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**Town of Ponce Inlet**  
**Town Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 20, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to proper notice, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4300 South Atlantic Avenue, Ponce Inlet, Florida.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

**Town Council:**

Mayor Smith, Seat #1

Councilmember Milano, Seat #2

Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3

Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4

Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5

**Staff Members Present:**

Ms. Cherbano, Human Resource Director/Deputy Clerk

Mr. Disher, Assistant Director of Planning & Development

Ms. Hunt, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Joulani, Director, Planning & Development

Ms. McColl, Finance Manager

Mr. Scales, Fire Chief

Mr. Shepard, Town Attorney

Mr. Walker, Interim Police Chief

Ms. Witt, Town Manager

Ms. Zengotita, Cultural Services Manager

4. **ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Ms. Witt confirmed that Council received the revised agenda, revision date February 14, 2020. There were no changes; Mayor Smith opened public comments – hearing none – he closed public comments.

Councilmember Paritsky moved to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

Mayor Smith announced that members of the *Citizens for Ponce Inlet* (C4PI) will be video recording the meetings and posting the videos and the agenda packets on its privately-owned website, so that all members of the public can stay informed of town business.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS:**

44           A.     Presentation of plaque in appreciation to Jo Anne Hamilton for service on the  
45 Cultural Services, Historic Preservation, & Tree Advisory Board and the Historic &  
46 Archaeological Preservation Advisory Board. Mayor Smith read the plaque engraving and  
47 presented it to Ms. Hamilton.  
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49 **6.     CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Smith asked if there was any item Council would like to  
50 remove from the consent agenda or to discuss – there were none; Mayor Smith asked for public  
51 comments – hearing none – he closed public comments.  
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53           A.     Approval of the Town Council regular meeting minutes – January 23, 2020.  
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55           B.     Request for co-sponsorship by the Marine Science Center for their Turtle Day event  
56 scheduled for March 28, 2020; request is for use of the Town’s means of advertising  
57 to include placement of signs on the Town Hall property and directional signs for  
58 parking; waiver of the special event permit fee (\$150); and waiver of the sound  
59 amplification fee (\$50). In addition, the Special Event Committee recommends  
60 closing the boat ramp and allow use of the boat trailer parking lot for event parking.  
61 Off-duty police officers will be paid for by the Marine Science Center.  
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63           C.     Approval of Florida Communities Trust Management Plan Update for Timucuan  
64 Oaks Garden.  
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66 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Vice-  
67 Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.  
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69 **7.     OLD/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS PREFERRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE**  
70 **MEETING:**  
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72           A.     **Presentation from the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council**  
73 **regarding their Resilience Collaborative and consideration of Memorandum of**  
74 **Understanding.** Mr. Joulani introduced Jennifer Rupert, Regional Disaster Resilience  
75 Coordinator, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. Ms. Rupert explained the goals of  
76 the Collaborative are to identify and reduce the carbon footprint, risks and vulnerabilities, and  
77 increase efforts toward sustainability. She noted that a steering committee created a Memorandum  
78 of Understanding (MOU), which formalizes the Collaborative’s efforts and identifies the partners  
79 (stakeholders) within the local governments and agencies throughout the region’s eight counties.  
80 She noted the Collaborative’s request that all counties and municipalities within the region become  
81 a partner in the Regional Resilience Collaborative by accepting and endorsing the MOU. Mayor  
82 Smith opened public comments - Robert Bullard, 4802 S. Peninsula Drive stated that we were  
83 under the 1978 Comp Planning Act, and that this Organization came from that Act. He noted that  
84 in 1985, the Federal government created a Coastal Zone Management Act, which resulted in  
85 coastal overlay maps. He asked if anyone from the Collaborative has found out what came out of  
86 the Coastal Zone Management Act overlay. Ms. Rupert noted that she had not read the document,  
87 but the State has enacted several policies and plans since then. Mr. Bullard stated the content of  
88 what was produced is important with the issues, processes, principals, goals and objectives and  
89 suggested the Collaborative obtain that report and see how that information could help them; and

90 offered to assist Council with research and education on this matter. Mayor Smith closed public  
91 comment. Councilmember Perrone discussed the membership with Ms. Rupert, who noted that  
92 there is strength in numbers. Councilmember Paritsky noted she recently attended a summit in  
93 DC regarding climate change and coastal resiliency and stressed the importance of this topic with  
94 regards to the town. Councilmember Milano agreed.

