

**City of South Daytona
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 6:00pm**

City Council Chambers, 1672 S. 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.

B. Oath of Office: Councilman, Seat 2, Douglas Quartier and Councilwoman, Seat 3, Lisa O'Neal were sworn into office by City Manager Gillis

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Not Present: None

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 discussed Hurricane Ian Cleanup efforts. He said the City collected 46,565 cubic yards of vegetative debris which is the equivalent to the length of a football field stacked 26 feet high and 25,185 cubic yards of household debris which is the equivalent to the length of a football field stacked 14 feet high. The cleanup was completed in just under 30 days. Staff performed an after-action evaluation on the storm and determined that the sheer amount of rainfall which was over 20 inches caused flooding to all areas in South Daytona that were in the coastal flood zone. He explained that was close to 2 feet of water over the entire land mass of South Daytona. He stated that no pump, pond or stormwater system could control that amount of water. Any home at an elevation of 7 or below more than likely flooded. With that much rain, it came down to elevation or the height of the homes' finished floor elevation, he said. Every coastal city in the county experienced waterways that filled to overflowing and most homes within the coastal flood zone flooded. It truly was a natural disaster, he concluded.

City Manager Gillis provided an update on the approaching storm, Hurricane Nicole. He said the worst of the storm was expected Thursday pre-dawn until Thursday evening with wind gusts up to 75 miles per hour and sustained winds around 45 miles per hour. He relayed storm surge is expected to be bad and Palmetto Avenue is expected to flood. Rainfall estimates between 4-6 inches are expected. Mr. Gillis reminded that bridges and roadways close at 39 mph sustained winds. They expect bridges to be closed Wednesday night into Thursday. Due to the expected high winds City Hall will be closed on Thursday. He said there will be no garbage collection on Thursday and asked residents to cease putting debris out for collection until after the storm. Sandbag operations will stop at noon tomorrow, he said. He plans to have City workers out Thursday afternoon to begin clearing of roadways when it is safe to do so. He cautioned residents not to

drive around after the storm as it is dangerous and that curiosity puts your life and people's property at risk. Mr. Gillis informed that the County is imposing a curfew beginning Wednesday night. He also informed the drive in Movie Night set for Friday has been cancelled.

City Manager Gillis said all ponds have been drawn down, all inlets have been cleared, all pumps will be running during and after the storm. Generators have been placed at lift stations. He boasted the city has dedicated individuals with a passion for storm preparation, resistance and recovery.

Item 6: City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Wade Vose provided an update on items addressed since the previous council meeting. He discussed the ongoing Code Enforcement case his office has been working on and a recent response to the 5th district court of appeals. He said he hopes to see a conclusion soon. Mr. Vose discussed working on upcoming agenda items for December and January. He reminded the council that he welcomes any calls from any councilmembers and encouraged them to reach out with questions or inquiries. City Attorney Vose also reported he reviewed the agenda in its entirety.

C. Citizens to be Heard:

CJ Allen (2929 Gaslight Drive) commended the efforts on the Hurricane cleanup. She discussed her progress on pedestrian safety and crosswalk installation throughout the city.

D. Consent Agenda: (Items 8-10):

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 8: Approval of minutes: October 11, 2022, City Council Meeting

Item 9: Consideration of approving a Special Event Permit application involving outdoor amplification at 919 Reed Canal Road (Reed Canal Park) on Saturday, November 19, 2022, between the hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm for the City of South Daytona's BBQ and Bluegrass Festival.

Item 10: Resolution 2022-27. A Resolution of the City of South Daytona, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to execute a 5-year extension to the Franchise Agreement with Peoples Gas Systems; providing for severability, conflicts and an effective date. **First and only reading.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Councilman Eric Sander. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda:

Item 11: Resolution No. 2022-28. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, declaring Douglas Quartier, elected to Seat 2 and Lisa O'Neal, elected to Seat 3; providing for conflicting resolutions; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **First and only reading.**

City Attorney Vose read the Title of Resolution Number 2022-28.

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

Item 12: Resolution No. 2022-29. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, appointing the Vice-Mayor of the City of South Daytona; Florida; repealing resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution; and providing an effective date. **First and only reading.**

City Attorney Vose read the Title of Resolution Number 2022-29.

