

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2024
[Video and Agenda](#)

Mayor Fred Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. In attendance were Mayor Fred Cleveland, Vice Mayor Valli Perrine, Commissioners Lisa Martin and Jason McGuirk. The motion to approve Commissioner Randy Hartman's absence as excused was **approved unanimously**.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Cleveland proclaimed November as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

A final presentation was given for the [SUNTrail East Coast Greenway](#), New Smyrna Beach Segment Route Options. Route decision will be made at the November 28, 2023 meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Met with various city staff to provide input to LTG Engineering and Planning's Jan. 9 presentation regarding traffic issues.
- Attended the ribbon cutting at Perrine Produce and MDC's new trailhead.
- Work continues at Old Fort Park with the coquina wall face to begin in April, 2024.
- Replacement of the Rocco Park Pier estimated completion is early May, 2024.
- Construction of the Barracuda Bridge estimated completion is May, 2024
- Construction of the 5th Street Bridge estimated completion is September, 2024.
- A public meeting is planned for November 20 on the Washington Street Landscape Project.
- A special Commission meeting will be held Nov. 21 regarding City Boards.
- The Christmas Parade will be held December 2.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Thirteen citizens addressed the Commission.

- Three residents introduced themselves as candidates for the Economic Development Board.
- Two citizens expressed concerns about the Village Square PUD.
- Two residents spoke supporting Habitat for Humanity.
- Two residents thanked the Commission for a wonderful Veteran's Day event.
- A resident asked for help in combating residential construction noise and vendor parking problems.
- A resident spoke about the importance of selecting the best candidate to fill the upcoming City Manager position.
- One citizen spoke to the need to have a comprehensive approach to development.

CONSENT AGENDA

Twelve Consent Agenda items were **approved unanimously**.

7A, 7F, 7O and 7Q were pulled and after discussion **approved unanimously**.

7C and 7L **were approved 3-1 with Commissioner Martin voting no**.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

8.A Discussion: 120 Flagler Avenue Options

Several options were previously presented to improve traffic at the intersection of Flagler Avenue and Peninsula, but none was approved by previous Commissions. After discussion, motion to sell 120 Flagler Avenue was **approved 3-1 with Commissioner Martin voting no.**

8.B Retirement Advisory Services – SageView presentation.

After discussion a motion to contract with SageView to provide retirement advisory services for New Smyrna Beach was **approved unanimously.**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.A, B, C Ordinance No. 75-23, 76-23, 77-23: Approve the voluntary annexation, small scale Comprehensive Plan amendment, city FLU designation of Medium Density Residential and city zoning to R-2 for 0.33 acres located at 1409 Enterprise Avenue.

Motion was approved unanimously.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

11.A Economic Development Task Force the Commission selected **through a nomination & ballot process David McKenna** to serve a three-year term, ending on September 1, 2025.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Perrine moved that staff provide a financial report, including revenue, expenses, maintenance, staff time, etc. for city owned buildings for discussion at a future meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McGuirk moved that the City of NSB pay for a \$1,000 table at the 1st Step Shelter Fundraiser on February 23, 2024. **Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Martin voting no.** He thought the Veterans Day Event was very good but would like a postmortem to make it even better. In response to public participation citizen regarding neighborhood parking and noise issues during construction. Commissioner McGuirk acknowledged it was a challenge and the first step is to advise the General Contractor of any problems so they may be corrected. He is amazed at the amount of traffic on US1 and in town and will talk to staff about creating a master list of roads that would benefit traffic flow by having right hand turn lanes. He also would like the Parking Task Force to continue to tackle the tough parking issues.

Commissioner Martin is concerned that City event expenditures do not come before the Commission. Another concern was that there are no infill regulations in our current LDR, which should be prioritized. Also, standards should be set for areas where residents want a mixed use area to protect both parties.

Mayor Cleveland thanked the City Manager for his quick response to the Parking Task Force and Commission's decision to hire a consultant. He is in favor of a Department of Mobility. He attended a meeting of elected officials at the Volusia County Emergency

Response Center which has huge capabilities and NSB and the Center work well together. He liked the idea of Live Local Senate bill 102 but felt the incentives of tax breaks to developers could bring some bad players to town. The League of Cities is speaking to the State Senate leadership asking it to allow conversations to close loopholes in this Bill. The Florida League of Mayors has set their yearly emphasis: Mental Health, Monitoring & Veterans Initiatives. He attended the Barracks of Hope Opening which is a veterans' homeless shelter. Volusia County has adopted a Standard of Decorum of how citizens and elected officials interact with each other. He asked the City Attorney to draft a Code of Decorum for Commission review without objection from other Commissioners but with the comment that the code be informal. He thanked City Staff for their efforts on a very good Veterans Day event.

CITY CLERK REPORT

One of the Clerk's functions is to facilitate public participation. Any citizen who has questions as to agendas, boards, public records release, etc. is encouraged to contact the City Clerk's office.