

**MINUTES
CITY OF ORMOND BEACH
CITY COMMISSION
BRAINSTORMING SESSION WORKSHOP**

April 5, 2017

5:30 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Partington called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present were Mayor Bill Partington, Commissioners Dwight Selby, Rick Boehm, and Rob Littleton, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, and City Attorney Randy Hayes.

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, noted that this was the first Brainstorming Session Workshop for 2017, and the first one to feature the new Commission. She explained that this was the Commission's opportunity to talk to one another, noting that they did not have the opportunity to do so outside of a public meeting due to the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Partington explained that something could come out of this workshop but noted that nothing had to. He further explained that the workshop represented an opportunity for the Commission to speak their mind to each other.

II. BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Historical sign program

Commissioner Boehm stated that he felt that it was important to recognize significant figures in history and noted that they would be forgotten if not commemorated adequately. He referenced Clyde Morris Boulevard. He stated that many people did not know who Mr. Morris was, noting that he was at one time a prominent enough figure to have a major street named after him. He stated that he would like to see the city and the Ormond Beach Historical Society (OBHS) work together on a historical sign program, using the city's sign shop to create designation signs for historic buildings in the city. He noted that the language for the signs could be vetted by the OBHS. He stated that OBHS could then create a self-guided historical tour of Ormond Beach. He explained that a visitor could obtain a map for the tour at the OBHS Welcome Center, rather than waiting for a guided tour or bus tour.

Commissioner Boehm noted that out-of-town visitors would not know who Mr. Anderson Price of the Anderson-Price Building, Mr. Billy MacDonald of the MacDonald House, or General Ames of the Ames House, were. He stated that signs with the appropriate language detailing the individual and why a facility was named after them, and a map to serve as a guide to those locations, would help encourage people to visit those facilities. He noted that he was not even focused on just doing this for houses or facilities. He pointed out that the city had designated a couple of districts in the city with names for historical purposes as well. He stated that he hoped that city staff, the city's sign shop, and the OBHS could work together to create this program.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he had read the books on Ormond Beach's history, but noted that visitors to the area would not have read them and would not know the significance of the "birthplace of speed" moniker. He noted that, as this was a

brainstorming session, he did not have additional details on how to flesh the idea out. He explained that he would like the city to designate staff to work with the OBHS to create the program. He noted that he believed the OBHS liked the idea. He stated that the program would accentuate the city's history for the benefit of visitors, as well as residents who may not know of it. He noted that this was not a proposal with a significant cost, as it would only incur nominal fees in the sign shop.

Mayor Partington noted that other members of the Commission were able to pile onto the suggestions of others if they desired.

Commissioner Littleton stated that he liked Commissioner Boehm's idea.

Mayor Partington stated that the sign did not have to be too big, but could contain a link which directed the reader to a YouTube link where someone from the OBHS could provide a fuller presentation on the historical site; whereby, Commissioner Boehm was enthusiastic about Mayor Partington's suggestion.

Commissioner Littleton noted that other cities had similar features. He stated that the community he came from up north had things of a similar nature. He noted that younger crowds, and particularly young professionals, enjoyed that type of thing.

Mayor Partington stated that there were many hidden historical treasures in the City of Ormond Beach; whereby, Commissioner Boehm noted the Indian mounds were one such landmark.

Commissioner Littleton stated that he would find it amusing to see a YouTube address on a historical sign; whereby, Mayor Partington noted that there could also be a QR code which could be scanned, and Commissioner Boehm suggested that that information could be listed on the map.

Commissioner Selby asked if Commissioner Boehm meant to use a paper map; whereby, Commissioner Boehm replied that he did.

Commissioner Selby suggested that the map could be created digitally and utilizes GPS technology; whereby, Mayor Partington suggested that both electronic and hard-copy varieties could be used.

Commissioner Selby noted that he was not crazy about the idea of the city's sign shop creating the signs. He stated that that would be cost effective but explained that he felt that the signs might not be the most attractive. He explained that he would like the signs to not look like city signs, and that he would like them to look like something that Disney would do.

Commissioner Boehm asked if the city's sign shop created the public parking signs; whereby, Ms. Shanahan replied that they did not.