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96 Councilmember Paritsky moved to authorize the Town to enter into the Memorandum of  
97 Understanding with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; seconded by Vice-  
98 Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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100 Mr. Joulani requested that, for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, Council consider having a  
101 presentation from Tara McCue, Director of Planning & Community Development, East Central  
102 Florida Regional Planning Council, who will bring more technical information with regards to this  
103 topic.

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105 Council agreed by consensus (5-0), to add Ms. McCue's presentation to the March 10, 2020  
106 Special meeting.

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108 **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / QUASI-JUDICIAL: None.**

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110 **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / NON-QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS:**

111  
112 **A. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2020-01, amending the**  
113 **comprehensive plan as it relates to the coastal high hazard area policies.** Attorney Shepard  
114 read the ordinance by title only. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET,  
115 FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE  
116 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE RIVERFRONT  
117 COMMERCIAL FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY IN THE FUTURE LAND USE  
118 ELEMENT, AMENDING POLICY 1.1.4 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT,  
119 AMENDING POLICY 1.2.2(g) OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT, AND AMENDING  
120 POLICY 1.4.1 OF THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT TO REMOVE LANGUAGE  
121 AND POLICIES PROHIBITING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIVERFRONT  
122 COMMERCIAL FUTURE LAND USE CATEGORY WHERE SUCH LANDS ALSO FALL  
123 WITHIN THE COASTAL HIGH HAZARD AREA (CHHA); PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO  
124 THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR  
125 SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. OF THE TOWN LIMITS;  
126 PROVIDING FOR REDEFINING BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR  
127 PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR REQUIRED FILINGS; PROVIDING FOR  
128 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
129 DATE. Mayor Smith noted that this is the second reading and asked if Council had any questions  
130 or comments; there were none. Mayor Smith opened public comment – hearing none, he closed  
131 public comment.

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133 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve and adopt upon second reading Ordinance 2020-01  
134 as presented; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote:

135 Councilmember Paritsky – yes; Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes; Councilmember Perrone - yes;  
136 Councilmember Milano - yes; Mayor Smith – yes.

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138 **B. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2020-02, amending the land use**  
139 **and development code as it relates to coastal high hazard area provisions in the B-2 and PWD**  
140 **zoning districts.** Attorney Shepard read the ordinance by title only. AN ORDINANCE OF THE  
141 TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTIONS 2.11 AND 2.15 OF THE  
142 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET TO BRING  
143 SAID REGULATIONS INTO AGREEMENT AND CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
144 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2020-01, REMOVING THE  
145 PROHIBITION ON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIVERFRONT  
146 COMMERCIAL AND PLANNED WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICTS  
147 WHERE THE PROPERTY IS ALSO LOCATED WITHIN THE COASTAL HIGH HAZARD  
148 AREA ; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR  
149 SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Mayor Smith noted that  
150 this is the second reading and asked if Council had any questions or comments; there were none.  
151 Mayor Smith opened public comment – Robert Bullard, 4802 S. Peninsula Drive referenced  
152 “SLOSH” (Sea Lake Overland Surge by Hurricane) which is run by the NOAA (National Oceanic  
153 and Atmospheric Association) and said the town is appropriately getting involved. He suggested  
154 that the town obtain the specific data (lidar, etc.); noting that the town overlaps between two basins  
155 (Cape Canaveral and Jacksonville) and asked when the next update will be done; he suggested  
156 they ask SLOSH to run a category 2 and category 3 storm - and examine the data; and asked how  
157 SLOSH, NOAA, and FEMA are working together and sharing data, adding that SLOSH’s  
158 technical data is impressive. Councilmember Perrone asked if the dredging of the inlet could affect  
159 the flooding in the Halifax River. Mr. Bullard stated dredging is not the issue; he used an analogy  
160 of flour on a table with a fan blowing on it, and then speeding up the fan - this is called “Bed Load  
161 Transport Critical Velocity of the Water”, (i.e. transmission of sediment by water). Mayor Smith  
162 closed public comment.

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164 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve and adopt upon second reading Ordinance 2020-02  
165 as presented; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote:  
166 Councilmember Paritsky – yes; Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Mayor  
167 Smith – yes; Councilmember Perrone - yes.

