

NSB City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
[Video and Agenda Packet Link:](#)

Present: Mayor Fred E. Cleveland, Vice Mayor Lisa Martin, Commissioner Brian Ashley, Commissioner Valli Perrine, and Commissioner Jason McGuirk

Presentation: Report from the Turnbull Creek Preservation Committee

Chair Donna Athearn presented a [PowerPoint](#) outlining the activities and the accomplishments of the Turnbull Creek Land Preservation Committee since its creation in 2019. A short **video** demonstrated how their efforts are working, and plants/fish are thriving. Old Florida at its finest. The Mayor asked City Manager to work with Donna to plan where we go from here to ensure ongoing progress with this preservation and canal management.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Participated in the City Commission annual strategic plan meeting held March 13 at the Brannon Center at which strategic priorities were discussed in detail along with the City's current financial position, personnel resources and capital improvement program.
- Chief Chris Kirk provided updates on Spring Break police support. Chief Kirk noted that feedback thus far has been very positive regarding the Flagler Ave Command Post and traffic flow. Total arrests were up but there were less juvenile arrests. The Mayor complimented Chief Kirk on great job.
- All went well for shops and restaurants and businesses appreciated city efforts during Spring Break.
- Continued preparations for the 2026 Fiscal Year Budget scheduled to be approved September 23.
- Toured local waterways on March 12 to view North Causeway boat launch site, boat ramp /dock repair project, and upcoming dredging project.
- The Finance Department issued an invitation for sealed bids on March 13 for the Barracuda Boulevard Roadway Enhancement project which involves constructing a drainage bioswale in the current median as well as resurfacing and associated curb and driveway installation. The bid deadline is April 17 and the bid opening is April 18.
- Attended the Southeast Volusia (SEV) Chamber of Commerce Board meeting and participated in a Q & A with the board on March 25.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A speaker shared details of Senate Bill 1108 that pertaining to control of rural lands that will reduce local oversight.
- Citizens residing at Smyrna Mobile Home Park noted that a pickleball court being built close to the park have concerns related to possible flooding due to court. A petition with 45 signatures along with photos were presented to Commissioners.
- A speaker addressed Commission with questions about Contractors hired by the City, suggesting there be a 3-year limit and renewal limited renewals.
- A citizen commented on the Strategic Workshop and how this was a pleasure to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA: Each **item was unanimously approved with exception of 7Q.**

7.A Adoption of the City Commission minutes from the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, and the Strategic Planning Workshop held on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

7.B Approval of the purchase of police drones utilizing the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Drone Replacement Program.

7.C Approval of a Light Pole Purchase Piggyback for Flagler Avenue.

7.E Approval of a contract with Kynex Inc. for the annual July 4th fireworks display.

7.F Approval of the award to Saboungi Construction, Inc. for the replacement of the Brannon Center ADA Dock.

7.G Approval of the award to All State Civil Construction for the Paige Avenue Pickleball Facility.

7.J Approval to award a contract to Masci General Contractor, Inc. for the North Atlantic Drainage Improvement Project

7.K Termination of the Airport Property Temporary Occupancy Lease of 504 Industrial Park Avenue.

7.L Approval of the Traffic Calming Improvements for Luna Bella Lane.

7.O Approval of the Flagler Tavern Summer Solstice Celebration to be held on June 21, 2025.

7.P Approval of the Flagler Tavern Cinco de Mayo Celebration, to be held on Monday May 5, 2025.

7.Q Special Event: Consider the approval of the Shark Bite Expo, Feeding Frenzy Half Marathon and 5k, to be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026 and Sunday January 18, 2026. **Vote postponed.**

Commissioner V. Perrine requested that this item not be approved until event organizers demonstrate a better plan for traffic to ensure residents can get to and from their homes during the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

8.A New Smyrna Beach Multi-Modal Transportation Impact Fee Study 2025

The contractor hired by the City gave a brief summary followed by questions asked and answered. This was a complicated topic for the Commission. The Mayor requested that the City Manager teach out to County Officials to collaborate on an enhanced funding formula with the goal of securing higher fees for maintenance of City roads.

City Manager noted that State is planning maintenance and resurfacing of Rt. 44 in 2026.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

12.A Board Vacancy Notice: The Housing Authority currently has one (1) unfilled four-year term length vacancy, which will expire on August 31, 2027.

Action: Will be on April 22, 2025 Agenda

12.B Board Vacancy Notice: The Code Compliance Board currently has one (1) unfilled three-year term length vacancy, which will expire on March 3, 2028.

Action: Will be on April 22, 2025 Agenda

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- The Mayor noted that the 2025 Charming Home Tour was widely attended and very well done. The NSB Garden Club's Home Garden Tour will be coming up soon.
- L. Martin noted that the Workshops are very beneficial and should continue to be scheduled. McQuirk agreed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

15.A Proposed Legislative Bill Summaries, weeks two and three of Florida's legislative session.

Several State Bills proposed that will reduce local government's role in oversight of land/operations/funding. Reviewed burden that NSB would endure if passage of these bills by the FL Senate.

Action: Letters will be sent individually by Commissioners to State Representatives to address NSB feedback and concerns.