

**MINUTES  
ORMOND BEACH CITY COMMISSION  
HELD AT CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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| <b>April 1, 2025</b> | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Commission Chambers</b> |
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Present: Mayor Jason Leslie, Commissioners Lori Tolland, Travis Sargent, Kristin Deaton, and Harold Briley, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, City Attorney Randy Hayes, Assistant City Manager Shawn Finley, and City Clerk Susan Carroll Dauderis.

**A G E N D A**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. AUDIENCE REMARKS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from City Commission meeting - March 4, 2025

- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**  
The action proposed is stated for each item on the Consent Agenda. Unless a City Commissioner removes an item from the Consent Agenda, no discussion on individual items will occur and a single motion will approve all items.

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-68:** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD; SETTING FORTH TERM AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Susan Dauderis, City Clerk, (386) 676-3340

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-69:** A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD; SETTING FORTH TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Susan Dauderis, City Clerk, (386) 676-3340

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-70:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM U.S. WATER SERVICES CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING THE EMERGENCY STATIONARY BYPASS PUMP INSTALLATION PROJECT, UNDER BID NO. 2025-26; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Alex Schumann, City Engineer, (386) 676-3302

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-71:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM GPS CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING THE ORMOND SHORES PARK STORMWATER REPAIR PROJECT, UNDER BID NO. 2025-10; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Alex Schumann, City Engineer, (386) 676-3302

E. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-73:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A WATERSHED

ANALYSIS OF THE ORMOND TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION THERETO; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Alex Schumann, City Engineer, (386) 676-3302

- F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-74:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO FORD F350 PICK-UP TRUCKS, UNDER FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION BID NO. FSA 24-VEL32.0; DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Kevin Gray, Deputy Public Works Director, (386) 676-3325

- G. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-75:** A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF A RECONDITIONED 1600 AMP SQUARE D BREAKER FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Bob Preis, Utilities Manager, (386) 676-3305

- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-76:** A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. REGARDING DEBRIS REMOVAL, REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES; TERMINATING THE CONTRACT; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Kevin Gray, Deputy Public Works Director, (386) 676-3325

- I. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-77:** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A METHOD FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL ROAD IMPACT FEE CREDITS FOR THE RIDGEHAVEN PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE AGREEMENT APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 2023-152; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF SAME; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Steven Spraker, Planning Director, (386) 676-3341

- J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-78:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A STATEMENT OF ALLOWABLE USES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 70.001, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 20 TOMOKA OAKS BOULEVARD, ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Staff Contact:** Randy Hayes, City Attorney, (386) 236-2000

- K. **Auto Renewal - Fireworks by Santore, Inc.**

**Staff Contact:** Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, (386) 676-3279

**Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager staff report dated April 1, 2025.

- L. **Intent to Bid - 2025 Roadway Resurfacing**

**Staff Contact:** Alex Schumann, City Engineer, (386) 676-3302

**Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager staff report dated April 1, 2025.

**M. RFP - Andy Romano Beachfront Park & Fire Station 91 Playgrounds**

**Staff Contact:** *Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, (386) 676-3279*

**Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager staff report dated April 1, 2025.

**N. RFP - Aquatic Weed Control Maintenance & Ditch Cleaning Services**

**Staff Contact:** *Kevin Gray, Deputy Public Works Director, (386) 676-3325*

**Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager staff report dated April 1, 2025.

**O. Bid Rejection - Purchase of Liquid Carbon Dioxide**

**Staff Contact:** *Bob Preis, Utilities Manager, (386) 676-3305*

**Disposition:** Approve as recommended in the City Manager staff report dated April 1, 2025.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-1, FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLY, OF ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, OF CHAPTER 11, HEALTH SANITATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING)**

**Staff Contact:** *Shawn Finley, Assistant City Manager, (386) 676-3292*

**B. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, SECTION 2-71, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS, OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY REMOVING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 63 SEVILLE STREET ("THE BARBIE HOUSE") FROM THE ORMOND BEACH HISTORIC LANDMARKS LIST; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Staff Contact:** *Steven Spraker, Planning Director, (386) 676-3341*

