

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

**January 2, 2007      7:00 p.m.**

Present were: Mayor Fred Costello, Lori Gillooly, Troy Kent, Ed Kelley, and Bill Partington, Assistant City Manager Ted MacLeod, City Manager Isaac Turner, City Attorney Randal Hayes, and City Clerk Veronica Patterson.

**A G E N D A**

- 1) Meeting call to order by Mayor Costello.
- 2) Invocation.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) **AUDIENCE REMARKS:**
- 5) **INTERGOVERNMENTAL REPORTS:**
  - A) Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - B) Volusia Council of Governments
  - C) Water Authority of Volusia
- 6) **CONSENT AGENDA:** The action proposed is stated for each item on the Consent Agenda. Unless a City Commissioner removes an item from the Consent Agenda, no discussion on individual items will occur and a single motion will approve all items.
  - A) Resolution No. 2006-272 accepting a bid from J.D. James, Inc., for construction services regarding the Central Park Boardwalk project under Bid No. 2006-26; authorizing the execution of a contract and payment therefor; rejecting all other bids. (\$147,235 total project - \$73,617.50 ECHO funding; \$73,6175.50 City funding )
  - B) Resolution No. 2006-273 accepting a bid from Saboungi Construction, Inc., for the Central Park Basketball Court project under Bid No. 2006-31; authorizing the execution of a contract and payment therefor; and setting forth an effective date. (\$61,800)
  - C) Resolution No. 2006-274 accepting a proposal from Barnes, Ferland & Associates, Inc., for engineering services regarding Division Avenue Wells 7A & 18A, authorizing the execution of a Work Authorization and payment therefor. (Not-to-exceed \$37,284.47)
  - D) Resolution No. 2006-275 authorizing the execution of a release and satisfaction of a Special Master administrative fine/lien for code violations on property located at 74 Wye Drive. (\$135.91)
  - E) Resolution No. 2006-276 authorizing the execution of a release and satisfaction of a Special Master administrative fine/lien for code violations on property located at 314 Riverbluff Drive. (\$2,800)
  - F) Approval of travel by the City Commission and the City Manager to attend conferences.

DISPOSITION: Approve as recommended in City Manager memorandum dated December 28, 2006.
  - G) Review of FY 2006-07 budget status.

DISPOSITION: Approve as recommended in City Manager memorandum dated December 28, 2006.
  - H) Budget Advisory Board work plan.

DISPOSITION: Accept report provided in City Manager memorandum dated December 28, 2006.

- 7) **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE** No. 2006-24 amending Section 22-115 and 22-165, of Chapter 22, Water and Sewers, of the Code of Ordinances, by imposing water and wastewater impact fees of \$2,000.00 and \$1,950.00, respectively, in a uniform manner throughout the City; providing for annual adjustments to said fees based upon capital costs; and providing appropriate legislative findings in support of the foregoing.
- 8) **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**
  - A) Ordinance No. 2007-01 amending the annual budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year relative to the General Fund; Airport Fund; Economic Development Fund; Grants Fund; Facilities Renewal and Replacement Fund; North US1 Property Acquisition Fund; Transportation Improvement Fund; Recreation Impact Fee Fund; Water and Wastewater Fund; Water and Wastewater Renewal & Replacement Fund; Water Treatment Plant Construction Fund; and the Solid Waste Fund.
  - B) Ordinance No. 2007-02 amending Section 2-71, Historic Landmarks and Districts, of Chapter 2, Article IV, of the Land Development Code by adding a list of currently designated historic landmarks.
- 9) **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Update on consolidated emergency dispatch services.
- 10) **REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS:** Mayor, City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney.
- 11) **CLOSE THE MEETING.**

Item #1 - Call to Order

Mayor Costello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item #2 - Invocation

Mayor Costello asked for a moment of silence in honor of former President Gerald Ford who passed away last week. He gave the invocation.

