

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLAGLER BEACH CITY COMMISSION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M. AND TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL ITEMS ARE COMPLETE. CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 105 S. SECOND STREET, FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA 32136

AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor Suzie Johnston, Chair Eric Cooley, Vice-Chair Rick Belhumeur, Commissioners Jane Mealy, James Sherman and Scott Spradley, City Attorney D. Andrew Smith, III, City Manager Dale L. Martin and City Clerk Penny Overstreet.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Cooley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR OUR VETERANS, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND FIRST RESPONDERS: Mayor Johnston led the pledge.
3. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS.
 - a. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FLAGLER COUNTY ASSIST FOR THEIR VALUABLE VOLUNTEER SERVICES AT CITY EVENTS: Mayor Johnston presented the certificate to the members of Flagler Assist.
 - b. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS “TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”: Mayor Johnston presented the proclamation to members of the Family Life Center.
4. DELETIONS AND CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK. HOWEVER, COMMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES: Steve Scott requested the Commission revisit the decision for installation of the fence at Pal and Irma Parker Park. Mr. Scott spoke of his concerns related to his boat trailer ingress and egress, which he stores in his rear yard. Bob Cunningham requested estimated completion dates for the projects added to the project schedule update. Mr. Cunningham inquired about the transparency of a land swap between the City and County, and the associated fence installation. Clerk Overstreet responded and advised of the Ordinance adopting the land swap, with the agreement for the installation of the fence to separate the properties. Mr. Cunningham inquired about a \$25k capital improvement line for a “new City Hall”. Ken Bryan spoke about the New Year’s Eve event. Mr. Bryan suggested amending the fireworks agreement from three (3) to one (1) year due to budget uncertainties. Mr. Bryan inquired if the city will have fireworks on the 4th of July. Brett Splittail advised a street light is out at S. Central and S. A1A by the water tower. Darryl Reynolds suggested installation of trash receptacles with lids at the beach walkovers. Mr. Reynolds further stated the Dollar General has removed their public receptacles. Mr. Martin advised Sanitation Supervisor Rob Smith is working on solutions. Commissioner Cooley requested staff respond to the comments. Mr. Martin to speak with Mr. Scott within the next two weeks, and report at the next meeting. The Commission reached a consensus for the City Manager to work with Mr. Scott, reiterating delineation of the property line is the concern and the point of the separation. Clerk Overstreet responded to Mr. Cunningham’s inquiry regarding the land swap, and advised she would send the documentation to him. Mr. Martin responded to Mr. Cunningham’s comments related to the Capital budget, advising, the \$25k related to a “new City Hall” was in the Capital

Improvement Plan before his employment at the city. His understanding is the funds are for a needs study. In response to Mr. Reynolds comments, Mr. Martin advised Mr. Smith is working to identifying a solution that will work best and budget as necessary. Mr. Martin or a designee will contact Dollar General Management and advise of concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. APPROVE THE WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2024:
7. APPROVE AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLAGLER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH FOR ENHANCED 911 ADDRESSING:

Chair Cooley opened public comments. No comments were offered. Chair Cooley closed public comments. Motion by Commissioner Belhumeur that we approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM TREX© REGARDING A COLLABORATION BETWEEN TREX© AND THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH FOR THE BOARDWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Kellie Driscoll, Regional Sales Director, with Trex, reviewed the company's product and spoke of the interest in partnering with the City for the Boardwalk Project. No action was taken. Mr. Martin advised he would share the information with the Pier Engineer consultant.
9. APPROVE A DIRECT PURCHASE TO FERGUSON WATERWORKS FOR THE MATERIAL TO COMPLETE THE RAW WATER LINE MOVE AS AGREED TO IN THE WELL FIELD EASEMENT DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND GRAND LANDINGS: Mr. Martin reviewed the request. Chair Cooley opened public comments. No comments were offered. Chair Cooley closed public comments. Motion by Commissioner Belhumeur that we approve a direct purchase to Ferguson Water Works. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
10. AWARD BID NO. FB-241601 FOR THE PUMP STATION 1 2023/2024 LIFT STATION UPGRADES PROJECT: Mr. Martin reviewed the request. Chair Cooley opened public comments. No comments were offered. Chair Cooley closed public comments. Motion by Commissioner Sherman to award bid No. FB-241601. Commissioner Mealy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT REVIEW: Mr. Martin reviewed the activities of the event and advised the expenses were provided by the Clerk in response to a public records request. Mayor Johnston commented; the event was wonderful for our residents. Chair Cooley opened public comments. Paul Matykta and Paul Eik provided comments. Chair Cooley closed public comments. No action was taken.
12. STAFF REPORTS.
CITY ATTORNEY: Attorney Smith provided a follow-up report on inquiry from last meeting regarding House Bill 1277, advising what is new is the proposed 10% threshold spent on operation of general government, proposes monies have to be spent on expansion of the system.

- Attorney Smith spoke about the potential annexation of Veranda Bay into the city.
- Attorney Smith reported this afternoon he filed stipulation for dismissal of lawsuit for the golf course that will release the money to the former tenant. Attorney Smith continued advising the new Operator has made an outreach to the City Manager.
- Attorney Smith reported in March, he will have an ordinance amending the regulation of promotional signage, banner, and window coverage signage.

CITY MANAGER: Thanked Katherine Monroy for getting the City Facebook site up and running.

- Mr. Martin provided the Officials with a draft letter to County Chair regarding no interest in our Library being incorporated into the County system.
- Mr. Martin reported an inquiry from the Pier Design Engineer regarding pier salvage extent. Does the Board wish to salvage just the deck boards or expand the salvage to railings, etc.? Discussion ensued regarding selling it for reuse or art, and the increase in project cost, time, and storage. The Commission reached a consensus to retain the named boards.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

13. COMMISSION COMMENTS, INCLUDING REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED: The officials reported their attendance at meetings, gatherings, and events since the last regular meeting.

MAYOR JOHNSTON: Requested additional monitoring at the crosswalks particularly at N. 4th and S. 6th Streets.

- Spoke of the accumulation of trash and cigarette butts on the boardwalk, and requested the warning be issued for litter and smoking and the following week enforced with tickets.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Paul Matykta encouraged the city to salvage the pier material for sale at a later date. Carol Kennedy commented on crosswalk safety. Commissioner Sherman spoke about discussions at TPO meetings about crosswalks, and feels we need to press upon FDOT to install more crosswalk for the safety of the residents and visitors.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Belhumeur put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Eric Cooley, Chair

Attest:

Penny Overstreet, City Clerk

