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**Town of Ponce Inlet
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021**

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

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

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11 **3. ROLL CALL:**

12 **Town Council:**

13 Mayor Smith, Seat #1

14 Councilmember Milano, Seat #2

15 Vacant, Seat #3

16 Councilmember Israel, Seat #4

17 Vice-Mayor Paritsky, Seat #5

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19 All members of Council were present.

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21 **Staff Members Present:**

22 Mr. Baker, Chief Building Official/Floodplain Manager

23 Ms. Cherbano, Human Resource Director/Deputy Clerk

24 Mr. Disher, Assistant Director of Planning & Development

25 Chief Glazier, Police Chief

26 Ms. Hugler, Office Manager

27 Ms. Hunt, Assistant Deputy Clerk

28 Mr. Aaron Irwin, IT Manager

29 Mr. Joulani, Director, Planning & Development

30 Mr. Miller, Public Works Manager

31 Chief Scales, Fire Chief

32 Attorney Shepard, Town Attorney

33 Ms. Witt, Town Manager

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35 Mayor Smith passed the gavel to Vice-Mayor Paritsky under section 3.03.B of the Town Charter,
36 due to a temporary medical issue that impacts his reading.

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38 **4. ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Vice-Mayor
39 Paritsky added item **13-D, Discussion of a Charter Amendment, that would address a process**
40 **for this Council to adjudicate a Charter violation and outlining consequences;** she asked if
41 there were any other changes requested; Ms. Witt confirmed that Council received the revised page
42 3 of last month's meeting minutes. There were no other changes.

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44 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to adopt the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilmember
45 Milano. The motion PASSED 4-0, consensus.

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

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49 **A. Proclamation declaring April 2021 as Water Conservation Month.** Vice-Mayor
50 Paritsky read the proclamation into the record.

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52 **6. CONSENT AGENDA:** Vice-Mayor Paritsky asked if there was any item Council would
53 like to remove from the consent agenda or to discuss - there were none; Vice-Mayor Paritsky
54 opened public comments; hearing none, she closed public comments.

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56 **A. Approval of the Town Council regular meeting minutes – February 18, 2021.**

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58 **B. Approval of co-sponsorship of the Garden Club of Ponce Inlet’s Annual Arts,**
59 **Crafts, and Plants Sale, to be held on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9, 2021; their**
60 **co-sponsorship request is for the use of the Town’s means of advertising to include**
61 **publication on the Town’s website, social media, and on the water bills; and placement of**
62 **signs at the town hall location.**

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64 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by
65 Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-0, consensus.

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67 **7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS PREFERRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE**
68 **MEETING:**

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70 **A. Discussion of filling the Town Council Member vacancy created by the**
71 **resignation of Councilmember Mary Hoss, Seat #3.** Ms. Witt stated that she has been through
72 this process four other times since 2005. Each time, the process has been similar to what is
73 proposed: advertise the vacancy for two weeks, accept applications which must also include an
74 Affidavit of Intent and a Statement of Financial Interest (Form 1). Advertisement would be on the
75 Town’s website, Facebook page, posted in the TH kiosk; and, if Council desires, an ad placed in
76 the News Journal. She noted that qualified applicants must have lived in Ponce Inlet for the 12
77 months immediately prior to application and must be a registered voter for at least six months.
78 Council may choose to hold a special meeting on April 8th or at the regular meeting on April 15th,
79 the night of the regular meeting, when the applicant will be sworn-in and immediately take the
80 seat. She added that if the April 15th date is selected, all applicants will be provided complete
81 agenda packets, so that they will be prepared to be seated for the meeting. Vice-Mayor Paritsky
82 noted she will miss Mary Hoss and appreciates all that Ms. Hoss has done to serve this community.
83 Councilmember Israel stated his support of seating a new member at the next regular council
84 meeting instead of holding a special meeting. Councilmember Milano was agreeable to that date
85 but noted that the meeting could go late into the night. Mayor Smith noted that it depends on how
86 many applicants there are and how many questions Council has; it could take a couple of hours.
87 Ms. Witt suggested a special meeting to start at 5:00 p.m., if Council wishes to do this on the
88 regular meeting date. Vice-Mayor Paritsky concurred with the April 15th special meeting at 5:00
89 p.m.; Council concurred. She then stated the application documents were appropriate and asked

90 Council's pleasure regarding newspaper advertising. Council consensus was to not advertise the
91 position in the newspaper. Ms. Witt stated that applicants must provide a driver's license and voter
92 registration card with their application, which will be due by noon on Tuesday, April 6th. Vice-
93 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment - hearing none, she closed public comment.