Item #3 - Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 - Audience Remarks

Walking on Golf Courses

Mr. Dan Zurla, 3751 Long Grove Lane, Port Orange, stated Ormond Beach, Daytona Beach, and Port Orange were the only three cities that mandate the use of golf carts at their municipal golf courses, and this was unconstitutional in that it deprives golfers of the option to walk on public land. He reported when he brought this to the Commission's attention, Mayor Costello stated the City leased to an outside agent, and they could run the public golf courses as they saw fit. Mr. Zurla stated it was a government's duty to insure their agents operate public facilities under the same laws as the government.

Charter Amendment

Ms. Pat Behnke, 5 Malayan Sun Bear Path, stated she and others knew precisely what they were voting for in the recent Charter amendment which clearly stated that all buildings within the corporate limits of the City of Ormond Beach will not exceed a maximum height of 75-feet when measured from the average median lot elevation to the highest point of any part of the structure and/or its attached services. She noted they understood the referendum could cause some problems; however, those problems could be rectified. Ms. Behnke advised she and like-minded people would wholeheartedly support a referendum to grandfather in existing structures, and would consider appurtenances as peripheral to the primary structure, and underground parking with specific limits. She reported in that there was no rush to settle these issues at this time, she suggested the referenda be held off until November rather than adding the extra expense of a special election. Ms. Behnke advised she would not support special exceptions or transfer of density. She reported the people fully realized that defeating this measure may insure more may have to be paid in taxes by the people to keep Ormond Beach as it is today, and the people could accept tax increases if necessary. Ms. Behnke clarified the people were not mislead, uninformed, or uneducated regarding the issues prior to voting.

Mayor Costello expressed appreciation of Ms. Behnke's willingness to discuss certain issues. He advised he was pushing for a referendum to rectify such issues as allowing grandfathering, elevator shafts, air conditioning, and underground parking, but not for the transfer of development rights. Mayor Costello reported he welcomed the opportunity to bring citizens together to discuss what the majority of the citizens could support and provide an opportunity to vote on it. He noted he wished to accomplish the will of the residents. He stated he never indicated the referendum would not have passed if everyone understood the amendment, but there were many people who were confused.

Item #5(A) and #5(B) - Metropolitan Planning Organization and Volusia Council of Governments

Mayor Costello reported the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Volusia Council of Governments (VCOG) did not meet in December.

Item #5(C) - Water Authority of Volusia

Commissioner Kelley stated Water Authority of Volusia (WAV) would not meet until January 19.

Item #6 - Consent Agenda

Mayor Costello advised that the action proposed for each item on the Consent Agenda was so stated on the agenda. He asked if any member of the Commission had questions or wished to discuss any one or more of the items separately.

Mayor Costello stated he had a request to pull Item No. 6(F) for discussion.

**Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Partington, for approval of the Consent Agenda, minus Item No. 6(F).**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kent       | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
|            | Commissioner Partington | yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Costello          | yes |

Item #6(F) – Travel by the City Commission and the City Manager to Attend Conferences

Mr. Jeff Boyle, 614 North Halifax Drive, stated this recommendation would be to pre-approve travel to ten listed conferences and events requiring lodging and/or air travel. He pointed out that the City Attorney's legal conference was not listed. Mr. Boyle questioned why this radical departure from the past practice and procedure was being recommended. He explained that in the past travel had been placed on the Consent Agenda at the time of the travel. Mr. Boyle reported the only potential qualifier was described as "subject to budget constrains"; however, that term was not quantified.

**Commissioner Partington moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelley, to approve the requested travel to attend conferences.**

Mr. Isaac Turner, City Manager, stated during the budget discussions the Commission was provided specific information regarding travel and training. He noted the Commission was aware of the costs and benefits of the conferences they attend, and these funds were budgeted for travel. Mr. Turner agreed the City Attorney's conference should have been included. He advised it was his recommendation to ask for the Commission's approval at this time because this travel was approved during the budget discussions.

Ms. Kelly McGuire, Budget Director, stated the budgeted amount was \$10,550 for the Commission, but she did not have the information for the City Manager.

Mr. Turner noted normally the entire amount budgeted was not spent.

