

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

August 2, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers

Present were: Mayor Bill Partington, Commissioners Dwight Selby, Troy Kent, Rick Boehm, and Rob Littleton, 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. FCCMA - 55th anniversary of Ormond Beach council-manager government

5. AUDIENCE REMARKS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The minutes from the July 25, 2017 City Commission meeting will be available for approval at the August 15, 2017 City Commission meeting.

7. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-139** : A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, INDIVIDUALLY AND ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND ADJACENT AREAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ORMOND BEACH MAIN STREET BETWEEN THE CITY/AGENCY AND ORMOND BEACH MAIN STREET, INC., FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC, PHYSICAL AND AESTHETIC REDEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ORMOND BEACH MAIN STREET DISTRICT; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SEE 8A)**

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

8. 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.

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

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-140** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND HARRY H. WENDELSTEDT, JR., INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-141** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COST OF LIVING INCREASE BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PURSUANT TO THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND AUSTIN OUTDOOR, LLC D/B/A YELLOWSTONE LANDSCAPE, INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- Staff Contact:** *Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director (386-676-3279)*
- D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-142** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COST OF LIVING INCREASE BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PURSUANT TO THE ATHLETIC FIELDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND AUSTIN OUTDOOR, LLC D/B/A YELLOWSTONE LANDSCAPE, INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- Staff Contact:** *Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director (386-676-3279)*
- E. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-143** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ORMOND MEMORIAL ART MUSEUM, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDING; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- Staff Contact:** *Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director (386-676-3279)*
- F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-144** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER, SEWER AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND BPDAY PROPERTIES, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 153 AVALON DRIVE, ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- Staff Contact:** *Ric Goss, Planning Director (386-676-3238)*
- G. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-145** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WATER, SEWER AND ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND JOHN ANDRISEN AND MELINDA ANDRISEN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3040 JOHN ANDERSON DRIVE, ORMOND BEACH, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- Staff Contact:** *Ric Goss, Planning Director (386-676-3238)*
- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-146** : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND AMENDMENT TO CONTINUING ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH AND MEAD AND HUNT, INC., FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE CORRECT IDENTITY OF THE ENTITY PROVIDING GENERAL CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY SERVICES UNDER THE AGREEMENTS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- Staff Contact:** *John Noble, City Engineer (386-676-3269)*
- I. **Registration of Fibernet Direct Florida LLC**
- Staff Contact:** *Ric Goss, Planning Director (386-676-3238)*
- Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated August 2, 2017.
- J. **Cancellation of RFQ 2017-27 Airport Engineering Design Services**
- Staff Contact:** *Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director (386-676-3266)*
- Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated August 2, 2017.

K. FY 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement Amendments

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

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated August 2, 2017.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-147** : A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER VACATING A 0.44+ ACRE PORTION OF TOMOKA AVENUE THAT INTERSECTS WITH WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, A PLATTED FIFTY (50') FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING WEST OF 600 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0070, AND EAST OF 690 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0100, 650 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0110, 636 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0091, AND A PORTION OF 634 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0090; ESTABLISHING A TIME CERTAIN FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

10. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16** : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BY AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND; THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT FUND; THE STORMWATER FUND; THE AIRPORT FUND; THE GRANT FUND; THE FACILITIES R&R FUND; THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND; THE GENERAL EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE FUND; THE TRANSPORTATION FUND; THE FACILITIES RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND; THE WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATING FUND; THE WATER/WASTEWATER CAPITAL FUND; THE WATER IMPACT FEE FUND; THE WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE FUND; THE WATERMAIN PROJECT PHASE II CONSTRUCTION FUND; THE 2017 WWW CONSTRUCTION FUND; THE SOLID WASTE FUND; THE GENERAL LIABILITY FUND; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Kelly McGuire, Finance Director (386-676-3226)

11. REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that the meeting would be called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Partington called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. He apologized for the late start and noted that the Commission had just finished an important shade meeting.

Item #2 – Invocation

Father Kachy, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Partington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4- FCCMA- 55th anniversary of Ormond Beach council-manager government

Mayor Partington introduced Mr. Ken Parker, International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and liaison to Florida City and County Management Association

(FCCMA) who presented a certification to the Commission recognizing Ormond Beach for 55 years of council-manager form of government.

Mr. Ken Parker, Liaison to FCCMA, stated that it was a privilege to attend the meeting and recognize the city of Ormond Beach for operating under the council-manager plan for 55 years. He noted that the council-manager form of government was distinctly American. He explained that it started in Staunton, Virginia, in 1906. He noted that Ormond Beach was one of the earlier adopters of the council-manager form of government. He stated that it was with great joy and privilege that he presented a certificate to Ormond Beach for the celebration of its 55th anniversary of the adoption of council-manager form of government.

Mayor Partington thanked Mr. Parker for taking the time to be at the meeting. He stated that some may not know that Mr. Parker had a very long and distinguished career in Port Orange, Florida. He noted that Mr. Parker had done a fantastic job for Port Orange through the years. He stated that Mr. Parker had also helped other cities that did not have a City Manager. He noted that Mr. Parker would fill in, with his years of knowledge, and made sure that those cities had a smooth transition when replacing their City Manager.

Item #5 – Audience Remarks

Mr. John Azari, 2375 John Anderson Drive, stated that the trees in Ormond Beach were beautiful. He noted that everywhere he turned the city was building something new and chopping down trees. He stated that on Williamson Boulevard there were beautiful trees and someone was constructing a building there. He noted that he knew that the person who owned the land was able to build whatever they wanted. He stated that those who were building in the city should try and preserve the trees.