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95 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to approve the date and time of April 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. as a
96 Special Town Council Meeting for the filling of Council Seat #3 and to approve the Notice of Town
97 Council Vacancy and application packet, and set the application deadline at noon, April 6, 2021;
98 seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-0, with the following vote: Vice-
99 Mayor Paritsky - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember Israel - yes; Mayor Smith -
100 yes.

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102 **B. Consideration of appointments to the Essential Services Advisory Board.** Vice-
103 Mayor Paritsky expressed her appreciation to all the applicants. She announced the names and
104 seats of the applicants and invited them to speak to Council. Tonia Wint, 4740 South Atlantic
105 Avenue stated her experience as a CPA for over 20 years, currently runs her own business, worked
106 for an accounting firm, and has extensive governmental accounting experience. Council had no
107 questions. Ryan McConaughy (address withheld), stated he is a 24-year firefighter, is currently
108 employed, worked for a small department, and now works for a large department. Has experience
109 in management, training, equipment, and apparatus purchases. He has lived here for 14 years and
110 wants to help the town in any way he can. Councilmember Israel asked Mr. McConaughy where
111 he currently works; Mr. McConaughy stated he works for the City of Orlando. Councilmember
112 Milano stated that there are a number of people he is not familiar with and would like applicants
113 to come forward. Mayor Smith noted that all of the applicants have impressive credentials. Vice-
114 Mayor Paritsky noted that Mr. Cox, Ms. Fabrizio, and Ms. Valerien had conflicts and were unable
115 to attend tonight's meeting. Councilmember Israel stated his belief that everyone who wishes to
116 serve on this board should be present before Council votes as we may have questions, and this
117 would allow us to be fair to all the applicants. Mr. Loh, (appearing via Zoom), stated he has more
118 than 35 years of firefighting-EMS experience, in Massachusetts and Florida. He stated he has some
119 knowledge of the issues facing our department and looks forward to working with the town and
120 moving the department ahead. He thanked Council for their support. Councilmember Israel asked
121 if Mr. Loh mentioned that he was part of the town that put this board together? Mr. Loh stated he
122 worked with another resident to come up with an idea to create a public service advisory board,
123 which has morphed into this board, which he believes was the right call. Vice-Mayor Paritsky
124 noted she was comfortable moving ahead with appointments to the board. Mayor Smith and
125 Councilmember Milano agreed; Councilmember Israel reiterated his opinion that if someone
126 wishes to be part of a board, they should be present, but agreed to move forward. Mr. Cox also
127 appeared via Zoom but there were no other questions. Vice-Mayor Paritsky opened public
128 comments; hearing none, she closed public comments.

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130 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to appoint Ken Cox to Seat #1, Christopher Pulver to Seat #3, Tonia
131 Wint to Seat #4, Margaret Valerien to Seat #5, and Kathy Fabrizio to Alternate Seat #1; seconded
132 by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-0, with the following vote: Vice-Mayor Paritsky
133 - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember Israel - yes; Mayor Smith - yes.

135 Ballots for Seat #2 were distributed to Council; the ballots were completed and returned to the
136 Town Clerk. David Loh had three votes; Ryan McConaughy had one vote. Councilmember
137 Milano suggested that each candidate be offered a seat as both applicants' credentials were
138 impeccable. Mr. McConaughy stated he would accept an Alternate position.

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140 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to appoint David Loh to Seat #2 and Ryan McConaughy to Alternate
141 Seat #2; seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-0, with the following vote:
142 Vice-Mayor Paritsky - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember Israel - yes; Mayor
143 Smith - yes.

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

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147 **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / NON-QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS:** None.

