

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 2022-32

Held on Thursday, the 3rd day of November 2022, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

Pastor Tim Ritchey, Eastwind Pentecostal Church, Palm Bay, gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	Rob Medina	Present
DEPUTY MAYOR:	Kenny Johnson	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Randy Foster	Present (Late)
COUNCILMEMBER:	Donny Felix	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Peter Filiberto	Present
CITY MANAGER:	Suzanne Sherman	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
DEPUTY CITY CLERK:	Terri Lefler	Present

CITY STAFF: Joan Junkala-Brown, Deputy City Manager; Jesse Anderson, Assistant Growth Management Director; Frank Watanabe, City Engineer; Juliet Misconi, Chief Procurement Officer; Larry Wojciechowski, Finance Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Johnson announced the following vacancies and solicited applications for same:

- 1. One (1) vacancy on the Youth Advisory Board (represents 'at-large student member' position).++**

AGENDA REVISION(S):

Ms. Sherman announced the following revisions:

- A. The applicant for Items 4 and 5, under Public Hearings (Cases CP-30-2022 and PD-36-2022) requested that the cases be continued to November 17, 2022.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to continue Cases CP-30-2022 and PD-36-2022 to the November 17, 2022, regular Council meeting. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

B. The applicant for Item 8, under Public Hearings (Case T-57-2022) requested that the case be continued to December 6, 2022.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to continue Case T-57-2022 to the December 6, 2022, regular Council meeting. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

C. A request for special procurement and waiver of the procurement process for the purchase of budget vehicles for the Police Department had been added as Item 1, under Procurements.

Mayor Medina requested that Item 2, under New Business, be heard after Public Comments.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to consider Item 2, under New Business, after Public Comments. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

Deputy Mayor Johnson appointed Zoey Valentino to the Youth Advisory Board.

Mr. Foster joined the meeting at approximately 6:10 P.M.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The individual was recognized, and the proclamations were read.

- 1. Recognition: Presentation of the American Flag - honoring the service of Thomas Gaume. (Councilman Foster)**
- 2. Proclamation: National Love Your Lawyer Day - November 4, 2022.**
- 3. Proclamation: Veterans Day - November 11, 2022. (Mayor Medina)**

Mr. Foster announced that he would be withdrawing Item 5, under New Business. Council concurred.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)/RESPONSE(S): (Non-agenda Items Only)

Individuals made general comments.

1. Isabel Wright, President of the Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, provided information regarding the Indian Association of Space Coast. She also asked that Council consider bringing back the Police Athletic League (PAL) Program.

2. Amy McDaniel, resident, commented on an establishment farm near Amador Avenue. She said they were a commercial enterprise and recently had a fall festival which brought 900 vehicles onto a residential street in one day. They were open Friday thru Sunday and averaged 500-900 vehicles on Saturdays and Sundays. There were also tour buses and dump trucks going to the property as well. Ms. McDaniel said it was impacting the quality of life in the neighborhood and would soon affect property values.

Ms. Sherman advised that she was not aware of the farm and staff would be investigating same.

3. Alvaro de la Puente, resident, expressed concern about the southbound exit onto Malabar Road from Interstate 95. He said the traffic would back up in the right lane along the interstate which had caused numerous accidents and fatalities and needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

Mayor Medina said he had been communicating with the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation was making upgrades along the interstate corridor. Ms. Sherman said that additional pressure would need to be applied to the state to possibly prioritize that need and requested consensus from Council to send letters to the necessary organizations. Council concurred.

Council concurred to consider Item 2, under New Business, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from The House Church of Palm Bay for the 14th Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza on December 17, 2022, at Fred Poppe Regional Park; and consideration of modifying the Co-Sponsorship Policy by increasing the maximum co-sponsorship value per event from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Staff Recommendation: Amend the Co-Sponsorship Policy to increase the individual co-sponsorship per-event maximum from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and approve the co-sponsorship with The House Church of Palm Bay for the 14th Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza totaling \$10,203.54 (\$4,653.54 for in-kind wages and \$5,550 in fee waivers).

Bill Battin, resident, said that in the past, the city had considered eliminating co-sponsorships due to cost. It had become a budget constraint because so many organizations wanted the city to co-sponsor their event. He said this was taxpayer dollars that were being spent towards these events and it should be funded by the charitable organization.

