

**City of South Daytona  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 6:00pm**

City Council Chambers, 1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, Florida  
and FaceBook Live ([www.facebook.com/CityOfSouthDaytona](http://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  
Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier  
Councilman Brandon Young  
Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal  
Councilman Eric Sander  
City Attorney Wade Vose  
City Manager James L. Gillis, Jr.

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

Mayor Hall commented that it was good to see people in the audience and invited those watching via FaceBook live to join in person at a future meeting.

**Item 5: City Manager Report:**

City Manager Gillis shared visiting Dorothy Lowery on June 24, 2021, to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday along with Mayor Hall, Vice-Mayor Quartier, Executive Assistant Jay Robinson, the Police and Fire Department personnel, neighbors and family. He noted that it was interesting to hear her life stories and wonderful to spend time with her friends and family.

He announced that registration for Fall Baseball for kids ages 4 to 12 began yesterday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. He explained that summer soccer season was wrapping up.

The National Night Out Against Crime Parade is set for August 3, 2021, he announced. The parade will begin at Sunshine Mall with line up starting at 7:00pm. He asked residents to keep their lights on and wave as the parade passes.

City Manager Gillis announced the Budget Workshop, set before the next Council Meeting, on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 5:00pm. He invited the public to attend and mentioned that it will be broadcast via FaceBook Live.

He boasted that the new Community Guide is available and has been delivered to all postal customers in South Daytona. He expressed how proud he was of the new layout, design, and updated information. Additional copies are available at City Hall.

**Item 6: City Attorney Report:** City Attorney Wade Vose updated the council on items addressed since the last council meeting. He said he and his staff prepared the closing documents and assisted with the closing of the James Street surplus property. He worked with Public Works staff

on utility easements needed for a city sewer project. He attended and provided legal support for two Planning and Appeals Board Meetings. He provided legal advice for a number of Land Development Regulation (LDR) changes that will be presented to the council at upcoming meetings. He and a number of his staff members provided extensive assistance to Human Resources Director Trudy O'Dell with personnel and labor relation matters, he continued. Attorney Vose said he prepared an amendment to a Master Development Agreement for a condominium development that will be coming to council in the future. He and his team advised planning staff on numerous issues including statutory permit deadlines extensions related to COVID. He discussed an extensive Ordinance review on an impressive project of consolidating various city fees which is set for September review. He noted that he also reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

#### **B. Citizens to be Heard:**

Mayor Hall introduced the Citizens Alert Council and accepted a check donation for a Lightning Detection System at James Street Park and Reed Canal Park.

Renee Holland (139 Reef Road and President of the South Daytona Citizen Alert Council) along with Melissa Gilbert (546 Cambridge Circle, Secretary of the South Daytona Citizen Alert Council) and Carene Darcy (910 Cary Drive, Vice President of the South Daytona Citizen Alert Council) presented a check for \$3,499 for installation of a Lightning Detection System at Reed Canal Park and James Street Park. Ms. Holland recognized the numerous volunteers who worked diligently selling concessions to earn the money for the donation. She explained that after a few incidents of lightning and storms while selling concessions from the Hot Dog Wagon, they decided funds raised should go towards a Lightning Detection System.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Holland for being President of Citizens Alert and acknowledged the past presidents of Citizens Alert Council in the audience. He explained that it is sometimes difficult to gather volunteers and they had to sell a lot of \$2.00 hot dogs to raise the \$3,499 that was donated. He again thanked the South Daytona Citizens Alert Council and their volunteers. Mayor Hall invited members of the audience and those watching via FaceBook Live to volunteer for the organization.

Debbie Connors (President of the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce) thanked Mayor Hall for recently accompanying her and Redevelopment Director Patty Rippey on local business visits. She announced a chamber event on August 26, 2021, at 8:30am at the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber where City Manager Gillis, Port Orange City Manager Clark and Daytona Beach Shores City Manager Booker will review their respective Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budgets.

Darlene Hoadley (727 Steele Avenue) thanked Mr. Gillis and Deputy City Clerk Witte for their help with code enforcement and welcomed the new Code Compliance Manager McEnany.

#### **C. Consent Agenda: (Items 9-15):**

Mayor Hall introduced the Consent Agenda and said that 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 9:** Approval of minutes: City Council Meeting – June 8, 2021.

**Item 10:** Consideration of Sewer Inspection Camera Agreement with Texas Underground.

**Item 11:** Consideration of appointing Councilman Young as the 2021 Florida League of Cities Conference Voting Delegate.