Bicycle trails

Commissioner Selby noted that the city had plans for many bicycle trails. He explained that when he was in Orlando he saw the Orlando Urban Trail system, noting that it had a great acronym – “O.U.T.” He stated that Ormond Beach could have the Ormond Urban Trail, and call it O.U.T. He explained that the idea with giving the bicycle paths a moniker was to help build enthusiasm for them. He suggested that there could be a website for the trails where users could log their miles and post pictures. He suggested that a logo could also be created for the Ormond Urban Trail.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he had been on the Orlando Urban Trail. He asked where Commissioner Selby was referring to; whereby, Commissioner Selby noted that the city had 15 miles of trails planned.

Commissioner Selby stated that there was over a mile of trails already in Tomoka State Park. He noted that the next piece would be in the Thompson’s Creek area and that there would also be several miles in Central Park.

Mayor Partington noted that he believed that they had previously discussed the possibility of a linear trail which would run along Laurel Creek to Hand Avenue, and run behind Forest Hills and The Falls.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he believed that the desire would be to name the overall system Ormond Urban Trail, noting that there would be subdivisions with trails named things like the Thompson Creek Trail.

Mayor Partington asked if the “O.U.T” was copyrighted by Orlando. He noted that that was something to look into. He stated that it was a great name.

Downtown signage

Commissioner Littleton stated the way that signage was dealt with in the downtown desperately needed to be changed. He explained that it was hard to find parking in that area, even with the existing signage, and that it was also difficult to locate businesses. He noted that there could be safety or cost concerns. He stated that he thought that that needed to be looked at, noting that the city desired to develop a welcoming downtown. He explained that proper signage would help that. He noted that he had heard previously about signs not being allowed on personal property in the downtown area for parking lots. He stated that the issue was concerning to him.

Mayor Partington stated that signs that were visible while driving were just addressed in the downtown. He noted that he agreed with Commissioner Littleton. He stated that he would be in favor of nice looking signs that would help those who were walking in the downtown. He noted that he was unsure exactly how to address that. He stated that staff could look into that and bring some ideas back. He asked Commissioner Littleton if he knew of some place that was doing that type of thing particularly well.

Commissioner Littleton stated that Stuart, Florida, was doing it well. He noted that he had pictures sent to him of wayfinding signs.

Mayor Partington reiterated that the city could improve in that area. He asked Ms. Shanahan whether those would be signs that the city's sign shop could make; whereby, Ms. Shanahan replied that some signs could be made there.

Mayor Partington asked if the sign shop created wood signs; whereby, Ms. Shanahan explained that they did not really work with wood signs much, but noted that they created some signs that had a type of foam core where shapes could be routed and carved in. She noted that those types of signs were not as expensive as the wood signs.

Mayor Partington stated that Ormond Beach MainStreet ("MainStreet") had a design committee which the city had relied on before for good ideas and direction.

Naming of public works complex

Commissioner Boehm stated that he would like to see the city's public works complex named after retiring Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Ted MacLeod. He noted that the naming would recognize Mr. MacLeod's significant contributions to the city over the last 23 years. He stated that Mr. MacLeod, more than anyone else he had ever worked with, merited that recognition. He stated that Mr. MacLeod's foresight and proactive approach to the city should be recognized. He noted that Mr. MacLeod would not want the recognition.

Commissioner Selby asked if there was a name for the facility presently; whereby, Commissioner Boehm replied that there was not. Ms. Shanahan noted that presently they called the area the "city yard."

Commissioner Selby asked if they were referring to the wastewater treatment plant; whereby, Ms. Shanahan noted that that had a name. Commissioner Boehm stated that across the street on Wilmette Avenue was the public works building; whereby, Commissioner Selby confirmed that it was the facility on the corner of Orchard Street and Wilmette Avenue. Ms. Shanahan noted that that and the fleet maintenance department across the way were all considered the city yard.

Mayor Partington stated that he thought that was a great idea. He asked how they would keep it quiet and make it happen.

Commissioner Boehm noted that Mr. MacLeod was trying to sneak off, noting that he was leaving the city a week and a half prior to the Commission's July meeting. He suggested that Mr. MacLeod was hoping that he could slide by without them holding a retirement ceremony for him.

Ms. Shanahan asked if there was consensus on that idea; whereby, Mayor Partington noted that he believed they were all in favor of it. He explained that Commissioner Kent was absent due to illness, but believed that he would be supportive based on his past comments about Mr. MacLeod.

