



**City of Palm Coast
Minutes
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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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 26, 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 9:00 a.m.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

C ROLL CALL

Glenn Partelow spoke about the pool. Mr. Partelow shared about the various ways the pools are used to include families, swimming lessons, swimming teams, and exercise for elderly residents. Additionally, Mr. Partelow spoke about the seasonal hours of the pool and encouraged Council to keep Frieda Zamba pool open year-round. Mr. Partelow stated that the City needs to get a plan for a better pool which is at least 50 meters, accommodates handicapped individuals, and provides children's swimming lessons.

Jack spoke regarding the pool, pool closure at fitness one, and shortened hours at the School District pool. We have no option at all to swim right now. The speaker asked Council to consider building swimming facilities and aquatic center.

Ricardo shared support for the pools and shared that it is advantageous for the City to consider doing something that will enhance the City and keep residents happy.

Wilfredo Lleras thanked Council for the work that they do and shared support for increased Council compensation. Mr. Lleras spoke about recent articles regarding the City, ownership of the Belle Terre Swim & Racquet Club, maintenance of both pools, and thanked Council for considering a new facility. Mr. Lleras provided photos which are attached to these minutes.

Angelo Rossi spoke about the importance of a gym, a facility benefits all ages.

Brielle Goldberg, Executive Director for Water Safety, spoke about upcoming water safety events and shared that last year 225 children learned to swim at no cost. Ms. Goldberg shared that the organization is continuing to work on other partnerships, but the struggle is finding a place to teach. The organization's events are scheduled at Belle Terre Swim & Racquet club, but there is concern about closures. It is important that children have a place where they can learn to swim year-round.

Mayor Alfin asked Ms. Bevan to ensure the speaker is notified with future announcements about the pool.

Janie Gilbert shared that she films synchronized swimming and shared about large swimming events. The struggle is availability of the pool and the depth.

Linnea Aldridge spoke about her medical conditions and shared that she was advised to continue swimming for her health. Hoping that you will consider what can be done to save a community pool.

D PRESENTATIONS

1 PRESENTATION - YEAR TO DATE BUDGET OVERVIEW

Helena Alves, Finance Director, and Gwen Ragsdale, Budget & Procurement Manager, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included budget presentation timeline, year to date revenues, year to date expenditures, reminder to the public where budget information can be found, and date of the next Special Budget Meeting.

Council held discussion on revenue types, necessary adjustments due to market conditions, contingency, potential to go over budget, inflation, and supply chain issues.

2 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

City Attorney Neysa Borkert read the title.

Lauren Johnston, Assistant City Manager, and Jason Delorenzo, Chief Development Officer, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included current progress and timeline, mission, vision and values, legislative priorities, evaluation steps, and next steps.

Council held discussion to clarify and share additional comments on the priorities.

3 PRESENTATION - PALM COAST AQUATICS CENTER YEAR-ROUND OPERATION PROPOSAL

James Hirst, Outdoor Recreation Manger, and Brittany McDermott, Community Recreation Manager, presented the item to Council.

Topics presented included a background, current operations, pass holder statistics and pricing, seasonal hours and staffing, comparable facilities, year round operation proposal, expenditures, revenues, and next steps. Staff asked for Council direction regarding the year-round operations proposal.

Council discussion included coordination with the school system and community stakeholders on this subject, immediate positive impact to the swimming community, and phased steps for the project.

Council directed staff to review seasonal extended hours, and to open the facility for year round use.

4 PRESENTATION - FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Fire Chief Forte and Kyle Berryhill, Battalion Chief, presented to Council on the item.

Topics presented included a look forward, fire service model and ten year plan, fire station development, apparatus, staffing analysis, gap analysis, capacity utilization, raftelis report, succession planning, key performance indicators, regional response, current growth, call volume, City Council Goal, growth potential, regional realignment, future reponse, future challenges, future staffing, and Station 26 timeline.

Council discussion included staffing at current and future stations, importance of response times and predicting growth, thanks to staff, data driven decisions, national fire rating, and thanks to the Flagler County partners for their collaboration.

Mayor Alfin called for additional public comment.

Wilfredo Lleras-provided a suggestion for pool heating and offshore desalination plant for additional water.

E ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaley Cook, Deputy City Clerk