



**Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Special Meeting City Commission
Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the special meeting of the City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

Mayor James W. Hathaway called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM.

Mayor Hathaway asked all City of New Smyrna Beach employees that worked in support of Hurricane Irma to stand and be recognized.

City Manager Brangaccio commented on a special recognition dinner sponsored by The Garlic. She stated dates would be announced later.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jason McGuirk	Commissioner	Present	
Jim Hathaway	Mayor	Present	
Judy Reiker	Commissioner	Present	
Jake Sachs	Vice Mayor	Present	
Randy Hartman	Commissioner	Present	

Also present were City Manager Pamela Brangaccio, City Attorney Frank B. Gummey, III, Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat, Police Chief Mike Coffin, Interim Fire Chief Shawn Vandemark, CRA/Economic Development Director Tony Otte, Planning and Zoning Director Amye King, Leisure Services Director Nancy Maddox, Finance Director Althea Philord, Public Information Officer Anna Hackett, Assistant Finance Director Lewie Wise, City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe and Assistant City Clerk Kelly McQuillen.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community Redevelopment Agency Director Tony Otte gave an update of upcoming meetings.

Lillian Conrad, Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Staff for a job well done responding to Hurricane Irma.

III. THE FIRST OF TWO REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TENTATIVE OPERATING AND DEBT SERVICE MILLAGE RATES FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

1. Ordinance No. 69-17: Conduct the second reading and second and final of two required public hearings of an ordinance, which if adopted, would set the City's Tentative Operating and Debt Service Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Finance Director Althea Philord outlined a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the City's Tentative Operating and Debt Service Millage Rates.

City Attorney Gummey read Ordinance No. 69-17 the first time, by title only.

Motion:

Commissioner Reiker moved to approve on the first reading Ordinance No. 69-17, as submitted. Commissioner McGuirk seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hathaway reported that the second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance would be conducted at the special meeting on September 26, 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/26/2017 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Judy Reiker, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jason McGuirk, Commissioner	
AYES:	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Sachs, Hartman	

2. Ordinance No. 70-17: Conduct the second reading and second and final of two required public hearings of an ordinance, which if adopted, would approve the City Manager's Proposed City Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

City Attorney Gummey read Ordinance No. 70-17 the first time, by title only.

Motion:

Commissioner Reiker moved to approve on the first reading Ordinance No. 70-17, as submitted. Vice Mayor Sachs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hathaway reported that the second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance would be conducted at the special meeting on September 26, 2017.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/26/2017 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Judy Reiker, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jake Sachs, Vice Mayor	
AYES:	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Sachs, Hartman	

**IV. THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE UTILITIES
COMMISSION BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

1. Ordinance No. 71-17: Conduct the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance, which if adopted, would approve the Proposed Annual Budget of the Utilities Commission, New Smyrna Beach for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

City Attorney Gummey read Ordinance No. 71-17 the first time, by title only.

Motion:

Commissioner Hartman moved to approve on the first reading Ordinance No. 71-17, as submitted. Commissioner McGuirk seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hathaway reported that the second reading and public hearing of the proposed ordinance would be conducted at the special meeting on September 26, 2017.

Vice Mayor Sachs asked his fellow colleagues to join him in sending a letter to thank the linemen for restoring power quickly and working diligently in dangerous conditions.

Mayor Hathaway advised that the City of New Smyrna Beach planned to include them in the upcoming recognition dinner.

RESULT:	APPROVED AT FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/26/2017 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Randy Hartman, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jason McGuirk, Commissioner	
AYES:	McGuirk, Hathaway, Reiker, Sachs, Hartman	

V. CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

City Manager Brangaccio commented on putting some of the private subdivisions in contact with local haulers who could help them with debris removal by pushing it to the street. She commented on Volusia County debris regulations and FEMA requirements. She stated that the City would renew the letters sent in October 2016 regarding right of entry with liability release to make sure we were current with FEMA.

Mayor Hathaway asked if it would make sense to send in Waste Pro to pick up the debris.

City Manager Brangaccio answered that Waste Pro would not be certified for FEMA, but the City was certifying two claw trucks and some City employees. She stated that dependent on the amount of debris in private subdivisions, the City should be able to clean it up.

Commissioner Reiker asked what could be done now for the City to help with Hurricane Irma recovery efforts. She commented on the possibility of another hurricane in the future and was concerned about the City's finances.

City Manager Brangaccio commented that all of the lobbyists were in gear and have made it known to the Governor that we were waiting for the Hurricane Matthew FEMA reimbursement. She explained that the State of Florida had a private agency handling the reimbursements and they were not happy with the contract. The state cancelled the contract and only had one person handling the FEMA requests that the Federal FEMA Office had already approved. She explained that the clog in the system was the duplicate review at the state level. She explained that we could not receive the monies from the federal agency; it had to be disbursed from the state.

Vice Mayor Sachs encouraged fellow Commissioners to join him by writing a letter of gratitude to the linemen in Hurricane Irma first responder and recovery efforts. He commented on bringing homeless in during a future emergency.

Commissioner McGuirk asked if the Feds put the monies in a state account and wondered who was in control of that money.

Commissioner Hartman asked if debris would have to be taken to right-of-ways in private neighborhoods. He mentioned that moving debris in private subdivisions cost almost as much as hauling it out.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager Brangaccio mentioned the video that was posted online. She apologized to the City Commission and to the community. She admitted that she handled the situation badly and said she would like the result to be to do something positive. She stated that the City did not have a plan for the homeless community during an emergency. She felt that the City needed a safe place that would be agreed upon to house the homeless individuals that did not seek shelter at any of the Volusia County Centers or Fairgrounds. She stated the City did not have a set feeding spot for the homeless community after the storms. She hoped that we could work together with the local churches in the future to find a solution to the problem to include the homeless community in Natural Disaster Plans.

Vice Mayor Sachs accepted City Manager Brancaccio's apology. He commented on positive social media postings and recognized some great things he saw on it concerning our City and Staff.

Commissioner Reiker concurred with Vice Mayor Sachs about the City's social media. She accepted City Manager Brancaccio's apology. She believed there was an apology that needed to come the other way. She believed we need to work together and stated we could do that without throwing each other under the bus on social media.

Mayor Hathaway commented on New Smyrna Beach being a giving community, especially during times of need. He stated the City was a forgiving community and said that we would work together in the future to make this community everything it had always been and everything we want it to be in the future. He commented that we should be proud of our accomplishments during the past week. He stated something positive always comes out of something negative. He thanked everyone for all that they have done over the past few days and appreciated everyone's efforts.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to discuss, Mayor Hathaway declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.