



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Commission Chambers – 105 S. 2ND Street, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

PRESENT: Mayor Patti King, Chair Scott Spradley, Commissioners Rick Belhumeur, Eric Cooley and Jane Mealy, City Attorney D. Andrew Smith, III, City Manager Dale L. Martin and City Clerk Penny Overstreet.

ABSENT: Vice-Chair James Sherman.

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Chair Spradley 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 King led the pledge to the flag.
3. **Proclamations and Awards:**
 - a. Recognition Officer Maria Guerrero on receiving Officer of the Year Award from the Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis Club. Chief Doughney presented Officer Guerrero with the Officer of the Year award.
4. **Deletions and changes to the agenda:** Item 7B was removed from the agenda.
5. **Public comments regarding items not on the agenda:** Ehab Hashem expressed his concern regarding the turnover in the Water Department. Brett Spitalny attended the stormwater community workshop. McKim and Creed's map indicated that Ocean Palm would not flood. He shared photographs of the flooding in his area. Daryl Reynolds felt there should be a moratorium on development until the City can address the flooding issues. He also spoke about the amount of fill that is brought in. Mark Imhoff spoke of his concern regarding the amount of development coming into the area and the effects it is having on the city. Mr. Martin responded to Mr. Hashem's comments and reported the issue with the water plant operators is happening throughout the state. The City is actively recruiting operators. The McKim & Creed stormwater workshop was reviewed and the public was directed to the website and the link provided to upload their information and photos. The discussion regarding the time allotment allowed for each resident with the engineer.
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approve the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2024.
 - b. Renew a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Flagler Beach and Flagler Strong. This item was removed for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Belhumeur to approve Item 6a of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mealy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Commissioner Cooley pulled the item for discussion to ensure both parties were in agreement with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented. Tracy Hennessey questioned why they no longer could place signs in the right of way for the Farmers Market. It was her understanding the

MOU allowed Flagler Strong to have the same rights as the City with signage. Attorney Smith advised Flagler Strong is not an extension of the city but a private organization. Should they become an extension of the City, Sunshine Law would be imposed. If a private landowner allows them to put up a sign, it is acceptable.

Motion by Commissioner Belhumeur to approve 6b. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. General Business

- a. Resolution 2024-28, a Resolution by the City of Flagler Beach, Florida, approving a Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation; providing for conflict and an effective date. Attorney Smith read the title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Martin spoke to the history of the item. The responsibilities of each party were discussed. Public comment was opened. No comments were received. Public comments were closed. Motion by Commissioner Mealy to approve Resolution 2024-28. Commissioner Belhumeur seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, after a roll call vote.
- b. Consider awarding Bid No. FB-2024-0501 to North Florida Waste Management to the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$44,000 for the demolition of three (3) in-ground water tanks. Mr. Martin spoke to the history of the item. Public comment was opened. No comments were received. Public comments were closed. Motion by Commissioner Belhumeur to approve Item 7b. Commissioner Mealy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 2024-29, a Resolution of the City of Flagler Beach, Florida, officially adopting the 2024 One-Year goals of the Flagler Beach City Commission as determined at its 2024 Strategic Session; providing for conflict and an effective date. Attorney Smith read the title of the resolution into the record. Mr. Martin spoke to the history of the item. Commissioner Cooley was concerned the City's long-term goals would be dismissed because they did not appear in the resolution. Chairman Spradley asked if the resolution could be amended to include the long-term goals. The one-year goals were to be a benchmark to achieve the future long-term goals toward 2032. Attorney Smith suggest adding a whereas to include he long-term goals. Public comment was opened. The following people came forward to express their concerns, opinions and suggestions: Mark Imhoff and Paul Eik. Public comment was closed. Motion by Commissioner Belhumeur to approve Resolution 2024-29 as amended. Commissioner Mealy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, after a roll call vote.

8. Public Hearings: There were no public hearings.

9. Staff Reports

- a. City Attorney: Attorney Smith reported on talks with DC Blocks. Mr. Chiumento spoke to him about Veranda Bay and getting closer to setting up a meeting with all parties after the new planner comes on board.
- b. City Manager: Mr. Martin reported on how staff is moving toward the six goals. The City Engineer starts on June 3 and the City Planner on June 10. The Parks Committee has scheduled two field trips for visitation to the city parks on June 5th and June 19th. Maintenance is conducting a formal inventory of the dune walkovers. The Army Corps has met with Pebble

Beach HOA and will be hosting a preconstruction meeting to take place on June 6. Downtown Playbook contracted for one year, scheduled to start on June 27 and June 28. Mr. Martin asked each of the Commissioners to give him their nominations for those interested in serving in this effort. The City has reached out to the contractor for the installation of sand fencing. He asked the Commission for direction regarding the First Friday in July; does the city wants to host the 4th of July in Veterans Park and also host the First Friday event the following day. It was the consensus of the Commission to host the Fourth of July on Thursday in Veterans Park and not to host the First Friday event.

- c. City Clerk: Ms. Overstreet asked the Commissioners and Mayor if they would like to participate in the 4th of July Parade and if so, did they need a car. The Commission responded with their requests.
- d. Department Reports: Chief Doughney spoke of his new hire, Office Saunders. The top priority for the Department is the investigation regarding the shooting on May 5, 2024.

10. Commission Comments

- a. Commission comments, including reports from meetings attended. Commissioner Belhumeur spoke of the “Keep off the Dunes” signage, and he would like to change them out to reflect the City’s Ordinance number. Turtle nesting season decorative lights are still on. Mr. Martin advised all will be replaced with amber lights, until install he will see about getting them turned off for compliance with Turtle season. Mr. Martin advised he would have staff remove the unofficial signs and have them all uniform in appearance.
- b. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda. Citizens are encouraged to speak. However, comments should be limited to three minutes.

The following citizens came forward to give their concerns, opinion and suggestions: Scott Fox, Paul Mykytka and Charlie Marrow.

11. Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Mealy to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Scott Spradley, Chair

Attest:

Penny Overstreet, City Clerk