



# City of Palm Coast Minutes BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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*Chair Mary Vasilevsky*  
*Vice Chair Kevin Saint*  
*Committee Member Bruce Jones*  
*Committee Member Zachary Marciano*  
*Committee Member Susan Anderson*

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**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

**CITY HALL - COMMUNITY WING**

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- Public Participation shall be in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes.
- Public comment on issues on the agenda or public participation shall be limited to 3 minutes.
- Other matters of concern may be discussed as determined by Committee during the meeting.
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## **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Since Chair Vasilevsky was unable to attend this meeting in person, the 3 members who were present approved Mr. Marciano as the acting chair for this meeting. Please note Ms. Vasilevsky attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.*

## **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

### **1 MEETING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2024 BEAUTIFICATION AND ENVIROMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Pass**

**Motion made to approve as presented made by Committee Member Jones  
and seconded by Committee Member Anderson**

## STAFF BUSINESS MEETING ITEMS

### 2 PRESENTATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS- PARKS, CONSERVATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

*Mr. Ray Tyner, Deputy Chief Development Officer, introduced the status of the Comprehensive Plan process including next steps and gave a presentation which is attached to this meeting record.*

*Mr. Jones questioned whether new home construction can keep the existing trees. Mr. Tyner stated that some of the issues with keeping the trees have to do with the existing ITT ¼ acre lots, as they are designed to be part of a master drainage plan (Comprehensive Land Use Plan) which is a stormwater design that requires a certain amount of fill to grade the lot. Unfortunately, the trees can't be saved or if they are left, they will die due to their proximity to the house's foundation. Mr. Jones suggested looking into the promotion of a true urban forest referring to the city of Raleigh, N.C. Mr. Tyner stated that this type of change would come through re-evaluating the Land Development Code (LDC). Ms. Anderson made a reference to Gainesville and how they protect their trees and their system of protecting tree roots. Mr. Tyner stated that the city is serious about protecting the trees including having on staff 2 certified arborists and 1 landscape architecture. Chair Marciano referenced his experience during last year's Arbor Day annual event and how well attended it was and he referenced the city giving away hundreds of trees at this event. He also questioned the city's policy regarding invasive plants and vine treatment. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the city does have a program during new development (along with St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to look at removing those fines and other invasive species to the city looks at having a natural buffer. In the older ITT lots we have wildfire mitigation that the home owner is responsible to maintain the undergrowth.*

*Ms. Anderson questioned if stormwater drainage backup is a problem in Palm Coast. Mr. Rodriguez referenced that "sunny day flooding" from tide events is more a problem in Miami. He further stated that we don't have those issues and we do have provisions in our "Peril of Floods" Comprehensive Plan that deals with our flood zones which we look to protect. Ms. Anderson asked about flooding affecting housing along the canals and Mr. Rodriguez stated that area is addressed in the "Peril of Floods" and these homes are required to have certain flood elevations to prevent flooding.*

*Chair Marciano opened the meeting to public comment at 5:48pm and seeing no one approach the podium he closed this meeting to public comment at 5:49pm.*

*Mr. Tyner reviewed the next steps with the BEAC members and said that in December '24 or January '25 he will return to provide an updated on the adopted document and begin the process to update the LDC with the committee members.*

**Pass**

**Motion made to Recommend Approval to the Planning and Land Development Regulation Board and City Council to Transmit the Comprehensive Plan to the State made by Committee Member Anderson and seconded by Committee Member Jones**

**Approved - 4 – Committee Member Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Chair Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Susan Anderson**

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF ISSUES**

*none*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made that the meeting be adjourned by Mr. Jones and the motion was seconded by Ms. Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted by:  
Irene Schaefer, Recording Secretary*

**Pass**

**Motion made to approve made by Committee Member Jones and seconded by Committee Member Anderson**

**Approved - 4 – Committee Member Mary Vasilevsky, Committee Member Bruce Jones, Chair Zachary Marciano, Committee Member Susan Anderson**