



City of Palm Coast Minutes City Council Workshop

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Mayor Michael Norris
Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri
Council Member Charles Gambaro
Council Member Ty Miller
Council Member David Sullivan

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

6:00 PM

**City Hall - Jon Netts
Community Wing**

City Staff

Lauren Johnston, Acting City Manager

Marcus Duffy, City Attorney

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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A CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

C ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Alison Palmer 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) This agenda item has a thirty (30) minute limit.
- (2) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Public speakers may address their comments to the Council as a whole, the Mayor, or to an individual Council Member
- (5) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:
 - (a) make their comments concise and to the point;
 - (b) not speak more than once on the same subject;
 - (c) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;
 - (d) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and
 - (e) not make any irrelevant, impertinent or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.
- (6) 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.

Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be advised that public comment will only be permitted during the public comment portions of the agenda at the times indicated by the Chair during the meeting.

Mayor Norris provided the rules and procedures of public participation.

Public participation opened at 6:01 p.m.

Jill Dempsey asked about ADA website requirements and about the resignation of the NE FL Regional Transport director.

Jeani Duarte discussed meeting start times, the charter review committee, ADA compliance, and wastewater treatment.

Wendy Tremarche discussed housing developments and the impact on animal welfare.

Chantal Preninger discussed development and infrastructure.

Cathy Saris discussed that the region needs another animal shelter.

Denise Henry discussed public transportation.

Mark Webb asked that the final public participation be moved to the end of the meeting and asked to have the agendas provided to the public earlier.

Public participation closed at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Norris wished his son a happy birthday.

Ms. Johnston responded to public comment regarding ADA requirements, public transportation, charter review, wastewater treatment, animal welfare, and Council meeting agendas.

Council responded to public comment regarding development and public transportation.

E PRESENTATIONS

1 DISCUSSION - CITY MANAGER SEARCH

This item was moved to Item 2.

Renina Fuller, Director of Human Resources, and Ashley Fenner, Human Resources Coordinator, presented the item to Council.

Topics presented included: summation of the process thus far, top candidates, assessment for semifinalists, and next steps.

The finalists as presented to Council:

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| 1. Jackson, Charles | 4 |
| 2. McGlothlin, Michael | 4 |
| 3. Schembri, Anthony | 4 |
| 4. Thomas, Thomas | 4 |
| 5. Alvarez, Ana | 3 |
| 6. Brillhart, Michael | 3 |
| 7. Brown, Howard | 3 |
| 8. Fraser, David | 3 |
| 9. Geffken, Carl | 3 |
| 10. Jordan, Patrick | 3 |
| 11. Reinshuttle, Robert | 3 |

Council Member Gambaro asked that Norman West be added to the candidate list.

Council held discussion of the candidates, the process, and next steps.

Council gave consensus to add Mr. West to the list of finalists.

Public comment:

Chantal Preninger discussed personality and finding out about that before you hire a City Manager.

Denise Henry asked where the candidates are located now.

Ms. Fuller provided a response to public comment.

Council provided direction to add Mr. West to the list of finalists bringing the number to 12, asking each candidate 2 questions from each Council Member for a three-minute answer per question on video, deadline for the videos as 9/18/25, and discussion by Council at the 9/23/25 Workshop meeting.

2 PRESENTATION - THE SOUTHERN RECREATION CENTER

This item was moved to Item 1.

James Hirst, Director of Parks & Recreation, Laura Bowen from USTA, and George Henry from USTA, presented the item to Council.

Topics presented by Ms. Bowen and Mr. Henry included: assessment findings, operating model comparison, proposed contract, and next steps.

Topics presented by Mr. Hirst included: history and background, hours of operation, court schedules, rates, current operations, pickleball programs, tennis programs, classes and social activities, rentals, community impact, and revenue breakdown.

Mr. Hirst provided a response to Council questions.

Public comment:

Michael Flanagan discussed the presentation and asked about specifics.

Dan Gibson discussed the pickleball league and community.

Taralyn Bernard spoke in favor of USTA and that she believes USTA would run SRC like a well oiled machine.

Jeani Duarte discussed advertising and suggested different colors for PowerPoint presentations due to printing costs.

Mary Rowtson discussed the development of pickleball in Palm Coast and that there is no dedicated pickleball amenity in Palm Coast.

Mr. Kove discussed the facility and expenses.

Tony Amaral thanked Council for looking into a joint venture, but that the project was paid for by residents.

