

City of South Daytona
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 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

Councilwoman Lisa O’Neal

Vice-Mayor Eric Sander

City Manager James L. Gillis, Jr.

Councilman Doug Quartier

Attorney Paul Waters for City Attorney Wade Vose

Not Present: Councilman Brandon Young

Deputy City Clerk indicated Councilman Young sends his regrets for being unable to attend tonight's meeting as he is out of town for work.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor William C. Hall followed by the **Invocation** led by Vice-Mayor Eric Sander.

Item 5: City Manager Report:

Mr. Gillis announced the City is presenting a free summer movie series at the Piggotte Community Center over the school break. The next movie will be “Grease,” shown on June 12th at 1:30 pm. Visit the City’s Facebook page for more information and a complete schedule.

City Manager Gillis provided a recap of the upcoming design projects funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The FDOT starts its fiscal year in July, and they have granted funds for the design of a new sidewalk on the north side of Reed Canal Road (Nova Road to US 1) and the replacement of the Sauls Street Bridge including an enhanced pedestrian sidewalk with interactive crosswalks.

Item 6: City Attorney Report:

City Attorney Wade Vose was not in attendance. His partner Paul Waters explained that City Attorney Vose will provide a report in July.

B. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

CJ Allen (2929 Gaslight Drive) expressed her delight with the Reed Canal Sidewalks and enhanced Crosswalks. She asked for a Crosswalk at Reed Canal Park which Mr. Gillis explained was included in the design for the improvements.

Thomas Luck (891 Valencia Road) thanked Public Works for the hard work in the community.

Vincent Conwell, manager of Your Rod and Reel (business address 1980 South Ridgewood Avenue) discussed the possibility of allowing another bait shop on US1.

Susan Allen (35 Cherrywood Court) provided kudos to the water department who recently caught a leak at her home while she was traveling. She also commented on the upcoming improvements to the crosswalks on Reed Canal Road. She provided constructive feedback on the Fire Department. She expressed her concern with the Edison Pointe subdivision elevation and potential flooding.

Janet Kisner (1639 Golfview Boulevard) thanked Public Works for taking care of the yard trash which was not picked up by Waste Pro.

C. CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8-9):

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: May 14, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Item 9: Resolution No. 2024-14. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for financial assistance to the Volusia County ECHO Grant Program for improvements to Reed Canal Park; providing for matching fund contribution; and providing for an effective date. **First and only reading.**

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

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

Item 10: Ordinance No. 2024-02. An Ordinance of the City of South Daytona, Florida, amending the City of South Daytona Code of Ordinances, amending Chapter 13, Police, Article V, Chronic Nuisance Premises, Sections 13-60, 13-61 and 13-62, to include Fire Rescue nuisance activity calls within the monthly allowance of services; and providing for conflicts, severability, applicability, codification and an effective date. First Reading on May 14, 2024. **Second and Final Reading. Public Hearing.**

Attorney Waters read the title of Ordinance 2024-02.

City Manager Gillis said that in 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2008-19 creating an article regarding Chronic Nuisance Premises, establishing a monthly allowance for Police and Code Enforcement services. The Code established the amount of police use and code enforcement use that each parcel of real property is entitled as a taxpayer of the City. Properties that use more than their allotment cause an unnecessary burden on all taxpayers of the City. Property owners should be responsible for the conduct and actions that occur on the property and therefore fiscally responsible for those actions.

Mr. Gillis explained the definition of a nuisance activity and how those activities impact Police, Fire, and Code Compliance.

City Manager Gillis explained these nuisance activities are serviced by Fire Rescue and are a burden to the department and the City. Fire Chief John Brant suggested including Fire Rescue into the Code under this section to deter the overuse of Fire Rescue personnel for the outlined Nuisance Activities.

He said this revision will be another tool in the toolbox that staff can use to reduce the ability of nuisance properties to abundantly request fire rescue services. The key words to the above statement is that staff “can use” this ordinance depending on the circumstances of the frequent calls in combination with other calls for service on a given property. This revision will not apply to a medical office or assisted living facility operating normally, just those properties that have been deemed a nuisance.

He concluded with a staff recommendation that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 2024-02 to include Fire Rescue nuisance activity calls within the monthly allowance of services under Chapter 13, Police, Article V, Chronic Nuisance Premises.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing. No comments. Mayor Hall closed the Public Hearing.

Vice-Mayor Sander noted this modification makes sense.

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

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Vice-Mayor Sander thanked the audience for attending this evening. He thanked the staff for not forgetting the small things which are very important to any community. He discussed the Riverfront Veterans Park improvements including the parking lot as well as upgrades to the boat ramp. He provided a picture of the new banners hung along US 1 which he thanked staff for organizing. He noted it’s the little things that create a better appearance for our City. He said Happy Fourth of July, be safe and celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on the planet.

Councilwoman O’Neal echoed the sentiments and then wished all Father’s a Happy Father’s Day.

Councilman Quartier reminder that it is Hurricane season. He said the City is preparing and if you see something, please let us know by giving us a call. He said we can’t fix what we don’t know is broken.

Mayor Hall echoed the sentiments of the Council and Vice-Mayor. He said this weekend he attended a funeral, along with many others here, for a longtime volunteer Jean Allen who passed away on June 3rd. Mayor Hall explained that although she confined to a wheelchair, she and her husband Dave attended and assisted with many events. Dave turns 80 this weekend. We will all miss Jean and her contagious smile.

F. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor William C. Hall adjourned the City of South Daytona Regular Meeting of the City Council at 6:22 pm.

Deputy City Clerk, Becky Witte

Mayor William C. Hall