



**City Commission Special Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM**

**City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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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 Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

**Present:** Mayor Russ Owen, Vice Mayor Randy Hartman, Commissioner Michael Kolody, Commissioner Jason McGuirk and Commissioner Jake Sachs.

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

Also present were City Manager Pamela Brangaccio, City Attorney Carrie Avallone, Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat, Police Chief Mike Coffin, CRA/Economic Development Director Tony Otte, Director of Development Services and Coastal Environmental Resiliency Brian Fields, Leisure Services Director Nancy Maddox, Community Resource Coordinator Donna Banks and Assistant City Clerk Kelly McQuillen.

**II. TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP**

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**A. Introduction (Brian Fields)**

Development Director Tony Otte, Director of Development Services and Coastal Environmental Resiliency Brian Fields introduced the Transportation Workshop.

**B. River-to-Sea Presentation**

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization Executive Director Lois Bollenback outlined a PowerPoint Presentation.

C. FDOT Presentation - SR44

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Heather Garcia outlined a PowerPoint Presentation that highlighted the FDOT major projects update.

D. New Smyrna Beach Trolley - 2018 Grant

Community Redevelopment Agency Director Tony Otte outlined a PowerPoint Presentation that explained the New Smyrna Beach Beachside Trolley Proposal.

E. New Smyrna Beach Transportation Impact Fee Study (methodology options)

Duncan Associates Principal Clancy Mullen outlined the New Smyrna Beach Transportation Impact Fee Study.

### **III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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Debra Dugas, 200 N. Pine Street, questioned the strategic action plan, and was concerned with converting one part of Flagler Avenue to a pedestrian parking garage. She hoped the City Commission would seek public input.

Christina March, 1324 Buck Lane, questioned whether the City would pursue acquiring the land that Coronado United Methodist Church was selling to use as a parking garage. She felt that if there were to be a parking garage, it should be ecofriendly and open/airy.

Randy Herman, 108 Esther Street, questioned City public record archival information. He commented on the Parking Task Force and the visioning plan for the Neighborhood Council, and hoped the City could improve records archiving practices, as he felt current practices placed the City at a disadvantage. He commented on current City Impact Fees and adopting the City Incremental Expansion, and whether the current fees were too high.

Dick Abbott, 1065 Clubhouse Drive, questioned whether Sugar Mill Drive was a City road.

*City Manager Brangaccio clarified that Sugar Mill Drive was a City road, at the entrance off Pioneer Trail and SR 44.*

Lois Truxall, 2200 Hawks Cove Circle, commented on the Corbin Park neighborhood. She stated there were hundreds of homes in the area and complained about the traffic on SR44 near Corbin Park Road. She encouraged the City Commission to review developments similar to Corbin Park and suggested extending Paige Avenue and installing a bike path on SR44.

*Mayor Owen commented on his concerns with the Paige Road extension and why he was opposed to the idea.*

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

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Commissioner Kolody commented on Flagler Avenue and the existing problems he felt existed there. He commented on City efforts to recruit police officers, and wanted to discuss the possibility of hiring a code enforcement employee that specifically dealt with parking issues. Commissioner Kolody felt funds were available and that the City should consider placing those funds into Code Enforcement.

City Manager Brangaccio stated that Police Chief Coffin nor herself would be present at the upcoming regular meeting on March 26, 2019, and suggested discussing hiring additional officers in the budget. She also suggested rescheduling the budget workshop to May 2019 and she would provide the cost or funding for hiring an additional part time parking enforcement staff member. She requested that the City Commission advise her whether to pursue a full time, general fund code enforcement officer, or a part time code enforcement officer.

Commissioner Kolody questioned whether the proposed action could be taken quickly, as well as the overall study.

Mayor Owen outlined that his stance was to have reasonable codes on the books and to enforce the codes. He agreed with moving quickly, but thought City Commission should not rush, and felt the issue merited more discussion and wanted the Police Chief to be in attendance.

City Manager Brangaccio commented on the Merk's parking situation, and provided a brief history of drivers ignoring the "no parking" signs.

Vice Mayor Hartman commented on public safety staffing and felt that just because a position was not filled, did not mean that a shift was not covered. He commented on how overtime employees worked shifts.

City Manager Brangaccio felt it would be a great conversation to have.

Commissioner Sachs questioned where the City could dip into a well for funding, and felt staff should look to other popular tourist Cities, such as Anna Maria Island and Key West, in order to study the issue.

Mayor Owen felt the Neighborhood Council and Economic Development Advisory Board should meet regarding the issue.

City Manager Brangaccio reported that those two boards did meet approximately two years ago.

Vice Mayor Hartman thanked staff for its efforts and good job on Magnolia Street, installing electronic speed signs and painting curbs.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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As there was no other business to discuss, Mayor Owen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.