



**City of Palm Coast
Minutes
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
AMENDED**

City Hall
160 Lake Avenue
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**Mayor David Alfin
Vice Mayor Eddie Branquinho
Council Member Ed Danko
Council Member John Fanelli III
Council Member Nick Klufas**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

9:00 AM

COMMUNITY WING

City Staff

**Denise Bevan, City Manager
Neysa Borkert, City Attorney
Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk**

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A CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfin called the meeting to order at 9 A.M.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Kaley Cook called the roll. All members were present.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. And pursuant to the City Council's Meeting Policies and Procedures:

- (1) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.
- (2) The Public may provide comments to the City Council relative to matters not on the agenda at the times indicated in this Agenda. Following any comments from the public, there may be discussion by the City Council.
- (3) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:
 - (a) direct all comments to the Mayor;
 - (b) make their comments concise and to the point;

- (c) not speak more than once on the same subject;
 - (d) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;
 - (e) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and
 - (f) not make any irrelevant, impertinent, or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.
- (4) Any person who becomes disorderly or who fails to confine his or her comments to the identified subject or business, shall be cautioned by the Mayor and thereafter must conclude his or her remarks on the subject within the remaining designated time limit.

Any speaker failing to comply, as cautioned, shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting and may be removed, as necessary, for the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Alfin provided the rules and procedures for Public Comment.

Dan Bryant, Safety Committee for Cimmaron, shared about a good discussion with Carl Cote and received an update. Mr. Bryant provided latest traffic statistics, which show an increase from November and shared a concern about large trucks. Mr. Bryant stated that he appreciates the work that is going on and looking forward to hearing more.

Robert MacDonald spoke about security in the Community Wing and shared that he thought the security was supposed to be temporary and that the metal detector should be for everybody, not just for the Public. Mr. MacDonald also spoke about a door in the Council Chambers that says for emergency use. Mr. MacDonald requested to know why that door was used and why the city employees don't have to use the metal detector.

Mayor Alfin asked City Manager Bevan to provide information to City Council regarding safety.

Vice Mayor Branquinho shared comments regarding employee access points that do not have security guards.

E PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Alfin explained the purpose of Council Workshops.

1 PRESENTATION - ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT PFM ASSET MANAGEMENT

Helena Alves, Finance Director provided a brief background of the item. Scott Stitcher, representative of PFM Asset Management, presented the annual investment report to Council.

Council discussion included inflation, investment strategies, tolerance for risk, and investment categories.

2 PRESENTATION - UPDATES TO THE SPLASH PAD AT HOLLAND PARK

Assistant City Manager Lauren Johnston presented on the item. Trevor Arnold, of Gray Robinson, provided potential paths forward.

Council discussion included possibility of finding experts to assist with the process, possibilities of new amenities, compliments to City Staff for their efforts, material shortage, funding to fix the splash pad, potential alternatives to a water based park with cost estimates, predicted deficiencies, and interim options for use.

Mayor Alfin asked staff to return with information for Council consideration.

3 PRESENTATION - BELLE TERRE PARK

James Hirst, Outdoor Recreation Manager, presented to Council on the item. Sam Elsheikh, of OLC Designs, presented the analysis and recommendations to Council.

Council discussion included number of residents using the pool, safety concerns, cost to replace and repair, Council visit to the facility, explanation of fire code concerns, request for a usage report, and suggestion to bring various members along on Council visit to the facility.

4 PRESENTATION - SAFETY UPDATES

Lauren Johnston, Assistant City manager, presented to Council on this item.

Council discussion included protection shields at City facilities and at the dais, direction to staff to hold this discussion until after the May 10, 2022 Council Workshop.

F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Remainder of Public Comments is limited to three (3) minutes each.

Greg Blose, Palm Coast-Flagler Regional Chamber of Commerce, commented on the splash pad. Thanked the City of Palm Coast for their assistance with the small business expo a few weeks ago.

Antonio Amaral Jr. asked Council to conduct an audit of City processes and procedures. Mr. Amaral stated that the building department is in violation, Stormwater had money misappropriated from them, and the Utility Department overcharges for water and sewer connection fees. None of these issues have been brought up in the annual audits. Mr. Amaral asked for a system of procedure audit.

G DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Alfin spoke about a meeting with local veterans at Heroes Memorial Park. There is a need to keep the park a quiet haven to honor and recognize our service men and women, along with first responders. The Veteran's Affairs Counsel will provide a proposal to Council regarding necessary improvements. Additionally, Mayor Alfin opened discussion regarding the proposed Council Compensation Ordinance. Mayor Alfin shared five points of support for the

proposed Council Compensation Ordinance and encouraged Council discussion on what feels appropriate for Council Compensation increase.

Vice Mayor Branquinho thanked Mayor Alfin for efforts with the Heroes Memorial Park. Vice Mayor Branquinho shared comments regarding Council compensation and scheduling. Listen to the people. Offensive comment that more pay means someone will do a better job. Bring to the ballot for this amount. We weren't going to give staff a 3% but now we are looking at giving Council a 365% increase. We can do this much better by doing a \$12,000-\$15,000 increase.

Mayor Alfin suggested reducing the compensation increase amount based on comments he has received from the public.

Council Member Klufas congratulated Riley Opelka on his successes, complimented the Eggstravaganza event, and commented on Council Compensation. Council Member Klufas spoke about the unique situation that legislators have in giving themselves a raise. Council Member Klufas suggested a phased raise and/or lower the raise to something equivalent to the school board. Prudently look for the best foot forward.

Council Member Danko shared that he has received comments in support and rejection. I think we did the right thing for the future.

Council Member Fanelli shared that he has received comments supporting the increase. Appreciates that the Mayor brought forth this conversation. Amenable to looking at the appropriate compensation and how to roll it out. Discussion in the community is focused on people rather than the requirements of the position. Council Member Fanelli shared his personal experience and time dedicated to Council and shared that this is not a volunteer position, it is well beyond that. Mayor Alfin reiterated that the goal is to find a solution that all Council Members are in favor of. Council understands, and is aware, of the job function of job requirements. Discussion will continue at the next business meeting.

City Attorney Neysa Borkert provided information about first and second reading of the Ordinance and provided the process for amending the Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Branquinho informed Council about a petition to the Ordinance and asked Council if they concur to hold the second read of the Ordinance until the petition is complete.

City Attorney Borkert provided a timeline of the process to Council.

Vice Mayor Branquinho shared congratulations to Riley Opelka and complimented the Eggstravaganza event. Vice Mayor Branquinho asked about Council policy and procedure regarding cell phones and pagers being off and suggested directing people to keep their phones on silent.

Council Member Fanelli shared compliments to the Eggstravaganza Event. Additionally, Council Member Fanelli would like to take Mr. Amaral up on the meeting to discuss his public comments. Council Member Fanelli also shared about an event at the Flagler Auditorium on April 26 at 5 p.m.

There were none.

I DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

City Manager Denise Bevan shared that City offices will be closed on April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday.

Vice Mayor Branquinho asked public speaker Antonio Amaral Jr. if he is suggesting an external or internal audit and asked Mr. Amaral to meet for further discussion.

J ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaley Cook, Deputy City Clerk