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169 **C. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2020-05, establishing procedures**  
170 **for the disposition of town-owned real property.** Attorney Shepard read the ordinance by title  
171 only. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
172 AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-383 OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO  
173 PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF TOWN-OWNED REAL  
174 PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
175 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Ms. Witt noted that at Council’s January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
176 meeting, modifications were made to the ordinance to include removal of section 2-383(a)3 and  
177 “Elber’s Sunset Park” was added to the “exemptions”. She suggested adding this sentence to  
178 section 2, as a last sentence: “The notice on the water bills to the apartment buildings or  
179 condominiums shall constitute notice where the individual residences within those apartment  
180 buildings and condominiums do not receive individual water bills; individual notices to each unit  
181 shall not be required under these circumstances”. She stated that she believes this more fully

182 captures the intent of what Council was trying to accomplish. Mayor Smith asked for Council  
183 comments. Councilmember Milano stated the ordinance is a great idea and suggested listing  
184 specific town-owned within the ordinance that can never be sold or traded. He expressed concerns  
185 that a future Council by simple majority or super-majority could sell the town's history and  
186 strongly opposed passing an ordinance that does not include the list, adding that he does not want  
187 his name to be associated in any way with allowing that to occur. Councilmember Perrone  
188 suggested amending the ordinance to require a full council approval (unanimous) for the sale of  
189 any of the Town's parks and a super-majority vote would be required to sell any other town-owned  
190 property. However, he also noted that a future council could amend this ordinance by super-  
191 majority. Councilmember Milano acknowledged that is true and stressed the importance of  
192 protecting these unique properties now. Councilmember Perrone suggested adding to the last  
193 sentence in section 2-383(a)1 - "... shall require the affirmative vote of at least four members of  
194 the Town Council, except with regards to the following parks (insert list), in which case, the  
195 affirmative vote of all members of the Town Council is required". Ms. Witt noted that the number  
196 of votes required to change the ordinance should also be changed to five. Councilmember Milano  
197 asked Attorney Shepard for his opinion. Attorney Shepard stated the first suggestion was to add  
198 this to the Charter, then Council determined that was not in the best interest of the Town, so we  
199 present this item for the third time for your consideration. Councilmember Milano stated his desire  
200 to express to the future generations, how important the protection and retention of these parks are  
201 to this Council and can never be sold or traded. Attorney Shepard stated that this Council has no  
202 control over what future Councils or residents decide, and this Council has made it very clear its  
203 intent to not ever want to sell the parks. Councilmember Paritsky stated that the residents cherish  
204 the parcels owned by the Town, and the Whereas clauses ensure that any such sale is duly noticed,  
205 thoroughly considered, discussed at no less than two public meetings, and requires a super majority  
206 to pass. She stated the list of properties that accompanied the original presentation represented the  
207 properties that we see the ordinance will protect. She asked Vice-Mayor Hoss if she had any  
208 modifications or identify any shortcomings within the ordinance that should also be addressed.  
209 Attorney Shepard added that some of the parks are funded with grant monies, and the grant  
210 language prevents the property from being sold; unless the Town is willing to refund all the grant  
211 money. Councilmember Milano stated the supermajority is a great idea, and notification is  
212 important, but we need to let the public know up front, that we truly care about these properties.  
213 Councilmember Milano suggested breaking down the properties into two lists: one list that requires  
214 supermajority vote and one list that requires a 5-0 vote. Councilmember Perrone stated that doing  
215 so, would require the list to be changed or updated every time the town acquired more property.  
216 Councilmember Paritsky noted that any protection is good, as we have nothing now. Vice-Mayor  
217 Hoss stated there is a need to protect certain properties and there should be two designated lists:  
218 one requiring a simple majority vote and one requiring a unanimous vote. She stated that future  
219 Council members may have different ideas and may not be familiar with the history behind the  
220 development of the parks and other town-owned properties. She wants to ensure future Councils  
221 understand how this Council feels about certain properties, and that if it is on the books, it  
222 strengthens what we're trying to accomplish. Mayor Smith commented that all of this is well-  
223 intended, but the reality is that there would be an uprising from the public opposing the sale of any  
224 of the parks. He noted that in another thirty or forty years, Ponce Inlet may not be as big as it is  
225 right now, due to global warming and sea level rise. He stated that future Councils will be reacting  
226 to issues brought before them at that time; it is not for us to decide. Councilmember Perrone noted  
227 that although residents were up in arms, a prior Council allowed construction in 2008 which ended  
228 up in a lawsuit, so it can happen - Council can do what it is legally allowed to do. He suggested