Chantal Preninger discussed expenses and asked if we are willing to pay for other people's hobbies.

Agnes Lightfoot loves the way the tennis center is now, and asked Council to look at maintenance, youth programs, and pickleball.

Mike Napoli discussed maintenance and spoke in favor of USTA growing the facility.

Council continued discussion on the topic.

Council provided direction to gather more information and revisit at a future date.

3 PRESENTATION - ADMINISTRATION OF THE CULTURAL ART GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH FLAGLER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL

Ms. Johnston provided a background of the item.

James Hirst, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item to Council.

Topics presented included: agreement term, administration of the cultural art grant, scope of services, financial responsibilities and records, and next steps.

Mr. Hirst provided a response to Council questions.

Public comment:

Julia Truilo, Treasurer for FC3, discussed the organization and the process.

Reasa Pabst discussed FC3 and expressed disappointment with the process.

Council responded to public comment and held discussion of next steps.

Council provided direction to revise the contract adding Sunshine provisions, to prohibit TDC employees from participating on the board, and to bring this back to the 9/16/25 business meeting.

4 PRESENTATION - ORDINANCE 2025-XX AMENDING CHAPTER 42, CREATING SECTION 42-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC POWERED CYCLES

Ms. Johnston provided a background of the item.

Marcus Duffy, City Attorney, presented the item to Council.

Topics presented included: background, Florida statutes, definitions, proper usage and prohibitions, helmet requirements, electric powered cycles, and penalties.

Mr. Duffy, John LeMaster, General Counsel for Flagler County Sheriff's Office, and Chief Deputy Joe Barile, provided a response to Council questions.

Public comment:

Frank Bucheli, owner of National E-bike locally, discussed focusing on ebikes is only part of it, believes speed limit enforcement is impossible, and urged Council to be proactive.

Chantal Preninger discussed education, age limits, speed limits, and electric scooters.

Brian Crestoff, C Section, discussed how the bikes have been weaponized, that crime is a problem, that his house has been hit 9 times, that they use the golf course to evade detection, they do not use these bikes for recreation but to cause havoc.

C.D. Roussell discussed education.

Jay Wagner, 81-year-old ebike rider, believes the ordinance is unclear and creates a lot of confusion, and supports education on ebikes.

Michelle Easton, owner of Benefit Electric Bikes, believes in safety, thinks that the bike shops can certify ebike riders, and thinks the age limit should be 16 not 13.

Denise Henry believes Council should add electric scooters to this ordinance, that the problem is the parents, and suggests getting a license.

Tony Amaral believes the ordinance should include other electric vehicles like one-wheels and scooters, suggested possible registration and online testing, and to keep the age limit down.

Bruce Stone discussed this problem is also in Daytona.

Mark Webb asked about enforcement, asked how many tickets have been issued for bicycle regulations, adding expectations to law enforcement, and how much will this cost.

Anthony Del Valle thinks there should be some regulation, discussed classes of bikes and what each can do, and offered suggestions.

Council provided a response to public comment and continued discussion of the topic.

Chief Berryhill informed Council that the Fire department is now flagging all ebike incidents in their reports.

Council provided direction to lower the age restriction to 13, no AirPods/headphones, and develop a brochure for bike shops in town.

F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Public participation opened at 9:33 p.m.

Chantal Preninger discussed business sponsoring events at the Southern Recreation Center.

Bruce Stone discussed water meter issues when he lived on Cimmaron and that he may talk to his attorney.

Mark Webb addressed Council Member Gambaro and cautioned him for disclosing HIPPA information in the prior meeting.

Public participation closed at 9:39 p.m.

Council provided a response to public comment.

G DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council Member Miller thanked Public Works and provided a sports update.

Council Member Gambaro discussed the Fire stations, the NEFRC meeting, flooding on Hargrove and Cypress Point, and a scheduled trip to Ralph Carter Park.

Vice Mayor Pontieri congratulated Master Detective Kathryn Gordon for being named Crime Stoppers' Officer of the Year, congratulated the "green roof inn" and the FCSO for an innovation award, informed Council that she will not be joining the Ralph Carter Park trip, and reminded everyone that Thursday is 9/11.

Mayor Norris mentioned the 9/10 Business meeting.

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. Johnston mentioned that the Budget hearing is tomorrow at 5:15 p.m., asked if Council want to go to Ralph Carter Park if it is raining. Council directed to reschedule if it is raining.

J ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by: Alison Palmer
Deputy City Clerk*