

**City of South Daytona
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00pm**

City Council Chambers, 1672 South Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, Florida
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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 Public Works crew was hard at work clearing the Aspen Ditch which runs from the pond located on Aspen Drive to Nova Road. The clearing of this ditch will improve the gravity outfall in the Aspen Stormwater Pond which regulates the drainage in the Big Tree Village subdivision.

The City's weather station, located on top of our City Hall complex, provides live, local weather conditions for South Daytona. We wanted to share this information with our residents so if you go to our website, www.southdaytona.org, there is a link on the home page for our weather station. When you click the link, it will provide you with the current weather conditions along with other useful information such as historical rainfall amounts for the last day, week, month or year. This tool will be used to gauge the effectiveness of our drainage system using information collected from each storm.

Mayor Hall had an opportunity to speak to our 2026 Volusia County Legislative Delegation where he requested state funding for two upcoming projects. The first project involves the lining of our sanitary sewer pipes which, when completed, will prevent groundwater intrusion, thus reducing the likelihood of sewer system backups and restoring our aging system. The second project involves the replacement of our stormwater system backflow preventors which keep adjacent canals (Nova Canal, Stevens Canal and Reed Canal) and the Halifax River from overwhelming our system during severe weather events. The requests were well received by our state lawmakers who praised South Daytona for being a debt-free community.

The Public Works Department completed a repair on our 30-inch stormwater line located on Segrave Street. The deficiency was noted during our City-wide televising effort to find issues with our current stormwater infrastructure. The goal is to make those repairs that are necessary to keep

stormwater out of our homes. The repair of this pipe will help those who reside in and around Segrave Street.

The City participated in a meeting which had representatives from all 16 municipalities along with staff from Volusia County to discuss stormwater improvement efforts. The goal is to keep each other informed of the progress that has been made to reduce flooding. It was an opportunity to discuss the extensive efforts that South Daytona has made this year and to further demonstrate the commitment we made to our residents to make the system better.

We had a resident report an issue with a stormwater inlet located at the corner of Kenilworth Avenue and Myrtle Place. Our Public Works Department immediately sprang into action and made the necessary repairs. If anyone sees a deficiency on their street, please contact the Public Works office at 386-322-3080 to report it so we can make the necessary repairs.

Earlier this year, the City purchased four custom made permanent generators to be housed at the pump stations located at the stormwater ponds on Windle Lane, Lantern Park, Reed Canal Park and the Park of Honor. These generators are starting to arrive, and the first one was installed at the stormwater station inside the Coventry Forest subdivision at Windle Lane with the rest of the installations to be completed by the end of the year. These generators will ensure that the pump stations continue to run as designed during electrical outages which frequently occur during severe weather events. Our larger pump stations like the one at Aspen and the Reed Canal Stormwater Control Facility already have permanent generators and we look forward to expanding the generator installations throughout the City.

On tonight's agenda is the grant agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for \$1.75 million to construct a stormwater pond and pump station on Brian Avenue to reduce flooding for those residents in the surrounding area. In an effort to get the project completed as soon as possible, we will also be awarding a contract for the design of those facilities immediately after, so we can get started this week on the proposed facility.

The annual Barbecue and Bluegrass Festival will be held at Reed Canal Park this Saturday, November 22nd, beginning at 10am and lasting until 5pm. Please join us for some great music, country craft vendors and barbecue with a competition sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Association. In addition, we will have our Citizens Alert Hot Dog Wagon there, so say hello to our volunteers. Parking and admission are free, and the weather is forecasted to be excellent, so we'll see you there.

The City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, beginning at 6pm inside Central Park located at the corner of Magnolia Avenue and Big Tree Road in the heart of our City. We will feature carolers from South Daytona Elementary and Warner Christian Academy. Free hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. We will also have a special visit that night by Santa and Mrs. Claus, giving those kids in attendance another opportunity to place their gift requests so come out and enjoy the festivities and pick up a little holiday cheer.

The last thing to report is that there are rumors that Santa's Magic Mailbox will be reappearing inside Central Park beginning on November 26th. If you write Santa a letter and place it inside the box with your return address, Santa himself will send you a personalized, signed letter in return, all the way from the North Pole. So, get your letters ready for a little holiday magic this year.

The last thing that I want to mention tonight is that we are going to pull Item #8 regarding the house at 2111 Brian Avenue off the agenda so that staff can clarify an ownership issue. We will be including this item on the December 9th City Council meeting for discussion and formal action at that time. He asked Mayor Hall for a motion to continue the item to the December 9, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

Item 6: City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Wade Vose reported that over the past several weeks, his office has been working with City staff on a variety of matters, including multiple real estate issues, the item referenced by the City Manager, and several code enforcement, abatement, and marine-related matters. He also noted involvement in a number of HR issues, as well as ongoing consultation with staff on land use and development matters to evaluate compliance with statutory requirements.

B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

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.

Frank Amendolia (791 Aspen Drive) noted that the previous Sunday marked the 31st anniversary of the 1994 flood and reminded the Council that Big Tree Village has flooded twice since then. He expressed concern that repeated flooding has attracted investors who purchase homes at discounted prices and convert them into overcrowded "dorm-style" rentals, bringing excessive vehicles, trailers, and RVs into the neighborhood.

C. CONSENT AGENDA (Items 7, 9-11):

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: October 14, 2025, City Council Meeting.