229 adding to section 1 "... shall require the affirmative vote of at least four members of the Town  
230 Council, except with regards to the sale of town-owned parks (list the names of the parks), in which  
231 case, the affirmative vote of all members of the Town Council is required". Attorney Shepard  
232 stated that is similar to the language he proposed, except you need to pay attention to paragraph d  
233 or a super majority of Council can change the ordinance requirement. The solution would be to  
234 add "except that a decision to dispose of (list of parks), shall require a unanimous vote of the Town  
235 Council" to the last line of section 1, and to change section d to read "... unanimous affirmative  
236 vote of the Town Council". Councilmember Milano restated the importance of protecting these  
237 properties. Councilmember Paritsky suggested adding a "whereas" clause, to stress the importance  
238 of protecting the parks on the part of Council. Councilmember Perrone suggested this item be  
239 tabled while it is rewritten.

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241 Mayor Smith moved to table this item to the March 19, 2020 regular meeting and to revise the  
242 ordinance based on the comments on the record; seconded by Councilmember Paritsky. The  
243 motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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245 **10. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION:** Mayor Smith opened citizen's participation and  
246 requested that any comments relating to fire department staffing be made during the public  
247 participation section of item 13-A. Hearing no requests, Mayor Smith closed citizen's  
248 participation.

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## 250 **11. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING) AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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252 **A. First reading of Ordinance 2020-06, establishing criteria for the Town**  
253 **Council's consideration of the co-sponsorship of special events.** Attorney Shepard read the  
254 ordinance by title only. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FL;  
255 AMENDING CHAPTER 51 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PONCE  
256 INLET TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA GOVERNING REQUESTS FOR THE  
257 TOWN TO CO-SPONSOR SPECIAL EVENTS OR OTHER EVENTS; AMENDING SECTION  
258 51-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; AMENDING  
259 SECTION 51-8 TO PROVIDE CO-SPONSORSHIP CRITERIA AND RENUMBERING  
260 FORMER SECTIONS 51-8 THROUGH 51-17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES;  
261 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING  
262 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Ms. Zengotita explained that this item was prepared pursuant to  
263 Council having requested it at the November meeting, as there are no formal standards currently  
264 in effect. The ordinance outlines the criteria and standards to guide the Council in determining  
265 whether to co-sponsor an event. She recommended the following changes: lines 59 and 90  
266 replacing "or tourists" with "and the public". Councilmember Milano referred to lines 81 through  
267 84, regarding projected costs and revenues and asked if the Town would require the applicant to  
268 provide a financial statement, adding that such a requirement could be burdensome. Ms. Witt  
269 suggested removal of a portion of the sentence: "The written request for a co-sponsorship shall  
270 include a written statement explaining the event and its purpose ~~and include a statement of the~~  
271 ~~projected costs and net revenues, if any, of the event, including how such revenues will be~~  
272 ~~distributed or utilized by the applicant~~". Mayor Smith asked if this applies to the town's clubs. Ms.  
273 Zengotita stated yes with the exception of the Ponce Inlet Community Center, Inc. (PICCI) which  
274 is exempt as it is an extension of the town due to having a contract to run a town owned facility.

275 Mayor Smith noted that many of the clubs have no way of projecting revenues, etc. Mayor Smith  
276 asked for public comments – Mr. DiCarlo, 32 Caribbean Way asked if the clubs are exempt and  
277 why are we in this business? Councilmember Paritsky explained that there are no existing criteria  
278 for which Council can evaluate and approve or deny a request - this permits Council to say no,  
279 when appropriate. Attorney Shepard noted that this is a constitutional issue which is best managed  
280 with formal standards or procedures in place. Mayor Smith closed public comments.

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282 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-06 as amended in  
283 discussion; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote:  
284 Councilmember Paritsky – yes; Vice-Mayor Hoss - yes; Mayor Smith - yes; Councilmember  
285 Milano - yes; Councilmember Perrone – yes.