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149 **10. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION:** Vice-Mayor Paritsky opened citizen's participation.
150 Aaron Irwin, IT Manager thanked Council members for their support of staff at last evening's
151 meeting. He stated it was apparent to him, that these Council members were upset on behalf of
152 staff. He stated the importance of clarifying a few things: no member of Council or anyone else
153 asked him to make a statement; his statement was to protect himself. It was not a situation that he
154 asked to be put in but was forced to when Councilmember Israel asked him to do a favor that he
155 realized was immoral and unethical. He noted that when he made his statement, he was not aware
156 that there were others. He stated that he believed Councilmember Israel and he were friends before
157 he was asked to do something that no real friend should ask. He stated everyone should realize that
158 his statement was made only of moral and ethical obligation and he would have made the same
159 statement had the request come from anyone else. He noted that Mr. Israel commented at last
160 evening's meeting that "there are two sides to every story" and Mr. Irwin wanted to point out that
161 his entire statement was factual. He stated that if anyone thinks there is something wrong with his
162 statement, he would like to hear what that is. Councilmember Israel stated 2 or 3 months ago, he
163 was doing research and approached Mr. Irwin for additional assistance; why didn't you go to Ms.
164 Witt then? Attorney Shepard stated we typically have members of the public come to the podium
165 and ask questions. The way it has always been handled is that you wait until all the members of
166 the public have spoken and then provide an answer if possible. What you are doing here is
167 essentially a "cross-examination", that is the issue. If you are going to put people under *oath*, then
168 there is a different proceeding, which we talked about last night, that we were not going to do.
169 While Mr. Irwin is free to answer any questions if he chooses to, he is not obligated to, and it is
170 arguably inappropriate for you to ask him to do so under the current circumstances. Mr. Irwin
171 stated that he did not mind answering the question and that the records request Councilmember
172 Israel was referring to, was already routed through Ms. Witt and he merely printed the documents
173 out for Mr. Israel and reviewed the information with him; that was not a new request.
174 Councilmember Israel stated that Mr. Irwin reports that the request was unethical and immoral -
175 Mr. Irwin stated that had he completed the request, can you imagine the consequences for me?
176 Councilmember Israel asked what is your definition of immoral and unethical about me trying to
177 determine the source of the email that was threatening to me and my family? Mr. Irwin stated that
178 included in the email, the writer noted that he wished to remain anonymous out of fear of
179 retaliation; for him to have released that information, seeing that he is in charge of security, could
180 be career-ending. Councilmember Israel replied that Mr. Irwin condones the email. Mr. Irwin
181 responded that he directed Councilmember Israel to the appropriate authorities. Vice-Mayor

182 Paritsky stopped further questioning, adding that it was inappropriate. Councilmember Israel asked
183 why this is being brought up again tonight? Adding it was discussed last night and is over and
184 done, so to bring up Aaron and bring it up again tonight is double jeopardy. Mr. Irwin stated this
185 was in response to Councilmember Israel's statement that there are "two sides to every story" -
186 which offended him, and that had he completed Councilmember Israel's request, it could have
187 ended his career. He added that he was not asked by anyone to comment tonight - and everyone is
188 hearing this for the first time. Councilmember Israel stated that his comment was meant towards
189 the writer of the e-mail, not staff.

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191 Stacy Bell, 119 Marie Drive stated her appreciation to Council for supporting the sea level rise and
192 vulnerability studies. She expressed concerns about the negative energy in the town and urged
193 cooperation and teamwork to be positive role models for our children.

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195 Derek George, President, Ponce Inlet Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 4140, made a number
196 of statements and allegations which are included in Addendum 1 with responses by the town
197 manager that she was not permitted to address at the meeting.

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199 Attorney Shepard stated that what you have just heard is unfair because as Mr. George knows as
200 Union President, this Council cannot respond because there are ongoing investigations; neither can
201 the Manager. Not only does Mr. George *know* that, but he has also heard it said multiple times
202 from this dais. The Council, in not responding, is following my advice and I stand by that advice.
203 It is also the advice of the town's labor attorneys. What you heard was a speech, when the people
204 would actually love to respond, have their hands tied behind their backs, there will be a time when
205 the response will come.

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207 Mike Mirage, 15 Azul North, asked: if there are any environmental law attorneys in Mr. Shepard's
208 firm; does the Town Manager have the authority to investigate *anyone* in Ponce Inlet; does the
209 Council have to approve an investigation whether on an employee or not; noted the Town's
210 population is approximately 3,223 and more than 72% are over 50 years of age; he asked if taxes
211 can be raised without a vote; stated a majority of the town's population earns less than \$64,000
212 per year; noted that the Town Manager earns \$160,000 (Editor's note: town manager's annual
213 salary is \$150,000) compared to the Port Orange City Manager who earns \$159,000 and with this
214 new board, if we reduce the responsibilities of the Town Manager, can we also reduce the Town
215 Manager's "exorbitant" salary? He stated the Manager does a good job and is professional, but
216 believes she is overpaid. He suggested that Council look for ways to reduce taxes, knowing that
217 not everyone here is a millionaire. He acknowledged that there are projects that need to be done,
218 and suggested the Council be fiscally conservative. He stated the town attorney's bills were
219 \$89,989 for all of 2020, yet the first quarter of 2021 the bills total \$94,728 and asked for an
220 explanation; he referenced the internal investigations and asked under what authority the Town
221 Manager can order them and does she need to get approval from Council.