Commissioner Boehm discussed Mr. MacLeod recommending that the city pursue reuse water, noting that the city now produced 28 million gallons of reuse water in a week. He noted that the City of Daytona Beach was now discussing doing something with their wastewater. He stated that the city was performing replacements of their two-inch water pipes, before they broke, while other cities waited. He attributed that to Mr. MacLeod.

Utilities to north U.S. 1

Commissioner Littleton stated that he would like to see the city get new sewer lines up the U.S. 1 corridor. He noted that there were two parts involved and that each one would cost about \$2 million. He stated that one was the waterline located somewhere near the fields on U.S. 1 and the other was the sewer lines on Airport Road. He stated that those would be needed for continued development. He explained that it would be best to have both parts at the same time. He noted that he would like some of that funding to be available in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Ms. Shanahan stated that water might be the more pressing issue in that area; whereby, Commissioner Littleton noted that it might be the water line and that he may have them switched.

Commissioner Boehm stated that there was water and sewer running up there now. He explained that part of the annexation agreement with Cheaters involved them having to annex into the city because they were provided with city water service.

Ms. Shanahan explained that there was no redundant capacity. She noted that a looped system was what was really needed to improve and enhance fire protection. She stated that there were some areas where that service needed to be expanded. She noted that that was currently many years out in the CIP master plan. She explained that the issue was capacity and they would be upsizing the lines, rather than duplicating them.

Commissioner Boehm stated that that was a long-time public works project that he was sure the city's engineers had thought of.

Ms. Shanahan noted that she believed that Commissioner Littleton was suggesting that that project move up in the CIP master plan.

Commissioner Littleton explained that his understanding was that another S.R. Perrott would not be able to be located up there because there was not adequate sewer capacity. He noted that that would be an issue.

Mayor Partington stated that he would also be in favor with moving that up if there was a way to expedite it in a reasonable fashion. He noted that it would be better to be “shovel ready” for new projects. He suggested looking at it to see the cost, noting that he believed there were probably already some preliminary steps being considered.

Commissioner Boehm referenced Plantation Oaks and asked about their utility demand; whereby, Commissioner Selby also mentioned Ormond Crossings.

Commissioner Selby stated that there needed to be properly zoned land which was shovel ready, and had utilities which could handle the capacity, in that area.

Tree permits

Commissioner Littleton stated that he would like to see some of the language from section 3-03 of the Land Development Code (LDC), which dealt with residential tree removal, removed. He stated that property owners should be able to remove trees.

Ms. Shanahan noted that the city required permits for tree removal.

Commissioner Littleton stated that there were permits required and also some tree protection measures. He stated that he would like to see both of those areas struck from the LDC.

Mayor Partington explained that the city was designated as a Tree City USA. He noted that part of him loved seeing all the beautiful greenery and that part of him wanted to be able to cut something down in his yard without his property rights being infringed upon.

Commissioner Boehm noted that there was a list of which trees were protected and which were not.

Ms. Shanahan explained that part of the issue was that if there were not enough trees on a property, and certain trees were being requested to be taken down, then the property owner would have to replant or pay into the fund to compensate for the Tree City USA requirements.

Mr. Randy Hayes, City Attorney, stated that he did not believe that permits were required for dead or dying trees. He noted that historic trees also tied into Volusia County’s regulations, and explained that trees of a historic nature also needed approval from them. He stated that he did not believe that the county had ever changed that part of their regulations.

Commissioner Littleton asked if the permit requirement could just be removed as an easy fix.

Mr. Hayes stated that it could be looked into.

Commissioner Selby asked if it had been an issue and if anyone had heard from citizens with a problem with it; whereby, Commissioner Littleton stated that he had.

Commissioner Selby asked what the problem was and if it was that they were unable to obtain the permit.

Commissioner Littleton explained that years ago when he worked at Lowe's Home Improvement he had a coworker who thought it was ridiculous that he had to obtain a permit. He noted that years ago he also tried to have about seven of his 14 trees removed, and was only allowed to remove three without a permit. He stated that when he was walking around the neighborhoods recently that topic came up twice. He noted that twice was a lot. He stated that he felt that it was an issue of property rights.

