

## **MINUTES FACEBOOK LIVE**

The South Daytona City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1672 South Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, Florida.

### **Call to Order**

Judge Leah Case administered the Oath of Office to:  
William C. Hall, Mayor  
Brandon Young, Seat 1  
Eric Sander, Seat 4

A brief recess was taken at 6:05 p.m. and resumed at 6:14 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor William C. Hall  
Vice-Mayor Lisa O'Neal  
Councilman Brandon Young  
Councilman Doug Quartier  
City Manager James L. Gillis, Jr.  
City Attorney Scott Simpson

The audience joined Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by invocation by Councilman Young.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gillis began by stating that the Piggotte Community Center needs to be pressure washed and painted for a renewed look. He indicated that this would be done by the end of the year. Florida Wildlife Commission has been notified of a half-submerged boat in the Halifax River by Riverfront Park which has been placed on their list for removal. The newly renamed Courts at Riverfront pickleball courts have been resurfaced with awnings hung over the seating, new sidewalk approaches and signage. A grand opening ceremony will be scheduled for January in time for the new year. A blue light illuminating the flagpole at City Hall honoring the Police Department will be in place by the end of the year. South Daytona Fire Department received a HEROS (Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support) Grant for 50 doses of Narcan. Narcan has proved effective in preventing deaths due to overdosing on drugs. Mr. Gillis stated, "As a community, let's focus on not doing drugs so that the Fire Department doesn't have to use it."

Condolences to the family of long time South Daytona resident, John Hughes McKeehan's passing. Mr. McKeehan was 96 years old, served on Citizens Alert and started the Cinema 5 theater on Reed Canal Road showing black and white movies years ago. Mr. McKeehan co-founded Flair Air A/C company and lived on Pineapple Road, South Daytona. He will be missed.

The City of South Daytona hosted its first Halloween Drive-Thru Boo event at Reed Canal Park and was the biggest and most attended event the City has put on with over 2,000 cars and approximately 6,000 children being served. We went through a lot of candy and good fellowship was shared.

South Daytona Police Department delivered candy to 43 homes and over 75 children who could not trick-or-treat due to COVID-19 with their first Candy Complaint event for Halloween and was well received by the community, strengthening the bond between police and community.

The Blaine O'Neal Annual Golf Tournament raised over \$12,000 for South Daytona Community Trust which is double the amount raised from last year with the Utility Billing Department coming in first place at the event. Mr. Gillis thanked supporters and all who volunteered their time and the generous donations during the pandemic stating it was a great success.

South Daytona will host movie night at Reed Canal Park's soccer fields on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. featuring Frozen II. Pre-registration is required through the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain social distancing allowing up to 40 cars. Residents can also pre-order popcorn, hot dogs, and other snacks to be delivered to your vehicle.

Mr. Gillis concluded the City Manager's report by advertising the City's North Pole Drive-Thru event on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at Reed Canal Park in place of the traditional tree lighting service due to COVID-19. Mimicking the highly successful Halloween Drive-Thru Boo event, vehicles will drive the shell path stopping at stations for candy, cookies, and reindeer food.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** None

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Frank Amendolia, 791 Aspen Drive, South Daytona, FL came to the podium to address council. Mr. Amendolia expressed his frustration with parking violations, communal type households and loss of property value. He wanted to see Code Enforcement do more for our community.

Mike Agri with Port Orange/South Daytona Chamber of Commerce came to the podium congratulating Mayor Hall, Councilman Young, and Councilman Sander and wished them well for their term on City Council.

Merrill Massie, 21 Applewood Circle, South Daytona, FL came to the podium to address council. Mr. Massie wanted to see Code Enforcement not be so strict throughout the City.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Those matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require review or discussion. 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. (Read by Mayor Hall)

Consent Agenda Approval

Approval of Minutes: City Council – October 13, 2020.

Consideration of appointing Rick Jackson as a full member to the Planning and Appeals Board.

Consideration of appointing Carol Jackson as a full member to the Parks, Recreation and ADA Advisory Board.

Consideration of approving the Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with Volusia County for the provision of fire suppression services to the unincorporated area on Nova Road until September 30, 2022.

A motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor O'Neal, second by Councilman Quartier.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 2020-39** a Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida declaring the results of the General Election held on August 18, 2020; providing for conflicting resolutions; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **First and Only Reading.**

No discussion from council. A motion to approve was made by Vice-Mayor O'Neal and second by Councilman Sander.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

**Resolution No. 2020-40** 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.**

A nomination was made by Councilman Young, second by Vice-Mayor O'Neal to appoint Doug Quartier as Vice- Mayor.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

**Resolution No. 2020-42** a Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida authorizing and approving an amended and restated loan agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association related to the reset of the interest rate on its Capital Improvement Revenue Note, Series 2013; providing for repeal of inconsistent provisions; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **First and Only Reading.**

A \$4.2 million loan from 2013 has an interest rate reset clause set for November 2020. The clause was not highlighted for Council knowledge at the time of approval, stated Mr. Gillis. With staff's dedication to debt reduction, a new lower fixed interest rate of 2.53% was obtained with a savings of \$83,000 to the City. The loan matures in 2028; however, staff intends to pay the loan off earlier following the City Manager's goal of the City being debt free by 2024.

