

**MINUTES
ORMOND BEACH CITY COMMISSION
HELD AT CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

February 3, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers

Present were: Mayor Kelley, Commissioners James Stowers, Troy Kent and Bill Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, City Attorney Randy Hayes, and City Clerk Scott McKee.

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**
 - A. Healthy Weight Community Champion Recognition
 - B. Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791
- 5. AUDIENCE REMARKS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes from City Commission meeting – January 20, 2015
- 7. CONSENT AGENDA**

The action proposed is stated for each item on the Consent Agenda. Unless a City Commissioner removes an item from the Consent Agenda, no discussion on individual items will occur and a single motion will approve all items.

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43 : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GREAT KIDS EXPLORER CLUB, INC. REGARDING TUTORING SERVICES FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Staff Contact: Loretta Moisiso, Grants Coordinator/PIO (386-676-3315)

- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-44 : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND VOLUSIA/FLAGLER COUNTY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS, INC. REGARDING HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Staff Contact: Loretta Moisiso, Grants Coordinator/PIO (386-676-3315)

- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45 : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND HALIFAX URBAN MINISTRIES, INC. REGARDING HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Staff Contact: Loretta Moisiso, Grants Coordinator/PIO (386-676-3315)

- D. Stormdrain & Sanitary Sewer Pipe Lining Rehabilitation**

Staff Contact: John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated February 3, 2015.

E. **2-Inch Watermain Replacement-Mainland-Phase II**

Staff Contact: John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated February 3, 2015.

F. **RFP 2015-27 for Management and Operation of Nova Skate Court Concession**

Staff Contact: Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director (386-676-3279)

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated February 3, 2015.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07** : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF ARTICLE I, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, SECTION 2-02, FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATIONS AND ZONING DISTRICTS, TABLE 2-2, FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATIONS AND COMPATIBLE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY ADDING THE R-6, MULTIFAMILY MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY ZONING DISTRICT TO THE "MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL" COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)**

Staff Contact: Ric Goss, Planning Director (386-676-3238)

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08** : AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CERTAIN UPDATED SCHEDULES TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH UPDATES SHALL TAKE EFFECT; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)**

Staff Contact: Ric Goss, Planning Director (386-676-3238)

9. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09** : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-224, QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY BOARD, OF ARTICLE VI, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER AGENCIES, OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE BOARD AND AMENDING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Scott McKee, City Clerk (386-676-3340)

10. **REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Kelley noted that Commissioner Boehm was not in attendance because his daughter was receiving a kidney transplant at Florida Hospital. He asked everyone to remember Commissioner Boehm, his daughter, and their family in their thoughts and prayers.

Item #2 – Invocation

Rector Bennett, Christ Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4A – Healthy Weight Community Champion

Ms. Ann Bodziak, Assistant Community Health Nursing Director, Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, stated that the State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong said that “health improves in communities through local solutions.” She stated that Florida’s counties and municipal governments played an important role in decreasing the prevalence of unhealthy weight in their jurisdictions. She stated that Ormond Beach had employed the strategies closely aligned with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Institute of Medicine to address behavior and environmental change in the community. She congratulated the City of Ormond Beach on behalf of the Florida Department of Health and the State Surgeon General and recognized the city for its efforts to promote healthy weight by implementing best practices at the local level and creating an environment where healthy choice was the right choice. She stated that the City of Ormond Beach was named a Healthy Weight Community Champion.

Mayor Kelley thanked Ms. Bodziak. He stated that the Commission participated in the Mayor’s Health and Fitness Challenge last year and lost more weight than any other team. He noted that was demonstrative of their dedication to health. He stated that the Commission was participating in the Challenge again and wanted to do anything they could to help people take a healthy approach to life.

Item #4B – Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791

Mayor Kelley invited the Knights of Columbus representatives in attendance to come forward to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Kelley stated that the Knights of Columbus Order was founded in 1882 with the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. He stated that the Order’s service programs were designed to establish each council as an influential and important force within the community. He explained that the Order helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and had contributed time and energy worldwide in service to communities. He noted that the Knights’ charitable activities encompassed an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects, including charitable partnerships with the Special Olympics and Global Wheelchair Mission, as well as their own Coats for Kids and Tootsie Roll Campaign for Disabled Citizens projects, and other strictly local charities like Habitat for Humanity, Council on Aging Meals on Wheels, and Emory L. Bennett Memorial Veterans Nursing Home.