Mayor Partington stated that no permit was necessary after the recent hurricane. He explained that he received calls from citizens who had neighbors who clear-cut their lots. He noted that they did not like that as it removed the trees and shade which existed when they moved in. He noted that the calls and complaints went both ways. He again referred to the Tree City USA designation. He noted that The Trails subdivision could look completely different without those regulations. He stated that he was unsure if there would be consensus on this idea, noting that he was not sure what the effect of removing that language from the code would be. He noted that if he had more information he could better determine that. He noted that he did sympathize with Commissioner Littleton as far as not wanting the government to tell him what he could do on his property.

Commissioner Boehm stated that the look of the city was created by the tree canopies that existed. He noted that he would be concerned, as Mayor Partington mentioned, with developers clear-cutting lots. He stated that he believed that a lot of thought went into the existing ordinance, noting that it only listed specified trees. He explained that the code did not prohibit the removal of trees and that it just specified when a permit was needed.

Commissioner Boehm stated that the idea of having no ordinance was troublesome. He noted that a lot of people appreciated the buffer between their property and adjacent properties. He explained that without a tree ordinance there would be no way of preventing someone from clear-cutting up to the property line. He noted that he would caution changing the ordinance because a few people were unhappy.

Mayor Partington noted that there was a time when the Commission was approving the removal of historic trees fairly regularly; whereby, Mr. Hayes stated that he believed that requirement was still in place.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she was not sure whether there was a fee for the permit or not. She noted that it might be nominal.

Tree removal at airport

Commissioner Selby referenced the removal of trees and noted that he had received a few calls regarding the clear-cutting of trees at the airport on Airport Road. He noted that he believed it was done per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements. He explained that he drove by the area himself that day and noted that it did not look good.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the city would do some low-brush landscaping there inside the fence. She noted that the FAA required a clear flight path and visual area for the lights. She noted that the city did not have much flexibility there. She stated that the city had received a number of calls about it.

Commissioner Selby stated that he believed that the clearing would also impact noise. He noted that the trees that were there probably blocked some sound.

LED streetlights

Commissioner Selby stated that he would like to see the city find an area and try out LED streetlights.

Commissioner Boehm noted that he believed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the next year mentioned LED streetlights; whereby, Commissioner Selby noted that he did see that listed for a couple of streets.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she also believed that the new lights going on the bridge would be LED lights. She explained that the city also had the lights in certain areas.

Bridge lighting

Commissioner Selby stated that Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) removed the center poles on the Granada Bridge. He explained that he thought the bridge looked much better without them. He noted that it was a much more pleasant drive. He asked if those center poles were necessary.

Ms. Shanahan explained that the city did not really control what went on there.

Mayor Partington asked if FDOT would replace the lights they took down with ones that were more compatible with the city's decorative streetlights.

Ms. Shanahan noted that they could look into that. She stated that the city would likely have to pay the difference.

Mayor Partington stated that the bridge did not look as good as it could. He noted that he was rather impressed with Daytona Beach's International Speedway Boulevard bridge. He stated that it was painted nicely and had murals. He stated that the city's bridge looked scuffed up and very concrete; whereby, Commissioner Selby suggested that it looked very utilitarian.

Commissioner Boehm stated that he had noticed that Daytona Beach had borrowed money through their Community Development Agency (CRA). He noted that the city had previously looked into lighting the Granada Bridge but had determined that it cost too much to do so. He stated that the bridge was located in the CRA area. He suggested that the city could borrow money and use CRA funds to guarantee the bonds.

Ms. Shanahan stated that many communities had done that. She explained that they pledged their future revenues for a series of capital projects. She noted that a few years ago the county wanted to legislate whether or not cities could borrow without their authority. She stated that the city could only borrow up to the term of their CRA expiration date.

Commissioner Boehm noted that the legislature might terminate all CRAs. He stated that this was a project they had discussed but declined to pursue because they did not want to spend \$3 million out of pocket.

Commissioner Selby stated that he believed it was a great idea. He noted that the technology was becoming more cost effective and that perhaps it could be phased.

Commissioner Boehm stated that if they could guarantee the money and use part of the CRA funds coming back in, they may be able to go through with the project. He noted that lighting on the bridge would be a main attraction.

Mayor Partington stated that he also liked the idea; whereby, Commissioner Littleton noted that his only concern would be the cost.

