



City of Ormond Beach

City Commission Workshop

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

August 25, 2026, 5:30 PM

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

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Leslie called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Present: Mayor Jason Leslie, Commissioners Lori Tolland, Travis Sargent, Kristin Deaton, and Harold Briley, Budget Advisory Board members Rick Boehm, Billie Jo Kaler, John Olivari, and Troy Railsback, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Assistant City Manager Shawn Finley, City Attorney Randy Hayes, Finance Director Kelly McGuire, and Assistant Finance Director Chris Byle.

2. DISCUSSIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Ms. Kelly McGuire, Finance Director, discussed three Commission-proposed reductions to the general fund budget, the commission travel fund, sports subsidies, and community events. She noted Parks and Recreation Director Robert Carolin could provide additional details to the Commission on community events reductions.

Commissioner Deaton voiced support for the three reduction suggestions; whereby, Commissioner Tolland and Commissioner Sargent requested to hear from Mr. Carolin before making any decisions.

Mr. Carolin discussed potential sponsorship programs to offset the cost of select community events.

Commissioner Tolland stated she did not want to rely solely on sponsors' generosity and asked if Parks and Recreation ever had a sponsorship program in the past; whereby, Mr. Carolin indicated the banner program used at the sports fields was similar and could be utilized for community events.

Commissioner Tolland noted she did not want to remove funding for community events or hinder any sponsorship opportunities.

Commissioner Sargent suggested cutting the community events budget in half for fiscal year (FY) 2026-2027, then reevaluate and eliminate the budget for FY 2027-2028 if sponsorship funding was sufficient.

Commissioner Briley agreed with Commissioner Tolland that community events were a

special thing the city provided for the residents.

Commissioner Tolland remarked she would like to keep the community events budget and seek sponsorships.

Commissioner Sargent and Commissioner Deaton agreed to keep the community events budget for FY 2026-2027 and reevaluate the need for the budget in FY 2027-2028.

Commissioner Deaton asked if the scholarships for the sports programs should be publicized; whereby, Mr. Carolin noted the Friends of Recreation's role in providing scholarships and did not foresee any effect on children being able to play.

Commissioner Tolland inquired if there would be an impact on the sports equipment needed if the subsidy fund was removed; whereby, Mr. Carolin stated it would be up to the sports associations to adjust their fees to offset cost.

Commissioner Deaton suggested selling field naming rights; whereby, Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, noted drawbacks to selling the field naming rights.

Ms. McGuire explained the funds for the Commission travel and sports subsidies budgets would be added to a contingency fund in case they were determined to be needed later and she clarified the changes made will not affect the millage rate.

The entire Commission agreed to remove the Nova Field One project from the budget.

Ms. McGuire discussed the security access control project; whereby, Commissioner Sargent and Commissioner Briley indicated they did not want there to be delays with security and agreed to keep the security access control project in the budget.

Mayor Leslie inquired if there was data about security issues at city facilities; whereby, Ms. McGuire noted there had been several documented incidents.

Mr. Shawn Finley, Assistant City Manager, stated the security access control project was part of a proactive approach to keep employees safe.

Ms. McGuire reviewed potential reductions to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) fund; whereby, the entire Commission agreed to remove the bridge lighting project from the budget.

Commissioner Tolland asked which fund contained the funding for downtown area planters was from; whereby, Ms. McGuire indicated the CRA fund.

Ms. McGuire stated \$8,000 could be left in the public art fund for the Seward Johnson Sculpture tour and the remaining funds could go into a contingency fund balance; whereby, the entire Commission agreed to keep \$8,000 in the public art fund and to pursue donations for the sculptures.

Ms. McGuire stated the tax rate and budget item would be on the September 9, 2026, Commission meeting agenda.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Leslie adjourned the meeting at 5:59 PM.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Walden