Mayor Partington stated that Ormond Beach was a Tree City USA community and enjoyed that designation. He noted that the Commission shared Mr. Azari's feelings about preserving trees. He stated that if Mr. Azari had specific items he would like to discuss he could contact City Manager Joyce Shanahan, and if she was unable to resolve the issue, Mr. Azari was able to contact any member of the Commission at any time.

Item #6A – Approval of Minutes

Mayor Partington advised that, due to the short time between that evening's meeting and the meeting of the previous week, the minutes of the July 25, 2017, City Commission meeting would be available for approval at the August 15, 2017, City Commission meeting.

Item #7 – Community Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Partington advised that the following item was a Community Redevelopment item. He explained that the City Commission served as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the city and must review the item and make a recommendation as the CRA.

Mayor Partington recessed the City Commission meeting, called the CRA meeting to order, and opened the public hearings, at 7:14 p.m.

Item #7A- 2017-18 Ormond MainStreet Agreement

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION, INDIVIDUALLY AND ACTING AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND ADJACENT AREAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ORMOND BEACH MAIN STREET BETWEEN THE CITY/AGENCY AND ORMOND BEACH MAIN STREET, INC., FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC, PHYSICAL AND AESTHETIC REDEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ORMOND BEACH MAIN STREET DISTRICT; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Partington asked City Attorney Randy Hayes if the public hearing should be opened at the time, as the CRA, or if it should be opened once the City Commission meeting reconvened; whereby, Mr. Hayes stated that this was a hearing for the board as the CRA. He noted that the CRA was able to entertain speakers. He explained that the CRA would conclude and then the Commission would go to the Consent Agenda and consider the item in their capacity as the Commission.

Mayor Partington stated that he was going to open the public hearing and entertain any motions at the time.

Commissioner Boehm moved, seconded by Commissioner Kent, for approval of Resolution No. 2017-139, as read by title only.

Commissioner Boehm stated that as the Commission's representative to Ormond Beach MainStreet ("MainStreet") for the past five years, he had never worked with a board who were more interested, enthusiastic, and involved with making Ormond Beach's downtown a better place for all of the residents of Ormond Beach. He noted that he considered it a privilege to serve on that board. He stated that he believed the city had a wonderful relationship with MainStreet and that the city should continue the relationship.

Commissioner Kent stated that he had the great privilege, ten years ago, to serve for four years on the MainStreet board. He noted that he had spoken to the Commission about wanting to get back on the MainStreet board. He stated that Commissioner Boehm immediately let him know that the downtown area was his passion.

Commissioner Kent stated that he loved that MainStreet used a common sense approach when tackling problems. He noted that MainStreet's board members had a vested interest in the downtown area. He stated that there were many members on the MainStreet board that served on there longer than he had been on the Commission. He noted that that was a powerful thing.

Commissioner Selby stated that he was a member of MainStreet. He noted that MainStreet did a great job and he was in support of the agreement.

Commissioner Littleton agreed with what everyone had previously stated.

Mayor Partington stated that he believed that the citizen impact statement on the memorandum for the item in the meeting agenda packet was perfect. He noted that the citizen impact statement stated that the downtown area played an important and unique role in economic and social development. He further explained that it stated that a critical mass of commercial, cultural, and civic activities were concentrated in the downtown area and accomplished by making the downtown area productive. He noted that that was what MainStreet had done for the city in a number of different ways. He stated that if the city had had to pay employees to provide the services that MainStreet provided, it would have cost the city exponentially more money. He thanked MainStreet for all that they did and for caring about Ormond Beach as much as the Commission did.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Mayor Partington closed the public hearing, adjourned the CRA meeting, and reconvened the City Commission meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Item #8– Consent Agenda

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

Commissioner Selby requested that item 8B be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Selby, for approval of the Consent Agenda, absent item 8B.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
	Commissioner Selby	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Item #8B- Harry Wendelstedt, Inc Lease Agreement- Wendelstedt Umpire School

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-140

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND HARRY H. WENDELSTEDT, JR., INC.; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Boehm moved, seconded by Commissioner Kent, for approval of Resolution No. 2017-140, as read by title only.

Commissioner Selby stated that the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School had a long history in Ormond Beach. He noted that he appreciated that very much. He stated that he met Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt, his wife, and his daughters at National Night Out on August 1, 2017. He noted that he was very appreciative of all the umpire school had done over the years for Ormond Beach. He stated that he was left with two impressions when he had read through the lease agreement. He noted that he believed that the term of the agreement was too long. He stated that the agreement was for ten years. He noted that he had read the history of the agreement and saw that the city had approved two ten-year terms previously.

Commissioner Selby stated that he believed that the compensation to the city was not significant enough. He noted that it amounted to less than \$4,500 for 45 days, which was less than \$100 per day. He stated that the umpire school utilized a lot of facilities. He noted that he did not know for a fact the city's cost to deliver those facilities at the level that they needed to be because he had not seen any information in the agenda packet regarding that. He stated that he believed that the city was subsidizing the item significantly. He noted that he had spoken with several residents. He asked Mr. Hayes if he had a responsibility to itemize the residents he had spoken with; whereby, Mr. Hayes stated that it was not necessary to do so.

Commissioner Selby stated that he had spoken to several residents who were for and against the item. He noted that he had received some strong opinions in both directions. He stated that he did not want the umpire school to end. He noted that the umpire school was a good thing for the city and he was happy that it was in Ormond Beach. He stated that he had not seen a recommendation one way or another from the Leisure Services Advisory Board (LSAB). He noted that he was surprised by that. He stated that he was open to discussing the umpire school.