**C. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ONE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1005 NORTH U.S. HIGHWAY 1, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 4238-01-29-0020; SETTING FORTH ZONING PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS REGARDING THE PROPERTY; REDEFINING THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY; REDESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF ZONE 1 OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Staff Contact:** *Steven Spraker, Planning Director, (386) 676-3341*

**8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**A. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-300, METHODS OF SOURCE**

**Staff Contact:** Chris Byle, Assistant Finance Director, (386) 676-3206

### A. North Halifax Drive Safety Study

## 10. REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS

## MINUTES

Ms. Nanette McKeel Petrella, 1288 Bel Aire Drive, Daytona Beach, 32118, stated she was speaking as the President of Daytona Dog Beach, Inc. expressing support of the Ormond Beach dog-friendly beach and thanked the City for their support.

Mr. John Bierworth, 27 Kenilworth Avenue, expressed concerns regarding a neighbor and provided background on the neighbor, code enforcement issues at the property, and safety concerns.

Volusia County Council Member Troy Kent, 130 Magnolia Drive, noted the importance of the City and Volusia County relationship and provided updates from the County Council, including the Belvedere Fuel Farm and dog-friendly beach.

Ms. Jennifer Bright, 221 Arlington Way, inquired about the City’s part in the Volusia County Council’s discussion of purchasing the Belvedere Fuel Farm property and annexation of the property.

Ms. Darla Widnall, 7 Shawnee Trail, thanked the City’s Neighborhood Improvement Arborist, Laura Ureta, for her assistance and provided information regarding native tree cutting and trimming. She stated the residents were keeping up with the lawsuits regarding Tomoka Oaks.

Item #5 – Approval of Minutes

Mayor Leslie advised the minutes from the March 4, 2025, City Commission meeting were sent to the Commission for review and posted on the city’s website for public viewing. He asked if there were any corrections, additions, or omissions. He stated, hearing no corrections, the minutes would stand approved as presented.

**Commissioner Sargent moved, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, for approval of the March 4, 2025, City Commission meeting minutes.**

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

Item #6 – Consent Agenda

Mayor Leslie advised the actions proposed for the items on the Consent Agenda were so stated on the agenda. He asked if any member of the Commission had questions or wished to discuss any items separately.

Commissioner Tolland requested Item 6I be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Deaton requested Item 6E be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**Commissioner Briley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sargent, for approval of the Consent Agenda, absent Items 6E and 6I.**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Item #6E – Work Authorization - Ormond Terrace Stormwater Study

City Clerk Susan C. Dauderis read by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-73  
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE A WATERSHED ANALYSIS OF THE ORMOND TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WORK AUTHORIZATION THERETO; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Briley moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolland, to approve Resolution No. 2025-73, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Deaton stated she understood the cost of the study but requested staff speak on the need for the study, noting her dissatisfaction with the amount the city spends on studies.

Mr. Shawn Finley, Assistant City Manager, discussed the importance of the study, the need for the project, and the entire process from the study to the project. He stated the study would help with future budget planning, grants, and other potential funds. He highlighted the importance of continuing contracts within the city to help speed up the process.

Commissioner Deaton stated the study could not be completed in-house; whereby, Mr. Finley stated that was correct.

Mayor Leslie inquired if there would be another study after the proposed one; whereby, Mr. Finley stated the proposed study would bring the city to the point of being able to produce construction plans.

Commissioner Tolland inquired where the Ormond Lakes analysis was in relation to the study; whereby, Mr. Finley stated the Ormond Lakes analysis was a separate analysis and not included in the proposed study.

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Item #6I – Ridgehaven Subdivision, Local Road Impact Fee Reimbursement Based on Proportionate Fair Share Agreement

City Clerk Susan C. Dauderis read by title only:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-77  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A METHOD FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL ROAD IMPACT FEE CREDITS FOR THE RIDGEHAVEN PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE AGREEMENT APPROVED BY RESOLUTION 2023-152; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF SAME; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Briley moved, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, to approve Resolution No. 2025-77, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Tolland inquired why the impact fee was being reimbursed; whereby, Mr. Steven Spraker, Planning Director, stated per the Proportionate Fair Share Agreement in relation to the Planned Residential Development approved in 2023, required the initial payment. He explained the Land Development Code allows for local road impact credits, which was being proposed in the item.