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223 Attorney Shepard stated his firm does not have an in-house attorney with credentials in
224 environmental law, however his firm has represented several clients in multiple environmental
225 law-related issues; regarding investigations by the Manager - per the Charter, *all* employees work
226 for the Manager, the Charter *is* the Law; the boss has the right to initiate investigations of
227 employees, the Council has ultimate authority over the hiring and firing of two people: the Town
228 Manager and the Town Attorney. If Council determines that the Manager is ordering investigations
229 that are inappropriate, too expensive, or retaliatory (you fill-in the blank), then the "checks and
230 balances" *is the Council*; the Manager does not need authority or Council's permission to initiate

231 investigations. Does she have a choice in the matter regarding these IA's - which is what you
232 should have asked - no, she has no choice, because one of the requirements of any allegation is
233 that it must be investigated. Regarding the taxes - yes, it requires a vote at the Council level; he
234 briefly explained the budget process, adding that there are several public meetings held during the
235 budget process.

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237 Councilmember Israel asked if the Town Manager has the right to investigate a Councilmember.
238 Attorney Shepard stated no, unless charged by the rest of Council. Mayor Smith commented that
239 the Town has more than 3,000 residents, however only 35% of properties are homesteaded, leaving
240 65% that are not. The residents who own second properties here, subsidize the permanent residents
241 and Ponce Inlet has always been near the bottom of the tax rolls, paying a lower millage rate than
242 Wilbur By The Sea. Regarding the police department union - to be dissolved, the request must
243 come from within the union; neither this Council, nor any other power, coerced the union to
244 disappear - it started internally by the union members who voted on it and dissolved it.
245 Councilmember Israel asked Attorney Shepard what the penalty would be for the Town Manager
246 investigating a Council member without Council's permission. Attorney Shepard stated there is
247 no set penalty because since Ms. Witt works for you, she has a contract and subject to her contract
248 provisions, whatever is appropriate would be determined by the contract and Council. Attorney
249 Shepard continued, "to make sure we are on the same page, I am not aware of any investigations
250 that have or have ever been conducted involving Council members by this Manager or the former
251 Manager; but if you are inferring to the complaint that has been brought against you, that is not an
252 investigation". Councilmember Israel stated no, he was not going to get into it tonight, but in fact,
253 the Town Manager investigated him a couple of months ago and it cost the town \$1,700 in legal
254 fees. Ms. Witt stated Councilmember Israel needs to provide that information because he is making
255 accusations against her that are untrue; she has never investigated a Councilmember and it is
256 inappropriate for Councilmember Israel to make a statement such as that. Councilmember Israel
257 agreed to address the matter then and stated that after he did his own investigation of the fire
258 department and of the Chief's failure to respond to the house fire on Marie Drive, the Town
259 Manager requested the town attorney investigate him (Councilmember Israel) to find out if there
260 was a violation of the Firefighters' Bill of Rights, costing the town \$1,700. Ms. Witt stated she
261 was glad Councilmember Israel clarified his accusation so that it could be properly addressed
262 because that was not the same thing as doing an investigation on a Council member and attempted
263 to defer to Attorney Shepard. Councilmember Israel replied, "really; that is not the same thing,
264 going behind my back and asking the attorney to investigate me and spend \$1,700 of the town's
265 money?" Ms. Witt stated there was a complaint received from an employee that his Firefighter's
266 Bill of Rights had been violated; she contacted the town attorney and labor attorney to determine
267 if that had occurred, and if so, what corrective action would need to be taken. What she found out,
268 was that it was not the Firefighter's Bill of Rights that was violated, but that Councilmember Israel
269 had violated the employee's Liberty Rights, as outlined in the memo that Council received and
270 was appended to that meeting's set of minutes. (Employee e-mail and attorney memo provided as
271 Attachment 1). Councilmember Israel stated that where he comes from, that is considered an
272 investigation. Ms. Witt stated that is not an investigation, that it is her responsibility to protect the
273 town from lawsuits, which is why the Fire Chief was given the opportunity to respond during the
274 January Council meeting; it was to protect the town from being sued due to the actions of
275 Councilmember Israel. Councilmember Israel stated he knew what he did was right, and the
276 Manager wasted \$1,700 of town money to find out whether or not he did it properly. Attorney
277 Shepard stated that Councilmember Israel has not only impugned Ms. Witt but also himself
278 (Attorney Shepard) and noted that part of the job of the town attorney is to protect the town from
279 lawsuits and one of the ways you do that is when a member of Council says or does something