Mr. Doug Wigley, 37 Forest View Way, stated that he agreed with Commissioner Selby. He noted that he was very much in favor of keeping the umpire school in Ormond Beach for another ten to 20 years. He stated that the umpire school was a private business and the city had put a lot funding into its fields and a brand new fieldhouse. He noted that there were four major league baseball fields being kept in major league baseball shape. He stated that cost a significant amount. He noted that the reason the Commission had not received a recommendation from the LSAB was because the umpire school was never brought to the board. He stated that the \$4,500 figure was for rent that was paid to the city from the umpire school. He stated that the LSAB did not participate in leases between the city and private businesses. He noted that the LSAB was an advisory board and tried to advise the Commission as best they could.

Mr. Wigley stated that he had great respect for the Wendelstedt family. He noted that he knew Mr. Harry Wendelstedt and had great respect for what he had done for Ormond Beach. He stated that he believed that ten years was to long of a term for the lease agreement. He stated that he believed the rent was too low, not so much with regards to the use of the fields but for the use of the Greg Smith fieldhouse. He noted that that facility was added as part of the lease. He stated that he was unsure when the field house was added to the lease, but that it was a beautiful room that the city had paid a lot of money for. He noted that for the city to only be receiving \$100 per day for four fields and a fieldhouse seemed light. He stated that he was happy that Commissioner Selby pulled the item from the consent agenda so that it was able to be discussed. He noted

that he was not trying to run the umpire school away. He stated that he hoped that the umpire school stayed for another 20 years in Ormond Beach.

Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt, Wendelstedt Umpire School, 88 South Saint Andrews Drive, stated that he had been thrown for a loop with the item being pulled off of the consent agenda. He noted that he had been frantically scrambling to create notes to speak to the Commission about. He stated that before he could give the speech that he wanted to give thanking everyone, he had to say a few things. He noted that he knew his father, Mr. Harry Wendelstedt, better than anyone. He stated that he was upset with Commissioner Selby and Mr. Wigley. He stated that he wanted to make sure everyone had their facts straight and that the umpire school was only on the field for 29 days. He noted that there were multiple facilities around the state of Florida that were willing to have the umpire school and house the students for free. He stated that his figures for economic development ran from \$1.6 to \$1.8 million.

Mr. Wendelstedt noted that he did not come to the meeting to make threats that the umpire school was going to leave Ormond Beach because his dad would have been upset with him for doing so. He stated that he grew up in Ormond Beach and that was where he wanted to retire. He noted that his father used to have a saying, "we're just getting started." He stated that from the time the city had acquired the land of the fields, to when the city knocked it down, he was there. He noted that his father always used to say that the Wendelstedt family was going to make the facility better. He stated that as a child, he thought his father was crazy because the facility was perfect and nothing else needed to be done. He recalled the Greg Smith fieldhouse coming along, and he remembered being at Houligan's restaurant with Mr. Doug Thomas, Mr. Greg Smith, and Mr. Tim Curtis, as they drew the field house on a bar napkin. He stated that because of the great work of Ormond Beach and the generosity of Mr. Smith, the field house was done in the record time of 18 months. He noted that he started to realize that his father was right and the Wendelstedt family was just getting started.

Mr. Wendelstedt stated that he believed that the positive thing that the Wendelstedt family did for Ormond Beach was exposing it to the world. He noted that the umpire school had more foreign students in that last three years than ever before. He stated that the students came from Japan, Korea, Australia, The Netherlands, and Germany. He noted that just recently Mr. Joe West, one of three umpires in history to umpire 5,000 games, had begun coming to Ormond Beach every year to receive a refresher course. He stated that Mr. West was the dean of all umpires. He explained that Mr. John Tumpane, who was a member of the umpire school staff, saved a woman who was about to jump off of a bridge in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He stated that it was a lesson Mr. Tumpane learned on day one on field three, which was to always be honest with yourself because you always have to go home and look yourself in the mirror. He noted that Mr. Tumpane had brought up in an interview that he remembered that quote from Mr. Harry Wendelstedt's umpire school.

Mr. Wendelstedt stated that in 2018, the Wendelstedt family would continue to pump up Ormond Beach. He noted that Mr. Brent Musburger, who had gone to the original umpire school at the International Speedway in the 1950's, would be the guest speaker. He stated that Mr. Musburger would be honoring graduates.

Mr. Doug Thomas, 132 River Bluff Drive, stated that he was absolutely shocked and amazed that the umpire school was pulled from the consent agenda. He noted that many would believe that he was for the item passing because of his friendship with Mr. Harry Wendelstedt. He stated that his relationship with Ormond Beach started eight years before his relationship with Mr. Wendelstedt. He noted that the economic impact that the umpire school had brought to Ormond Beach outweighed the money that some believed was too low. He stated that using Commissioner Selby's figures, the amount was \$29,000 a year. He noted that the figure he had for economic was \$1.2 million. He stated that if you divided that number by 29 days, that number significantly impacted Ormond Beach.

Mr. Thomas asked if anyone had been to Viera, Florida, where there was a beautiful complex that sat empty because the Washington Nationals had decided not to train there anymore. He stated that his love for Ormond Beach had progressed into the Planning Board, LSAB, and the Police Athletic League (PAL). He noted that he did not care about all recreation. He stated that he cared about Ormond Beach. He noted that he had had a love affair with Ormond Beach since 1974. He stated that this item should be passed and was an absolute no brainer.

Mr. Marvin Miller, 40 Riverside Drive, stated that he had received a last minute phone call to show up at the meeting. He noted that this item was personal to him. He stated that the first time he had met the Wendelstedt family was at Bill Summers Umpire School at Daytona Beach, Florida. He noted that he was thrilled the Wendelstedt family had picked Ormond Beach to host their umpire school. He stated that he was shocked by what Commissioner Selby had stated about the item. He noted that as realtors, there were rules about trust, integrity, and reputation. He stated that those three words fit the Wendelstedt Umpire School.

