

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 10, 2024

THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Scott Stiltner at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation by Pastor John Mazza of The Family Worship Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call	Present:	Councilman Shawn Goepfert Councilman Lance Green Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs Mayor Scott Stiltner
	Absent:	Councilman Jonathan Foley
	Also Present:	City Manager Wayne Clark City Attorney Matthew Jones Deputy City Clerk Amanda Bonin

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items Only

There were none.

5. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Approval of Minutes

a. December 3, 2024 - Regular City Council Meeting

7. Bid Awards and Contract Items

a. Approval of Lease Amendment for Office Space at City Hall for U.S.

Representative Cory Mills

8. Resolution No. 24-53 - Waiver of Building Permit Fees for Structures in the FEMA Grant Programs or Volusia County Transform 386 Program

9. Resolution No. 24-54 - Accepting \$74,479 for 2024-2025 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant

10. Resolution No. 24-55 - Approval of the Loan Application Package for Design of the Water Reclamation Facility Upgrades with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

11. Acceptance of the 2024 Annual Concurrency Management Report

12. Approval of the 2025 Public Hearing and Development Review Calendar

13. Authorizing City Attorney's Office to Initiate Legal Proceedings Related to Code Enforcement

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda – 20 minutes)

Matthew Vondrus, resident, expressed his apology to Council Members and staff for his previous reactions and comments on social media. Mr. Vondrus mentioned he had good conversations with Council Members and staff since Hurricane Milton about the City's efforts, and projects moving forward. He understands there are many moving parts, but he also brought up the Citizen's perception, and requested bi-monthly social media posts on the City's progress on stormwater projects.

Harold Jim White, resident, expressed his concerns regarding his broken water meter and his utility bill.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

14. Comments/Concerns from Council Members

Councilman Lance Green touched on the sale of the Reed Canal property. He would like the City to purchase another property to assist with the City's drainage. He also asked about the order of the City Council Agenda.

Mayor Scott Stiltner mentioned this will be an item on the agenda in January.

Councilman Lance Green also discussed Code Enforcement and the need to maintain what we have. He stated there are commercial properties that need some attention, suggested night and weekend shifts, and would like to know what the goal and mission is for Code Enforcement.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert discussed the condition of properties throughout the City and mentioned property owners need to be held accountable. Councilman Shawn Goepfert stated communication is important and he would like for the City to work on having an open line of communication. He would also like an update on the issues concerning master meters in mobile home parks. Councilman Shawn Goepfert also spoke on the order of the Council agenda and asked if there is an opportunity for

Council members to have a rebuttal while the citizens are present to speak about their concerns..

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs spoke on communication, the platform for communication, and thanked Mr. Vondrus for his comments at tonight's meeting. He touched on FEMA projects and how we cannot defer those projects to others. Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs explained what the Aqua Hawk program is and suggested everyone sign up. He thanked staff for everything they did for this past weekend's holiday events. Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs mentioned the Code Enforcement item on this evening's agenda regarding nuisance houses and mentioned that we now have the legal proceedings to move forward. He suggested citizens come forward and talk to Council about properties where there are similar code issues.

Mayor Scott Stiltner talked about social media and how misinformation comes across it. He talked about the master stormwater project and stated he would like an element on the city's website that indicates what the stormwater projects are and would like a link to past City Council meetings where these items were discussed. This would be in an effort to make it easy to find for citizens and bring transparency. Mayor Scott Stiltner would like to have agenda adjustments. Should someone on council mis-speak, he would like the City Manager or City Attorney to clarify when it's their time to speak. Mayor Scott Stiltner applauded City staff on the events over the weekend. Additionally, he commented on Code Enforcement and would like a discussion specifically on Code but also spoke on legal issues, State mandates and mentioned there needs to be persistence. Lastly, as we come to the end of debris pick up, Mayor Scott Stiltner would like to see the City employees as a whole, bring forward any street lighting and signage that is down, out, broken, etc. to the proper department's attention.

PUBLIC HEARING

15. First Reading - Ordinance No. 2024-25 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Annual Capital Improvements Element Update (Case No. CPAM-24-0004)

Matt Jones, City Attorney, read Ordinance No. 2024-25.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE FY2025-2030 FIVEYEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND SUPPORTING DATA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Penelope Cruz, Planning Manager, provided an update and explained concurrency.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-25 was made by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs and Seconded by Councilman Lance Green. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

16. City Attorney

There was nothing further.

17. City Manager

Mr. Clark indicated the City has a weekly Newsletter and everyone who has their email address tied to their utility account receives it. Construction projects can move slowly and there may not be weekly updates on the progress. Mr. Clark expressed his appreciation to the citizens who have come forward with their concerns and touched on the previous reorganization of City departments to implement changes to better the City.

Mayor Scott Stiltner spoke about Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) and mentioned how a certain percentage can be approved this year, some next year, and so on. He also touched on Councilman Green's comment about purchasing land and how not all of the land options are suited for what the City needs.

Mr. Clark also discussed funding from FEMA and the sales of properties. The City's intent is to put the money received in some type of stormwater fund. He also mentioned there are a couple properties that could be beneficial for the stormwater plan.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:17 p.m.



Mayor Scott Stiltner

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