Ms. Shanahan stated that they could look at the project again and look into funding sources.

Cassen Park dock uses

Commissioner Selby referenced the boat dock project at Cassen Park. He asked whether there was an answer as to whether commercial vessels would be prohibited; whereby, Ms. Shanahan noted that she did not believe they had received an answer yet. He also clarified with Ms. Shanahan that the 26-foot size listing was just a figure and was not a minimum.

Commissioner Littleton noted that he had a concern about the restriction on overnight docking. He explained that people would be less likely to come and hang out downtown if they could not stay overnight. He noted that he sailed up north. He explained that people would sail into a dock, go to the waterfront restaurants, and then sleep uncomfortably on their sailboats because they could not drive or boat safely in their post-restaurant condition. He noted that they would wake up early the next day and sail out.

Commissioner Littleton stated that his other concern was that there would be no gas available at the dock. He noted that the point of the dock was to bring

individuals into the downtown to spend money. He explained that he did not know that it would function that way without the two areas he mentioned. He asked if the money should be spent on the dock if it would not fulfill its purpose.

Mayor Partington stated that he believed that “no overnights” meant that an individual could not stay for more than 24 hours. He elaborated that he believed that someone could come into town at 4:00 p.m., have dinner, and sleep on their boat, and then leave at 7:00 a.m. the next morning. He noted that perhaps he misunderstood. He explained that he did not agree with the “no overnight” regulation, noting that he believed that they would want people to stay in town and frequent the downtown. He addressed the fuel issue, which Commissioner Littleton had mentioned, and noted that they had not even discussed that aspect yet.

Commissioner Boehm noted that they had not established any rules yet. He explained that they had discussed some aspects but noted that there were not any actual rules in place yet. He stated that if they desired to allow overnight visits, they could do so.

Commissioner Littleton stated that his fear was that the state, which would assist in funding the project, would be making the rules; whereby, Commissioner Boehm noted the state may have the ability to determine the rules based on their funding assistance.

Signage for Ormond Crossings

Commissioner Selby stated that he displayed some drawings of archways for Ormond Crossings on Broadway Avenue to the Commission. He noted that the Broadway Avenue extension to the east would be called Plantation Oaks Boulevard. He stated that he wanted to explore having someone, possibly FDOT, build those entrance archways.

Commissioner Boehm asked if Ormond Crossings would have Ormond Crossings Boulevard as the main entrance. He asked if that was the way that it was planned.

Ms. Shanahan stated that it came out through Broadway Avenue first and then went into Ormond Crossings.

Commissioner Selby explained that he believed that Ormond Crossings Boulevard would be down at the main entrance; whereby, Ms. Shanahan replied that it would come off of Broadway Avenue. Commissioner Selby noted that they may wish to change that. He stated that the signs he was referring to would likely just designate the name of the development as Ormond Crossings.

Mayor Partington noted that he liked the concept but did not know what form the sign should take. He explained that he was not certain whether it would be a monument sign or an archway-type sign. He stated that perhaps the city should look at trying to obtain an easement lease so they could control what it would look like. He suggested that the city could work with FDOT to make that area look attractive. He noted that he did not believe that it would be difficult to change the name of Broadway Avenue.

Ms. Shanahan noted she believed that Broadway Avenue was a county road.

Commissioner Selby stated that he was not married to the style of the drawings he had passed out to the Commission.

Commissioner Boehm stated that there were monument signs at Ormond Lakes and at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex; whereby, Mayor Partington noted that that may be what the code required.

Ms. Shanahan explained that the only thing that concerned her about archways would be the potential clearance for trucks; whereby, Commissioner Selby explained that Mr. Parker Mynchenberg considered that when he created the drawings.

Mayor Partington noted that now was the time to look into this, rather than five to ten years in the future.

Televising/streaming City Commission meetings

Commissioner Selby suggested that the City Commission meetings be televised or streamed online. He noted that the audio was presently streamed but that video was not.

Ms. Colby Cilento, Recording Secretary, stated that the content of the meeting PowerPoint presentation was streamed as a video with audio included.