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287 **B. Resolution 2020-03, establishing a volunteer policy for the Town.** Attorney  
288 Shepard read the resolution by title only. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
289 TOWN OF PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO  
290 RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO PROVIDE  
291 FOR UNIFORM PROCEDURES IN THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST IN  
292 VARIOUS FUNCTIONS FOR THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
293 PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTION RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN  
294 EFFECTIVE DATE. Ms. Zengotita explained that there are no existing policies establishing  
295 formal standards and policies including supervision and safety for citizens volunteering at special  
296 events. This resolution proposes to establish these policies for volunteers who work at town events.  
297 She noted that the town’s advisory board members, volunteer fire department members, and  
298 volunteer police department members are exempt from this policy. Councilmember Milano asked  
299 if this is intended to cover citizens working the Christmas parade, for example. Ms. Witt stated yes  
300 and would include background checks being performed and acknowledged that this policy would  
301 require more work by the town but once a member is on the approved list, they need not be  
302 rechecked in the future. Ms. Zengotita noted that this will take effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, allowing  
303 current volunteers to be screened and a list of approved individuals prepared (similar to what the  
304 schools currently do). Ms. Witt noted one typo: in section 1.1, second paragraph, remove the “a”  
305 before Town advisory boards”, leaving the entire section in the plural form. Mayor Smith asked  
306 for public comments – hearing none, he closed public comments.

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308 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve Resolution 2020-03 as amended; seconded by Vice-  
309 Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Councilmember Paritsky – yes;  
310 Vice-Mayor Hoss - yes; Mayor Smith - yes; Councilmember Perrone – yes; Councilmember  
311 Milano - yes.

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313 **12. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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315 **13. NEW BUSINESS:**

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317 **A. Request for additional fire department staffing.** Chief Scales reminded everyone  
318 that Council discussed this item at its June 2019 meeting and funding for this was put in the budget  
319 for a midyear implementation. He stated that he believes the proposal is the best-possible use of  
320 staff and resources to benefit the town. The proposal calls for hiring three firefighter/paramedics

321 and one deputy chief. He reviewed the call volume data for the past six years, which shows a  
322 significant increase in medical responses. He noted that in 2012, the town entered into a pilot non-  
323 emergency transport agreement with Volusia County, which over the years has resulted in an  
324 increase in EMS-related responses. He stated that having four members per shift would allow for  
325 ambulance/transport staffing and fire apparatus staffing - in the event there are separate incidents.  
326 He reviewed the ISO scoring and noted that increasing the number of staff, could increase the  
327 town's ISO score, resulting in an insurance savings to property owners. There was a brief  
328 discussion regarding the use of two ambulances; if two were put "in service", the County could  
329 tag both to send on calls. Chief Scales further explained that while the ambulance is dispatched to  
330 a call for service, the fire truck would remain in Town, unless requested at a fire incident outside  
331 of town, which we are obligated to do. Chief Scales praised current staff for their hard work and  
332 efforts in keeping the community and citizenry safe. There was also discussion regarding the  
333 availability (or lack thereof) of ambulances and transport services by other municipalities and the  
334 County. Chief Scales stated his belief that the department is being over-utilized in out of district  
335 transports, which he has been discussing with County representatives and believes this issue will  
336 be resolved within the next 30 days. Councilmember Paritsky referenced the mutual aid agreement  
337 from 2006 and asked if this is a topic that will be reviewed and refined, as it seems we are  
338 subsidizing other jurisdiction's needs. Chief Scales stated that is for the firefighting aspect, and he  
339 is participating in discussions on that matter as well. He noted that the agreement covering  
340 ambulance services is referred to as the CARE agreement. Mayor Smith asked for public  
341 comments - David Loh, 103 Oceanway Drive thanked Council, staff and Chief Scales for listening  
342 to the residents' concerns and supports this plan. Jim Hinson, 4745 S. Atlantic Avenue thanked  
343 Council, supports the proposed plan, and stated that he may not be here today if it were not for the  
344 services provided by the PIFR. Derek George, President IAFF Local 4140, thanked Ms. Witt,  
345 Chief Scales, Council, and the public for their support of this request. He added that the crews  
346 have and always will continue to provide a positive product to the residents. Council thanked them  
347 for their service to the community. Mayor Smith closed public comments.

