

**City of South Daytona
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm**

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.

Roll Call:

Present:

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

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

Item 5: City Manager Report:

The City Manager announced that the Drive-In Movie Night set for Friday, October 11th, at Central Park has been canceled due to the approach of Hurricane Milton.

Flag football season begins in November and registration is open, he announced.

The 18th Annual Blaine O’Neal Golf Tournament, which benefits the South Daytona Community Trust, is set for Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Cypress Head Golf Course.

The City will again participate in Light the Night along with South Daytona Christian Church, First Baptist Church of South Daytona, and other local churches and organizations on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy the Toddler Zone, Petting Zoo, Inflatables, Carnival Games, Hot Dogs, Chips, Popcorn, Music, and Costume Contests for all ages—including a Group Category. The event is free and a fun, safe way to enjoy Halloween night.

He noted that two items were added to the agenda with the first being a notification of the emergency purchase of a four-inch portable stormwater pump on October 8, 2024 in the amount of \$66,409.36 to Thompson Pump to be used for Hurricane Milton preparations and the last being the introduction of Resolution No. 2024-29, which is an emergency declaration for the approaching, potentially devastating hurricane.

Item 6: City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Wade Vose provided a report to the City Council. He said he has been working with the City on a number of land use, real estate, and procurement matters.

B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

David McGaha (905 Pineapple Road) praised the City for its storm preparations. He identified several problems with our contracted refuse hauler, Waste Pro, with the collection of yard waste left over by the hurricane that narrowly missed this area last week. He concluded, saying he thinks we are ready for the storm and the city has done a great job.

Marcus Thompson (1965 Menger Circle) praised the preparation from Public Works in preparation for the upcoming storm and expressed concerns if it produces severe amounts of rainfall.

Mayor Hall discussed the preparations, noting it would be extremely difficult to handle the excessive amounts of rainfall like Hurricane Ian produced especially in those low-lying areas of the City in the flood zone.

Susan Allen (35 Cherrywood Court) expressed her pleasure in the improvements to the parks and sidewalks. She also mentioned Edison Point as she is concerned with run-off from the adjacent property into Cherrywood Court.

Michael Pickett (owner of Art Studio in the Sunshine Mall) discussed a recent incident at Reed Canal Park where his daughter was bitten by a Pit Bull. He expressed his concern about the dog being in close proximity to the children playing and suggested that dogs and their owners not be allowed to venture throughout the entire park but be relegated to the confines of the onsite dog park.

Diamond Jones (mother of the daughter bitten by a Pit Bull) discussed the event. She suggested that dogs and their owners be separated from everyone else in the park by staying within the onsite dog park.

C. CONSENT AGENDA (*Items 8-12b*):

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: September 24, 2024, 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 16, 2024, between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm for the City of South Daytona's BBQ and Bluegrass Festival.

Item 10: Consideration of approving equipment purchases and capital project improvements as budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Item 11: Consideration of approving a Restrictive Covenants and Grants-in-Aid Agreement with ECHO for a grant award of \$600,000 for the Reed Canal Park Prehistoric Playground Expansion project.

Item 12: Consideration of approving a revision to the Locally Funded Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to increase the cost of the decorative signs proposed along South Ridgewood Avenue from Ridge Boulevard to Reed Canal Road by \$25,851 to be completed when they resurface this segment of roadway in the current fiscal year.

ADDED CONSENT ITEM 12b: Council notification of emergency purchase of \$66,409.36 to Thompson Pump on October 8, 2024, for 4” Stormwater Pump.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Vice-Mayor Eric Sander. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O’Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

E. REGULAR AGENDA:

Item 13: Ordinance No. 2024-08. An Ordinance of the City of South Daytona, Florida, amending the City of South Daytona Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article I, In General, Section 10-7.1., Camping Prohibited in Public Places, to expand the public camping prohibition to include sleeping, lodging, or residing overnight in a public place without a tent or temporary shelter; providing for exceptions; revising criteria constituting evidence of camping; providing for findings; and providing for conflicts, severability, codification, and an effective date. First Reading was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. **Second and Final Reading. Public Hearing.**

City Attorney Vose read the title of Ordinance 2024-08.

City Manager Gillis turned this item over to City Attorney Vose.

Attorney Vose discussed a new state law, effective October 1, which prohibits municipalities from allowing persons to camp or sleep in public places. He discussed the changes to the statute and his recommendation to his municipalities to adopt Ordinances prohibiting sleeping, lodging, or residing overnight in a public place without a tent or temporary shelter. Attorney Vose said our current Ordinance met most of the requirements in the statute, and this Ordinance makes minor amendments to conform to the statute.

He concluded with a recommendation to adopt pursuant to State Statute.

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

Motion to approve by Vice-Mayor Eric Sander. Second by Councilwoman Lisa O’Neal. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14: ADDED ITEM: Resolution No. 2024-29. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, declaring a state of local emergency in response to Tropical Storm Milton; 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 2024-29.

City Manager Gillis thanked City staff, Council and the volunteers who assisted in distributing over 8,000 sandbags to residents, noting the benefits of the recently acquired automated sandbag machine. He discussed the operations and staff working to collect yard waste in the days leading up to the approaching storm because we don’t want the debris to become airborne. He asked citizens to call if they have any vegetative debris to collect tomorrow and asked that citizens halt cutting trees at this time due to the approaching storm. He stated that all ponds have been lowered, storm drains cleared and streets swept.

He discussed the Council participating in the sandbag distribution and thanked them for their assistance. He said the City will be open and staff will be available during the storm. Mr. Gillis discussed the cleanup activities that will take place after the storm. He also indicated that FPL would have dedicated crews onsite at City Hall during the storm to deal with outages.

City Manager Gillis explained that Governor DeSantis declared a state of emergency on Sunday and Volusia County followed suit.

Mr. Gillis concluded by explaining that declaring a local state of emergency will assist with reimbursement from FEMA for the preparations and any cleanup required from the storm.

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

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Vice-Mayor Sander thanked everyone who worked the sandpile for the last two days and discussed the operations. He thanked employees for their efforts collecting debris prior to the approaching storm as well.

Councilwoman O'Neal echoed the sentiments of Vice-Mayor Sander. She said to stay safe during the storm.

Councilman Young, this is not our first rodeo, and he expressed his appreciation for the effort of the staff.

Councilman Quartier echoed the sentiments of the Councilmembers. He addressed Mr. McGaha about the yard debris and discussed the staff's efforts for storm preparation. He noted that 8,000 sandbags in two days is impressive and thanked the volunteers.

Mayor Hall asked City Manager Gillis if Waste Pro would be fined for failing to collect the yard debris, to which Mr. Gillis responded they would. He noted that Thursday's garbage collection has been cancelled, and instead, Waste Pro will collect garbage on Saturday.

Mayor Hall announced the Lions Club Fish Fry would be rescheduled, and the Movie Night has been canceled.

Mayor Hall said the Sandbag Machine was impressive noting it will make 4 bags in 27 seconds, which equates to 8 bags per minute, and 400 and some bags per hour. He said within 8 hours 3,400 filled sandbags can be made. He recalled the last meeting when the machine was approved, and it arrived on Friday. He thanked the team at Public Works, the volunteers including CERT and Andy Cotton who helped when a tree fell on Sunday evening.

Mayor Hall concluded that this is not our first rodeo, but we are praying it doesn't hurt like it did during Hurricane Ian.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor William C. Hall adjourned the City of South Daytona Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:33 pm.

Deputy City Clerk, Becky Witte

Mayor William C. Hall