City Manager Gillis read the definition of Vice-Mayor from the City Code. Section 5.08. Vice-mayor: The council shall elect from among its members a vice-mayor. The election of the vice-mayor shall occur biennially at the first regular meeting following the date of the regular city election and at any other time necessary to fill a vacancy in the office. The vice-mayor shall act as mayor during any temporary absence or disability of the mayor.

Motion to select Councilman Eric Sander as Vice-Mayor by Councilwoman Lisa O'Neal. Second by Councilman Brandon Young. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13: Consideration of extending the approval of utilizing the Building Department Reserve Fund to cover the costs of owner/builder permit fees related to Hurricane Ian (including state taxes and fees) until January 15, 2023.

City Manager Gillis explained in October the Council approved utilizing the City of South Daytona Building Department Reserve Fund to cover the costs of owner/builder permit fees related to Hurricane Ian (including state taxes and fees) until November 30, 2022. At the meeting Council requested a potential discussion of extending this date until January 2023.

Mr. Gillis reiterated this is a great benefit to our residents and they will experience the savings, not the contractor.

He concluded with a recommendation that the City Council approve extending the program of utilizing the City of South Daytona Building Department Reserve Fund to cover the costs of owner/builder permit fees related to Hurricane Ian (including state taxes and fees) until January 15, 2023.

Vice-Mayor Eric Sander asked if an owner could request a refund if they were unaware of the program.

Building Official Nick Ventura responded that he is overseeing the program and he has provided refunds. He said he will continue to monitor each permit application and those who qualify for the program.

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

Added Item: Resolution No. 2022-30. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, declaring a state of local emergency in response to Hurricane Nicole; making findings; and providing for penalties, conflicts, severability, an effective date, and a termination date. **First and only reading.**

City Attorney Vose read the Title of Resolution Number 2022-30.

City Manager Gillis explained consideration of this Resolution was added yesterday in preparation of Hurricane Nicole, following the declarations executed by Governor DeSantis and the Volusia County Council. He explained the details of the State of Emergency including emergency purchases. He said this Emergency Order will expire in seven days.

Vice-Mayor Eric Sander questioned if the Emergency Resolutions are required for each disaster or if there is an alternative.

City Attorney Vose said a modification to the City Code can allow the declaration of an emergency to be designated by the City Manager.

City Manager Gillis said he prefers to have Council input and the Resolution be approved by Council. Mr. Gillis introduced Steve Danskine, our new Public Works Director.

Motion to approve by Councilman Brandon Young. Second by Vice-Mayor Eric Sander. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Council Comments:

Vice-Mayor Sander discussed the crosswalk concerns from CJ Allen, he elaborated on the ideas and progress. He explained Reed Canal is a County Road which will require coordination with Volusia County. He also discussed funding opportunities and the pursuit of future crosswalk.

There was a discussion of crosswalks with input from Mayor Hall, Councilmember Quartier and City Attorney Vose.

Vice-Mayor Sander discussed the sandbag coordination and volunteers. He said it was encouraging to see neighbors helping neighbors and recommended checking on your neighbors.

Councilwoman O'Neal said she is honored and privileged to serve for another 4 years. She asked everyone to be safe during the upcoming storm and wished a good Thanksgiving.

Councilman Quartier said he looks forward to continuing his service working with and for the citizens of South Daytona. He said to be safe, and he will be riding around before and after the storm if anyone is in need.

Councilman Young congratulated Councilman Quartier and Councilwoman O'Neal on their reelection, he said he looks forward to serving alongside them. He congratulated Vice-Mayor Sander on his appointment. He commended staff and the City Manager on their leadership. He recalled Ian arrived on September 28th and we are right back at preparing for another Hurricane. He recommended checking on neighbors. Councilman Young welcomed Steve Danskine to the team.

Mayor Hall requested Police Chief Cheatham provide an update on Storm Preparations and asked citizens not to travel around after the storm until the flooding has subsided and streets are clear.

Chief Cheatham said the Police Department is staffed for the storm. He said they monitor winds and with technology only stop when winds exceed 45 mph. He said as soon as winds subside, the teams will be back on the road. He discussed the County curfew, potential flooding and their increased patrol efforts.

Mayor Hall thanked Chief Cheatham and closed the meeting.

G. Adjournment: Mayor William C. Hall adjourned the City of South Daytona Regular Meeting of the City Council 6:40 pm.

Deputy City Clerk, Becky Witte

Mayor William C. Hall