**Item 12:** Consideration of Second Renewal to the Volusia County School Board School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Item 13: Resolution No. 2021-17.** A Resolution of the City of South Daytona, Florida, approving a FY 2021-2022 Funding Agreement with the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement; providing for repeal of Resolutions in conflict herewith; providing for severability; providing an effective date. **First and only reading.**

**Item 14:** Consideration of Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Financial Services.

**Item 15:** Consideration of Southeast Volusia Regional (SEVR) SWAT Team Mutual Aid Agreement between the cities of Port Orange, Daytona Beach Shores, Edgewater, New Smyrna Beach and South Daytona.

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

#### **D. REGULAR AGENDA**

**Item 16: Resolution No. 2021-16.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, establishing a proposed millage rate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; determining the rolled-back rate; establishing a date, time, and place at which a public hearing will be held to consider the proposed millage rate and the tentative budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; providing an effective date. **Public Hearing. First and only reading.**

*Read by Attorney Wade Vose.*

City Manager Gillis presented the proposed millage rate of 7.75 and tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. He said this is the first step in the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget process. He thanked Finance Director Jason Oliva and the entire Finance Department team for their hard work on this budget. He also commented on their continuous work reducing debt and increasing reserves which were the goals set by the City Council. He discussed his meetings with each council member and that city reserves are increasing. He highlighted some capital items within the proposed budget including Police Department items, Piggotte Center upgrades, Fire Rescue gear, equipment maintenance, Code Compliance vehicle replacement and James Street Park playground and fencing. He said that Resolution 2021-16 sets the tentative millage rate at 7.75 which is the same as the current millage. He said that staff requested an increase to 7.95 which would provide for more roads in the city to be resurfaced and asked for feedback from the council. He also said this resolution sets the roll-back rate at 7.3719 and sets the first budget hearing for Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00pm. He reminded the council of the Budget Workshop set for Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 5:00pm.

Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal said that we cannot go back to roll-back and suggested we stay where we are at or move forward.

Councilman Eric Sander said his opinion is to stay with the current year rate. He said he does not think it is necessary to go up to 7.95. He noted that there is a wish list of paving projects that 7.95 mills would pay for but is hopeful that we can use ARPA funds for that instead of a tax increase.

Councilman Brandon Young agreed with 7.75. He explained that they have charged the leadership and staff to get to a much better financial situation and reduce debt. He agreed with Councilman Sander with other ways to pay for paving but looked at the potential of selling surplus properties and encouraging new development. He said it feels like we are headed in the right direction and did not see the need to increase the millage rate at this time.

Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier agreed with staying at 7.75. He said with the increase of property values and the reduction of debt, we are in a good place.

Mayor Bill Hall said that he does not disagree with his colleagues. He explained that remaining at 7.75 mills will result in an increase to homeowners of approximately \$3.16 a month due to the increase of property values.

City Manager Gillis confirmed that remaining at 7.75 is essentially a tax increase because the value of our homes has increased. He said a more thorough presentation will occur during the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 5:00pm and noted that this will be broadcast on FaceBook live. He reminded the Council the proposed Resolution sets the tentative millage rate.

Mayor Hall opened the public hearing. No public comments were received. Mayor Hall closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hall confirmed that the council was in agreement with 7.75.

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Second by Councilman Eric Sander. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 17:** Consideration of Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park Playground, Swing Set, and Turf Replacement in the amount of \$180,245.10 as budgeted in the current fiscal year.

City Manager Gillis discussed the replacement of playground equipment at Riverfront Park, explaining that the current equipment has outlasted its useful life. He said maintenance of old equipment is costly and replacement parts are difficult to obtain. City Manager Gillis explained the Request for Proposals (RFP) process where three proposals were received. He continued to say that the proposals were evaluated on aesthetics, durability, value, and price. He noted a unanimous agreement on the nautical themed playground from Bliss Products and Services which should be attractive to visitors and residents. He also pointed out the tandem swing set which is a future trend in playground equipment. He said that \$176,000 was included in the current budget. The proposal was for \$180,000 which is \$4,000 more than budgeted but Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used for the project. CDBG funds in the amount of \$94,000 will off-set the cost of equipment and the remaining cost of \$86,000 will be utilized from the CRA Redevelopment Trust fund, he explained. Mr. Gillis said that if approved tonight, they will strive to complete the project within the next four months.

Councilman Sander said he liked the unique nautical boat theme, especially on the river.