Mayor Medina advised that although he did not receive any financial compensation from The House Church, he would be abstaining from voting to uphold ethical standards since he was involved with the event. Ms. Smith confirmed same.

Mr. Felix said The House Church reimbursed the city \$3,000 from last year's event and it was given to those departments that were primarily involved in order to reimburse some of the costs.

Mr. Filiberto requested two separate motions as he agreed with the co-sponsorship but did not want to increase the policy to a maximum of \$15,000.

Motion by Mr. Filiberto, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnson, to approve the co-sponsorship as requested. As the amount was above the current policy maximum, Deputy Mayor Johnson withdrew his second to the motion and suggested increasing the maximum to \$12,500 rather than \$15,000. Council concurred. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Filiberto, to amend the Co-Sponsorship Policy to a maximum of \$12,500 and approve the co-sponsorship as requested.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Abstained
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

Council resumed the consideration of items in order as shown on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. Consideration of a Development Agreement with Grapefruit Scuba, LLC, pertaining to the development of a small hobby farm, final hearing.

The public hearing was opened. Ms. Sherman presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve the Development Agreement with Grapefruit Scuba, LLC. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

2. Ordinance 2022-115, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 185, Zoning Code, Subchapter 'District Regulations' by modifying provisions related to retail automotive gas/fuel sales (Case T-51-2022, Summit Shah), first reading.

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. The applicant presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Filiberto, to approve Ordinance 2022-115. Mr. Filiberto asked about the flow of traffic with two traffic lights being so close together. Mr. Anderson explained there were other parameters specifically related to the intensity of the roadway where a gas station could be located. The stations could be at random spots throughout the city and could be on a local roadway with a signalized intersection.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Yea
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

3. Resolution 2022-59, granting a conditional use to allow for a proposed self-storage facility in HC (Highway Commercial District) zoning, on property located east of and adjacent to Babcock Street, in the vicinity west of Hardin Lane (2.45 acres) (Case CU-45-2022, Antonia Hyland Revocable Trust and John B. O'Malley Trust). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request.

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Kelly Hyvonen, Land Development Strategies, LLC and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. She answered questions posed by councilmembers.

Jamie Hirzel, resident, spoke against the request. She said that the majority of homeowners in that area own a lot of acreage with farm animals and did not agree with having a large building right behind the neighborhood.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to adopt Resolution 2022-59. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

4. Ordinance 2022-116, amending the City's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to change the designated use of property located west of and adjacent to St. Johns Heritage Parkway, in the vicinity east of Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District Canal 2R, from Residential Open Space Use, Single-Family Residential Use, Multiple-Family Residential Use, and Commercial Use to Multiple-Family Residential Use (1198.1 acres) (Case CP-30- 2022, Palm Vista Preserve, LLC), first reading.

The item, considered under Agenda Revisions, was continued to the November 17, 2022, regular Council Meeting.

5. Resolution 2022-60, granting approval of a Preliminary Development Plan for a proposed mixed residential development to be known as 'Palm Vista Everlands West PUD' in AU (Agricultural Residential) (Brevard County) zoning, which property is located west of and adjacent to St. Johns Heritage Parkway, in the vicinity east of Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District Canal 2R (1198.1 acres) (Case PD-36-2022, Palm Vista Preserve, LLC). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The item, considered under Agenda Revisions, was continued to the November 17, 2022, regular Council Meeting.

6. Ordinance 2022-117, granting approval of a Final Development Plan for a PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning residential development to be known as 'Malabar Springs' on property located north of and adjacent to Malabar Road, in the vicinity west of St. Johns Heritage Parkway (294.7 acres) (Case FD-49-2022, CKE-KL Malabar Owner, LLC), first reading. (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request. Staff recommended the following conditions:

- A preliminary subdivision plat and a boundary and title opinion.
- Deed restrictions establishing development standards.
- The technical comments generated by the Development Review Staff shall be observed and incorporated into the construction drawings.
- The developer shall be required to submit a traffic impact study and enter into any necessary development agreement or proportionate fair share agreements as may be required prior to site plan approval.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Ana Saunders, BSE Consultants and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. She answered questions posed by councilmembers.

