

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
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Mayor Fred Cleveland called the meeting to order. In attendance were Vice Mayor Valli Perrine, Commissioners Lisa Martin, Jason McGuirk and Randy Hartman. Staff present were City Manager Khalid Resheidat, Assistant City Manager Ron Neibert, City Clerk Kelly McQuillen, and City Attorney Carrie Avallone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION/RECOGNITIONS

- Mayor Cleveland issued a proclamation in recognition of Black History Month
- Mayor Cleveland issued a proclamation in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- City Manager and Police Chief met with Advent Health CEO to address mental health issues.
- City Manager met with Innovation Partners regarding the Rt. 44 Industrial Park. This will be a long planning process with an estimated plat submittal in February and final approval in August 2024.
- City Manager responded to previous public comments regarding the Cooper St. vacation that no orphan parcel will be left due to the vacation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The owners of Upward Trend Academy, which serves children with disabilities, thanked the Commission for a rezoning request allowing them to move into a new facility. They also advised that their fundraiser brought in \$50,000.00.
- A citizen spoke of the need for a better process in decision making and coordination between the P&Z and the Commission in addition to having more citizen input.

CONSENT AGENDA

Eight Consent Agenda items were approved **unanimously**:

- 7A. Adoption of the City Commission Regular and Special Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024 and January 10, 2024.
- 7B and 7C. Adoption of a Resolution to amend the FY2023-2024 budget.
- 7D. Approval of the 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.
- 7E. Approval of the RSL Development/Shugas Bakery LLC Right-Of-Way Easement.
- 7F. Approval to terminate the Fire Hydrants Inspection and Flow Testing Agreement between the City of New Smyrna Beach and New Smyrna Beach Utilities.
- 7G. Approval of two additional alleyway closures for IMAGES festival, January 26 to 28, 2024.
- 7H. Approval to apply for a FIND (Florida Inland Navigation District) grant for the Brannon Center ADA Dock Replacement.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

- **RFP Conditions for the Women’s Club.** Assistant City Manager, Ron Neibert reported that per the Commission’s request, staff prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the sale of the Women’s Club. The City received two appraisals for the

property. The average of these two appraisals is \$424,500 which is the recommended minimum bid proposed in the RFP. An additional RFP condition is that the structure “cannot be demolished and that the structure shall be rehabilitated” honoring the historical integrity of the building. The proposal due date is February 29, 2024 and proposal opening date is March 1, 2024. After some discussion, the motion for approval of the RFP in the form presented passed **unanimously**.

- A motion for approval of Strategic Government Resources, Inc.’s contract for Executive Search Firm for a City Manager passed **unanimously**.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9A. Ordinance No. 01-24 to amend the Police Pension benefits passed **unanimously**.
- 9B, 9C and 9D. Ordinance No. 02-24, 03-24 and 04-24 to annexing approximately 0.21 acres of land located at 209 Hickory Street into NSB passed **unanimously**.
- 9E, 9F and 9G, Ordinance No. 05-24, 06-24 -07-24 annexing approximately 0.14 acres of land located at 1100 Mary Avenue passed **unanimously**,
- 9H. Ordinance No. 08-24 entering into a non-exclusive franchise agreement with We Got This Hauling, LLC – DBA WGT Hauling passed **unanimously**.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Diana Puhl was appointed to serve a three-year unfilled term, expiring on September 1, 2025 on the Economic Development Task Force.
- Donna Athearn, Chip Weston, Lamont Ingalls and Robert Werner were reappointed to two-year terms, expiring on August 1, 2025 and William Robitzsch was appointed to serve a two-year term, expiring on August 1, 2025 to the Turnbull Creek Land Preservation Committee.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION REPORTS

- Commission consensus approved appointing Bob Williams to serve as a member on the Transportation Planning Organization Citizen’s Advisory Committee.
- Commission consensus tasked the City Manager to research the removal of the empty magazine kiosks throughout the City.