280 that may cause a problem, you look into it. In this case, it was authorized by the Town Manager
281 based on a complaint that was brought to her attention after the December meeting by the Fire
282 Chief, of a potential violation of the Firefighter's Bill of Rights. It was determined that, as outlined
283 in the memorandum that has been made part of the record, that it was a potential violation of the
284 Firefighter's Bill of Rights and could absolutely be a violation of the Chief's Liberty Interests.
285 That is why, as you are aware, the Chief was allowed to come to the podium and make a statement
286 refuting the allegations and not be questioned by this body. Councilmember Israel stated that the
287 town attorney just said the town manager cannot investigate a Council member and he is standing
288 by that.

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290 Referring back to Mr. Mirage's questions, Vice-Mayor Paritsky clarified that the Essential
291 Services Advisory Board will not reduce the workload of the town manager. In fact, the scope of
292 her work and that of her staff is expected to increase but the Essential Services Advisory Board
293 will help Council by providing input and resources, so that when an item comes before this body,
294 it has been thoroughly vetted - which is something that we have never had before for the types of
295 matters which will go before it, and it will allow for more public input. It is not a Quasi-Judicial
296 board, it is an Advisory Board and the only time an attorney may be required to attend, is during
297 the Sunshine training; or board members may attend another board's annual training. She
298 emphasized that the board is not taking responsibilities or duties away from the town manager.

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300 Mike Lang, 4366 S. Atlantic Avenue, stated his experience with the town's employees has always
301 been superb, and complemented staff. He noted that what he is hearing tonight set him aback as it
302 is not congruent with his experience. He stated his concerns with comments disclosed during the
303 fire department's IA investigation adding that, true or not, this is disturbing. Accusations of
304 bringing guns to work to shoot people and racial language is disturbing and something needs to be
305 done. As a member of the public, we need reassurance that we all are going to be safe. You are all
306 good people, and we need to ensure that this does not drive people away. Attorney Shepard stated
307 that the IA report, once completed becomes a public record. It was released as part of a records
308 request, which the town must honor based on Florida law; based on that completed report, six other
309 on-going investigations have arisen and are currently under way. There is a separate investigator
310 conducting those investigations, the town attorney's office is hands-off, and we are guessing that
311 those reports will be concluded in the next month or so. Mr. Lang expressed concern that there
312 appears to be no resolution to the complaints from the IA, only a "finding". Attorney Shepard
313 noted that the investigator can only make a finding, he has no authority to discipline or make
314 recommendations; this is why the town manager authorized additional investigations.

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316 David Loh, 103 Oceanway Drive, referenced fact-finding boards as being exempt from the
317 Sunshine law and asked if the Sunshine law applies to the Essential Services Advisory Board.
318 Attorney Shepard stated a fact-finding body can only find facts - there is no analyzation or
319 recommendations; an advisory board advises or recommends therefore the Essential Advisory
320 Services Board is subject to the Sunshine law.

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322 Sharone LeMieux, 4590 S. Atlantic Avenue, asked when the six on-going investigations will be
323 concluded? Attorney Shepard stated it is unknown, it could be four to six weeks, but that is only a
324 guess.

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326 Vice-Mayor Paritsky closed citizen's participation.

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328 **11. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING) AND RESOLUTIONS:** None.

