

**City of South Daytona
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:00pm**

City Council Chambers, 1672 South Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, Florida
and Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/CityOfSouthDaytona)

A. OPENING. Call to Order: Mayor William C. Hall called the City of South Daytona Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present:

Mayor William C. Hall	Councilman Brandon Young
Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier	City Manager James L. Gillis, Jr.
Councilman Eric Sander	City Attorney Wade Vose
Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal	

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor William C. Hall followed by the **Invocation** led by Councilman Brandon Young.

Item 5: City Manager Report:

City Manager Gillis provided an update on stormwater improvements completed since the previous Council Meeting.

The tropics are heating up, and the entire City is assisting in the effort to be prepared, no matter the storm that may arise. The Public Works Department has worked through the weekends to ensure our stormwater drainage system is working properly during these intense rainstorms that pop up without notice.

The Public Works Department replaced a drainage pipe along Alice Place to improve the drainage of this area. The old pipe consisted of rusty corrugated metal installed decades ago that just cannot stand up to the saltwater environment of our coastal town.

The City's contractor has finished thoroughly cleaning the Stevens Canal. The Public Works Department noticed that remnants of the cleaning process left behind pockets of debris that were cut down and accumulated in small piles in the canal. Those small piles have now been removed, and the entire canal is clear and ready to convey stormwater more effectively.

Volusia County has approved the final funding necessary to vastly expand the stormwater pond located on Aspen Drive. The project calls for the pond expansion, the installation of a second stormwater pumping station and the replacement of the pipe connection with Silver Pond. These improvements will greatly enhance the stormwater capabilities in the Big Tree Village subdivision. Design and permitting is underway with construction to follow shortly thereafter.

The expansion of the Windle Lane Stormwater Pond has begun. He asked that our driving public use caution as large dump trucks full of dirt will be exiting our City utilizing Reed Canal Road. Please keep an eye out for them.

On the agenda tonight is the replacement of Lift Station #5 located on Violet Street. This station was built in the 1990's and is beyond its useful life and now we have the opportunity with a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to replace it. The new station will have more pumping capability to reduce the potential for backups during severe weather events.

Item 6: City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Wade Vose reported that over the past several weeks, his office has been addressing various matters, including some interesting land-use issues and human resources matters.

B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

Mayor Hall said that this is an opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council on any topic, whether it pertains to community concerns, personal perspectives, or general topics like the weather. When invited to approach the podium, please clearly state your name and address for the official record.

He asked that while speaking, direct your comments to the City Council as a whole and not towards any of the audience members or cameras. As the established standard, each person will be given approximately three minutes to speak. Although there is no formal clock, be concise enough without repetition to ensure everyone has had an opportunity to participate. Please note that the City Council will not respond to any viewpoint or question during this time as it is your opportunity to be heard.

C. CONSENT AGENDA (Items 7-9 and added item):

Mayor Hall introduced the Consent Agenda and said the matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and not expected to require discussion for approval. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any member of the City Council, that item must be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Item 7: Approval of minutes: September 23, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Item 8: Consideration of approving an agreement with Halifax Hospital Medical Center for participation in their EMT Intravenous (IV) Program.

Item 9: Consideration of approving the purchase of capital equipment and awarding a street resurfacing contract as identified in the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Added Item. Consideration of approving the relocation of the easement at Melodie Park and authorizing the City Manager to execute the easement documents with Florida Power & Light.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Second by Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier. Motion carried unanimously.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

Item 10: Consideration of awarding a contract to Carr & Collier in the amount of \$2,697,700 for the construction of Lift Station #5 and the purchase of a generator for the new station from Ring Power Corporation in the amount of \$326,683 along with approving Resolution No. 2025-27 to amend the current budget by adding the necessary funds to complete the project.

City Manager Gillis explained that this is a personal dream of his, which will be realized tonight. Lift Station #5, located on Violet Street, is the City's largest station and was constructed in the early 1990's. It has been extended beyond its useful life by about a decade because we did not have the funds to replace it due to our debt situation. Now that we are debt-free, we finally have the funding to replace this outdated station. He explained that technology has significantly advanced during the station's lifetime. The current station is located within a large structure that resembles a three-bedroom home in the neighborhood. This large home was needed to accommodate the station's individual components. The new station design will see the home demolished, and a small concrete shed will be constructed in its place to protect the frequency drives and pump telemetry from the weather. The new lift station will provide greater pumping capacity, reducing the likelihood of backups during severe weather events.

The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$3.7 million, with one-third of that amount offset by a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Approval of this agenda item includes awarding a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Carr & Collier, in the amount of \$2,697,700 to replace the lift station; the purchase of a permanently housed generator which would allow the lift station to run without interruption even during a power outage in the amount of \$326,683 to the Ring Power Corporation; along with a budget amendment, Resolution No. 2025-27, to cover the cost of this replacement project. If approved, construction is set to begin in November and take 12 months to complete.

Motion by Councilman Brandon Young. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11: Consideration of approving a FY 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreement in the Amount of \$500,000 for the Pope Avenue Stormwater System Rehabilitation Project and an easement for the proposed stormwater pump to be located at 764 Reed Canal Road along with Resolution No. 2025-28 for the amendment required to recognize the project in the current budget.

City Manager Gillis explained that the Volusia County's Community Development Block Grant, also known as the CDBG program, is available for cities to address infrastructure needs. This year, they asked each city to submit one project for consideration with the objective of awarding funds to only a select few. He happily announced that our project was one of the few that were selected for funding. That project is the Pope Avenue Drainage Improvement Project.