**Commissioner Partington moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelley, to amend the motion to include legal conferences for the City Attorney and Deputy City Attorney.**

Mr. Randal Hayes, City Attorney, reported he did not have enough information when this report was generated to include his travel and he advised that approval from the Commission was not required for travel by the Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Kelley stated this would also not preclude any travel unknown at this time.

Mayor Costello stated he would be willing to lobby at the March 10 to 14 National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference on behalf of Ormond Crossings or assist the County in their effort to remove the septic tanks from the barrier island. He reported he planned on attending the Legislative Action Day at the Florida League of Cities because he favored tax reform that would protect the cities. Mayor Costello stated he considered Volusia Days in Tallahassee an important event. He encouraged the Commission to attend conferences because people can not do as good a job if they are not aware of the issues and how others have resolved those issues.

Mr. Turner stated the success of Ormond Crossings to date, in a large part, was due to the relationship the Commission had established with the State legislators. He stated staff wanted to lay the groundwork this year for the future when Ormond Beach would be asking for \$30 to \$40 million to construct the overpass which was desperately needed, not just for Ormond Crossings, but also because of the increased traffic. Mr. Turner reported this was a very important issue.

Mayor Costello noted Congressman Mika helped Ormond Beach obtain \$750,000 for the interchange modification study. He stated Representatives Cusak and Patterson, and Senator Lynn have worked very hard for Ormond Beach issues.

Commissioner Kent reported he was pleased this issue was pulled for discussion, and he appreciated Mr. Turner’s explanation.

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| Call Vote on the Amendment:         | Commissioner Kent       | yes |
|                                     | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
|                                     | Commissioner Partington | yes |
|                                     | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
| Carried.                            | Mayor Costello          | yes |
| Call Vote on the Underlying Motion: | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
|                                     | Commissioner Partington | yes |
|                                     | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
|                                     | Commissioner Kent       | yes |
| Carried.                            | Mayor Costello          | yes |

Item #7 - Water and Wastewater Impact Fees

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-24  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22-115 AND 22-165, OF CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY IMPOSING WATER AND WASTEWATER IMPACT FEES OF \$2,000.00 AND \$1,950.00, RESPECTIVELY, IN A UNIFORM MANNER THROUGHOUT THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO SAID FEES BASED UPON CAPITAL COSTS; AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE FOREGOING; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Partington, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-24, on second reading, as read by title only.**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Partington | yes |
|            | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kent       | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Costello          | yes |

Item #8(A) – Amending the Annual Budget for the 2006-2007

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-01  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL FUND; AIRPORT FUND; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND; GRANTS FUND; FACILITIES RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT FUND; NORTH US1 PROPERTY ACQUISITION FUND;

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND; RECREATION IMPACT FEE FUND; WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND; WATER AND WASTEWATER RENEWAL & REPLACEMENT FUND; WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION FUND; AND THE SOLID WASTE FUND; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Partington, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-25, on first reading, as read by title only.**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kent       | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
|            | Commissioner Partington | yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Costello          | yes |

Item #8(B) – Adding a List of Currently Designated Historic Landmarks

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-71, HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND DISTRICTS, OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING A LIST OF CURRENTLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC LANDMARKS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gillooly, to approve Ordinance No. 2006-26, on first reading, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Gillooly applauded the work of the Planning Department and the Historic Landmark Preservation Board on this issue.

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Kent       | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
|            | Commissioner Partington | yes |
|            | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Costello          | yes |

Item #9 - Update on Consolidated Emergency Dispatch Services

Mayor Costello noted this item was directional, and should a decision be made, a contract would be brought back at a later meeting. He advised that unless an objection was noted, he would allow the four people who wanted to speak on this issue do so at this time. No objection was noted.

Ms. Jan Reese, 11 Chippingwood Lane, stated it would be a hardship for the Ormond Beach people if the dispatchers were to be relocated. She pointed out if the dispatchers were relocated help would not be available at the police station because it would be closed down from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. leaving the population less safe. Ms. Reese advised that in December the time from receiving the call to arriving on scene was four minutes and would be ten minutes with County dispatchers. She stated officers have been dispatched to the wrong address several times by County dispatchers, and Ormond Beach did not need that type of service.

Ms. Laura Jones, 59 Amsden Road, expressed alarm at the possibility of losing the City's dispatchers when it had continually been voted down. She pointed out Ormond Beach was having a difficult time keeping and hiring dispatchers because they lacked a sense of the security due to the Commission considering unified dispatch every few months. Ms. Jones stated that due to the fact the Police Department was so short staffed, a police officer was required to work as a dispatcher, and the police officer made a great deal more money than the dispatcher and was being paid time and one-half, which caused a morale problem with the dispatchers.

Mr. Bob Behnke, 5 Malayan Sun Bear Path, stated he found the report difficult to understand and recommended the options be more clearly defined. He noted an option that was missing was to take no action at this time. Mr. Behnke stated the County's operation was not totally staffed or at the desired technological level. He questioned the definition of "low priority" and pointed out that priorities could change. Mr. Behnke stated the Police Department was now a

safe haven; but if it closed at night, it would no longer be provide safety. He stated other cities had to join because they were in dire financial conditions, but this was not the case with Ormond Beach. He expressed concern regarding the window to consider performance from six months to two years in that this was too large a window.

Mr. Jeff Boyle, 614 North Halifax Drive, recommended Option 2 which was maintaining the operations in house and stated the public had weighed in on this issue numerous times. He reported the current system was implemented three to four years ago when all of the equipment was purchased, and that should be factored into the cost. Mr. Boyle recommended talking to the line employees in other cities such as Daytona Beach and DeLand regarding the quality of the County dispatch as there have been serious problems, and some cities are considering withdrawing form their agreement. He stated he could not understand how, assuming the Sheriff's office was dispatching for a population of 250,000 throughout the County, how that could be more efficient than Ormond Beach's system for a population of 39,000 in that Ormond Beach dispatchers knew the streets, neighborhoods, and subdivisions. Mr. Boyle reported the City should not be considering saving dollars on such a crucial life and death service. He noted the County had tried for years to sustain staffing of twelve people, and they normally have six to eight people which would trigger mandatory overtime, burnout, and people leaving their jobs.

Fire Chief Barry Baker reported this was a requested update, and three options were provided with Option 2 being the status quo option. He noted staff was recommending Option 3 to move fire dispatch to the Sheriff's Office and retain the police dispatch in house. Chief Baker pointed out the staffing issue was important, and the fire dispatch center was fully staffed. He noted due to vacancies in Ormond Beach dispatch, there would not be a need to have anyone displaced. Chief Baker explained staff worked hard for three years to get an automatic aid system in place, and with the current system, Ormond Beach would loose every advantage they were trying to gain with automatic aid. He stated by the time a call was transferred, time would be lost. Chief Baker reported it was critical to the community to take advantage of the automatic aid agreements, and he advised he strongly favored Option 3 at this time. Chief Baker advised that he had discussions with the employees. He reported there was a complex issue occurring with Daytona Beach, and he asked that Daytona Beach not be used as a comparison. Chief Baker advised fire would be going to the old ECS center which was under the same supervision as when Ormond Beach was there previously. He stated the center was now called ECC. Chief Baker noted the City did not have a problem with their service; the problem was with the increase in cost. He emphasized that this was a safety issue for the firefighters and the community.

Police Chief Michael Longfellow reported staff had inundated the Commission with information through the years and offered to answer any questions rather than give a presentation.

Captain Gordon Meyer, Volusia County Sheriff's Office, commander for the combined communications centers, stated the County dispatches for all of the cities except Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater, and Ormond Beach. He noted Ormond Beach was the only one dispatching alone.

Commissioner Gillooly asked Captain Meyer to address the issue of staffing.

Captain Meyers replied ECC was fully staffed; and on the law enforcement side, they were slotted for 96 people and have 84 to 86 people. He noted this was the national trend for communications centers. Captain Meyers reported most employees are happy to work at the center.

Commissioner Gillooly asked if there was a potential for the four staff members to be hired by the Sheriff's office should the Commission take the recommendation to remove fire dispatch.

Captain Meyer stated that was absolutely true.

Commissioner Kent asked how Volusia County could take on these four additional staff members if the ECC was completely staffed.

Chief Longfellow stated there were 12 Emergency Communication Officer (ECO) positions budgeted within the Police Department and only seven were currently filled. He noted two of the ECO employees have already made the switch to Community Service Officer positions, but served as ECOs pending a decision. Chief Longfellow clarified the four positions that would be eliminated are not currently filled. He noted if both agencies would go to the Sheriff's office there would be three to four ECOs who have indicated a desire to transfer.

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Commissioner Gillooly noted Ormond Beach personnel would be well versed to go with either the ECC or the Sheriff's office for either fire or law enforcement dispatch.

Chief Longfellow reported they would probably need additional training to update them on the software and acquaint them with new procedures.

Commissioner Kent asked what would occur if the City went with the fire dispatch, and within the two year window, the Commission would decide not to send the police.

Chief Longfellow stated the two years was based on the contract. He noted Sheriff Johnson was trying to get all of the agencies on the same rotation on three-year contracts. Chief Longfellow stated the fire portion could stay without the police portion.

Mr. Turner stated if fire would go, he would not want police to wait an inordinate amount of time; therefore, a decision should be made within six months to two years, and should police not go, that decision should be definitively made. He agreed this was a challenge for the dispatchers who probably do experience a lack of security in their jobs.

Commissioner Kent requested examples of "low priority" calls and questioned if some low priority calls could turn into high priority calls.

Chief Longfellow explained a low priority call may be one where a caller indicates that someone drove through and vandalized a person's yard or possibly a noise complaint where no one was in any physical danger and suspects are not on site. He reported a call could be considered low priority depending on what other calls were being received at the same time. Chief Longfellow stated if the Sheriff's office would be dispatching for District 3 and they received a call that a home was ransacked in Ormond Beach, but a burglary was in progress in Holly Hill, the Ormond Beach call would be considered a low priority call and it may get stacked, where an officer would not arrive until the other call could be cleared.

Mayor Costello noted, conversely, that if Daytona Beach or Holly Hill had a vandalism call, and Ormond Beach had a higher priority call, the vandalism call would wait and the Ormond Beach call would be dispatched.

Chief Longfellow reported Ormond Beach currently does the same thing in its current procedures.

Commissioner Partington stated he could favor Option 3, but he would not want the Police Department dispatch to go. He noted he spoke to firefighters and their representatives who did not have any objections. Commissioner Partington noted while the situation was improving, he was not yet comfortable letting the police go at this point.

Commissioner Kelley stated this involved the safety of the firefighter and the betterment of the community. He reported it made sense to have Ormond Beach connected and have the mutual aid available. Commissioner Kelley noted Ormond Beach did have a staffing problem. He explained in the communications of today, it would make no difference being dispatched from the Ormond Beach Police Department or from DeLand. Commissioner Kelley pointed out Ormond Beach was behind in the technology other officers have in their vehicles, and at some point the City must be willing to give those officers better technology. He stated other jurisdictions could help Ormond Beach if aid was needed. Commissioner Kelley reported when the County can efficiently handle Ormond Beach, the City should consider the move for the police dispatch.

Commissioner Gillooly stated this was not a question of dollars, but efficiency and the safest and the most effective means of getting the equipment and personnel to the residents. She reported she could support the move for fire. Commissioner Gillooly asked Chief Longfellow to address the issue of the Police Department being inaccessible at night.

Chief Longfellow stated with the current staffing level, if the ECOs were removed, no one would be staffing the Police Department from approximately 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., although officers would be coming in and out of the department.

Mr. Turner stated with the fire dispatch gone, the police would still be dispatching from the Police Department facility; therefore, it would be accessible.

Commissioner Gillooly noted this would definitely be a consideration before removing the police dispatch.

Chief Longfellow noted there were several options outlined in previous reports.

Commissioner Kent stated staffing was a problem because on the uncertainty of the employees keeping their jobs. He reported no one could better look out for Ormond Beach residents than Ormond Beach dispatchers. Commissioner Kent questioned how Ormond Beach could be better served by dispatchers covering a larger area; therefore, he advised he could only support Option 2.

Commissioner Kelley stated when the Fire Chief tells the Commission it would be safer for the firefighters and the community to dispatch fire through ECC, it was incumbent upon the Commission to follow his advice. He reported when a call comes in, directions are more accurately provided from a computer than from verbal directions, but both would be provided.

Chief Baker stated he and Chief Longfellow were strongly committed to consolidation at the right time, and now was not the right time for police, but it was the right time for fire. He reported consolidating fire dispatch would enable the technology to increase and the closest unit could be sent which was critically important. Chief Baker explained the automatic aid would be immediate, and that was a critical component.

Mayor Costello stated he was ready to move the fire dispatch. He noted Chief Baker indicated the City would lose the benefit of the automatic aid agreements by not having the consolidated dispatch for fire. Mayor Costello clarified the City would have better service with the consolidated dispatch. He noted another significant point was that when the City was previously with the County dispatch, the service was good, and the only problem was the money.

Chief Baker stated Sheriff Johnson made a huge impact, and when a problem was noted, the Sheriff made sure the problem was fixed. He noted Daytona Beach was not at ECC for fire. Chief Baker explained if there was a problem with the previous service, it was that Ormond Beach did not have an equal voice; but under Sheriff Johnson's direction they are much more service oriented. He noted a number of the fire departments want to achieve seamless technology.

Mayor Costello asked if Daytona Beach and Holly Hill Fire Chiefs would feel the same as Chief Baker.

Chief Baker stated Daytona Beach should not be compared as they report differently. He noted Daytona Beach administration was highly complimentary, but their fire union wanted it back. Chief Baker noted Holly Hill, South Daytona, and Volusia County were with ECC and they are very comfortable with the service.

Mayor Costello reiterated that with only the fire dispatch moving, the police station would not be locked down.

Chief Longfellow reported the only change would be that there were now three ECOs compared to two per shift without fire.

Mayor Costello questioned what would be the average dispatch time for fire or medical emergencies from the consolidated dispatch verses Ormond Beach dispatch.

Chief Baker stated they would probably be very comparable and the backup time would be much quicker. He reported fire and emergency calls are not stacked.

Mayor Costello explained regarding the possibility of losing Ormond Beach dispatchers that his main concern was improving service to the residents, and if the Fire Chief indicated that the emergency medical services would be better with the consolidated dispatch due to the automatic aid agreement issues and back up supporting issues, that would have a higher priority in his opinion. He concurred that the City may have inadvertently created a situation where the dispatchers have no job security, but he had always favored consolidated dispatch because the chiefs have advised him that it would improve service. Mayor Costello noted saving money was an added bonus, but the reason he supported it was because the service would be better. He stated the Sheriff's office would be procuring new technology as Ormond Beach would have to, and the only question was should both entities have that cost independently. Mayor Costello reported, relative to giving up all control, that he would encourage the contract to include a means to incorporate better control for the cities. He stated the City could have saved a great deal of money for equipment by having done this months ago. Mayor Costello noted a speaker indicated other cities were considering opting out. He asked that when such statements were made that the "other cities" that were being referred to would be identified.

Captain Meyer stated he was unaware of any city opting out.

Mayor Costello stated he wholeheartedly agreed the City should not be looking to save money on such a vital service, but he reiterated that he believed this would provide better service. He explained Option 1 would cost \$1.4 over three years, Option 2 would cost \$2.1 million, and Option 3 would cost \$1.8 million. Mayor Costello reported the fact that this would save \$300,000 was not nearly as important as that it would provide better service. He advised he looked forward to hearing from Chief Longfellow in six to 24 months when he could have a better comfort level for moving the police dispatch. Mayor Costello reported Ormond Beach would then be the only Police Department that was not part of a consolidated dispatch system. He noted that within a year it should be know if the system was working well or not. Mayor Costello disclosed that his daughter was a dispatcher working with ECC or ECO and she loved her job. Mayor Costello pointed out that had no effect on his position as his position has been unchanged in all the years this issue had been discussed.

Mr. Turner stated this recommendation would be improving the safety of the service. He advised he or the chiefs would be willing to speak on these issues to any of the speakers in the audience. Mr. Turner reported while staffing problems may be exacerbated by the uncertainty, staffing had always been an ongoing problem with Ormond Beach and all dispatch services. He noted years ago the City took back the service seamlessly, and if necessary, it could be done again.

**Commissioner Gillooly moved, seconded by Commissioner Kelley, to recommend Option 3.**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Kelley     | yes |
|            | Commissioner Partington | yes |
|            | Commissioner Gillooly   | yes |
|            | Commissioner Kent       | no  |
| Carried.   | Mayor Costello          | yes |

#### Item #10 - Reports, Suggestions, Requests

##### Coffee with the Commissioner

Commissioner Kent stated the next "Coffee with the Commissioner" would be held Monday, February 5, at 5 p.m. at 130 Magnolia Drive.

##### Consolidated Dispatch

Commissioner Gillooly reported she was very confident about the consolidated dispatch issue based on the information she received from Chief Longfellow and Chief Baker that it was resoundingly a question of efficiency, effectiveness, and safety for the residents. She noted she understood that people hired in dispatch sometimes considered the position a starting point to proceed into other positions in law enforcement or the Fire Department.

##### New Year

Commissioner Gillooly noted the City had some challenges last year, and she was looking forward to moving on in the New Year.

##### Volunteerism

Commissioner Gillooly commended the *Hometown News* for their article on Ormond Beach volunteerism. She stated one thing that defines a community was the quality of the people in the community, and Ormond Beach was blessed by people volunteering their time.

##### Farewell to Joe Radcliffe

Commissioner Gillooly wished Mr. Joe Radcliffe the best in his new position and thanked him for all he did for the City.

Mayor Costello and Mr. Turner thanked Mr. Radcliff for his service to the City.

##### Forming Relationships

Mr. Turner stated he appreciated the relationship Planning Director Clay Ervin, Economic Development Director Joe Mannarino, and Mr. Hayes had been able to establish with Mr. Tom Pelham. He noted this relationship would probably benefit the City a great deal in that Mr. Pelham would probably be the new Secretary to the Department of Community Affairs.

Travel

Mr. Turner advised a group would be traveling to Tallahassee shortly, hopefully, before Mr. Pelham takes office. He noted he would also be traveling to West Palm Beach to visit a couple of reverse osmosis plants, spending the night in the area.

Goal-setting Discussions

Mayor Costello asked for discussion items at the goal-setting meeting regarding: 1) wireless technology with Information Technology Manager Ned Huhta; 2) codes and streamlining the development process with information as to when exactions can be made and dates after which new issues may not be added; and 3) residential parking delineation.

Tomoka Methodist Church Request

Mayor Costello asked for an update on the status of the Tomoka Methodist Church request made by a resident regarding a flea market.

Ormond Crossings

Mayor Costello asked Mr. Turner to inform him if he believed it would be advantageous to the City and the Ormond Crossings project for him to meet with Mr. Pelham or any other person who could influence this project.

Volusia County Legislative Goals

Mayor Costello stated he appreciated Volusia County sending Ormond Beach a copy of their legislative goals. He noted there was an overlap in many Ormond Beach and Volusia County legislative goals where the two entities could work together.

Understanding of Goals

Mayor Costello stated he wanted suggestions from the Commission on what he could do to make sure the people understood his goals and that he understood their goals and what they were trying to indicate when they spoke. He noted there would be times he would not agree, but he wanted people to understand that he had listened to them and understood their points.

Volunteerism

Mayor Costello commended the *Hometown News* on the article on volunteerism in Ormond Beach. He stated the CAN DO initiative was outstanding, and while he did not agree with everything that they stood for and what the individuals said, that did not diminish the fact that Ormond Beach was better because the people cared enough to get involved.

Mr. Pelham

Mayor Costello stated Ormond Beach was blessed to have Mr. Pelham under consideration to become the next Secretary of the DCA.

Item #11 - Close the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ January 16, 2007

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Fred Costello, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Veronica Patterson, City Clerk