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Comments on the Consent Agenda

Commissioner Deaton expressed support of Item 6D regarding the Bid Award for Ormond Shores Park Stormwater Repair.

Item #7 – Public Hearings

Item #7A – Ending Fluoridation in Water Supply

City Clerk Susan C. Dauderis read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-1, FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLY, OF ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, OF CHAPTER 11, HEALTH SANITATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OF THE

CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND  
SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)**

Dr. Bruce Manne, 1531 Oak Forest Drive, discussed his background and knowledge on fluoridation of water. He discussed the costs associated with the removal of the fluoride on the residents and encouraged the Commission to keep fluoride in the water.

Mr. David Brown, 151 Windward Circle, reviewed his background in the dentistry profession and encouraged the Commission to keep fluoride in the water. He stated the fluoridation did not help adults, noting it did help the development of children's teeth. He discussed studies on fluoridation, his personal history with the city, and the city's history with fluoridation.

Dr. Sean McDonnell, 323 Desoto Drive, New Smyrna Beach, 32169, discussed his history within the dentistry profession and expressed support of keeping fluoride in the water. He discussed the potential costs to his patients if fluoride was removed, compared to the city's cost of putting the fluoride in the water.

Mr. Palmer Vilagi, 245 County Road Circle Drive East, Port Orange, 32128, waived his time to Mr. Justin Harvey.

Mr. Justin Harvey, 103 South Osceola Avenue, Orlando, 32801, discussed court cases regarding fluoridation of city water. He reviewed fluoridated water statistics, studies, and examples of other municipalities that removed fluoride from their water. He noted his support of removing the fluoride from the city's water.

Ms. Michelle Edwards, no address provided, discussed the health risks of fluoride, fluoride intake, and its connection to poor oral health. She stated the city's responsibility should be to provide clean, safe water.

Dr. Jack Goldey, 736 Pringle Road, Port Orange, 32127, reviewed his history with the community, studies over the last 80 years, and political aspects of fluoride in the city's water. He expressed the importance of fluoride in the water.

Mr. Oscar Morejon, 166 Riverside Drive, spoke in favor of the city adding fluoride to the water. He discussed his view from the dental industry, noting the city's control of the dose of fluoride in the water and the benefits to children.

Dr. Athas Kometas, 4232 South Peninsula Drive, Port Orange, 32127, expressed support of fluoride in the city's water. He expressed the importance of dental hygiene, noting the number of dental professionals speaking on the benefits of fluoridating the water.

Mr. Stephen Obeng, 201 Chelsea Place Avenue, discussed the history of public fluoridation and encouraged the Commission to continue adding fluoride to the city's water.

Mr. Kent stated he was not speaking on behalf of the County, but for himself, and expressed support of the item. He discussed the research he conducted on the topic and the view of fluoride being a medicine added to the water. He questioned the dosage for those who drink a lot of water and requested the Commission not medicate his water.

**Commissioner Sargent moved, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-13, on second reading, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Sargent stated he completed research on the topic and was supportive of the Ordinance. He explained he heard from both sides and discussed the background of the city adding fluoride to the water. He reviewed his research, the need for the citizens to choose, and the access to fluoride in other methods.

Commissioner Briley thanked the dental professionals for providing their thoughts on the topic. He discussed the scarcity of fluoride when it was voted to add to the city's water compared to the availability of it in current times. He stated his support of the Ordinance, noting if needed the Commission could reverse the decision.

Commissioner Deaton discussed her family's history with oral hygiene, the number of residents calling in support of the Ordinance, and her support of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Tolland thanked the dental industry advocates for their input on the topic. She stated her neutrality on the topic, noting she would like to see the citizens vote on whether to remove fluoride. She discussed her research, the number of flawed studies, citizen input, the other chemicals in the city’s water, and seeing what happens with a similar item at the state level.

Commissioner Briley agreed with Commissioner Tolland and would like to see the topic on a future ballot for the citizens to vote.

