

MINUTES

FACEBOOK LIVE

The South Daytona City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 1672 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, Florida.

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

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Gillis began by welcoming Mr. Wade Vose of the Vose Law Firm as the new City Attorney and Mrs. Becky Witte as the new Code Compliance Manager. The Volusia County Health Department is doing their best to distribute the COVID vaccine; they ask to please be patient as they gear up for mass vaccinations. The City hosted a wonderful event for the holidays, the North Pole Drive-Thru, which was well attended. We also distributed our annual holiday lighting awards which was fun for all those who attended. Mr. Gillis recognized the addresses of those who received the awards and thanked them for making the City a little bit brighter during the holidays. City Manager Gillis announced Movie Night at Reed Canal Park on January 29, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. featuring Toy Story 4. Pre-registration is required through the Parks and Recreation Department for those that plan on attending.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Mr. Wade Vose addressed the council, I have met with your department heads and have been actively working on those tasks that require legal advice such as impact fee credits, contract language, COVID waivers, audit letter, building demolition and creative ways to work on store front casinos.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Hall read a proclamation declaring January 11, 2021 Human Trafficking Awareness Day and presented the framed proclamation to Christy Gillis.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Lacey Peek, 2028 Magnolia Avenue, South Daytona came to the podium to address council. Mrs. Peek presented a petition with over 100 signatures to allow urban chickens to be permitted in the City of South Daytona. Ms. Peek gave an informative and knowledgeable talk on why residents should be allowed urban chickens.

David Lane, 2801 Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona inquired about any traffic studies that were conducted for the Enclave at 3230 S. Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona. Staff shared the information pertaining to the traffic study with the resident.

Kathy Meagher, 2448 Oriole Lane, South Daytona thanked city staff and all who assisted the toy drive, stating many families and children were able to have a wonderful holiday because of their efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Those matters included under the consent agenda are self-explanatory and are not expected to require 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 Meeting December 8, 2020.
- Consideration of approving the purchase of a Service Crane Truck for Lift Station Maintenance and two Maintenance Trucks for Facilities and Grounds Maintenance in the Public Works Department as budgeted in the current fiscal year.
- Consideration of approving the purchase of a Service Truck for the Deputy Building Official in the Building Department as budgeted in the current fiscal year.

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

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)

REGULAR AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-01 A Resolution of the City of South Daytona, Florida, approving a Special Exception for an Automotive Parts – service and installation use at the property located at 2444 South Nova Road and related site plan; establishing conditions and an expiration date of approval; providing for conflicts; severability and an effective date. **First and Only Reading.**

Mr. Gillis stated that automotive uses require Council's approval for a Special Exception. This is textbook special exception in that it meets all the required criteria. It has been reviewed by the Planning & Appeals Board and they recommend approval to the City Council. Staff also recommends approval seeing how the proposed development meets all the code requirements. No discussion by council.

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

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)

Resolution No. 2021-02 A Resolution of the City of South Daytona, Florida, extending the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) for three months expiring on March 31, 2021; providing for repeal of resolutions in conflict herewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **First and Only Reading.**

Earlier this year, explained Mr. Gillis, 80 hours of paid leave was afforded to those individuals who were diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19. It was a State law that the Governor signed. That law expired at the end of December 2020. I am recommending the paid leave benefit be extended as the vaccine has not begun to be mass distributed yet leaving our workforce still vulnerable to this disease. This Resolution extends the paid leave benefit until March 31, 2021 to give time for the vaccine to be properly distributed. If mass distribution has not occurred by the end of March 2021, the City can extend the benefit until vaccinations are made available.

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

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)

Resolution No. 2021-04 A Resolution of the City of South Daytona, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fiscal Year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement (CDBG) for the replacement of the playground equipment at Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park; providing for repeal of resolutions in conflict herewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **First and Only Reading.**

The Community Development Block Grant offered by Volusia County is a wonderful program from which the City has benefited over the last 15 years receiving funding based on the census. This year we received \$69,629. The money must be spent in specified areas designated as economically challenged. Riverfront Veterans Memorial Park is in such a designated area. Since the playground equipment there is in bad shape and needs to be replaced, the CDBG funds could be used to offset the cost.

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

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)

Ordinance No. 2021-01 An Ordinance of the City of South Daytona, Florida, amending Chapter 4 (Animals and Fowls), Article III (Care and Treatment), of the City's Code of Ordinances by adding Section 4-79 (Prohibition of the Unrestricted Tethering of Animals); providing for severability; providing for conflicting ordinances; and providing an effective date. **First Reading.**

At the December Council meeting, a group of Port Orange residents spoke about unrestricted tethering of animals being inhumane. Staff has read through the material they provided and conducted research on the topic and concluded that the unrestricted tethering of animals is a form of abuse. The ordinance revision in front of you would be a tool to help ensure the proper treatment of animals, stated Mr. Gillis.

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

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES (5)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Sander thanked all for coming to the holiday event.

Councilwoman O'Neal welcomed Wade Vose and Becky Witte.

Councilman Young echoed the other councilmember's sentiments.

Vice-Mayor Quartier gave kudos to the police and fire departments for their service over the holidays.

Mayor Hall spoke on the riots in the Capital and condemned any type of violence. Mayor gave condolences to the Hillsborough County deputy sheriff who lost his life one shift before retiring after 31 years of service. South Daytona's 1982 homicide case of Bernice Allen will be the subject of "On the Case with Paula Zahn". This was my first homicide case, stated Mayor Hall. We located the perpetrator in 1997 and he was convicted of Ms. Allen's homicide in 2008 with DNA evidence. Mayor Hall wished all a Happy New Year.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Recording Secretary

William C. Hall, Mayor