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349 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the staffing recommendation for 3 additional  
350 firefighter/paramedics and 1 deputy chief, and authorization to move funds allocated for  
351 consideration of this item from the legislative area to the fire department within the general fund  
352 budget; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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354 **B. Joint project agreement with Volusia County to provide Local Agency**  
355 **Program (LAP) services for South Peninsula Drive bikepath mobility project.** Mr. Joulani  
356 explained that this item is time sensitive and that if approved, this will go before the County at its  
357 March meeting. He explained that the purpose is to formalize an arrangement by which Volusia  
358 County administers the design and construction of the South Peninsula Drive bikepath known as  
359 the "Ponce Inlet Mobility Project". He noted that a LAP-certified agency is required by the FL  
360 Department of Transportation (FDOT) to secure federal funds and the River to Sea Transportation  
361 Planning Organization (R2CTPO) to qualify for local funds. He noted a draft version of the  
362 agreement is being reviewed by the town attorney's office. Councilmember Perrone asked if the  
363 town will have to give up control of the project. Mr. Joulani stated no, the town will have the  
364 authority to approve the design and construction. Mr. Joulani added that the town must notify the  
365 TPO every year of its intent to participate in this project; and confirmed the town's cost



366 participation remains at 10%. Mayor Smith asked for public comments - hearing none, he closed  
367 public comments.

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369 Councilmember Paritsky moved to authorize the Town to enter into the joint project agreement  
370 with Volusia County; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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372 **14. FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL:**

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374 **A. Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5** – Reported that 3 representatives from the  
375 American Flood Coalition will be present at the special meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>; there is also a  
376 presentation on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Round Table of Elected Officials; she noted her attendance at the  
377 Water Quality Update in Edgewater, with speakers Senator Wright, Congressman Waltz, and Dr.  
378 Nesheiwat, Florida’s Chief Resilience Officer; she suggested that Congressman Waltz, who is also  
379 a member of the American Flood Coalition, be invited to the special meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>; along  
380 with Councilwoman Wheeler and DB Shores Mayor Nancy Miller. Council agreed.  
381 Councilmember Paritsky reviewed her trip to Tallahassee with the Volusia League of Cities  
382 advocacy team, where it discussed opposition to the several current bills, including the proposed  
383 changes to the short-term rental regulations.

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385 **B. Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4** – Thanked Councilmember Paritsky for her  
386 hard work and dedication with representing the Town in Tallahassee on such important matters  
387 and suggested the League go directly to the Governor with concerns; wished Amy Z well on her  
388 new endeavor; stated the Town is seeking a representative to fill a vacancy on the TPO’s  
389 Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee; and read a story he wrote for those born on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

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391 **C. Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3** – Referred to the recent News Journal article that was  
392 published twice to emphasize awareness and concerns with sea level rise and flooding; she  
393 reflected on a personal childhood experience with flooding and the devastation it caused in her  
394 community; she encouraged the public to attend the special meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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396 **D. Councilmember Milano, Seat #2** – Thanked Council for tabling item 9-C,  
397 emphasizing the importance of getting this issue right; he commended Councilmember Paritsky  
398 for her work on this item and for her efforts in Tallahassee, and stated the letter penned to  
399 Representative David Santiago was very well-written; he reported the First Step Shelter has had  
400 70 guests since opening on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 30 are gainfully employed, and 22 have received  
401 assistance with submitting Medicaid applications. He praised the efforts of the Shelter staff and  
402 volunteers, noting that this place has already changed many lives.

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404 **E. Mayor Smith, Seat #1** – Stated he had no report.

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406 **15. FROM THE TOWN MANAGER** – Ms. Witt reminded Council of the Elected Officials  
407 Ethics training being held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in Edgewater; and of the Special Town  
408 Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. regarding Coastal Flooding and  
409 Sea Level Rise; she noted that a conceptual plan has been prepared by Volusia County for  
410 Lighthouse Point Park improvements to the existing boardwalk, along with a 5-year plan for new  
411 boardwalks throughout the park.

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413 **16. FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY** – Attorney Shepard stated he had no report.

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415 **17. ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

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417 Respectfully submitted by:

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421 Jeaneen Witt, CMC, Town Manager/Town Clerk  
422 Peg Hunt, Board Secretary