Residents spoke against the request stating the number of homes was excessive and traffic would be too much for the roadways.

Tom Velie, resident, felt it would be a disservice to the students that attended Heritage High School to have this project so close to the school, and it would bring a significant amount of traffic.

Bill Battin, resident, said that Council needed to determine whether approval would be based on the current level of service or under the guidelines of the new Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Foster said the road would be widened, a traffic study was performed, and a traffic light would be installed. He supported the project.

Mr. Watanabe provided a status update on the traffic signal. He said that the design had been submitted to Brevard County for review and permitting. Once approved by Brevard County, City staff would advertise the project as a bid then move forward with construction.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve Ordinance 2022-117.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Nay
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

7. Ordinance 2022-118, granting approval of a Final Development Plan for an AU (Agricultural Residential) (Brevard County) zoning residential subdivision to be known as ‘Medley at Everlands’ on property located at the northeast corner of Pace Drive and St. Johns Heritage Parkway (291.11 acres) (Case FD-50-2022, DRP FL 6, LLC), first reading. (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Ana Saunders, BSE Consultants and representative for the applicant, presented the request to Council. She answered questions posed by councilmembers.

Mayor Medina said he wanted to look beyond just setting up homes and envisioned a master plan similar to the area of Viera. He hoped that developers along the St. Johns Heritage Parkway had the same vision.

Mr. Filiberto asked if there would be a future traffic light at either Pace or Emerson Drives. Ms. Saunders said a traffic light would eventually be installed at Emerson Drive.

Individuals spoke against the request stating it would be a burden on public safety services, and there was a need for additional ingress and egress points, traffic lights, and greenspace.

The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve Ordinance 2022-118. Deputy Mayor Johnson felt comfortable with the project, the access points, turn lanes and amenities.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Yea
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

8. Ordinance 2022-119, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 93, Real Property Nuisances, Subchapter 'Unsightly and Unsanitary Conditions', by modifying provisions related to unimproved real property (Case T-57-2022, City of Palm Bay), first reading.

The item, considered under Agenda Revisions, was continued to the December 6, 2022, regular Council Meeting.

9. Request by LGI Homes to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 185, Zoning Code, Subchapter 'Supplementary District Regulations', to allow builders to use model homes and associated parking for office use and to convert to single-family home sites in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, provided certain conditions are met (Case T-52-2022). (CONTINUED TO 11/02/22 P&Z AND 12/06/22 RCM)

10. Request by the City of Palm Bay to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element to ensure consistency with the City Council's intent to promote mixed use development (Case CP-37-2022). (CONTINUED TO 11/02/22 P&Z AND 12/06/22 RCM)

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items of business under the 'Consent Agenda' heading were enacted by the following motion:

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the removal of Items 4 and 7, from consent. Motion carried

with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

1. Adoption of Minutes: Meeting 2022-28; September 22, 2022

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

2. Adoption of Minutes: Meeting 2022-29; October 6, 2022.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes: Meeting 2022-30; October 20, 2022.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

4. Contract: South Regional Water Treatment Plant Expansion, Change Order 7 (IFB 73-0- 2020) – Utilities Department (Florida Design Contractors, Inc., \$437,080); and appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment (\$367,756).

Staff Recommendation: Approve Change Order 7, for the South Regional Water Treatment Plant Expansion, with Florida Design Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$437,079.87; and approve the appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment in the amount of \$367,756.

Randall Olszewski, resident, questioned if the funds were coming from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance or from a Utilities Fund. Ms. Sherman responded that the funds were from the Utilities Fund.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve Change Order 7, for the South Regional Water Treatment Plant Expansion, with Florida Design Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$437,079.87; and approve the appropriation of funds on the next scheduled budget amendment in the amount of \$367,756. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

5. Miscellaneous: Standardization of 3M Scott, air packs and respirators – Fire Department (Thermo Fischer Scientific - \$422,745).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the standardization of 3M Scott for air packs and respirators; and authorize the purchase from Thermo Fischer Scientific (Tampa) in the amount of \$422,745.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

6. Ordinance 2022-120, amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget by appropriating and allocating certain monies (fifth/final budget amendment), first reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

7. Consideration of a grant agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for the purchase of a marine safety patrol vessel (\$75,000).