Ms. Shanahan explained that years ago, when cable franchise agreements were still possible, many local governments were able to work with their cable providers to receive funds and equipment from the cable provider to help televise Commission meetings. She further explained that all of those funds had since disappeared with the communications service tax (CST) in the early 2000s. She noted that there were not a lot of funds available but that technology had changed greatly. She explained that the extent of videotaping would involve a camera in the back of the room, noting that no one would be running a switchboard with zoom and different angles. She noted that it would be a really rudimentary type operation. She stated that she was unaware of how to get it to air on television, noting that it would probably only be made available online. She noted that she believed there had to be some type of switch with the cable provider for it to be televised.

Mayor Partington asked how many listen to the live stream at any given time; whereby, Ms. Cilento replied that usually less than ten listeners listened to the stream when it was live.

Commissioner Selby noted that they could determine how many listened live. He asked Ms. Cilento whether she could see who was listening; whereby, Ms. Cilento explained that she did not believe she could see that specifically, but did believe she might be able to view IP addresses.

Commissioner Selby joked that they could perhaps get double the number of live listeners if they streamed video of the meetings.

Ms. Cilento explained that the videos of the PowerPoint presentations with the audio that were posted after the meetings received many more views, with numbers in the hundreds and even thousands sometimes.

Commissioner Selby asked what was posted after the meetings; whereby, Ms. Cilento explained that the video file that was posted contained the PowerPoint presentation and any visual aids displayed in the meeting, noting that it also contained the audio and that listeners could follow along.

Commissioner Littleton stated that he watched Volusia County's live stream video. He noted that a friend of his was appointed to a board there. He noted that streaming meetings was good for transparency.

Ms. Shanahan noted that she believed that the meetings were transparent now. She stated that she was unsure how to proceed regarding providing live video of the meetings. She noted that she would have to talk to Mr. Ned Huhta, Information Technology Director, about that. She stated that she was unsure how to get meetings televised. She explained that before the Commission was to move to doing that, they would need to adopt a policy. She noted that in a city she previously worked for, the Commission developed a policy regarding what was appropriate but some of the Commission used foul language during an argument. She stated that those words went out over the air, and were unable to be edited. She noted that that was part of the procedure to go through.

Commissioner Selby asked if that Commission ran into trouble with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Ms. Shanahan replied that they did not, but noted that they had made themselves look bad. She noted that those meetings replayed. She stated that there was also an issue when Commission members were running for reelection. She explained that they put small programs on air, and would not allow members who were running for office to appear on camera in order to not appear to be playing favorites. She noted that there were technical issues to consider before moving to something like that. She stated that just streaming a Commission meeting was a lot different.

Transportation issues

Commissioner Selby brought up rectangular remote-flashing beacons (RRFB) for crosswalks. He asked if there was any update about the area in front of Granada Boulevard.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she received an update that day from Mr. John Noble, City Engineer, who indicated that FDOT may do the design in-house for those, rather than having it bid out. She noted that that would accelerate the process. She stated that there was a new District Five Secretary that she would set up a meeting with. She stated that she would bring up some of the things that the Commission had expressed an interest in to her. She noted improvements to the U.S. 1 – Interstate 95 interchange as an example. She stated that that area was the gateway to the city, noting that there were federal and state funds available through the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). She stated that a comprehensive study needed to be done on that interchange. She noted that the city would be working on that in the next several weeks, noting that she did not believe that the District Five Secretary started for another week or so. She stated that the city had had a good working relationship with FDOT, despite occasional struggles. She noted that the city wanted to get out in front of the new secretary, in order to inform them of their priorities.

Commissioner Selby stated that he felt that the crosswalk in front of the MainStreet offices was incredibly dangerous. He explained that the other day he saw a car stop in the right lane, while he was in the center lane, and he was unsure why the car to the right of him had stopped. He further explained that it had stopped because of people walking in front of that car. He noted that you could not see the pedestrians if you were in the center lane because the cars in the outside lane blocked your view of the people stepping off of the curb. He stated that he could not believe that FDOT did not think that that was dangerous. He noted he did not understand why they would encourage pedestrians to cross the street there without a warning signal. He asked why they did not utilize a different, more pedestrian-friendly design, as was seen in other places.

Ms. Shanahan noted that it was frustrating that they did not want to use plans which were in place in other communities.

Commissioner Selby explained that his concern was that pedestrians had a false sense of safety when they crossed in that location. He noted that he believed they felt it was safe to cross there but explained that he did not. He asked what liability the city would have, noting that he knew that Granada Boulevard was a state road. He noted that he believed that there should be warning signs for pedestrians crossing in that location.

