

**City Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**  
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Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Mayor Cleveland, Vice Mayor Randy Hartman, Commissioner Valli Perrine, Commissioner Lisa Martin, Commissioner Jason McGuirk.

**City Manager Report FROM PREVIOUS MEETING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.** 24 people spoke on various topics during public participation at the December 13, 2022 meeting. The city manager reported the following:

- Hurricanes Ian and Nicole debris removal was completed in mid-December 2022.
- Approximately 1,000 homes were flooded. Repairs are ongoing. The manager asked that residents contact the city if their home was flooded but is not shown on the city's map.
- The Manager and mayor met with Senators, Representatives, and the Volusia Delegation to voice concerns of the city.
- The mayor stated that five projects have been submitted for state funding.
- City staff has worked with the Volusia League of Cities. On January 18, they will present an **Exposure Study** to gather public input regarding flooding issues.
- The city will be cleaning the canal from Turnbull to Mission Road, but dredging will be done by the county and/or state.

**Public Participation**

Several residents spoke about concerns/issues with the NSB skateboard park and its condition. They asked for the city's support to maintain /improve the park.

Other concerns voiced by residents included: flooding issues, storm water drainage in the Faulkner St area, the Crosswalk at Washington St. and Faulkner St, a proposed cell phone tower being erected on S Riverside Drive, truck traffic on S Cooper St, and support for sand volleyball courts in the city.

A request was made to place a traffic signal at the 10<sup>th</sup> St entrance to NSB High School.

A new car show event is planned and Liz Jones, Canal Street Merchants Association, spoke in favor of this event.

Many spoke in favor of applicants to the Planning and Zoning Board vacancy which was to be voted on later in the meeting.

**All Consent Agenda items, except for item 6F (pulled) were approved unanimously.**

## **Administrative Items/New Business**

### **7A Discussion of position classifications**

Two positions were added in 2021, Capital Improvement and grant writer positions were part time. The benefits of combining the two positions were discussed. This will now be a full-time position. A Victim Advocates position was also discussed.

### **7B Traffic Signal at NSB High School**

Request from the Volusia County School Board for a three-way partnership with Volusia County and the City of New Smyrna Beach to participate in the funding of a traffic signal on 10<sup>th</sup> Street at the NSB High School. **Motion to accept was passed with 4-1 vote.**

**Commissioner Hartman voted NO.**

### **7C Consider Solar Options for City Buildings**

Maintenance Operations Director, David Ray, presented information on a Solar Feasibility study and options for the city . The Commission discussed buildings where this might be feasible and the cost/savings and future needs.

## **Ordinances – Second Reading and Public Hearings**

**8A Ordinance No 74-22:** Approve a temporary moratorium on the consideration of certain types of applications for properties 10 acres in size or larger proposed for residential development in flood zones A or AE in the city for a period ending June 27, 2023.

**Unanimously approved.**

## **Boards and Commissions**

### **Planning and Zoning Board:.**

John Frankenhouser was appointed to Planning and Zoning Board to serve an unexpired three-year term

## **Mayor and Commission Reports**

- Vice Mayor Hartman commented that he would like to see impact fees delayed for affordable housing projects.
- Commission McGuirk gave a short history of his involvement with the TPO and how the Pioneer Trail Interchange came to be.
- Commissioner Martin voiced her concerns over hurricane assistance to residents.
- Commissioner Perrine commented on the 5G tower being proposed on S Riverside and the concerns of residents. She also voiced concerns over the changes to Chapter 50, the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance, currently under review. She feels there was insufficient notification to homeowners on how the changes would affect obtaining and the cost of insurance.
- Mayor Cleveland reported that he and the city manager had met with the Florida Legislative Delegation informing them of the city's needs and he feels that NSB does have their support. He also went to the County Council swearing in of new members and feels NSB has their support as well.

The mayor has committed to being at the NSB Farmers Market the first Saturday of every month with a member of city staff from various departments to communicate and better inform the public of services offered by the city. He received a positive response from the first meeting and looks forward to those in the future. The mayor also announced the beginning of

the Mayors Fitness Challenge which is a 10-week program with physical fitness activities for participants and open to residents.

### **City Manager Report**

The city manager brought forth 4 items for consideration by the commission.

1. He suggested starting the commission meetings at 5:30 instead of 6:30 in consideration for city staff.
2. He suggested having a separate meeting if a quasi-judicial item is to be decided.
3. He discussed having public participation organized by using cards for the speaker to sign up ahead of time so that the commission was aware of the items to be presented which might make a more efficient way of addressing concerns from the public. He stated that this is done at county meetings as well as some other cities.
4. He addressed possibly changing the seating order of the commissioners on the dais.

### **City Attorney's Report**

The city attorney reported that the Hill St variance request may be coming back to the commission. She also reported that notice was received that the Inlet Condo with Short Term Rental issue is set for trial and litigation will begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.