

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 14, 2024
3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

Present: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

Staff: City Manager Kurt Swartzlander, City Clerk Cheri Schwab, City Attorney Becky Vose, Community Services Director Stewart Cruz, Finance Director Lory Irwin, Economic Development and Public Affairs Director Nancy Maddox, and Public Safety Director Michael Fowler.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of county proposed beach parking

Ben Bartlett, Public Works Director from Volusia County gave a PowerPoint presentation on beach access tolls and off-beach parking. The County Councilmembers had directed staff to move forward with automation for beach access. This would increase revenues as beach costs are currently subsidized by the general fund. The system hopes to utilize license plate recognition and credit card kiosks for payment. Volusia County residents will be able to register, so there would be no additional cost for them. They have a tight timeline for receiving proposals and getting the required approvals for an October 1st start date. The system chosen would be able to work with the cities for their parking lots.

City Manager Kurt Swartzlander explained that the city has four county parks and if they have paid parking, it will push the cars to the city parks, side streets, condo decks and business lots. Pictures were shown of the current off-beach parking that is available. Most are unimproved grass areas. The city has had parking regulations since 2010. There is no parking allowed on public streets. The City Manager asked for commission direction on how to proceed if the county begins paid parking. It was his recommendation to follow the county for continuity. This may require an amendment to our parking ordinance. Commissioner Conomos stated that he had heard from business owners who are concerned that tourists will go to other places if they have to pay for parking here. It was noted that New Smyrna Beach is always packed, and they have had paid parking for a while now. After a brief discussion, the commission gave consensus to follow and monitor the county. If needed, update the city's parking ordinance. It was mentioned that the existing agreement between the county and city includes revenue sharing from the county parks within the city limits.

Mayor Miller briefly spoke on the following items: better utilizing the current Civic Clerk platform. With a minor update that would include Live Meeting Manager, the commission could vote online and request to speak. This will be brought back on a future agenda. The charter only requires one meeting per month, the Maor would like to begin implementing that starting in Janaury. If a second meeting or a workshop is needed, that could be added to the schedule.

The final item was creation of an advisory board to review the entire Code of Ordinances. This will be brought back at a later date.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 5:47 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB