

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

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February 8, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Commission Chambers

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Present were: Mayor Bill Partington, Commissioners Dwight Selby, Troy Kent, Susan Persis, and Rob Littleton, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Assistant City Manager Claire Whitley, City Attorney Randy Hayes, and City Clerk Colby Cilento.

**A G E N D A**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-44:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL CAMPUS ON THE EXISTING SITE OF OSCEOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; EXPRESSING A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,950,000) TOWARD THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CAMPUS FOR OSCEOLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Staff Contact: Joyce Shanahan, City Manager (386-676-3200)*

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Partington called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Item #2A – Reconsideration of Osceola/Ortona Elementary Consolidated Site

City Clerk Colby Cilento read by title only:

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Ms. Kathleen Miksits, 39 Brooks Drive, Ormond-by-the-Sea, discussed her support for keeping the Osceola Elementary (Osceola) school site. She stated she felt the decision combining the Osceola and Ortona Elementary (Ortona) schools was not adequately discussed with the public due to COVID-19. She presented the Commission with a copy of a petition she started in support of saving Osceola that had received over 600 signatures.

Ms. Linda Williams, 133 Bosarvey Drive, stated she was representing her civic group, Common Ground. She discussed the idea of all parties involved in the new school location decision coming together and finding common ground. She discussed upgrades

and changes that could be made to the educational system and stated she was partial to keeping the Osceola Elementary neighborhood school.

Ms. Caj Pinero, 176 Seminole Avenue, read an email she sent to the Volusia County School Board (VCSB) in support of keeping the Osceola site. She provided a copy of the email she sent and responses from various VCSB members to be included into the record.

Mayor Partington noted he had received two online comments from Mr. Joe Perez, 54 Hunt Master Court; and Ms. Bonnie Thompson, 301 Oak Drive, both in favor of saving Osceola. He stated he had also received an email from Mr. Norman Lane, President of Rotomation, also in support of saving the Osceola site.

**Commissioner Kent moved, seconded by Commissioner Persis, for approval of Resolution No. 2021-44, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Persis noted the committed amount for financial support from the city to the VCSB listed in the resolution was 1,950,000 dollars. She questioned if the Commission needed to adjust the total to 2,000,000 dollars in case there were unforeseen expenses the city may wish to contribute to in the future; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated the 1,950,000 was an estimate and staff would need to come back to the Commission to receive approval of the final amount if the VCSB decided to proceed with an interlocal agreement with the city.

Ms. Shanahan noted staff intended to use the city's Storm Water Impact Fee Fund for the storm water conveyance system improvements, and the Transportation Fund for the road repaving and sidewalk improvements. She explained the remaining balance would come from the General Fund. She noted these expenses would still leave the city close to their 15 percent General Fund Reserves benchmark goal.

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

Item #3 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

APPROVED: February 16, 2021

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Partington, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Colby J. Cilento, City Clerk