This project involves the installation of a large stormwater pump at the end of the Pope Avenue stormwater pipe near Reed Canal designed to alleviate flooding in the eastern portion of the Palm Grove subdivision. Mr. Gillis said this agenda item involves three actions. The first is approving the execution of a subrecipient agreement with Volusia County, for the \$500,000 grant to complete the project. The second is approving a construction easement located in the front corner yard of 764 Reed Canal Road, where the pump will be located. The last item is amending the budget via Resolution No. 2025-28 to recognize the grant funds in this current year's budget, since we were notified of the award after finalizing the budget two weeks ago. If this agenda item is approved,

funds will be available in January 2026, with construction completed in time for the 2026 hurricane season.

Councilman Sander stated that he has friends on Pope Avenue who will be pleased to learn about this project.

Motion by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Second by Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12: ADDED ITEM: Consideration of approving the Volusia County Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grant award and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with Volusia County for the Aspen Stormwater Pond Expansion Construction Project.

City Manager Gillis explained that the Aspen Stormwater Expansion project involves the vast expansion of the Aspen Lake to more than double its size, the installation of a second pump station and the lowering of a connection pipe with Silver Pond. These improvements are being made to greatly improve drainage in the Big Tree Village subdivision, with the goal of keeping water out of our homes. The project is estimated to cost around \$4.24 million to complete. Originally, Volusia County's Transform 386 program awarded this project \$1 million to offset the cost, leaving the City to fund the remaining \$3.24 million, which is a huge commitment for a City of our size. Our goal has always been to significantly improve our drainage infrastructure throughout the City without placing a financial burden on our residents. Mr. Gillis happily announced that the County has agreed to increase its award to \$4 million, as long as the City contributes the remaining \$240,000 to complete the project. He explained that the agenda item is to approve the new grant award and authorize execution of the agreement. If approved, the design and permitting are already underway, with construction scheduled to start next year using these funds.

Councilman Sander remarked that this is a wonderful award and an excellent return on investment.

Motion by Councilman Eric Sander. Second by Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier. Motion carried unanimously.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Young reflected on the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Milton, noting that the storm occurred on the night of October 9th of last year. He commended City staff for their efforts and dedication to improving the City's stormwater systems and preparedness. Councilman Young stated that while the City has continued progress in all areas, significant attention has been given to enhancing stormwater management to ensure greater readiness for future events. He emphasized that the City is now in a much better position than it was a year ago and expressed appreciation to staff and City leadership for their commitment.

Councilman Young also noted that several neighboring cities continue to face challenges from heavy rainfall events, underscoring the importance of the City's proactive approach. He mentioned ongoing State Legislative activity related to property taxes and other potential bills being introduced in Tallahassee. He advised that staff is already preparing for possible impacts and encouraged readiness for any changes that may arise from the upcoming legislative session.

Vice Mayor Quartier commended City staff for their proactive efforts prior to last week's storm, noting that employees were out cleaning drains and ensuring stormwater systems were clear. He also recognized the many residents who took initiative to clear their own yards and neighborhood drains, demonstrating strong community spirit and cooperation.

Vice Mayor Quartier highlighted that baseball season is currently at its peak and expressed appreciation for the numerous volunteers contributing their time and effort.

Councilwoman O'Neal thanked City staff for their continued hard work and dedication, particularly for their efforts over the weekend to help prevent flooding and protect the community. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council and residents for the staff's commitment. Councilwoman O'Neal also reminded everyone about the upcoming Light the Night event on Halloween, from 6 pm to 8 pm, on Kenilworth Avenue.

Councilman Sander reported that he has received numerous positive comments from residents commending the City of South Daytona for its visible efforts in storm preparation and maintenance. He noted that residents have observed City staff actively clearing drains and inspecting neighborhoods to ensure proper stormwater management, and that these actions have been especially appreciated given challenges faced by neighboring communities.

Councilman Sander shared that residents have specifically praised the leadership and responsiveness of City staff, recognizing their dedication to preventing a recurrence of last year's Hurricane Milton related flooding. He extended his gratitude to Mr. Thornton and his department for prioritizing storm preparedness and ensuring critical work is completed.

Councilman Sander acknowledged that many of the City's recent infrastructure and stormwater improvement projects were made possible through successful grant funding. He commended Ms. Becky Witte for her assistance in preparing and coordinating grant applications, noting that her diligence has been instrumental in securing these funds for the City.

Mayor Hall thanked Chief LaSata for organizing the recent Night Out Against Crime parade and expressed appreciation to all participating agencies for their involvement and support.

He echoed the comments made by other Council members, commending Public Works Director Adam Thornton and his department for their leadership and hard work in stormwater management and preparedness. Mayor Hall noted that he personally observed Public Works staff working on storm drains early Sunday morning and expressed gratitude for their dedication.

Mayor Hall shared that he recently attended a mayoral forum where stormwater management was the main topic. He reported that other mayors expressed interest in South Daytona's proactive efforts, and he recognized Mr. Gillis for his contributions to these initiatives.

Mayor Hall also reminded the Council that the next regularly scheduled meeting falls on November 11, Veterans Day, which is also a City holiday. He stated he would not be opposed to rescheduling the meeting to allow City employees the day off.

Motion by Councilman Sander to reschedule the next City Council meeting from November 11, 2025, to November 18, 2025. Seconded by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hall concluded with an announcement of White Cane Awareness Day, which will be observed on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired, located at 405 White Street, Daytona Beach. He stated that he and other local officials will attend the event and encouraged everyone to review the White Cane Law in recognition of the occasion.

F. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor William C. Hall adjourned the City of South Daytona Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:23 pm.

Deputy City Clerk, Becky Witte

Mayor William C. Hall