

New Smyrna Beach City Commission Meeting
Jan. 8, 2019

1. City Commissioners voted 4-0, with Vice Mayor Randy Hartman absent, to reject a consultant's proposal to provide live video streaming of City Commission meetings in the existing City Commission chambers.

At the same time, Commissioners authorized city staff to contract with an interim vendor and come back with a plan for a permanent videography solution for the Commission chambers.

The company Keys to Our City was the only firm to respond to the city's request for proposals for videography. Pricing for its six-month video services option was \$14,625 without captioning, and it would cost \$18,000 for a full year of the service. Commissioners discussed at length whether it would be better to hire an outside company to provide videography services, or purchase the equipment and train city staff members to do it. They decided that since the City Commission meetings eventually will be moving to an adjacent building once that structure is renovated, that it wouldn't be advisable to install permanent equipment in the existing Commission meeting room. City Manager Pam Brangaccio said it likely would be at least a year before the other building is renovated, enabling Commission meetings to take place over there.

2. The City Commission unanimously passed the first reading of an ordinance to establish a new No Wake Zone on the Indian River from Mile Marker 43 at the north end of Yacht Club Island to the southern city limits of New Smyrna Beach.

Concurrent with that action, the city is applying to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to request its approval of the new low speed zone. The section of river considered for the new No Wake Zone passes close to boats docked along the shoreline of Yacht Club Island, and intersects smaller bodies of water, streams and tributaries in the area that are navigable by canoes, kayaks, and other small boats and crafts.

3. City Commissioners voted in unison to adopt a resolution establishing the framework for a Turnbull Creek Land Preservation Committee made up of area residents.

Committee members will be chosen for their interest in environmental issues, historic preservation, wildlife, biology, botany and/or water quality. It is expected they would review information relating to the evaluation of which properties in the Turnbull Creek watershed are eligible for purchase with funds from the general obligation bond issue that voters approved in November 2018. Bond monies will be earmarked to buy and preserve environmentally sensitive lands around Turnbull Creek to protect them from development.

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