Mayor Kelley explained that the Knights of Columbus had grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. He stated that the Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 8791 was located at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Ormond Beach at 600 South Nova Road. He stated that the Council was chartered in 1984 and that its 215 members worked closely with the Prince of Peace Parish, providing funds for various parish projects, social services for the needy, vocations for seminarians, and assistance to veterans and the disabled by their members being active participants in the parish and the community.

Mayor Kelley stated that it was the 30th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791. He proclaimed February 7, 2015, as a day to recognize the Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791 in the City of Ormond Beach and urged all residents to commend the Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791 for 30 years of valuable service and extend them best wishes for continued success in the future. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for unselfishly giving their time to the community.

Item #5 – Audience Remarks

Mr. Jim Schultz, 117 Harvard Drive, stated that a hockey team had half dozen players with the mumps. He stated that it was not publicized that the team had given their players two mumps, measles and rubella shots that year. He noted that the developer of

the vaccine, Merck Pharmaceuticals, had two lawsuits against them demonstrating how they consistently committed fraud to prove the effectiveness of the vaccine. He stated that Disneyland recently had an outbreak of measles. He explained that you cannot receive a measles vaccine in the United States and instead had to get the mumps, measles, and rubella vaccine. He noted that the news media forgot to tell the other side of the story. He stated that the city cared about healthy choices, as did he, but a good decision could not be made without information. He stated that one man created most of the vaccinations used. He stated that the individual even noted that vaccines were fraught with inaccuracies and loaded with contaminated viruses.

Ms. Caroline Riviere, Executive Director of the Ormond Beach Housing Authority ("Housing Authority"), 100 New Britain Avenue, explained that the Housing Authority had a PILOT program (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) for the housing agency. She asked if the city would be willing to reimburse taxes to the Housing Authority in a grant. She explained that it would be reinvested to address the Housing Authority's immediate needs including modifying sidewalks for compliance, replacing roofs, painting, repairing play lots, and providing enhanced security equipment such as better lighting. She stated that the Housing Authority served mixed families on 41 units in four sites within the Ormond Beach community. She noted that due to the budget constraints of previous years, their hands were tied and it was difficult for them to make the necessary improvements without seeking financial assistance from other services or sources.

Ms. Riviere explained that the Housing Authority had a grant of \$15,000 coming from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which would only partially assist them in repairing the roofs on South Washington Street, which would in turn leave three other sites unfinished. She reiterated that she was seeking assistance from the city in continuing to upgrade and maintain their communities and provide safe and sanitary housing for their residents. She again noted that the Housing Authority normally did not pay taxes and instead paid a PILOT program in lieu of taxes. She noted that amounted to about \$9,354 for 2013 and 2014 was also due, as well. She stated that the accountant advised her to ask the city. She noted that she sent a letter to Mayor Kelley and he advised her to present the request at the City Commission meeting.

Mayor Kelley asked if Ms. Riviere had sent the letter to Finance Director Kelly McGuire as he did not recall seeing it.

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that she was in receipt of the request letter. She explained that there was a statewide agreement that housing authorities did not pay taxes and paid a payment in lieu of taxes instead. She stated that the Housing Authority was asking that the requirement be waived and instead the Housing Authority would use those funds. She noted that the Housing Authority had not paid the payment for 2013 or 2014 so the total amount was around \$18,000. She stated that the request would be brought to the City Commission at a future meeting for them to consider.

Mayor Kelley thanked Ms. Riviere and Reverend Willie Branch for their work with the Housing Authority and for making sure those who needed to be taken care of were.

Item #6A– Approval of Minutes

Mayor Kelley advised that the minutes of the January 20, 2015, regular meetings have been sent to the Commission for review and were posted on the city's website for public viewing. He asked for any corrections, additions, or omissions. He stated that hearing no corrections, the minutes would stand approved as presented.

Item #8– Consent Agenda

Mayor Kelley advised that the actions proposed for the items on the Consent Agenda were so stated on the agenda. He asked if any member of the Commission had questions or wished to discuss any items separately.