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement with FIND for the purchase of a marine safety patrol vessel.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Foster, to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement with FIND for the purchase of a marine safety patrol vessel. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

8. Consideration of an easement agreement with Florida Power & Light for placement of electric utility facilities at 620 Hurley Boulevard SW (Police Gun Range).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the non-exclusive easement agreement with Florida Power & Light as requested.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

9. Consideration of expenditures from the Palm Bay Police Department's Law Enforcement Trust Fund for legal costs associated with the Asset Forfeiture Program (\$5,000).

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the use of \$5,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 Law Enforcement Trust Funds for legal costs associated with the Asset Forfeiture Program.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

PROCUREMENTS:

1. Miscellaneous: Police vehicles, special procurement/waiver of procurement process - Police Department (multiple vendors - \$1,622,364.50). (AGENDA REVISION)

Staff Recommendation: Approve the special procurement and waiver of procurement process for purchase of a total of thirty-four (34) 2023 Ford Interceptors, two (2) 2023 Ford Transit T-150 Cargo Vans, one (1) 2023 Ford T-350 High Roof Cargo Van, and one (1) 2022 Ford Explorer.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve the special procurement and waiver of procurement process as requested. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

Note: As a resolution was included for Item 7, under Consent Agenda (Resolution 2022-14), Ms. Smith read the caption for same. However, the resolution was previously approved by City Council on March 17, 2022.

UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of one (1) member to the Community Development Advisory Board.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Filiberto, to appoint Jamie Hirzel to the Community Development Advisory Board representing the 'resident' position. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from Blazing Trails for the STEMpower Day event on November 8, 2022.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the co-sponsorship with Blazing Trails in the amount of \$390 for STEMpower Day to be held on November 8, 2022.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve the co-sponsorship as requested. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Foster, Yea; Councilman Felix, Yea; Councilman Filiberto, Yea.

2. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from The House Church of Palm Bay for the 14th Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza on December 17, 2022, at Fred Poppe Regional Park; and consideration of modifying the Co-Sponsorship Policy by increasing the maximum co-sponsorship value per event from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

This item was considered earlier in the meeting, after Public Comments.

3. Ordinance 2022-121, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Boards, Subchapter 'Citizens' Budget Advisory Board', by repealing the subchapter in its entirety, thereby dissolving the Citizens' Budget Advisory Board, first reading. (Councilman Foster)

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only.

Councilman Foster presented the request to Council. He explained that it was Council's job to approve or deny items related to the budget and did not feel it was necessary to have an advisory board make recommendations as to how Council should do that job. He added that anyone could make public comments prior to Council making its final decision regarding the budget and there were also numerous budget workshops prior to adopting the budget. Councilman Foster said there were many boards that have had vacancies for a long time.

Randall Olszewski, Chairman of the Citizens' Budget Advisory Board (CBAB), said he had developed a deep understanding of the budget and the CBAB had been able to dissect, understand and interpret the city's needs. He said there had been dialogue with the members outside of being at a Council meeting with a three (3) minute time limit to speak.

Susan Connolly, member of the CBAB, said the purpose of the boards was to support Council in its decision-making process. The boards were a value to the citizens and the citizens were benefiting from all of the advisory boards.

Nathan White, Vice-Chairman of the CBAB, felt this was the most important board for the city. The board advises Council as to what the citizens think about how their money was being spent.

Mayor Medina said this was an opportunity for the citizens to engage with the board and with City Council. He considered the CBAB a valuable tool to get detailed information on what they have learned as a board member and their engagement with the community. He did not support the request.

Mr. Filiberto said Council recently dissolved the Building and Construction Advisory Committee, the Library Advisory Board and the Utilities Advisory Board, but he did not agree with dissolving the CBAB. He said the board volunteers were a huge resource for the city and to him as a councilman.

Mr. Felix felt the item should be tabled to allow for a deeper discussion. He could not support it as is because he did not want to send a message that Council was trying to take away from the citizens. This was their government as well.

Mr. Foster did not feel it needed to be tabled and it could either pass or fail tonight. He said if the citizens wanted to engage, they could do so during the budget process and, historically, barely anyone attended. If a resident did not agree with something in the budget, they could ask staff or a member of Council.