Item 9: Consideration of approving a \$50,000 grant with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to purchase two drones for our Police Department and amending the current

year budget to accommodate the grant and subsequent purchase utilizing **Resolution No. 2025-30. First and only reading.**

Item 10: Notification of emergency purchase of \$28,863.23, pursuant to Section 2-140 of the City's Code of Ordinances, to PSG Concrete and Excavation on October 5, 2025 for the installation of sod that was needed around the large stormwater pond located at the Reed Canal Stormwater Control Facility to prevent the eminent collapse of the pond banks following a recent intense rainstorm.

Item 11: Resolution No. 2025-31. A Resolution of the City of South Daytona, Florida, amending Resolution No. 2025-26, setting forth appropriation for current expenses and capital outlay for the following funds: General Fund, Police Confiscated Fund, Transportation Fund, Capital Projects (Cell Tower) Fund, Capital Projects (ARPA) Fund, Water and Sewer Fund and Stormwater Fund as required by the City of South Daytona, Florida, during and for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026; adopting the operating and capital budgets for the City of South Daytona; providing for severance; providing for conflicting resolutions; and providing an effective date. **First and only reading.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Councilman Eric Sander. Second by Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier. Motion carried unanimously.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

Item 12: Consideration of approving an Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Agreement Number L0342) in the amount of \$1,750,000 for the construction of a stormwater pond with associated pump station to help reduce flooding on Brian Avenue and Green Street and amending the current year budget to accommodate the grant and subsequent expenditures utilizing **Resolution No. 2025-32. First and only reading.**

City Manager Gillis said that this is another major win for our residents. After this City experienced the devastating effects of Hurricanes Ian and Milton, we began a major overhaul of our entire stormwater system. The goal was to improve the system without placing the financial burden on our residents. We were extremely aggressive in applying for grants to fund these projects, and the results speak for themselves. To date, we have received over \$15 million in funding from State and Federal sources.

Tonight is no exception. Earlier this year, we went to Tallahassee to speak to our representatives about the need for a stormwater pond and pump station to assist those residents who live on Brian Avenue, Briar Lane, Millbrook Lane, Baywood Lane, and Green Street. The State's response was to award the City \$1.75 million through a 2025 Legislative Appropriation for the construction of this project. Mr. Gillis said we would like to give special thanks to Senator Tom Wright for sponsoring the bill and to Governor Ron DeSantis for not vetoing it, as he recognized the need for such a project.

Staff is requesting two action items from you tonight. The first approves the agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which is the agency that will be administering the funds, and authorizing its execution. The second action we request is that you approve Resolution No. 2025-32, which amends our current-year budget to recognize the grant award and associated expenditures, so we can proceed with this project immediately.

If approved, it makes the following item on our agenda “valid,” which is authorizing an engineering firm with a continuing contract with the City to begin the design and permitting phase of this project. The goal is to have this pond and station operational as soon as possible so that it can start protecting the homes in this area.

Councilman Sander noted the significance of the grant award and the project and gave kudos to staff for their dedication.

Councilman Young noted this is different than the Volusia County CDBG-DR program, so this project may move more efficiently than those projects.

Motion by Councilman Eric Sander. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O’Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13: Consideration of approving a Work Authorization with Mead and Hunt in the amount of \$174,095 for the design of a stormwater pond with pump station to help reduce flooding on Brian Avenue and Green Street as provided through a 2025 Legislative Appropriation.

City Manager Gillis explained that this is the companion piece to the last item that was approved. In anticipation of your approval of the agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the construction of a stormwater pond with pump station to assist those living on Brian Avenue, Briar Lane, Millbrook Lane, Baywood Lane and Green Street, staff secured a work authorization from Mead & Hunt in the amount of \$174,095 to complete the design and permitting phase of the project.

Mead & Hunt has a continuing contract with the City to provide engineering services, and they are the engineering firm that completed the stormwater modeling of our system, so it makes sense they are the ones who design and incorporate this improvement.

In anticipation of this approval, staff met with the engineering firm, developed a plan and schedule, and have their surveyors and geotechnical subcontractor on stand-by, ready to start this week. The goal is to complete this project as soon as possible to begin protecting residents in the surrounding area.

He concluded with a staff request for approval of this work authorization as presented.

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

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Sander reported a successful golf tournament with a record number of players and recognized Rob, Suzanne, and Vivian for their efforts. He mentioned the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting, the BBQ event this weekend, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman O’Neal wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Councilman Young thanked staff for their work and preparedness during hurricane season and expressed appreciation to all veterans. He extended Thanksgiving wishes and said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ and Bluegrass Festival.

Vice Mayor Quartier echoed previous comments, noted that football begins on December 2, and said he looks forward to seeing the community at the BBQ and the Bluegrass Festival on Saturday.

Mayor Hall thanked Citizens Alert and all volunteers for their hard work throughout the season, noting record numbers served at events and expressing appreciation to Robert for managing the program. He commented that it was a peaceful and enjoyable baseball season and gave additional kudos to Vice Mayor Quartier for coordinating the Concession Stand.

He noted that hurricane season was nearing its end with 12 days remaining, adding lightheartedly that his anti-rain dances must be working.

Mayor Hall reported attending the Golf Tournament, which benefited from perfect weather, and thanked staff working on the Windle Lane project, noting he had visited the site earlier that morning.

He asked Economic Development Director Josh McEnany about the opening dates for Zaxby's and McDonald's, to which Mr. McEnany responded that they are expected to open in early December.

Mayor Hall congratulated Chief LaSata on the department's successful accreditation and noted that the award ceremony will take place in February. He expressed appreciation for the continued effort on this important initiative, which he said remains near and dear to his heart.

F. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor William C. Hall adjourned the City of South Daytona Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:26 pm.

Deputy City Clerk, Becky Witte

Mayor William C. Hall