Mr. Miller noted that he had gone to the umpire school every year in January when it was held. He stated that it was a lot of fun and that he was able to meet some of the national league umpires and speak to them about the Boston Red Sox. He joked that they did not always want to listen. He noted that it was entertaining. He stated that the umpire school brought anywhere from 130 to 135 umpires to Ormond Beach. He stated that the umpires ate three meals a day in the city and stayed at motels in Ormond Beach on their own budget. He noted that every umpire loved Ormond Beach and he hoped that they went back to their hometowns and talked about Ormond Beach. He noted that some umpires had come back to Ormond Beach to vacation with their families because they had had such a great time when they were in the city attending the umpire school. He stated that he was unsure if someone would be able to buy that type of advertising.

Mr. Miller noted he thought that Ormond Beach should be paying the umpire school in hopes that it would stay in Ormond Beach. He stated that the city should be looking at the funding that was invested into parks and the revenue that had not been received back. He noted that the umpire school was the only umpire school that was recognized for umpires who made it to the big leagues. He stated that umpires from all over wanted to come to Ormond Beach to learn the trade.

Mr. Miller noted that he had met people in strange place. He explained that he and Mr. Harry Wendelstedt were coming back on a bus from Colorado. He noted that a passenger on the bus had spoken to them about a room that he was unable to afford in Holly Hill, Florida. Mr. Miller stated that he had asked the passenger what he was doing in Holly Hill; whereby, the passenger stated that he was attending the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School. Mr. Miller noted that the passenger did not know that Mr. Wendelstedt was sitting on the bus right behind him. He noted that he and Mr. Wendelstedt had a lot of fun telling the passenger that he was sitting right behind Mr. Wendelstedt. He stated that he believed that Ormond Beach should be giving the umpire school a 20-year lease with no rate increase. He noted that if the ball fields sat empty, it would still cost the city the same amount for upkeep on the fields.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he may be the biggest baseball fan sitting on the Commission. He joked that he was the longest tenured baseball fan because he was clearly the oldest member of the Commission. He noted that he was watching the Boston Red Sox against the Cleveland Indians the previous night, and that he always looked for Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt and Mr. West when watching the games. He noted that he always watched for umpires who could say that they learned how to umpire in Ormond Beach.

Commissioner Boehm stated that in terms of economic development, the umpire school spread the word about the city to the world. He noted that the Wendelstedt Umpire School did more for this city and county than any other organization out there. He stated that Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt was in baseball season and noted that he had taken time off to be at the meeting because he cared so much about keeping the umpire school in Ormond Beach. He noted that Mr. Wendelstedt did not live full time in Ormond Beach. He stated that the lease was for the non-busy time of year. He noted that the lease was from January 1, to February 14. He noted that that was a time when few visitors came to visit Ormond Beach. He stated that Mr. Wendelstedt was bringing umpires to Ormond Beach and putting them into the hotels and restaurants during the non-busy season.

Commissioner Boehm noted that, just like Mr. Miller stated, he was surprised that the city did not pay Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt to make sure the umpire school stayed in Ormond Beach. He stated that he was thrilled that the lease was for ten years because he believed that when Mr. Harry Wendelstedt passed away, that Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt might not want to continue with Ormond Beach and might have wanted to take his school elsewhere where he would be offered free fields. He noted that many cities wanted the privilege of having major league baseball umpires and major league umpires training in their cities. He stated that Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt was committed to Ormond Beach and if Mr. Wendelstedt wanted a 20 years lease, he would be in favor of it. He

stated that the lease was being continued at the current rate plus adjustments for consumer price index (CPI). He noted that the Mr. Wendelstedt would not be paying substantially less than what he was paying before, he would be paying what was paid before and adding a CPI adjustment every year. He stated that the city was just continuing an existing lease. He noted that on all counts and in all ways the lease should be approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Littleton stated that whether or not the lease was for too long, he would not be the judge of that. He noted that the ten year term length was the precedent and he would be in favor of continuing that. He stated that he would have had a problem if the city was actually giving funds to the umpire school, but noted that the city was simply charging them to use the fields and field house. He noted that there was a significant amount of economic development that was generated by the school. He stated that he was unsure of the actual amount but he was sure that it existed and had a real value to it. He noted that the umpire school helped the city with tournaments. He stated that the umpires volunteered to help with a Seabreeze High School tournament to get the umpires some real world experience. He noted that it would be bad for moral for the city to not continue the agreement with the umpire school. He stated that he supported the lease agreement.

Commissioner Kent stated that he wanted to thank Commissioner Selby for his comments. He noted that he could tell that Commissioner Selby cared about Ormond Beach and wanted what was best for it. He stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Wigley, and noted that he had voted to put his name on a building because he loved him. He noted that Mr. Wigley's name was on the t-ball fields for a reason and he appreciated everything that Mr. Wigley had done for the city.

Commissioner Kent stated that he had hoped that no one took what had happened at the meeting personally, because the person who he believed was going to have a hard time was Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt. He noted that he could be wrong, as he did not know Mr. Wendelstedt exceptionally well. He noted that he had met Mr. Harry Wendelstedt before he met Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt and that Mr. Harry Wendelstedt was a class act. He stated that he remembered when Mr. Thomas and Mr. Harry Wendelstedt came to the Commission ten years ago to speak about the prior agreement.

Commissioner Kent noted that he was at the event where the site was named for Mr. Harry Wendelstedt. He stated that the deep belly laughs that Mr. Wendelstedt had at the event was fantastic. He noted that he had learned that many people may not know that Mr. Wendelstedt and Mr. Thomas were the first ones on the field clearing the land because Nova Recreation Center was too crowded. He noted that he was never able to see Mr. Harry Wendelstedt in a live game.