Commissioner Stowers moved, seconded by Commissioner Kent, for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Stowers	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Partington	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Kelley	Yes

Item #8 – Public Hearings

Mayor Kelley opened the public hearing.

Item #8A – Adding R-6 to MDR in Compatibility Matrix LDC Amendment

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF ARTICLE I, ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, SECTION 2-02, FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATIONS AND ZONING DISTRICTS, TABLE 2-2, FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATIONS AND COMPATIBLE ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY ADDING THE R-6, MULTIFAMILY MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY ZONING DISTRICT TO THE "MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL" COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Partington, for approval of Ordinance No. 2015-07, on second reading, as read by title only.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Partington	Yes
	Commissioner Stowers	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Kelley	Yes

Item #8B – 2014 CIE Update

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CERTAIN UPDATED SCHEDULES TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING WHEN SUCH UPDATES SHALL TAKE EFFECT; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Partington moved, seconded by Commissioner Stowers, for approval of Ordinance No. 2015-08, on second reading, as read by title only.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Partington	Yes
	Commissioner Stowers	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Kelley	Yes

Mayor Kelley closed the public hearing.

Item #10A – Quality of Life Board Amendments

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-224, QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY BOARD, OF ARTICLE VI, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER AGENCIES, OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE BOARD AND AMENDING THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Stowers moved, seconded by Commissioner Partington, for approval of Ordinance No. 2015-09, on first reading, as read by title only.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Stowers	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Partington	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Kelley	Yes

Item #10 – Reports, Suggestions, Requests

Bill Prohibiting Local Vendor Preference

Ms. Shanahan stated that House Bill 113 in the Florida Legislature wanted to preempt and supersede local government’s ability to have local ordinances regulating their vendor preference program. She explained that in 2010 the city adopted a local vendor preference program to provide local individuals an ability to compete. She further explained that if it was within a certain percentage, the city had the ability to choose the local vendor even if it was a little bit higher than the lowest bidder. She noted that could not be done for state funded projects or any transportation projects. She stated that the city felt it was important to maintain that local preference and wanted to write a letter to the sub-committee and ask them to not adopt the regulation.

Mayor Kelley stated that he had asked Ms. Shanahan to write a letter for the Commission to sign and send. He confirmed that the rest of the Commission was in favor of that letter being sent.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the letter would be sent out the next day.

Advisory Board Appointments

Ms. Shanahan asked City Clerk Scott McKee to update the Commission on advisory board appointments.

Mr. Scott McKee, City Clerk, stated that at the last meeting the City Commission approved a resolution for appointments to the Historic Landmark Preservation Board but noted that there had been no names assigned for the two at-large Commission appointments. He asked if the Commission wanted that to be brought back as a Discussion Item on the agenda so that the Commission could submit names and come to a consensus for the appointments.

Mr. McKee noted that the second reading for the Quality of Life Advisory Board code amendment would be at the next meeting. He explained that after that passed a resolution would be brought back to appoint members to that board, noting that there would be five nominations, one for each Commission members, and two at-large Commission nominations. He noted that the board size had been reduced to seven members and that there were seven members on the board who indicated a willingness to serve again. He stated that Zone 2, 3, and 4 each had one nomination still wanting to serve and that there were two appointments willing to serve again for the Mayor and Zone 1. He noted that Mayor Kelley and Commissioner Stowers would have to nominate one of those individuals as their nominee and could put the other individual up for the at-large Commission appointment.

Mayor Kelley stated that he would let Mr. McKee know which name he would nominate and which he would submit at large.

Ms. Shanahan stated that staff would send the Commission an email regarding the nominations and allow them to respond to staff about how they would like to appoint them.

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Ms. Shanahan stated that there was a workshop scheduled for February 17, 2015. She stated that it would be to discuss ball field maintenance and also their brainstorming session. She noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was put out for ball field maintenance and had to be considered by the Commission.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the March 3, 2015, workshop would be for Financial Trends and Goal Setting.

Mayor Kelley asked Ms. Shanahan if that was the same week as the Tallahassee trip.

