help facilitate the opportunity for employers to create jobs that would help attain and attract millennials and that they would be good paying jobs. He noted that the single greatest export was the city's educated children and that most of them had to leave the area to find a job that was worthy of their skills, abilities, and talents. He stated that that was a travesty. He stated that he was proud of the job that Economic Development Director Joe Mannarino did in securing Security First Insurance to build their corporate headquarters as the first project in Ormond Crossings. He noted that it would bring over 300 new jobs and the average salary would be in excess of \$60,000 per year. He stated that it was unbelievable and that there needed to be more businesses like that in the area.

Commissioner Selby stated that there were two major road projects that needed to get done; the interchange at I-95 and North U.S. Highway 1, and the Hand Avenue extension. He noted that the city had to figure out a way to take the pressure off of Granada Boulevard and the Hand Avenue extension was the primary way to get that done. He noted that it was somewhat controversial due to crossing I-95 and the Tomoka River but that when the 6900 homes in Latitude Margaritaville were built and those individuals wanted to head to the beach, they would more than likely use Granada Boulevard to get there. He stated that those individuals were residents of Daytona Beach, because the land was annexed into their city, and that ICI had a large parcel west of Latitude Margaritaville on LPGA Boulevard that would have 2500 homes, also in Daytona Beach. He noted that the Daytona Beach construction would definitely affect Ormond Beach.

Commissioner Selby stated that his single biggest challenge was engagement and figuring out how everyone, the entire population, in Ormond Beach felt about something. He stated that everyone approached things from their perspective and that he wanted to represent all citizens. He noted that God gave humans two ears and one mouth, so that they should listen twice as much as they talk. He stated that he was not sure how to move forward together if he did not listen more and work together to forge the future that everyone wanted. He welcomed ideas from anyone.

Thanks

Commissioner Kent thanked Commissioner Boehm for his nice comments and stated that they meant a lot.

Election

Commissioner Kent stated that he had seven elections in Ormond Beach and served as Zone 2 Commissioner for 15 years. He noted that his wife had seen him through all and

that he was only opposed on two. He stated that he loved elections where he ran opposed as they got him rejuvenated, pumped, excited, out on the streets, and talking to everyone. He stated that when asked why they only had two year terms, not four years, a woman stated that she would be happy to give Commissioner Kent four years when he won the election in two years.

Coffee with Commissioner Kent

Commissioner Kent stated that he had been holding Coffee with Commissioner Kent for 15 years at his home and that it was the first Monday of every month. He noted the next one would be May 7, 2018, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., at 130 Magnolia Drive. He welcomed all to his home.

Beachside Redevelopment Committee

Commissioner Kent stated that it was an honor to serve and thanked the Commission for placing their trust in him as the city's representative in the Beachside Redevelopment Committee. He thanked his wife for covering at his son's baseball game, so that he could work on behalf of Ormond Beach at the meeting to make sure they were well represented. He stated that the meeting was the prior night and he was proud of the recommendations that everyone would see. He noted that they would be presented to the Commission after it went to Volusia County and thought that other cities would see it too. He noted that Ormond Beach was the poster child for good code enforcement and what should be done, stating that he was proud of that. He stated that he did not believe that Ormond Beach previously had the bite that it currently had. He compared the fines in Daytona Beach to the ones in Ormond Beach, noting that the ones in Daytona Beach were higher, and highlighted the difference to show how Ormond Beach reacted compared to sister cities. He stated that the main issue from the committee involved East International Speedway Boulevard and that visitors saw unsavory things on that part of road. He stated that code enforcement was a problem in the Daytona Beach beachside areas. He noted that the Ocean Center had not been left out and felt it had been underutilized. He noted that it was a great place for the Home Show, high school graduations, paying property taxes there, but wondered why he was driving to St. Augustine or Orlando to see a musical venue. He also wondered why the Ocean Center had 20 vacant days on their calendar. He hoped to have healthy discussions on that in the future.

Officer Gregory Stokes

Commissioner Kent congratulated Officer Stokes on being an Ormond Beach representative and PAL Man of the Year. He stated that Officer Stokes was a good guy and had known him 15 years. He stated that Officer Stokes was an excellent example from Ormond Beach and took his job seriously as the Ormond Beach Middle School Resource Officer. He noted that Officer Stokes was also caring, compassionate, a mentor, and firm when he needed to be.

Officer Introduction

Commissioner Kent thanked Police Chief Godfrey for introducing the four new officers. He stated that his favorite thing about the evening was that all four lived in Ormond Beach, even though they did not have to. He joked about the issue that some grew up in Daytona Beach and went to Mainland High School, but that they made wonderful decisions to move to Ormond Beach as adults.

Rec Baseball

Commissioner Kent stated that he did not sign his son, Wyatt, up for a travel league but that it was one of the best things that had happened. He stated in a prior meeting that he did not like for another city to do anything better than Ormond Beach, but that South Daytona had it together. He informed the group about how responsive the city manager was after that conversation, while also giving credit to Ormond Beach Youth Baseball and Softball Association (OBYBSA). He stated that since the last Commission meeting, the scoreboards were being used at the games and that one did not have to guess the score at any time. He thanked Ms. Shanahan and OBYBSA.

Commissioner Kent stated that the city was currently making sure that every field would have a PA system so that the national anthem could be played at every Little League game. He stated that he was passionate about and loved Ormond Beach, and thanked Mayor Partington for the extra time.

Thanks

Mayor Partington thanked everyone for covering the different issues that evening. He thanked Commissioner Kent for his work and dedication to the Beachside

Redevelopment Committee the prior months. He thanked Commissioner Selby for his work and dedication to the First Step Shelter Board for the homeless shelter. He thanked Commissioner Boehm for his commitment to MainStreet and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. He thanked Commissioner Littleton for backing the others up on the River-to-Sea Transportation Planning Organization and others. He stated that he saw all Commissioners at multiple events throughout the weeks when not at the Commission meetings, and appreciated everything that they did. He stated that was part of what made Ormond Beach great.

Mayor Partington stated that he was notified by email and the Daytona Beach News-Journal that first lady Barbara Bush had passed away. He stated that he read an article over lunch that mentioned comfort care and Commissioner Boehm brought up how important a hospice center was. He noted that the end of her life highlighted the importance of comfort care, that she was an amazing woman, and was 92 years old when she passed. He noted that Ms. Bush gave a commencement address to Wellesley College in June 1990 and some words struck him. He closed the night by quoting from the article:

“The third choice that must not be missed is to cherish your human connections: your relationships with family and friends. For several years, you’ve had impressed upon you the importance to your career of dedication and hard work, and, of course, that’s true. But as important as your obligations as a doctor, lawyer, or business leader will be, you are a human being first and those human connections --- with spouses, with children, with friends --- are the most important investments you will ever make.

At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent.”

Item #12 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

APPROVED: May 1, 2018

BY:

Bill Partington, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Scott McKee, City Clerk