

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER, 210 SAMS AVENUE
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA 32168

Having been duly advertised as required by law, a special meeting of the City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

Mayor Barringer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following members of the City Commission answered present to the roll call:

Mayor Adam R. Barringer
Vice Mayor Jack S. Grasty
Commissioner Judith A. Reiker
Commissioner Andrew J. McGuirk
Commissioner Kirk E. Jones

Also present were: City Manager Pamela Brangaccio; Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat; City Attorney Frank Gummey; Planning Manager Gail Henrikson; CRA Director Tony Otte; and, City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe.

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PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING – Mayor Barringer outlined the purpose of the special meeting was to receive a report and recommendations from the Parking Systems Task Force regarding public parking within the City, specifically beachside.

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REPORT OF THE PARKING SYSTEMS TASK FORCE – Parking Systems Task Force Chairman John Vazquez gave a presentation that outlined activities and recommendations of the task force, since its establishment in September 2012 to its current report and termination.

Specific recommendations for immediate action, up to one year, were as follows:

- Establish a Parking Fund that would include funds derived from various sources (sale of Columbus Street lot, leased space fees, kiosk parking at ocean front lots, metered parking, overtime fines and enhanced enforcement of established parking regulations). Parking funds to be used for enforcement; equipment and maintenance. Purchase or lease additional parking areas.
- Put up signage on Flagler Avenue and intersecting cross streets (i.e., between Flagler and Florida and Flagler and Jessamine) that would limit parking to 4 hours between 7 AM – 5 PM and no parking between the hours of 5 AM – 7 AM; establish “kiosk” parking at selected beach front parks.

- Appoint another Parking Task Force in September 2013 to review implemented plans and discuss new initiatives which would include residential parking permits.
- Begin collecting fees for all leased spaces at the current rate. Consider long term leases for current parking leased by the CRA and City, and consider parking impact fees, or in-lieu of parking fees, for businesses on Flagler Avenue.
- Sell City-owned property on Columbus Street.
- Establish one way streets along Esther and Bueno Aires.
- Compare costs from outside firm to in house to enforce existing or new parking regulations.
- Look for opportunities for placement of bike racks for use by the public whether it is private or public.

Specific recommendations for short term action, one to five years, were as follows:

- Install metered parking, kiosks or other form of paid parking, along Flagler Avenue and at the Flagler Boardwalk (to be reviewed prior to implementation), Esther Street, Sapphire Street, 27th Avenue and South Atlantic Beach Park parking lots.
- Remove shuffleboard courts from Flagler Avenue.

Specific recommendations for long term action, five or more years, were as follows:

- Secure a public/private partnership for a public parking garage (location to be determined, including consideration of the Bert Fish Hospital lot).
- Establish a shuttle/trolley fee paid service throughout the Loop area with stops at North Causeway (City-owned lot and Marine Discovery Center); 3rd Avenue (Little Theater lot and others TBD); Flagler Avenue (TBD); and, Approach the Southeast Volusia Advertising Authority, Volusia County, or any other viable source regarding funding.

Specific recommendations currently under review by the Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission, were as follows:

- Determine any locations along Flagler Avenue where tree islands could be removed.

- Review all existing parking regulations that pertain to new businesses on Flagler Avenue.

Ongoing was the recommendation to continue looking for options for smaller surface parking lots throughout the area.

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CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION/COMMENTS – Mayor Barringer thanked Chairman Vazquez for the efforts of the task force and commented on projected growth in population.

Commission McGuirk questioned remarks regarding possible locations for a parking garage. Chairman Vazquez clarified locations and sizes.

Commissioner Reiker questioned the recommendation making Esther Street a one way street, and commented on a past meeting with citizens that supported a one way street, but now she felt the citizens did not want a one way street.

Ernie Yarborough commented on his past committee service regarding one way streets on the beach side, specifically police department efforts on monitoring usage of Esther Street.

City Manager Brangaccio clarified that all recommendations would be separately addressed at future meetings.

Commissioner Jones thanked the task force for its service, and clarified that Buenos Aires was once a one way street. Assistant City Manager Resheidat clarified that Buenos Aires was made two way after the street was widened.

Interim Police Chief Mike Brouillette commented on monitoring in the area of Esther Street and Buenos Aires.

Vice Mayor Grasty commented on paid parking in Myrtle Beach, SC and Cocoa, FL.

Adele Aletti, Flagler Avenue Merchant, opposed paid parking on Flagler Avenue.

Commissioner McGuirk commented on a sales tax on parking fees collected.

Ernie Yarborough felt the key was motivating employees from parking on Flagler Avenue.

Wade Mahood commented on beach traffic that pay \$5.00 to park.

City Manager Brangaccio clarified that any action could be taken at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Robert Clinton commented on business parking allocations by the City. City Manager Brangaccio clarified parking lease requirements, and the need for more customer parking being made available. She offered to meet with Mr. Clinton.

Butch Green, President of the Coronado/Mainland Shuffleboard Club, commented on the current location of the shuffleboard club. He commented on the interest that shuffleboard has, and other activities by those participants in the shuffleboard activity.

Margaret Yarranton, Florida Avenue, commented on the need to re-write parking regulations. She supported paid parking and parking meters on Flagler Avenue; she commented on the need to limit the number of palm trees; she supported the use of a shuttle trolley in the short term. she felt it made no sense to sell the Columbus Street property. She supported not moving the shuffleboard courts. She opposed street closings.

Mitch Moore, Daytona Beach Taxi Cab, supported free parking on the North Causeway and the use of trolley service. He urged citizens to visit the website, nsbtaxi.com.

Kathleen Minor, North Peninsula, supported keeping the shuffleboard courts and palm trees in the area. She felt the use of trolleys would help parking.

Al Best, supported maintaining the shuffleboard court. He commented on the need for a bus shuttle service and commented on transportation alternatives.

John Holder, Shuffleboard Club Member, thanked the Commission for its support by keeping the court. He asked that, if moved, the shuffleboard activity be relocated to the Live Oak Old City Gym.

City Manager Brangaccio outlined task force actions and thanked the task force and citizens for their input.

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With no further business to address, Mayor Barringer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING, HELD APRIL 23, 2013, WERE APPROVED AT THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2013.

ATTEST:

ADAM BARRINGER, MAYOR

JOHNNY R. BLEDSOE, CITY CLERK