Deputy Mayor Johnson said that although the Youth Advisory Board item had been withdrawn, he wanted to address it. He said there were several vacancies due to Council's personal appointments on the YAB and wanted to ensure that Council made their appointments to allow the youth of the community to be involved. He said the CBAB's primary function was to review and make recommendations to City Council regarding the development of the proposed budget which was usually included in the Legislative Memorandum during the budget process. He asked staff if the board needed some fine tuning. Mr. Wojciechowski said it could be a well-functioning board if it was restructured and goals and guidelines were defined.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnson, to table Ordinance 2022-121, and for staff to make recommendations for improving the CBAB.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Nay
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Foster	Yea
Councilman Felix	Yea
Councilman Filiberto	Nay

4. Ordinance 2022-122, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Board, Subchapter 'Recreation Advisory Board', by repealing the subchapter in its entirety, thereby dissolving the Recreation Advisory Board, first reading. (Councilman Foster)

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only.

Councilman Foster presented the request to Council. He said that in speaking with staff, the Recreation Advisory Board (RAB) had no real purpose. In the past year, one recommendation came from the board and was to name a park. If a citizen had an issue, they could contact the Recreation Director.

Individuals spoke against the request.

Randall Olszewski, Vice Chairman of the RAB, said he had spoken with the Recreation Director who said he appreciated the board and did not understand why this item was being placed on the agenda.

Isabel Wright, resident, said the boards were an extension of Council and attempting to eliminate the boards was an attempt to silence the residents. If vacancies needed to be filled, then staff needed to do more outreach to the community. Dissolving the boards was not the answer.

Nathan White, resident, spoke against the request. He said he could understand dissolving a board if there were quorum issues, but that was not the case with the RAB.

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Felix, to approve Ordinance 2022-122.

Mr. Felix said he was a fan of the advisory boards. He understood the value but felt they could be more efficient. He said this was an opportunity to strengthen the boards, but he could not support dissolving any boards.

Mayor Medina said he could not dissolve a board that he felt was valuable.

Mr. Foster withdrew his motion and said that the boards needed to be improved and given more structure. He did not feel the boards he presented tonight were helping in Council's decision-making process and the ordinances needed to be revised. Mr. Foster said he would not bring the items back for consideration but suggested that other councilmembers do so after working with staff. Mr. Felix withdrew his second. No further action was taken on the item.

5. Ordinance 2022-123, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 52, Boards, Subchapter 'Youth Advisory Board', by repealing the subchapter in its entirety, thereby dissolving the Youth Advisory Board, first reading. (Councilman Foster)

This item, announced earlier in the meeting, was withdrawn by Councilman Foster.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmembers addressed various subjects.

1. Deputy Mayor Johnson made the following reports:

A. He would be meeting with the Police Chief to discuss bringing back the Police Athletic League (PAL) Program or a hybrid of same; and a program regarding patrol of city streets to include volunteers. Both items would be presented to Council at a future meeting.

B. He would take the lead in speaking with staff regarding the Recreation Advisory Board.

C. He said that the Police Department had a mechanism for their officers with regard to mental health but there was nothing in place for firefighters and he would be meeting with staff to discuss same.

D. Asked Council to consider a textual amendment regarding the locations of storage facilities, especially along main corridors. Mayor Medina supported the idea but was concerned as they were commercial projects and there had to be a balance of property rights. Mr. Filiberto said he found that the majority of storage facilities were at capacity so there was a great need for them.

2. Mayor Medina asked Council to consider vendors within Brevard County as part of the local preference process and not just Palm Bay. Deputy Mayor Johnson cautioned Council as it could be perceived as a bait and switch. Mr. Foster said Brevard County had actually removed its local preference provision. There was no consensus from Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

1. Ms. Sherman made the following reports:

A. Advised of the upcoming public meeting related to the Comprehensive Plan planning process which would be held on November 10th, at 6:00 P.M., in Council Chambers.

B. Advised that staff was in the process of creating a new strategic plan for the city and a survey had been released to the community and encouraged residents to provide feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES:

Individuals made general comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 11:00 P.M.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terri J. Lefler, DEPUTY CITY CLERK