Councilwoman O'Neal agreed.

Councilman Young questioned the life expectancy and durability of the equipment.

City Manager Gillis answered the life expectancy of playground equipment is approximately 15 years and over that time structural deficiencies occur and replacement parts are difficult to

obtain. He said this is a struggle they are currently facing, noting that this year will be the replacement of Riverfront Playground followed by James Street Park in 2022, and so on.

Motion to approve by Councilman Eric Sander. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 18: Resolution No. 2021-18.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, declaring the vacant property owned by the City of South Daytona located at Foster Way, Parcel ID 5344-16-00-1133, as surplus and authorizing staff to facilitate its sale; providing for conflicting resolutions; severability; and an effective date. **First and only reading.**

*Read by Attorney Wade Vose.*

City Manager Gillis discussed the City Council directive last year to provide an assessment of all city owned properties. He continued to say the council then identified properties that may be appropriate for surplus. Mr. Gillis explained this property was purchased in 2004 for \$270,000, thanking Councilman Young for his inquiry of the details of the property purchase prior to the meeting. He said that the property's original intent was for a new public works facility on the site. He continued to explain that the property location for a Public Works site would not be appropriate. He said that an appraisal was conducted in April and the value came in at \$690,000. City Manager Gillis said that city code requires that if council requests to sell property it must be declared surplus, bids will be received, and the highest responsible bidder will be chosen. He said also per code, the purchaser is required to pay all fees, closing costs, etc. Mr. Gillis said staff will be securing the services of a real estate agent to facilitate the sale, market the property, receive bids and bring the highest and best bid to a future council meeting. He said tonight he is asking council to declare the property as surplus.

Councilman Sander said it makes good sense since it is dormant, vacant and will not be used for its original intended purpose.

Councilwoman O'Neal agreed.

Councilman Young expressed a concern of the lack of available land if we did have the need. He noted that a park or any other city use would not be placed on this property and the sale would assist the city financially.

Mayor Hall questioned the zoning of the property.

City Manager Gillis answered that the property is a PUD, Public Use and required rezoning. He said it would lend itself to a residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) or Planned Commercial Development (PCD) for a high-end technological use such as aerospace. He would like to work with the potential buyer and assist in determining the best use for the property. He said staff would want to garner the potential use with the surrounding businesses and residential neighborhood.

Councilman Young questioned if the property would be more appealing if the rezoning occurred before the sale.

City Manager Gillis said that rezoning could be added to the process and we would work with the real estate professional to determine the best use. He said we could rezone to something we want to see in that location.

Mayor Hall questioned how neighbors would feel if we sold the property to another incompatible use. He acknowledged the age of the existing Public Works facility and the need for a new, larger location. He continued to say that he would like to see a plan of the new zoning and use for the Foster Way property. Mayor Hall concluded that he would go along with the sale but wanted to make clear that he would like to see a use compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

Councilwoman O'Neal agreed.

Councilman Young clarified the highest bid would be accepted and questioned the City Attorney when it would be appropriate to rezone or specify the acceptable uses.

City Attorney Vose responded it is normal for a city owned property to be zoned as a public use requiring rezoning. He explained that sometimes an evaluation of price and use can be included in the process noting that is typically within a redevelopment area, like our US 1 corridor. He explained that rezoning can occur before the sale to specify a beneficial, acceptable use.

Mayor Hall questioned if an agreement cannot be reached if the city can take the property off the market.

City Attorney Vose answered yes, the city reserves the right to cancel at any time. He did caution a real estate broker might still require compensation.

Mayor Hall reiterated he would like to see a use that is not objectional to the surrounding neighbors.

City Manager Gillis stated the idea was sound and that the property will be brought before the Council for re-zoning.

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Second by Councilman Eric Sander. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 19:** Consideration of agreement with Earth Networks, Inc. for the installation and use of a Lightning Detection and Alerting System.

City Manager Gillis said this coincides with the donation from South Daytona Citizens Alert Council. He told a story of how the kids were playing baseball and a lightning bolt struck close to the stadium. The need was recognized for a lightning detection and alerting system. He said there is a one-time purchase price of \$3,499 which was donated by Citizens Alert. He said this fee will pay for the detection system and an alert horn. He noted that Warren Christian Academy has a horn which he can hear at City Hall. While thanking the Citizen Alert Council again, he said it was long overdue at our two most utilized fields. City Manager Gillis explained that this approval includes an annual fee of \$3,750 for year two through five of the agreement. Several other cities in this area use Earth Networks (the provider), he elaborated. He said there is another added benefit of a website and phone or tablet application where alerts can be received by all South Daytona residents.

Councilman Sander questioned if the alerts would arise from our sensors.

City Manager Gillis replied that they would.

Councilman Sander and Councilwoman O'Neal noted they appreciated that feature and use.

Vice-Mayor Quartier recounted the severe weather last Wednesday and how it would be beneficial to have advanced warning.

Councilman Sander noted the quote was good through June 15<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Gillis said the quote was extended so the City Council could decide tonight.

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

**Item 20: Ordinance No. 2021-09.** An Ordinance of the City of South Daytona, Florida, amending the City of South Daytona Land Development Code to revise regulations related to Amusement Centers and Amusement Games or Machines; Amending Section 2.2 of the Land Development Code to add Definitions relating to Amusement Games or Machines; Amending Sections 5.5(J)(2) and (3) of the Land Development Code to remove Amusement Centers as a permitted use and to permit Amusement Centers as a Special Exception in the Business General Commercial (BGC) Zoning District; Amending Section 5.2, Table 2 of the Land Development Code to revise references to Amusement Centers and Amusement Arcades; Amending Section 5.7(C)15 of the Land Development Code to revise the criteria for Amusement Centers permitted as Special Exceptions; Amending Section 5.8 of the Land Development Code to remove Amusement Centers as a Special Use; and providing for recitals, administrative actions, codification, conflicts, severability, and an effective date. **Recommended by Planning and Appeals Board 5/19/2021. Public Hearing. Second Reading. Passed First Hearing 06/08/2021. Read by Attorney Wade Vose.**

City Manager Gillis said the purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify state law which prohibits illegal gambling activities. The change specifically defines an amusement center and what would be considered an amusement game. He elaborated the use of an amusement game must be secondary to the primary use, such as an ancillary use to a bowling center, skating center, batting cage facility, go cart racing facility, etc. He said this clarification would require that amusement games do not provide anything of value such as a reward, token, or coupon. This would limit machines designed to take money, he said. City Manager Gillis recalled the history of amusement centers within the city which had to be closed and this change to the code is another tool for staff. He explained that this change does mean businesses such as Chuck E. Cheese or Dave and Busters would not be allowed, but they are in close proximity to our city (Port Orange and Daytona Beach respectively). He noted changes to the code in the future can be made.

Mayor Hall opened the public hearing. No public comments were received. Mayor Hall closed the public hearing.

Councilman Sander agreed this is a good step.

Vice-Mayor Quartier also agreed.

Mayor Hall noted to Vice-Mayor Quartier that they had seen these before in their work for the South Daytona Police Department.

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Second by Councilman Eric Sander. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 21: Ordinance No. 2021-10.** An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, Amending Chapter 4 (Animals and Fowls), Article 1 (General), Section 4-9 (Keeping Fowl Prohibited) and Section 4-13 (Number of Dogs, Cats, Rabbits and Pot Belly Pigs that may be kept at Residence) of the Code of Ordinances to allow for a temporary urban chicken pilot program for the ownership of chickens on residential lots under certain conditions; and providing for recitals, administrative actions, codification, conflicts, severability, and an effective

date. **Public Hearing. First Reading. Recommended by Planning and Appeals Board 06/16/2021. Read by Attorney Wade Vose.**

City Manager Gillis said this was a citizen-initiated request. He said the topic has been mentioned for several years and the City of Port Orange recently led an Urban Chicken Pilot Program. He explained the Pilot Program is limited to residential lots and no more than 10 households can participate in the Pilot Program. He said the program continues with the 4 animals per household limit. He provided examples that a household participating who has 2 dogs can have 2 chickens, those households with no dogs or cats can have 4 chickens. Additional requirements include the chickens must be kept within a chicken coop, he explained. He elaborated the chicken coop must be within the setback area and behind a 6-foot opaque fence. This program would be prohibited within the CRA and similar to the pot belly pig ordinance, written approval from neighbors is required, he clarified. He said that the Planning and Appeals Board had a lengthy discussion on the neighbor notification requirement where staff recommended 250 feet and the Planning and Appeals Board recommended 200 feet. This ordinance presents a 200-foot radius for notification. City Manager Gillis said there is a \$20 fee for the permit and the permit process allows for inspection of the property by Code Compliance or Animal Control.

Mayor Hall opened the public hearing.