Mayor Leslie stated he would be open to the idea of adding it to a future ballot. He discussed seeing what happens at the state level. He shared his belief that the fluoride in the water of his hometown had no impact on his oral hygiene. He stated he heard from more residents in favor of the removal of the fluoride and expressed his support of the Ordinance.

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Item #7B – 63 Seville Street, Removal from the Historic Landmarks List, Land Development Code Amendment

City Clerk Susan C. Dauderis read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, DISTRICT AND GENERAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, SECTION 2-71, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LANDMARKS, OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY REMOVING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 63 SEVILLE STREET (“THE BARBIE HOUSE”) FROM THE ORMOND BEACH HISTORIC LANDMARKS LIST; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Tolland moved, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-14, on first reading, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Briley expressed concerns regarding the removal of properties from the historical list. He inquired if there could be a change regarding the level of work done on a property and the criteria for when a property would need to be removed from the list.

Mr. Spraker stated there was a code amendment made to allow for similar work enhancements, noting the amendment did not cover additions to the property, and that the item currently before the Commission was regarding an addition to the property.

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Item #7C – 1005 North US Highway 1, Annexation

City Clerk Susan C. Dauderis read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15  
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ONE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1005 NORTH U.S. HIGHWAY 1, VOLUSIA COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 4238-01-29-0020; SETTING FORTH ZONING PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS REGARDING THE PROPERTY; REDEFINING THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY; REDESIGNATING THE BOUNDARIES OF ZONE 1 OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Commissioner Sargent moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolland, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-15, on first reading, as read by title only.**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Mayor Leslie closed the Public Hearings.

Item #8 – First Reading of Ordinances

Item #8A – Update to City's Purchasing Ordinance

City Clerk Susan C. Dauderis read by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-300, METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION, OF DIVISION 3, PURCHASING, OF ARTICLE IX, FINANCIAL MATTERS, OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, BY AMENDING THE PURCHASING THRESHOLD FOR FORMAL BIDDING AND APPROVAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-313, PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, OF DIVISION 4, RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, OF ARTICLE IX, FINANCIAL MATTERS, OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, BY INCREASING THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION LIMIT TO SETTLE CLAIMS; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Chris Byle, Assistant Finance Director, stated the item was brought before the Commission based on their direction. He reviewed the benefits of the item, including the reduction in the number of agenda items on an annual basis, the purchasing threshold of surrounding municipalities, and the flexibility the item would allow. He indicated the proposed changes would still allow for proper competition, oversight, and transparency. He reviewed other options if the Commission did not approve the \$75,000 threshold.

Ms. Bright expressed concerns of transparency, accountability, and citizen consent on items, noting her support of the current threshold.

**Commissioner Sargent moved, seconded by Commissioner Tolland, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-16, on first reading, as read by title only.**

Commissioner Briley expressed concerns with the recommended increase, noting he could support the increase up to \$50,000. He indicated his main concern was future staff changes, noting he trusted current city staff but in the future it would be unknown.

Mayor Leslie echoed concerns of the threshold increase, noting he could also support a limit of \$50,000.

Commissioner Tolland inquired about the language within the item maintaining competition, oversight, and transparency; whereby, Mr. Byle noted the items above \$25,000 would be listed on DemandStar for the minimum of 10 days for the public to submit proposals. She expressed support of the item.

Commissioner Sargent inquired if transparency would be lost; whereby, Mr. Byle stated none would be lost as requisitions would still be required and posted onto the online transparency portal, noting the item would help expedite the purchasing process. He inquired about the status of police vehicles; whereby, Ms. Shanahan explained the police vehicle purchases were an example and explained why there would be a delay with the current process. She noted the proposed changes did not alter the purchasing process other than allowing staff to approve instead of bringing it to the Commission on an agenda. Commissioner Sargent expressed support of the item, noting if there were staffing changes the Commission could consider changing the threshold.

Mayor Leslie inquired about backup police vehicles; whereby, Ms. Shanahan explained the backup vehicles were very old and outdated.

Commissioner Tolland discussed the need for quick purchases regarding many different items, not just emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Deaton stated the city operated at a lean budget and would be supportive of the proposed changes.