Commissioner Kent stated that something that Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt did not know was that last year he attended an Atlanta Braves game at Turner Field in Atlanta, Georgia, with his family. He noted that they were seated by the third base line. He stated that he had looked out and saw Mr. Wendelstedt on the third base. He noted that he and his family were screaming Mr. Wendelstedt's name. He stated that Mr. Wendelstedt had not heard them, or he he had been such the professional that he had refused to turn around. He noted that Ormond Beach was trying to give Mr. Wendelstedt some love that day.

Commissioner Kent stated that ESPN had done an hour-long show on major league umpires at the World Series. He noted that it was great to watch Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt on that show speaking about Ormond Beach, his roots, and his love for his father. He stated that the relationship between Mr. Wendelstedt and his father, and all the things that his father had passed down to him, and him being a good man, counted for something. He noted that Mr. Harry Wendelstedt, for whatever reason, landed in Ormond Beach. He stated that he believed, just like Mr. Thomas had stated, that Mr. Harry Wendelstedt had a love affair with Ormond Beach.

Commissioner Kent stated that Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt provided a free clinic for any and all Ormond Beach residents that were interested and may want to umpire little league games. He noted that he thought about doing it but had not had the time to do so. He stated that he thought it was a cool idea and that it was always free to Ormond Beach residents.

Commissioner Kent read an email into the record that he had sent to City Manager Joyce Shanahan. It read as followed:

"Hi Joyce, Did staff renegotiate at all on this item? What does it cost the taxpayers to provide everything we provide?"

Whereby, Commissioner Kent read into the record that Ms. Shanahan responded as followed:

"Good Morning Commissioner:

The agreement was last renewed in 2007 for a ten year period. Based upon information from Robert, he advises there was very limited discussion about increasing fees for the umpire school to use the fields because Mr. Wendelstedt indicated to Leisure Services that there were other cities that would be very interested in bidding on getting this prestigious umpire school in their community. The Umpire School felt they would have no problem finding another community that would allow him to use their fields at no cost due to the economic impact it would bring to a community. Mr. Wendelstedt made a request for the city to provide a bus service for the umpires to go to and from the hotel to the fields, which staff denied.

Robert estimates the cost to the taxpayers of Ormond Beach to host this umpire school is essentially the utility bills for water, sewer, and electricity used while they're here. The City doesn't have that exact cost because we would have to continue to air-condition the facilities and use the facilities for staff purposes, if necessary, or just for public use, even if the umpire school did not exist. Robert estimates that is somewhere in the range of \$800 - \$1,000 (or more) for the period of time they are here.

Further, Robert advises the standard field maintenance that we do on a daily basis would not change. The cost to maintain the turf to the standards the umpire school is requesting would not change either. We have a per acre flat rate with Yellowstone, so essentially it costs the city as much to maintain t-ball fields as it does the major-league fields. The umpire school cleans the building after each day, therefore little assistance from our janitorial company is required.

Just as an FYI - Robert has applied the numbers that the Daytona Beach Area Convention Visitors Bureau uses for their events to determine economic impact to the community. (\$155.90 per adult per day \$77.95 per youth per day). The Umpire School has about 150 to 175 participants and instructors. They stay 45 days in Ormond Beach hotels and eat in Ormond Beach restaurants. The computation would be 155.90×175 participants for 45 days = \$1,227,712.50 of economic impact to the City Ormond Beach, based upon the above calculations. If you need further information please let me know."

Commissioner Kent noted that he did not need to write Ms. Shanahan back e because she had written a very helpful book full of information in response to his two sentences. He stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Shanahan for the information. He noted that he was in support of the agreement with the umpire school.

Commissioner Selby asked Mayor Partington if he had supported the umpire school; whereby, Mayor Partington stated that he did support it and did not have a whole lot more to add because everyone had been so thorough in their comments.

Commissioner Selby stated that he wanted to apologize to the Wendelstedt family. He stated that he did not want to make excuses. He noted that he wanted to share something about being an elected official under the Sunshine Law in the state of Florida. He explained that he had no idea where any of the other Commission members stood on the item because they were not allowed to speak to each other about it outside of a public meeting. He noted that he was elected by the citizens in his zone, and that as he read through the agenda he formulated an opinion about the items on the agenda. He stated that City Commission meetings were the only opportunity to see where each member of the Commission stood on any item. He noted that he was in favor of the lease agreement and was going to vote for it. He stated that he understood better the impact that the Harry Wendelstedt umpire school had on Ormond Beach. He noted that he wanted to apologize to Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt and his family. He stated that no

offense was ever meant. He stated that it was a great school and he was going to make the vote to approve the lease unanimous.

Mayor Partington stated that he appreciated Commissioner Selby bringing the item forward because it did give the Commission a chance to speak about it. He noted that it allowed the Commission and the city to affirm their appreciation for the Wendelstedt family and validate the value that the city received for the umpire school. He stated that if Commissioner Selby had not pulled the item, that opportunity would not have been there.

Mayor Partington stated that he looked at the umpire school as being a loss leader. He explained that Gillette could sell razors at a cost deficit for the same reason, because Gillette knew they were going to receive more money from the consumer for the blades. He stated it was the same with the Apple iPhone, noting that Apple sold it to the consumer for less than it cost to make because it would cost the consumer more to purchase the apps. He noted that the umpire school was an educational institution. He stated that Mr. Harry Wendelstedt was larger than life. He noted that it was always great to see Mr. Wendelstedt around town. He stated that he believed that Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt was carrying on that tradition and that he would be larger than life as well. He noted that the competition for the umpire school was high and Ormond Beach was lucky to have it.