Lacey Peak (2028 Magnolia Ave) said she was excited about the progress and provided a list of concerns to the council. She elaborated on two main concerns. She explained her first concern with section 4-9, item 5g regarding site inspections of the subject property. She said that she felt strongly that random and unannounced site visits should not be incorporated in the program. She explained random site visits are not a requirement for any other animal within the city, including the recently adopted pot belly pig allowance. She continued with her second main concern, section 4-9, item 6a, letters of permission. She explained that a 200-foot radius would equate to approximately 12 properties on many lots. Mrs. Peak said the City Attorney explained at the Planning and Appeals Board Meeting that a denial or the inability to attain a signature would result in a decline of the permit. Two members of the Planning and Appeals Board discussed the difficulty of obtaining signatures and a permit from the city, she said. She concluded with requesting the council review her list of concerns and expressed her gratitude for the progress of the initiative.

Mayor Hall closed the public hearing.

Mayor Hall said he has seen this request several times during his service to the city. He said he brought the program idea to the dais his first year of service with no action taken. He said it was an interesting way of farming and educating youth. Mayor Hall suggested working on the details of the ordinance, noting that he grew up with chickens and 250-foot radius was too large. He also commented that a smell could occur if not properly maintained.

Councilman Young mentioned his discussions with the City Manager on this topic and how he raised several questions during those discussions. He said he thought the 200 to 250 foot radius for notification was large. He said he liked the idea of the pilot program and informing neighbors of the program. Councilman Young expressed his concern with limiting one property per street, noting he felt it was too restrictive. He noted that the pilot program was for trial purposes. He then asked the City Manager for the number of pot belly pigs registered which City Manager Gillis



answered one. He concluded that he likes the idea of the pilot program and working through the details.

Councilwoman O'Neal encouraged starting with the pilot program and tweaking if the program becomes permanent. She emphasized the wording within the Ordinance currently states that the city may conduct site inspections.

City Manager Gillis elaborated that site inspections would be conducted if staff received a code enforcement complaint. He said similar to the pot belly pig program, staff recommends receiving approval from neighbors to assist with code enforcement complaints. He said that abutting properties would be acceptable, but strongly recommended some type of neighbor approval.

Councilman Young speculated there would be more interest in having chickens over pot belly pigs.

City Manager Gillis agreed, saying that in his research with other cities, chickens can be a heated discussion and he is seeking a compromise.

Mayor Hall said he found it interesting that we discuss chickens but not aggressive breeds of dogs like Rottweilers, German Shepherds, Pit Bulls, etc. He also noted that he is against inspections without permission.

Vice-Mayor Quartier and Mayor Hall agreed that they have obtained many search warrants through the years.

Mayor Hall questioned if two neighbors wanted to raise chickens together.

Councilman Sander said he would like to see some modifications and many valid points have been raised including approval of only abutting neighbors and if the program is successful potentially no neighbor notification. He said that inspections should only be from noise or odor complaints, and suggested removal of random inspections.

City Manager Gillis said this coincides with the new state law, enacted July 1, 2021, that code complaints require name and address.

Councilman Sander noted that inspections based on complaints would remove the dread of random inspections.

Vice-Mayor Quartier questioned the reason for random inspections.

City Manager Gillis explained the intent of inspections would be to investigate complaints from noxious odor or chickens at large.

Vice-Mayor Quartier suggested to educate before you cite. He explained that education of the code is key, not to leave a citation on the door without speaking with the resident. He said a conversation and education would benefit all. Vice-Mayor Quartier said he liked the pilot program but expressed concern over the number of signatures required to obtain the permit.

Councilman Sander questioned the number of animals allowed per residence.

City Manager Gillis answered this ordinance did not modify the 4 animal per residence requirement.

Councilman Sander suggested 4 chickens per household.

Vice-Mayor Quartier explained that there will be no roosters.

Councilman Young asked the City Attorney if other cities have a limit on the number of animals in this type of program.

City Attorney Vose answered that he has seen many cities implement a total animal count.

Councilman Young said he agreed with the total animal count and suggested excluding chickens. He also supported notification of abutting properties within 100 feet.

City Manager Gillis summed up the suggestions including limiting to 4 chickens, plus 4 additional animals, requiring written approval from immediately abutting properties and inspections only if code enforcement receives complaints. He said the ordinance will be amended before second reading.

Motion to approve with changes as described by City Manager Gillis by Councilman Eric Sander. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 21:** Discussion of performance and future goals for the city manager.