Ms. Shanahan agreed that it was dangerous.

Mr. Randy Hayes, City Attorney, stated that Granada Boulevard was a state road.

Mayor Partington stated that he believed that improvements would be forthcoming, but noted that they seemed to be taking a while.

Commissioner Selby noted that he spoke to Ms. Shanahan about a topic and that she did some research for him. He stated that he heard from someone who seemed knowledgeable that the city would be providing utilities to Latitude Margaritaville at cost.

Ms. Shanahan noted that she sent an email regarding that.

Commissioner Selby stated that Ms. Shanahan had shared with him that a lot of their commercial properties would be along State Road 40, noting that the city would receive their traffic and people. He noted that he had heard that some properties would even receive Ormond Beach addresses. He stated that the city might not receive any money from that.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the city would receive connection fees. She stated that there was a comprehensive settlement agreement with Daytona Beach over that area, explaining that it set the structure for how the city had to charge for utilities. She noted that there was a fixed fee cost plus a per-gallon charge. She explained that that was to be changed every three years based on the consumer price index. She noted that to the best of her knowledge, that had never been incremented from that point. She stated that she had sent that information to Commissioner Selby and noted that she would be happy to send it to the rest of the Commission.

Mayor Partington noted that it had been a hard-fought negotiation.

Mr. Hayes stated that the end result was unfortunate. He explained that the fight had primarily been over the annexation price. He further explained that the water and sewer

was separate. He stated that the impacts to the traffic would be unavoidable. He noted that good planning and cooperation with Daytona Beach would help the city get ahead of the game.

Commissioner Selby stated that he thought that the extension of Hand Avenue over Interstate 95 was critical. He stated that there had to be alternative ways to travel east to west, noting that there had to be other ways to travel other than Granada Boulevard.

Commissioner Boehm stated that Tymber Creek Road needed to be extended all the way down; whereby, Ms. Shanahan replied that it was supposed to be extended as part of the Latitude Margaritaville project.

Commissioner Selby noted that an interchange was built north, in Flagler County, near Matanzas. He and Ms. Shanahan stated that there was not much out there. Commissioner Selby explained that that interchange was built when Flagler County was the fastest growing county in the state of Florida. He noted that this was the fourth fastest growing area in the nation, according to *Forbes Magazine*.

Mayor Partington stated that there were different attitudes about that. He explained that some believed that no matter how fast roads were built, or what was done to accommodate traffic, that there would still be a problem. He further explained those individuals' theory was that nothing should be done and alternate routes would be naturally discovered. He noted that those individuals believed that that would protect the small town feel and keep it from turning into a road like Dunlawton Avenue in Port Orange, Florida. He noted that they needed to strike a balance.

The Commission briefly discussed the proposed size of the Latitude Margaritaville project.

Mayor Partington noted that the Volusia County Roundtable of Elected Officials had some discussion about the half-cent sales tax and trying to approve the funding for that. He referenced the building of the Hand Avenue overpass extension. He explained there were citizens who lived on Hand Avenue, from Nova Road to the river, who would stridently oppose increased speeds on that road and through the park. He noted that they would likely push for there not to be expanded access to Hand Avenue.

Commissioner Boehm stated that on LPGA Boulevard the widening between Derbyshire Road down to Nova Road wiped out homes and yards. He noted that that could happen to Hand Avenue if they really tried to extend or widen the road.

Commissioner Selby explained that if they got it to Nova Road, that was a six-lane road, and then motorists would go north or south from there. He stated that that residential area that Mayor Partington referred to could be preserved.

Mayor Partington stated that he felt that the next logical step for LPGA was a bridge over the river to deal with Daytona Beach traffic.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she sent the Commission the list that the city provided to the Volusia County Roundtable of Elected Officials of the roads and transportation issues. She noted that she printed the maps out for the Commission and that they would be at their seats at the dais in the City Commission Chambers.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she received the revised strategic plan report document from Ms. Marilyn Crotty, Director of the Florida Institute of Government at the University of Central Florida, who facilitated the City Commission's Strategic Planning Workshop. She noted that that would appear on a future City Commission meeting agenda for approval.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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