



## City of Ormond Beach

### City Commission Workshop

City Hall Commission Conference Room  
22 South Beach St., Ormond Beach FL 32174

*Jason Leslie, Mayor*  
*Lori Tolland, Zone 1*  
*Travis Sargent, Zone 2*  
*Kristin Deaton, Zone 3*  
*Harold Briley, Zone 4*

**May 19, 2026, 5:30 PM**

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## Minutes

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leslie called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Jason Leslie, Commissioners Lori Tolland, Travis Sargent, Kristin Deaton, and Harold Briley, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, City Attorney Randy Hayes, Assistant City Managers Shawn Finley and Claire Whitley, Finance Director Kelly McGuire, Parks and Recreation Director Robert Carolin, Assistant Finance Director Chris Byle, and Contract Manager Michael Demchak.

### 2. DISCUSSIONS

#### A. City Landscaping

Mr. Michael Demchak, Contract Manager, reviewed the damage caused by the extreme freeze weather event that occurred early 2026.

Commissioner Sargent inquired about the care the plants received; whereby, Mr. Demchak explained there was a systematic approach to not stress the plants during their regeneration process, and the plants considered dead were proposed to be replaced.

Mr. Demchak discussed the plant damages and actions taken, noting some plants recovered, reducing the total replacement cost estimate. He relayed the city's landscape architect was gathering quotes to replace the damaged plant material and the information would be provided to the Commission at the June 9, 2026 City Commission meeting.

Commissioner Tolland indicated she would like to see more native plants included in the plan.

Mayor Leslie questioned whether any palm trees were affected by the freeze; whereby, Mr. Demchak highlighted the affected palm trees showed new growth.

Commissioner Deaton inquired if there could be a social media post to let the public know the city was working on the issue; whereby, Assistant City Manager, Shawn Finley, stated that could be done.

Mr. Robert Carolin, Parks and Recreation Director, stated if approved at the next City Commission meeting, work would begin quickly; whereby, Mr. Finley noted the vendor had a good response time.

B. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program

Ms. Kelly McGuire, Finance Director, reviewed the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 through FY 2030-2031. She mentioned the largest part of the CIP was dependent on approval for construction of a Police Station using the General Capital fund. She discussed the projects planned for the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) fund, noting the replacement of the Fortunato Fishing Pier was a priority. She shared staff applied for a grant to fund the project.

Mayor Leslie inquired about the process for the Granada Bridge Lighting; whereby, Ms. McGuire explained the process for design-to-construction.

Commissioner Deaton expressed concerns regarding the estimated cost of roughly 4 million dollars; whereby, Commissioner Sargent voiced concerns regarding the cost.

Ms. McGuire elaborated on the CRA fund; whereby, Commissioner Briley noted the funds in the CRA would be returned to Volusia County when the fund sunsets in 2034.

Commissioner Tolland remarked she would like to look into higher priorities than bridge lighting.

Ms. McGuire addressed concerns regarding the bridge lighting and the CRA plan. She mentioned the 56 North Beach Street property project could be done in conjunction with or instead of the bridge lighting and asked for direction from the Commission.

Mayor Leslie questioned if there was a plan for the 56 North Beach Street property; whereby, Ms. McGuire shared the property plans would be brought back to the Commission for review and the CRA plan could be revised.

Commissioner Tolland relayed Ormond Beach MainStreet's (MainStreet) plan for concrete planters to beautify the downtown area and help with walkability. She indicated the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) approved putting plants in the curb extensions to assist with visibility.

Commissioner Deaton asked if funding for planters and plants could come from the Public Art fund; whereby, Ms. McGuire indicated the funding would come from the Upgrades and Improvements fund as staff already allocated extra funding for downtown beautification.

Commissioner Briley inquired if the Public Art fund included the cost of the statues; whereby, Ms. McGuire confirmed \$8,000 for the statues was included in the Public Art fund budget.

Commissioner Sargent suggested investing in permanent statues instead of traveling statues.

Mayor Leslie highlighted the popularity of the statues and expressed desire for fundraising and sponsors to assist MainStreet with the cost instead of the city.

The Commission agreed to the installation of planters on the sidewalks and addition of plants to the curb extensions; whereby, Mr. Finley noted staff would coordinate with MainStreet to design a plan.

Mr. Finley reviewed the Fleming Pump Station project and funding received from Volusia County's Transform386 program for the project.

Ms. McGuire discussed airport projects and the grants received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and FDOT to fund the projects.

Commissioner Deaton asked for clarification on whether a runway extension was planned or part of any proposed projects; whereby, Ms. McGuire stated the projects did not include a runway extension.

Ms. McGuire reviewed the General Capital fund and dedicated property tax millage rates. She relayed staff's assumption was the tax rate would be kept the same, noting if that was not desired, the projects presented would need to be reevaluated. She discussed the Security Access Control plan and the need to replace several vehicles using the dedicated millage fund.

Mayor Leslie stated the plan was to replace eight vehicles; whereby, Ms. McGuire confirmed that was the estimated amount to replace, and doing so would provide enough vehicles.

Mr. Finley provided an overview of the Transportation budget and mentioned the Sidewalk Repair and Replacement was an item on the May 19, 2026, City Commission meeting agenda.

Mayor Leslie asked if traffic signal maintenance was previously discussed by the Commission; whereby, Commissioners Tolland and Briley agreed there was a previous conversation about the mast arms colors.

Commissioners Tolland, Deaton, and Briley agreed to keep the color of the mast arms green for consistency; whereby, Mr. Finley elaborated on what was included in the cost estimate.

Mayor Leslie asked about the life cycle of the mast arms; whereby, Mr. Finley explained they could last 15 to 25 years and FDOT provided estimates for mast arms needing to be replaced. Mr. Finley indicated the city was responsible for painting the mast arms and Volusia County handled routine maintenance.

Commissioner Sargent expressed support for the green paint, noting the prolonged life of the mast arms; whereby, Commissioner Briley agreed the paint was protective.

Ms. McGuire summarized the consensus was to not make any changes to the Traffic Signal Maintenance plan. She reviewed the projects planned for the Facilities Removal and Replacement fund. She shared staff applied for the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Grant for construction of the Riviera Park Fishing Pier; whereby, Mr. Finley noted

staff should receive an answer from FIND around August, aligning with completion of the design process.

Ms. McGuire discussed the revised Parks and Recreation fund. She clarified the funds for the Softball Quads Reconstruction would be removed from the current year's budget and added to next year's budget. She stated the Nova Field One assessment determined the field could be rehabilitated, and the next phase could commence; whereby, Mr. Finley elaborated on what was included in the next phase.

Mr. Finley reviewed the Water and Wastewater fund and priorities. He indicated the Lead Line Service project was expected to be completed in 2027. He elaborated on the Pretreatment Effluent Pumping system (PEP) tank replacements; whereby, Commissioner Tolland asked if the PEP tanks were replaced when possible or just when they could not be repaired. He stated staff was proactive with replacements and noted roughly one out of 50 tanks were replaced during inspection.

Commissioner Tolland inquired if there was enough money budgeted for the replacements; whereby, Mr. Finley noted the budgeted funds could replace 20 to 25 tanks and 100 to 150 pumps, with excess funds used to order additional tanks to prepare for the next fiscal year.

Ms. McGuire reviewed upcoming workshop topics and thanked the Commission for their time.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Leslie adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Walden