

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
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Present were Mayor Fred Cleveland, Vice Mayor Randy Hartman, Commissioner Valli Perrine, Commissioner Lisa Martin. And Commissioner Jason McGuirk
Also present and active participants were members of the New Smyrna Beach Youth

Presentations/Recognitions

- Fire Chief Shawn Van Demark presented Lifesaving Award to Acting Lieutenant Jake Davies, Driver/Engineer Stephen Jones, and Firefighter Michael DiPietrantonio.
- The Youth Council made a presentation of their mission and goals. They made a request to increase the number of their members from 5 to 7 to give the opportunity to serve more students. This recommendation was approved by the city commission. The Council stated that this is the first Legislative request that has been made by the council since its inception in 2012.

Manager Update

- City Manager reported that \$1,000,000 was received from the state for Pine Island and other storm/hurricane clean up in the city. \$1,000,000 was received from DEP for Turnbull Creek. Of the \$46,000,000 received for beach recovery, \$5,000,000 has been spent on sand replacement to date. An update was given on county efforts and progress on beach recovery. The state removed the May 1st restriction for beach recovery efforts.
- Two residents spoke during public participation concerning Historic Preservation. There will be two public meetings on this topic. No action is taken at public meetings. They are held for information and discussion only. The first is scheduled for May 10.

Public Participation

During public participation, Carol Killian reported on the Volunteer in Medicine, a free medical clinic being offered at the health department on Canal Street one Friday each month. She spoke of the success and growth of this program, seeking to spread the word to residents.

Susan Neylon spoke on the success of the Smyrnans Care initiative to show/encourage "neighbors helping neighbors". The group raised money and then partnered with Habitat for Humanity to assist families displaced by the hurricanes.

Other items brought forth during public participation by residents were concerns over the proposed traffic light at 44 and Corbin Park Rd, the newly formed parking task force, an appointment to community engagement committee, questions concerning termination time of PUDs MDAs within city projects, praise to the Youth Council and a positive comment on the Residents' Coalition educational seminar on climate change and resiliency held May 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

Five Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously. The following items were discussed and were not approved unanimously:

- Item 7 B. Resolution to amend the member size and qualifications of the Youth Council Task Force passed with 3-2 vote. Commissioners Martin and Perrine opposed.

- Item 7 D. Resolution to support their commitment to 100% completion of the Woman's Club Restoration and Stabilization, Phase I and Phase II passed with 3-2 vote with Commissioner Perrine and Mayor Cleveland opposed.
- Item 7 H. Approval to submit a Grant Application for Construction of an Enclosed Boat house for Police and fire vessels under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program passed with 4-1 vote with Commissioner Martin opposed.

Boards and Commissions

- Commission unanimously approved Aaron Denys appointment to the Community Enhancement Engagement Committee

Mayor and Commission Reports/Comments

- Vice Mayor Hartman attended the Residents' Coalition seminar on May 8 stating that it was very informative, especially the presentation on Babcock Ranch.
- Commissioner Martin reported on the temporary barrier construction on the beach as well as the Volusia County Arts Funding program.
- Commissioner Perrine thanked all who attended the May 4 Day of Prayer event and wished all a Happy Mother's Day.
- Mayor Cleveland reported that the governor had signed into law a bill assigning sole policing powers on the Volusia County beaches to the Sheriff's Department. He also reported that the dredging of the inlet is planned for winter of 2024. He noted that beachfront easements have been signed by all except eight property owners.

City Manager Report

The city manager reminded the commission of upcoming important dates.

- May 10 - 5pm, Public workshop on Historic Preservation, Brannon Center.
- May 11 - Employee Award Luncheon, Babe James Center;
- May 11 - Boy Scout Dinner, Sugar Mill Country Club.