Ms. Shanahan stated that it would be during the March 17, 2015, meeting. She noted that it had just been mentioned to her that it might change to the following week. She stated that she had a workshop scheduled for March 17, 2015, as well.

Mayor Kelley noted that Commissioner Partington was going on the trip to Tallahassee, but he did not want him to miss the meetings.

Ms. Shanahan stated that if they kept the Tallahassee trip scheduled as planned, then staff could move the workshop off of March 17, 2015.

Mayor Kelley suggested that the meeting and workshop both be moved to Monday, March 16, 2015, if the Tallahassee trip still was set to be on the meeting date of March 17, 2015. He stated that if the date was changed for the trip, then the meeting date would be fine as is.

Nova Community Park Project

Ms. Shanahan stated that the Nova Community Park project was underway. She stated that signage was marked noting what was open and closed. She stated that the survey layout and mobilization would be done this week with grating to follow. She noted that the project would run for 120 days and be completed on June 2, 2015.

Movies on the Halifax

Ms. Shanahan stated that the next Movies on the Halifax movie would be *Maleficent* and would be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2015.

Reel in the Fun Fishing Tournament

Ms. Shanahan stated that the Reel in the Fun Fishing Tournament would be held on February 28, 2015. She noted that three such tournaments would be held, one at Cassen Park, one at Andy Romano Beachfront Park, and one at Central Park.

City Manager Anniversary

Ms. Shanahan noted that it was the anniversary of her sixth year with the city. She stated that she was grateful to be employed here.

Mayor Kelley stated that he hoped Joyce would hit six times six more anniversaries before she left the city.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she appreciated the Commission's leadership and patience with her.

Commissioner Kent thanked Ms. Shanahan for choosing to make Ormond Beach her home and stated that he agreed with Mayor Kelley.

Thoughts for Commissioner Boehm's family

Commissioner Kent stated that Commissioner Boehm's daughter and family were in his prayers.

Ethics Training

Commissioner Kent stated that last week he went to the state mandated ethics training for all elected officials. He noted that he did not do anything wrong and explained that the state legislature had mandated all elected officials to take four-hours of ethics training every year. He noted that he had his certificate from the training and would give it to the City Clerk. He also noted that he saw Commissioner Stowers at the same training. He stated that he found it interesting that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Cabinet all had to take training, and the only ones that did not were the legislators that created the law for everyone else. He noted that the audience was laughing at that fact and was as disgusted as he was about it. He noted that they made a law for everyone else and excluded themselves, which was not right, and he further noted that he would tell them that to their faces.

Movies on the Halifax

Commissioner Kent stated that Movies on the Halifax was a great event for the community and its families. He stated that *Maleficent* was a heartwarming movie to enjoy.

Emergency Responders

Commissioner Kent stated that two weeks prior he was walking and stopped in at his parents' home. He noted that his mother was there alone and appeared to be having a heart attack. He stated that she was fine and recuperating now but did have a small heart attack. He explained that he called 911 and in less than two minutes the Ormond Beach Fire Department was in his mother's home administering an IV and giving her oxygen to prepare her for the transport crew, which showed up six to seven minutes

later. He stated that the city's fire department were life savers and had great attention to detail. He commended Fire Chief Bob Mandarin on his staff and stated that they were a true group of professionals.

Passing of Andy Romano

Commissioner Kent stated that Mr. Charlie Carter introduced him 11½ years earlier to Mr. Andy Romano. He stated that Mr. Carter told him that Mr. Romano's nickname was "Mr. Beach" and that Mr. Romano would be a great appointment for the Leisure Services Advisory Board. He noted that he asked Mr. Romano to serve on the board and he did. He stated that he spent the next two years calling Mr. Romano and asking him if he would like to go fishing and eventually he agreed to. He noted that his patience paid off. He explained that Mr. Romano was a man's man and enjoyed fishing, hunting and partying a little bit. He noted that Mr. Romano was a humble man in regards to his many accomplishments.

Commissioner Kent stated that Mr. Romano passed away this morning at the age of 92. He noted that Mr. Romano passed in his sleep. He stated that Mr. Romano was an Army Air Corps member in World War II, a recruiter for the Korean War, an elementary school teacher, a coach, and a principal. He explained that he started the Ormond Beach Lifesaving Corps and was the first captain of it. He stated that he told him that every man on the corps had to work six days a week and only were paid for five. He stated that Mr. Romano created the first beach concession stand in Ormond Beach. He noted that "Andy's Rentals" was still in business to this day, which he had sold it, but it still existed.