No discussion from Council. A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman O'Neal, second by Councilman Young.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

**Ordinance No. 2020-21** an Ordinance of the City of South Daytona, Florida amending Article V, Zoning Regulations, Section 5.6, subsections (E)(2)(C) of the City's Land Development Code to allow six-foot tall fences in side corner yards; repealing all inconsistent ordinances or parts thereof; providing for severability; and setting forth an effective date. **First Reading.**

Staff's recommendation is to increase the fence height for residents on corner lots as to help improve the appearance of obscuring RV's, boats etc. from view.

A motion to approve was made by Councilwoman O'Neal, second by Councilman Quartier.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

Consideration of appointing a member of the City Council to serve on the TPO Board as the City representative.

Councilwoman O'Neal nominated Councilman Sander, second by Vice-Mayor Quartier.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

**Ordinance 2020-17** an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida amending Chapter 4 (Animals and fowls), Article 1 (General), Section 4-8 (Keeping livestock or reptiles prohibited) and Section 4-13 (Number of dogs, cats, and rabbits that may be kept at residence) of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the ownership of pot belly pigs on residential lots under certain conditions; providing for severability; providing for conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date. **Second Reading. Public Hearing. Passed first reading October 13, 2020.**

A South Daytona resident came before council requesting to change the ordinance to allow pot belly pigs, stated Mr. Gillis. Staff did research and found several cities allow pot belly pigs. If adopted, a permit must be obtained with a fee of \$20, a health certificate with current vaccinations signed by a veterinarian, and a signed letter from abutting neighbors approving occupancy of the pot belly pig must be provided. The permit may be revoked if any violation is found.

Justin French, 516 Sherman Road, South Daytona came to the podium to address the council. Mr. French thanked council for their time and consideration stating what a positive impact his pig "Hamlet" has had for his family and 18-month-old son as a companion animal.

Councilman Sander stated this is how change happens – this is good.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Sander, second by Councilwoman O'Neal.

**VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)**

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

Consideration of appointing a member of the City Council to chair the selection committee whose task will be to evaluate and rank the proposals received for contractual legal services.

At the October council meeting, this body asked staff to draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Contractual Legal Services, stated City Manager Gillis. Staff identified and contacted law firms practicing municipal law distributing the RFP packet. The City received six (6) submittals by the deadline of November 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. where City Manager Gillis publicly opened the proposals in Council Chambers. The next step is to form a committee comprised of staff, legal consultant, and a chair from this board to evaluate, rank and recommend a law firm for contractual legal services and present rankings on December 10, 2020. Mayor Hall nominated himself, second by Vice-Mayor Quartier. Councilwoman O'Neal nominated Councilman Young, second by Councilman Sander. There was a short discussion by council with Councilman Young decided upon as chair of the RFP committee.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman O'Neal stated it was a pleasure to work with Ralph Schoenherr while he served as councilman and welcomed Councilman Sander to the board and wished all veterans a Happy Veteran's Day.

Vice-Mayor Quartier wished Ralph Schoenherr well, welcomed Councilman Sander also thanking all veterans who served this country.

Councilman Young thanked Ralph Schoenherr for his service to the residents of South Daytona, welcomed Councilman Sander to council, thanked his wife, sons, and residents for their continued support allowing him to serve on council and wished a Happy Veteran's Day and holiday.

Councilman Sander stated he is pleased and humbled to serve on council thanking his wife, Kim, friends, and residents who supported him. Councilman Sander stated he is proud to serve South Daytona, this is the City he grew up in. He regrets not having the opportunity to work with Ralph Schoenherr as he could have learned a lot from him. He is honored to serve on the city's behalf on the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). South Daytona is a small city with big possibilities.

Mayor Hall thanked his wife, Darlette, his mother, friends, and family for their continued support, also thanking the residents of South Daytona honoring him to serve as Mayor. Citizens to be Heard brings important dialogue and input for guidance and direction of the City and I encourage everyone to participate. Mayor Hall stated he would like to see hardening of facilities i.e. public works, police department, pipes and water lines in the future. In 2015, then Finance Director, Chris Campbell, provided a memorandum to City Manager Yarbrough stating the City was \$19 million in debt. Due to the dedicated hard work by the City Manager and staff, the debt has been brought down to \$12 million in just two years since the new City Manager took office; well done. Mayor Hall concluded by thanking first responders and wishing a Happy Birthday to the Marines, and Happy Veteran's Day.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Hall at 7:08 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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William C. Hall, Mayor