



**City of Palm Coast
Minutes
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

City Hall
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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, August 9, 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

Kaley Cook, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll. Vice Mayor Branquinho was absent. Council Member Fanelli arrived at 9:19 a.m.

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 of public comment.

Steve Carr thanked Mayor Alfin for taking a look at the traffic on Florida Park Drive. Mr. Carr shared concern for neighborhoods with the same problem.

Carol Berry commented on safety on Cimmaron Drive, discussing traffic and excessive speeding. Ms. Berry strongly suggested a 3-way stop in each of the straight aways.

Vincent Liguori spoke about wildfire mitigation and asked Council to return to the original wildfire mitigation ordinance.

Robert MacDonald asked to meet with the City regarding issues that he stated can't seem to be resolved. Mr. MacDonald spoke about resident comments during public comment and requested that department directors meet with the public after each meeting to help with resident questions. Mr. MacDonald asked for a policy change to address public comments during the meeting.

Cathy Fining spoke about safety issues on Cimmaron Drive. Mrs. Fining suggested stop signs and speed bumps to help slow traffic. Mrs. Fining stated that residents who live on Cimmaron would like speed reduced, but do not want a sidewalk.

Mike Cocchiola asked Council to review connectivity. Where do we stand here in Palm Coast?

Daniel Bryant spoke about safety on Cimmaron. Mr. Bryant shared that he is very concerned about potential accidents on Cimmaron and shared that the cost of the sidewalk is less costly than individuals being hurt. We have held

community meetings and surveyed residents – the residents would like a sidewalk.

Alan Lowe shared that he had heard a \$240,000 fund was set aside under Mayor Holland for traffic islands and speed reducing measures. Mr. Lowe suggested the City might utilizing those funds to place speedhumps on Florida Park Drive and other streets.

Council Member Klufas spoke about a partnership with Metronet that will allow for improved connectivity in business and residential areas.

Council Member Danko asked City Manager Bevan to provide information regarding the fire mitigation comment.

Ms. Bevan shared details and offered to meet with the public regarding this topic.

Attorney Borkert shared details regarding Metronet and connectivity.

E PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Alfin provided the objectives of Council Workshops.

1 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING THE INTERCONNECTION AND BULK WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

City Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Steve Flanagan, Utility Director, provided a background of the item. Chris Couch, representative of FGUA, was available for questions.

Topics presented included a history of the item, estimated engineering costs, project highlights, and next steps.

Council held discussion on the history of this item, the decrease of wastewater effluent, and planning for the future.

Attorney Borkert provided comments on the draft agreement, revision of section 5.6, and information that will be added.

Mayor Alfin asked Ms. Bevan to prioritize the final pieces and for this to be finalized at the earliest opportunity.

2 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY

City Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Helena Alves, Finance Director, provided a brief introduction of the item. Scott Stitcher, PFM, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included the investment policy review framework, proposed investments and requirements, and recommendations.

Council held discussion on low investment returns, flexibility, and maximizing return.

3 PRESENTATION – CAPITAL, INTERNAL SERVICES, SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, & PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ALL REMAINING FUNDS

Gwen Ragsdale, Budget & Procurement Manager, and various directors presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included personnel changes, various fund revenues and expenditures, cost increases, and public access to 2023 budget preparation information.

Council held discussion on Tourist Development Council (TDC) funding for upkeep and maintenance of trails, grant funding for traffic signals, recreation impact fee study goals, availability of equipment, the connection between increased budget and items that carryover, terms contingency reserve, and fund balance appropriation.

Mayor Alfin asked Ms. Bevan to check into funding options.

Mayor Alfin asked Ms. Bevan about discussion with the County regarding Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Bevan explained that City staff has been in discussion with Flagler County to have a comprehensive discussion on City and County Park needs.

Ms. Alves provided descriptions of requested terms.

4 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING THE OLD KINGS ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE FLAGLER COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

City Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Ms. Alves, Finance Director, provided a brief description of the item to Council.

5 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING THE FINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT

City Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Barbara Grossman, Code Enforcement Manager, presented to Council on the topic.

Topics presented included a background of the item, nuisance abatement violations, and a timeline of the item.

6 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING THE 2022-2026 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

City Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Jose Papa, Senior Planner, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included the history and background of the item, project programs, CDBG funded activities, and needs for funding.

Council held discussion on the difference between the statistics provided on households, Citizen's Advisory Board, and use of funds.

7 RESOLUTION 2022-XX APPROVING THE SEMINOLE TRAILS LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Ray Tyner, Deputy Chief Development Officer, provided a background of the item.

Jordan Myers, Environmental Planner, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included purpose of the exchange, dry lake concept plan, Seminole Trails land exchange agreement summary, recommendation, and next steps.

Council discussion included the completed look of the landscape.

8 ORDINANCE 2022-XX ESTABLISHING THE LANDINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - APPLICATION # 5110

Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Ray Tyner, Deputy Chief Development Officer, provided a brief background of this item.

Jordan Myers, Environmental Planner, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included the purpose and standards of a CDD, operation, participation, recommendation, and next steps.

Council discussion included responsibility of the CDD.

Vincent Sullivan, representative of the applicant, provided additional details to Council.

Ms. Borkert provided details of what this Ordinance will allow, the power that is authorized to an approved CDD, and maintenance of roads.

F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Robert MacDonald spoke about the Mayor providing rules and procedures of public comment. Mr. MacDonald spoke about rambunctious Council meetings and the Mayor restoring order of the meeting. Are there any guidelines to the behavior of Council? Mr. MacDonald requested information from the City Attorney regarding Council Members not following rules and procedures.

City Attorney Borkert provided Council rules and procedures in response to the public comment.

Mayor Alfin spoke about a future agenda regarding ethics. Asked Ms. Bevan for this topic to be brought up.

Robert Myer shared that he is very concerned about the Landings CDD. Asked Council to proceed very careful on this request. From what he has seen, there are no new amenities even though they will be adding 400 new homes. Recommends having HOA involved in the discussion.

G DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council Member Danko spoke about prices and tax increases. Urged Council to determine must haves and said he will be voting for a millage rollback.

H DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

I DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Bevan congratulated Doug Akins, IT Director, for completing the Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO) Program for IT professionals.

J ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaley Cook, Deputy City Clerk