Commissioner Kent stated that Mr. Romano was a great man, fantastic father, incredible husband, and one of the best friends he had ever known. He stated that Mr. Romano had a wonderful life. He stated that Mr. Romano had lived to see Andy Romano Beachfront Park be named after him. He thanked the Commission for that. He noted that Mr. Romano's story reminded him of the movie *Big Fish*. He stated that the movie was another feel good movie. He stated that he would miss his friend.

Passing of Andy Romano

Commissioner Partington sent condolences to Mr. Romano's family and to Commissioner Kent. He noted that Mr. Romano and Commissioner Kent were good friends to each other and both were in the teaching profession.

Commissioner Partington stated that he covered the Lions' Annual Dinner for Mayor Kelley. He stated that Mr. Romano was a Lion and the Lion's motto was "We serve." He stated that he thought that was a fitting motto for Mr. Romano since his whole life was about service. He stated that the Lions created a beautiful pin to commemorate Mr. Romano and his park.

Thoughts for Commissioner Boehm's Family

Commissioner Partington stated that his thoughts and prayers were with Commissioner Boehm and his family. He wished them the best. He noted that his family prayed for Commissioner Boehm's family, the donors' family, and their medical team the previous night.

Reel in the Fun Fishing Tournament

Commissioner Partington encouraged all to attend the fishing tournament and stated that there was no better family activity.

Thoughts for Commissioner Boehm's Family

Commissioner Stowers echoed the rest of the Commission's comments to Commissioner Boehm. He noted that Commissioner Boehm had been sending emails from his daughter's hospital room.

Ethics Training / Transparency

Commissioner Stowers noted that he attended the four-hour ethics training session as did Commissioner Kent. He thanked the Florida League of Cities for putting the training on. He stated that he was also extremely disappointed that the legislators created this rule and exempted themselves from it for purely political reasons and to pat themselves on the back and claim increased transparency.

Commissioner Stowers stated that he had some suggestions for those in Tallahassee, if they really wanted to bring about more transparency. He noted that in Ormond Beach the code enforcement board and the Special Magistrate, were comprised of retired

judges. He suggested that instead of having the Commission on Ethics be appointed by the Governor, it could be a set of retired judges that would more objectively serve. He noted that the larger issue was complaints and explained that there were no anonymous complaints to the Florida Commission on Ethics. He stated that there could be repercussions due to the inability to remain anonymous.

Commissioner Stowers explained that a year prior he had made a public records request of another local government. He stated that he was told it would take 20 hours to get the documents he requested and cost \$850, which needed to be paid up front. He explained that what he had requested was language in Comprehensive Plan amendments, which was fairly simple. He stated that he went online and found the information himself in 45 minutes. He stated that local government was playing games and not operating in the sunshine as required by law. He noted that his only recourse was to file a public complaint and then have the door shut even harder on him the next time he asked for something. He explained that was the scenario that citizens making a complaint could be in. He stated that there was no reason for names to be given with the complaints so that they could face possible repercussions.

Commissioner Stowers stated that in Ormond Beach public records requests were promptly responded to, noting that Ms. Shanahan copied the Commission on some of them.

Passing of Andy Romano

Mayor Kelley thanked Commissioner Kent for recognizing Mr. Romano for his contributions to the city. He stated that words could not adequately describe what Mr. Romano meant to so many in the community. He noted that he had an effect as a teacher, principal, and at the Leisure Services Advisory Board. He further noted that Mr. Romano had a profound effect on Commissioner Boehm who served with him on that board. He stated that it was great that they were able to name and open Andy Romano Beachfront Park with Mr. Romano prior to his passing.

Thoughts for Commissioner Boehm's Family

Mayor Kelley stated that he and his wife were also praying for Commissioner Boehm and his family. He stated that they hoped the kidney would take and noted that Commissioner Boehm's daughter had gone through a lot over the years.

Item #11 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED: February 17, 2015

BY:

Ed Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Scott McKee, City Clerk