Councilman Young noted the challenges and goals provided to the city manager to improve the financial footing of the city. He said City Manager Gillis strives for transparency, shares information, works to lower debt and increase reserves. He said we are now in a good position to be prepared for any future financial hardships. Councilman Young continued to say that development is moving in a good, positive direction. He noted Mr. Gillis' leadership in hiring staff. Councilman Young said that the City Manager is always mindful and places citizens first, explaining the increased customer service. He said Mr. Gillis is always available and, he as a Councilmember, has received nothing but positive feedback from citizens.

Vice-Mayor Quartier echoed the sentiments of Councilman Young, stating that he is in contact with City Manager Gillis several times per week. He said Mr. Gillis always achieves beneficial solutions and takes pride in helping citizens.

Councilwoman O'Neal agreed and said that City Manager Gillis has exceeded her expectations. She said we need to continue with these goals.

Councilman Sander announced that we have a city manager with a servant's heart, which is very special. He said City Manager Gillis always finds a solution and is honored to work with him. He said he looks forward to three more good years of working alongside City Manager Gillis.

Mayor Hall reminded the group that he did not vote for City Manager Gillis during the first vote. He said that Mr. Gillis has exceeded his expectations. Mayor Hall said this is the highest evaluation he has given, and each mark was earned. He explained every Thursday he and City Manager Gillis spend three to four hours together and speak daily. He applauded Mr. Gillis in following the three main goals set by the Council and said he loves the transparency. Mayor Hall proposed a change to the process, noting that the evaluations have served their purpose and they may no longer be necessary. If he has a complaint, he will discuss with the City Manager almost immediately, Mayor Hall stated. He asked for a contract amendment. He said in the future a discussion of salary increases may be needed.

City Manager Gillis humbly said he read all the evaluations and is extremely proud. He said he puts so much into the city and it is good to hear the positive feedback. He thanked the council for all the positive comments.

City Attorney Vose questioned the agreement modification.

Councilman Young said he still wants to see the annual evaluation.

Councilwoman O'Neal suggested an annual evaluation one on one with the City Manager.

Councilman Young elaborated that he would like to keep the evaluation process the way it is now.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Eric Sander discussed his concern with the millions of gallons of groundwater infiltrating our sewer lines which is being treated as wastewater by the City of Daytona Beach. He elaborated on the need for infrastructure improvements and the use of ARPA funds to line and rehabilitate our sewer mains to keep the groundwater out. The lining of our sewer lines will help keep our wastewater costs down which benefits everyone said Councilman Sander. He thanked staff for the Community Guide, noting he was approached by residents who appreciated the updated guide. He recommended residents keep the guide as a resource. He also thanked Finance Director Oliva and all the department heads for their work on the budget. He especially thanked staff who work outside in the summer heat. He is seeing things getting done in the parks, roads and other maintenance which makes him proud.

Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal echoed Councilman Sander. She said it is refreshing that we are planning for the future.

Councilman Brandon Young gave kudos to staff. He thanked the Citizen Alert Council for their generous donation. He said the positive things said about the City Manager reflects back to the hard work and dedication of staff.

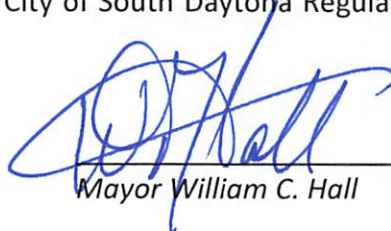
Vice-Mayor Doug Quartier echoed everyone else elaborating that as he visits City Hall, Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments everyone is happy and there is a lot of teamwork. He said we have a good team.

Mayor William C. Hall said when he served as Police Chief, he always said it was not just him but everyone on the team. He thanked Debbie Connors for inviting him to meet the businesses. He called out each department head and said that it is staff that makes the City Manager look good. Mayor Hall thanked staff for their hard work. He noted the recent Coffee with the Mayor, City Manager and Police Chief at Halifax Landing which he really enjoyed and expressed his hope to have another in the future. He announced the Kailynne Quartier Memorial Ride on September 18, 2021, which is near and dear to his heart. He encouraged anyone to call him for more details on the ride and the special girl it honors. He concluded the Council Meeting asking everyone to have a safe rest of July with the hope to see everyone in August.

Adjournment: Mayor William C. Hall adjourned the City of South Daytona Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:35 pm.

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*Deputy City Clerk, Becky Witte*



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*Mayor William C. Hall*