Mayor Partington stated that the fields and field house was largely unused during that time of year. He noted that he looked at the benefits that were received from the Wendelstedt family name and being associated with Major League Baseball. He noted that he calculated all those items into the entire situation and looked at the fact that the umpire school was really one of only two left in the United States. He stated that he believed that it was the most prestigious one. He noted that it was fantastic that it was located in Ormond Beach. He noted that on a personal note, it was very nice to grow up with Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt and to see his beautiful family at National Night Out the previous night. He stated that watching Mr. Hunter Wendelstedt's wife and daughters crack a little smile when they watched their father and husband speak to the Commission was priceless and he really enjoyed it.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Consent Agenda Comments

Commissioner Boehm recognized the MainStreet members in the audience. He stated that the city renewed their agreement with the Ormond Beach Memorial Art Museum. He noted that it was one of the jewels of Ormond Beach. He stated that Museum Director Susan Richmond was doing a terrific job. He noted that it was something that the city should support and were continuing to support. He stated that he wanted to recognize Ms. Richmond for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Kent stated that he was glad Commissioner Boehm had mentioned it as he had it on his list. He noted that he had met with Ms. Richmond the previous day and agreed with Commissioner Boehm that the museum was a treasure to Ormond Beach. He stated that he struggled with letting the world know about it rather than just keeping it with family and close friends because it was that special of a place. He noted that she did a fantastic job with the museum.

Item #9- Public Hearings

Mayor Partington opened the public hearings.

Item #9A- Tomoka Avenue (partial) ROW Notice of Intent to Vacate

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-147
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY
COMMISSION TO CONSIDER VACATING, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN
CONDITIONS, A 0.44± ACRE PORTION OF TOMOKA AVENUE THAT

INTERSECTS WITH WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, A PLATTED FIFTY (50') FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LAYING WEST OF 600 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13- 0070, AND LAYING EAST OF 690 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13- 0100, 650 TOMOKA AVENUE, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0110, 636 TOMOKA AVENUE, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0091 AND A PORTION OF 634 TOMOKA AVENUE, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL #4241-01-13-0090 ESTABLISHING A TIME CERTAIN FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Ric Goss, Planning Director, stated that each time the planning department received a request for vacating a right-of-way, they needed to go before the Commission with a notice of intent to vacate. He noted that the request was filed by Granada Pointe Investors. He stated that in order for the Commission to consider the vacation of a partial part of Tomoka Avenue, they needed to issue a notice of intent. He noted that if the Commission did approve the notice of intent, it did not mean that the road was going to be vacated. He stated that that deliberation would occur at the same time as the Commission would consider the planned business development, at a future meeting. He explained that the vacation and the realignment of Tomoka Avenue were not going to take effect until the road was built. He noted that the Commission had plenty of time, but explained that the approval of the notice of intent was needed first in order to move forward with deliberation on the vacation.

Commissioner Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Boehm, for approval of Resolution No. 2017-147, as read by title only.

Commissioner Selby clarified that the developer had to build the road before the vacation and acceptance of the new road; whereby, Mr. Goss stated that at the August 15, 2017, City Commission meeting, there would be a first reading vacation request. He noted that at that same meeting, the Commission would have the planned business development for consideration. He stated that if the first reading of the ordinance was approved, and then the planned business development was approved, the ordinance would specifically instruct the developer that the road would need to be realigned from a “y” shape intersection to a “t” shape intersection. He noted that once the road was constructed, the city would inspect and accept the road and it would be vacated at the same time it was dedicated for the new alignment.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Item #10A – Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget Amendment

City Clerk Scott McKee read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BY AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND; THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT FUND; THE STORMWATER FUND; THE AIRPORT FUND; THE GRANT FUND; THE FACILITIES R&R FUND; THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND; THE GENERAL EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE FUND; THE TRANSPORTATION FUND; THE FACILITIES RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND; THE WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATING FUND; THE WATER/WASTEWATER CAPITAL FUND; THE WATER IMPACT FEE FUND; THE WASTEWATER IMPACT FEE FUND; THE WATERMAIN PROJECT PHASE II CONSTRUCTION FUND; THE 2017 WWW CONSTRUCTION FUND; THE SOLID WASTE FUND; THE GENERAL LIABILITY FUND; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Littleton, for approval of Ordinance No. 2017-16, on first reading, as read by title only.

Commissioner Boehm stated that this item showed the city how much Hurricane Matthew cost the city and the resources that the city was looking to get reimbursed by

the federal and the state government. He noted that it did not state that in the reading of the ordinance. He stated that the out of pocket cost for debris removal and associated expenses was \$7,142,835. He noted that property damage to the city was \$1,583,608. He stated that Hurricane Matthew did not hit Ormond Beach as bad as it could have hit the city. He noted that the reason he had brought this up was because the Commission and city staff took great pride in fiscal responsibility. He stated that because the Commission and city staff planned for the rainy day and hurricanes, there were sufficient reserves in the city to pay for the damages while waiting for funding from the federal and state governments. He noted that he was proud to serve on the Commission and that the Commission always made the point that Ormond Beach had the third lowest tax rate in the county. He stated that the Commission had put away enough funding to deal with major emergencies like Hurricane Matthew.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Selby	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Boehm	Yes
	Commissioner Littleton	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Partington	Yes

Item #11 – Reports, Suggestions, Requests

Granada Bridge Lighting

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that she had sent the Commission an email early that day regarding Granada Bridge lighting. She noted that staff had heard from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). She stated that FDOT required the city to go through a process, and if the Commission decided to replace the lights on the bridge, a lighting assessment would need to be done. She stated that based on what City Engineer John Noble had told her, it was not a difficult threshold to get through. She noted that staff would bring the item to the next City Commission meeting so that there could be a discussion on the item and see if the Commission would like to replace them or not. She stated that staff had asked FDOT to replace the lighting with the city's decorative lighting poles and FDOT said they would not do that.