Commissioner Briley explained he trusted staff and expressed concerns regarding the lack of citizen input on the purchases.

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Briley  | No  |
|            | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | No  |

Item #9 – Staff Action Items

Item #9A – North Halifax Drive Safety Study

Mr. Finley stated the item was for the Commission to accept the study presented earlier during the City Commission workshop on April 1, 2025, with staff understanding the comments and requests made by the Commission. He noted any work from the study would need to be separately approved by the Commission before it began.

**Commissioner Deaton moved, seconded by Commissioner Sargent, to accept the North Halifax Drive Safety Study with the comments made during the April 1, 2025, City Commission workshop.**

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| Call Vote: | Commissioner Briley  | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Tolland | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Sargent | Yes |
|            | Commissioner Deaton  | Yes |
| Carried.   | Mayor Leslie         | Yes |

Item #10 – Reports, Suggestions, Requests

Events, Updates, and Requests

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, provided details on upcoming meetings, workshops, events, past events, and updates on city projects.

Commissioner Sargent, Commissioner Deaton, Commissioner Briley, Commissioner Tolland, and Mayor Leslie discussed events they attended.

Commissioner Briley requested staff petition the Volusia County Council for the creation of new Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) and extending the ones currently in place. He expressed support of the dog-friendly beach. He voiced concerns regarding the paving of the road within Tomoka State Park.

Commissioner Tolland requested Mr. Finley attend the Elected Official’s Round Table Stormwater Taskforce. She expressed concerns regarding the increased homelessness population. She announced upcoming city events.

Commissioner Deaton inquired if there was an update on a homeless workshop; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated there were no updates at that time.

Belvedere Fuel Farm

Commissioner Sargent discussed the Belvedere Fuel Farm, noting its move to Palm Coast and thanked all those involved in helping with the move.

Commissioner Deaton, Commissioner Tolland, and Mayor Leslie thanked all those involved in helping with the move of the fuel farm.

Commissioner Briley voiced his concerns regarding the air permit still in place at the Volusia County location but looked forward to the move of the fuel farm.

Code Enforcement

Commissioner Sargent, Commissioner Deaton, and Commissioner Tolland discussed Code Enforcement and the need for pro-active enforcement.

Commissioner Tolland inquired if staff could reach out to Mr. Bierworth regarding his concerns; whereby, Police Chief Jesse Godfrey stated they were already in contact and looking into his concerns.

Wilmette Avenue Property Purchase

Commissioner Sargent gave updates on the property he proposed to be purchased by the city off Wilmette Avenue, providing a printout from the seller. He highlighted the property's features and the potential benefits for the city.

Mayor Leslie stated he would read the material provided.

Commissioner Tolland stated the proposed property was worth discussing and suggested it be discussed during the stormwater workshop on April 15, 2025.

Commissioner Deaton inquired about the price; whereby, Commissioner Sargent stated the city would need to do an official appraisal before determining the offer price.

Commissioner Briley agreed with Commissioner Tolland, noting he would like to see it discussed during the workshop.

Mayor Leslie inquired if staff could prepare something for the stormwater workshop on the property; whereby, Mr. Finley stated the appraisers were six to eight weeks out but staff would review what information could be available for the workshop.

Barracks of Hope

Commissioner Sargent inquired what was discussed with the Barracks of Hope organization and Mayor Leslie; whereby, Mayor Leslie stated he had a tour of the facility and invited other members of the Commission to tour.

Mayor Leslie discussed the mission of the organization, the facility, and the benefit of the organization to homeless veterans.

Commissioner Sargent inquired if Mayor Leslie promised funding to the organization; whereby, Mayor Leslie stated he did not promise funds, and clarified he stated he would pass along the information to city staff to allow officers to offer Barracks of Hope to homeless veterans.

Commissioner Sargent stated he did not want to use taxpayer funds to help fund the organization, noting residents could donate directly if desired.

Mayor Leslie indicated he toured the facility to learn about the organization and only offered to pass along the information to city staff to be able to offer homeless veterans a place to go.

Item #11 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

APPROVED: April 15, 2025

BY:

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Jason Leslie, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Carroll Dauderis,  
City Clerk