Police Department Building

Ms. Shanahan stated that over the last year or so, there had been some issues with the sally port area of the police department building. She noted that staff was working to improve the conditions there. She stated that the building was 15 years old. She noted that the Commission had decided to put money away in a special fund to be able to make the necessary repairs.

Next City Commission Meeting

Ms. Shanahan stated that the next City Commission meeting was going to be on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. She noted that there were going to be two public hearings on the budget in September.

Ormond Beach Lions Club Pin

Commissioner Boehm stated that the Commission was presented with a 60th anniversary pin by the Ormond Beach Lions Club. He noted that he believed it was the oldest operating club in the city. He stated that the pin was presented in honor of Mr. Andy Romano. He noted that he had the privilege of knowing Mr. Romano in the last years of his life. He stated that he had been a great citizen of Ormond Beach and had cared about the city until he passed away. He noted that one of his great privileges as a Commissioner was being able to dedicate the park that was named after him, the Andy Romano Beachfront Park. He stated that Mr. Romano was at the dedication and he knew how much the city valued him and his service to Ormond Beach. He noted that he was touched that the Commission received the pins. He stated that Commissioner Kent was close to Mr. Romano.

FDOT Secretary Meeting

Commissioner Boehm stated that the Commission had a meeting coming up with the FDOT secretary. He noted that many did not know that every road in the city was not a city road and there were some roads that they city had no control over. He stated that one of the items that he had to deal with a lot as a Commissioner was that Nova Road was State Road 5A and Granada Boulevard was State Road 40. He noted that U.S.1) and A1A were also state roads. He stated that the Commission was not allowed to do whatever they wanted on those roads. He noted that the city needed to get permission from FDOT to what they wanted on those roads. He stated that the Commission did not

have the control that many residents seemed to think that they had. He noted that the Commission had expressed what they believed was important regarding the roadways in Ormond Beach. He stated that there was a new secretary for FDOT in the district. He noted that the secretary had agreed to meet with the Commission and allow the Commission to share their concerns. He stated that he hoped that the secretary was going to agree with what the Commission presented. He noted that he hoped that there was positive feedback at the meeting

National Night Out

Commissioner Littleton stated that he had attended National Night Out on August 1, 2017. He noted that Police Chief Jesse Godfrey had worked the grill. He stated that the burgers were great. He noted that he was thankful that the rain had held off and it was an overall great event.

Volusia League of Cities

Commissioner Littleton stated that he attended the Volusia League of Cities on July 27, 2017. He noted that Senator Jack Latvala had spoken at the meeting about home rule. He stated that Senator Latvala had a lot of interesting comments.

Sunshine Law

Commissioner Littleton noted that Commissioner Selby had brought up the Sunshine Law at the meeting. He stated that he did not like the law. He noted that when the item of the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School came up, he had some arguments for it but would not have known much about it if he had not run into Mr. Doug Thomas at National Night Out. He noted that he could not speak with the Commission and he would not have received the email that Commissioner Kent had sent to Ms. Shanahan, because of the Sunshine Law. He stated that it was not a good law and should be changed.

Volusia League of Cities

Commissioner Selby stated that at the Volusia League of Cities, the city was honored to have Mayor Partington recognized as a Home Rule Hero across the state of Florida for his lobbying on behalf of home rule cities. He noted that Mayor Partington had told him earlier in the meeting that he had received that award for the third year in a row.

Volusia League of Cities

Commissioner Kent joked with Mayor Partington, asking him if his wife knew that she was with a hero. Mayor Partington joked that he could not tell her. Commissioner Kent stated that he was proud of Mayor Partington. He noted that Mayor Partington represented Ormond Beach very well. He stated that his favorite thing about Mayor Partington was the father that he was. He congratulated Mayor Partington for being the hero of home rule and Ormond Beach's hometown hero.

Trees in Ormond Beach

Commissioner Kent noted that there was an audience member, Mr. John Azari, who had spoken about trees earlier. He stated that he had almost asked to speak at that moment. He noted that it was an item that he struggled with. He explained that if someone were to stand at the top of the Granada Bridge and look around, all they would see was trees. He stated that Ormond Beach was a tree city. He noted that he and former Mayor Ed Kelley were lobbying on behalf of the city of Ormond Beach in Tallahassee, Florida. He stated that he and former Mayor Kelley were in the Capital Building at the top of the observation area and all they could see were trees. He noted that when he was first on the Commission he was all about not harming trees, but explained that the more he had been on the Commission he considered the rights that property owners had. He stated that if the city did not plant trees, he believed it would be fine because Mother Nature would plant them. He noted that trees popped up everywhere. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Azari's comment but did not believe the city had a problem with not having enough trees. He stated that the city had very stringent laws on the books if someone wanted to cut down a tree.

Recognitions

Commissioner Kent noted that Commissioner Littleton had impressed him at the last Commission meeting. He stated that Commissioner Littleton had noted some powerful things and some that he did not disagree with. He stated that he appreciated Commissioner Littleton's stance. He noted that he was very proud of Commissioner Littleton.

Commissioner Kent stated that Commissioner Selby brought up a great point at the meeting that evening. He noted that it was something he rarely every spoke about. He

stated that it was that the Commission could change their minds. He noted that Commissioner Selby could listen to what others had to say and was able to change his mind. He stated that it was a powerful thing and he appreciated it. He noted that it was one of the bigger things he had seen in a long time when Commissioner Selby said that he was sorry. "He stated that he was very impressed by Commissioner Selby.

Funding Set Aside

Commissioner Kent stated that Ms. Shanahan had spoken about putting funding aside for the police sally port. He explained that putting funding aside did not happen until he and Mayor Partington, who previously was the Commissioner for Zone 4, were sitting on the Commission and then-Leisure Service Advisory Board Chairman Rick Boehm came to a Commission meeting and told the Commission that they had let the community down by not taking care of their buildings. He noted that Mayor Partington stated that never again on his watch would children not be able to play basketball because it was raining. He noted that it was at that Commission meeting that things changed and funding was placed aside for such things.

Recognition

Commissioner Kent stated that he wanted to thank Information Technology Director Ned Huhta. He noted that Mr. Huhta was on top of educating staff and sent reminders to staff to be aware of scams. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Huhta and that his leadership had not gone unnoticed by the Commission.

Ormond Beach Lions Club Pin

Commissioner Kent noted that his dear friend Mr. Romano would have been 95 years old on Christmas Day. He stated that he did not meet Mr. Romano until he was elected to the Commission at the age of 28. He noted that Mr. Romano was his appointment to the Leisure Service Advisory Board. He stated that Mr. Romano avidly fished and hunted well into his eighties. He noted that Mr. Romano used to take a nap on A1A and Granada Boulevard in front of Billy's tap room because there was no traffic. He stated that Mr. Romano wore long sleeves in July and his white shirt was black with mosquitos, noting that that occurred before mosquito control.

Commissioner Kent stated that Mr. Romano opened the first beach concession in Volusia County. He explained that he had asked Mr. Romano what it was like to get a permit to open the beach concession; whereby, Mr. Romano stated that he walked down to city hall to the City Commission meeting and asked the Commission, and the Commission had replied that he could put one wherever he wanted and have as many as he wanted. He stated that Mr. Romano had been a teacher and that his first year salary had been \$1,800. He noted that during Mr. Romano's second year of teaching, he was the principal and a teacher and his salary was \$2,100. He stated that that year Mr. Romano opened up Andy's Beach Rentals. He noted that it was still opened and operating to this day. He stated that the first year Mr. Romano opened the beach concession; he made \$4,000 in three months. He stated that Mr. Romano joked that he was in the wrong business. He noted that Mr. Romano kept the beach concession for over 50 years.

Commissioner Kent stated that the Ormond Beach Lions Club justly dedicated the pin to Mr. Romano. He noted that the base of the pin had a beach chair and an umbrella. He stated that it was because of Mr. Romano's beach concession. He noted that Mr. Romano was a World War II Army Air Corpsman. He stated that he had also been a nice guy and that that was the reason the Commission, years ago, dedicated the Andy Romano Beachfront Park for him.

Mayor Partington stated that Mr. Romano's daughter, who was a professional engineer, designed the pin for the Lions Club. He noted that the pins were not for sale. He stated that he had the honor of swearing in the officers of the current year Lions Club of which Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin was one of the new officers this year. He noted that he was proud to see staff participating in a community organization. He stated that outgoing president Al Legg, who was a former city employee, made sure that each of the Commission members received the pin and also the history behind it. He thanked Commissioner Kent for the additional history about Mr. Romano that he shared.

National Night Out

Mayor Partington stated that this year's National Night Out was the best ever. He noted that there had been a huge turnout. He stated that it was good to see the Commission and staff there. He joked with Police Chief Jesse Godfrey about the shorts he was wearing at National Night Out. He stated that everyone looked great and the Hawaiian

theme was perfect. He congratulated Chief Godfrey, his captains, and staff on National Night Out and the growth of the event over the past 15 years.

FDOT Secretary Meeting

Mayor Partington noted that Commissioner Boehm had mentioned that the Commission was meeting with the FDOT secretary. He stated that the first thing the Commission would do at the meeting was thank FDOT for what they had done for Ormond Beach. He noted that the Commission would bring up to FDOT the traffic synchronizing along Granada Boulevard that would be happening over the next few years. He stated that that was a huge item that would hopefully help move traffic more smoothly. He noted that the Commission would let FDOT know how much the city appreciated them for that project. He stated that he looked forward to positive results from that meeting.

Sunshine Law

Mayor Partington addressed Commissioner Littleton about the Sunshine Law. He noted that he understood what Commissioner Littleton said about the Sunshine Law but balanced that with the importance of transparency. He stated that it seemed like there should be some middle ground that would make it a little easier to operate. He noted that he saw both sides to the Sunshine Law and ultimately came down on the side of transparency for the citizens of Ormond Beach and open government. He stated that there was case law that Mr. Hayes had spoken about that allowed two Commissioners out of a five member board to have some discussion, but noted that that could get dangerous and thus the Commission avoided it all together. He noted that Commissioner Littleton was passionate about the issues of the Sunshine Law and encouraged him to continue to gather examples of where it had hindered progress and was not going to cause any harm to the public.

Addressing the Commission

Mayor Partington stated that the current Commission was the best Commission that he had ever served with. He noted that two great new additions to the Commission had joined in November 2016. He stated that the Commission did their homework and came prepared with intelligent questions. He noted that each Commissioner was ready to serve the residents of Ormond Beach to the best of their ability. He noted that seeing other Commissions in other communities reinforced his belief that this Commission was one of the best that he had the opportunity to work with and continue to work with.

Home Rule Hero Award

Mayor Partington thanked Commissioner Selby for bringing up the Home Rule Hero award. He stated that it was a fair amount of extra work and that it was nice to be recognized for that work. He noted that the important part of the Home Rule Hero was that at the city level, the Commission believed that they made the best decisions. He stated that the city did not like the county, state, or federal governments telling their residents what to do. He noted that the residents had access to the Commission pretty much all the time via phone or email. He stated that the residents let the Commission know what their wants and wishes were, and the Commission tried their best to carry it out for the residents of Ormond Beach. He stated that that was the heart of home rule and what the Commission continued to fight for. He noted that he was proud to continue to do it for his hometown.

Item #12 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED: August 15, 2017

BY:

Bill Partington, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Scott McKee, City Clerk