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330 **12. OLD BUSINESS:**

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332 **A. Continued discussion of guidelines and policies pertaining to hosting a town**
333 **hall meeting by an individual council member.** Vice-Mayor Paritsky requested Attorney
334 Shepard review the March 10, 2021 memorandum from his office. Attorney Shepard stated that
335 cities were contacted (via Listerv) to determine if there were existing policies to allow Council
336 members the use of government property to hold a town hall style meeting. His office was unable
337 to locate existing policies or best practices for this type of use. The Town has two options based
338 on the law: (1) the government-owned facility be utilized for private use (in which the content
339 cannot be controlled as you cannot discriminate based on the content); or (2) the government-
340 owned facility be utilized for public use, which makes it a public meeting. He noted that option 1
341 would be the easiest because you cannot regulate it except for the fire code, noise ordinances, etc.
342 On the public side, it would be considered an *official* meeting, even if not inclusive of the entire
343 Council, and offered recommendations based on compliance with the law: first, the issue of one
344 or more members of a Board or Council discussing business that is - or is reasonably likely to -
345 come before that body is forbidden unless they are in a noticed meeting where minutes are kept.
346 Because these meetings are open to the public, other members of Council could attend as could
347 members of the public and unwittingly carry messages back and forth - creating a “conduit”.
348 Holding these types of meetings should be noticed just like every public meeting is noticed to
349 avoid a potential Sunshine Law violation and meeting minutes should be taken. He emphasized
350 that “appearance matters” and one should always avoid the *appearance* of a violation. Attorney
351 Shepard reviewed the proposed policy, noting that there should be a cut-off date to avoid the use
352 of the facility as a campaign event or open it to *all* Councilmembers and candidates on a reservation
353 basis. Councilmember Milano expressed concerns with a three-month cut-off, as he believes it
354 should be as soon as the candidate submits their election papers. He agreed that the meeting should
355 be recorded and limited to specific topics. He added that he has heard numerous comments and
356 concerns from residents about Councilmember Israel’s townhall meeting and reiterated that the
357 meeting should be recorded. Councilmember Israel stated the problem with recording the meeting
358 is that he did not expect the Mayor to show up, so he was not prepared to take minutes. He agreed
359 that minutes should be taken, but council members should notify the organizer of the town hall
360 meeting to let him/her know they will be attending. Councilmember Israel asked Ms. Cherbano
361 for clarification on the election process. Ms. Cherbano stated that the candidate can announce their
362 candidacy when all paperwork is submitted during the qualifying period. He stated that the
363 candidate paperwork should not be disseminated until the qualifying period starts, as that seems
364 fair. Ms. Witt noted that under State law, as soon as you open your campaign account, you are
365 considered a candidate and can begin your candidacy. Most people do not open their campaign
366 accounts too far in advance, as that triggers the campaign reporting schedule. It is not uncommon
367 to open a campaign account a month or so in advance of the qualifying period. There is an official
368 “period” but what it really is, is an *end date* and it is only during this period that we are able to
369 accept the rest of the candidate’s paperwork. She reviewed the process for qualifying and noted
370 that the Charter states “according to State law”. Councilmember Israel stated that to be fair to the
371 residents, the town should change its policy and announce that an election will be held in August
372 so pick up your election packets now. Ms. Witt stated the advertising is done per State law which
373 establishes what documents can be accepted and when. Councilmember Israel asked then how is
374 it possible that Mr. Milano was able to start his campaign in March? There was a heated exchange

375 between Councilmembers Milano and Israel; Vice-Mayor Paritsky reminded all members of
376 Council to abide by Roberts' Rule and proper conduct. Councilmember Israel stated that in
377 general, the town should advertise that anyone who wants to run for office should have the
378 opportunity to pick-up the packets at any time. Ms. Witt stated that if the majority of Council
379 wishes for staff to take any action above and beyond what the State law or the Charter requires,
380 we will do as Council wishes, but staff will not do anything like that independent of a majority of
381 the Council vote as that would not be appropriate at a staff level. She noted that election documents
382 and the Election laws are available on-line to anyone, it is the due dates and other certain
383 documents that come later from the Supervisor of Elections office. Councilmember Israel
384 expressed concerns with the 90-day requirement and stated that Vice-Mayor Paritsky has a Civic-
385 101 meeting on April 17th, which takes her into the 90 days before the election, so she cannot have
386 that meeting. Vice-Mayor Paritsky clarified that the meeting scheduled on April 17th is sponsored
387 by the Volusia League of Cities and it is regarding Advocacy for the County; it is not for Ponce
388 Inlet or for what we are doing here; she will be providing a presentation in her capacity as
389 Chairperson of the Advocacy Committee. She noted that she will be very cognizant that nothing
390 treads into an inappropriate area at that meeting. Mayor Smith stated individual town hall meetings
391 are problematic; we are supposed to be a board, we are supposed to represent the people, and work
392 together to do what is best for this town. If we were to hold individual meetings, we could have
393 up to five, and how many people are going to go to five meetings? His solution would be that the
394 Council hold a Special meeting which would be a Town Hall meeting, advertise it, and each of us
395 sit here are listen to all the issues raised by residents, and we could even discuss the issues and
396 form opinions, because it would be a legally-noticed meeting, recorded, and minutes would be
397 taken. Regarding the Election issue, the elected officials know what is going on, they have an
398 advantage over new candidates, but no election activity belongs in the public venue - you can do
399 it with "Meet and Greets" for example, but it does not belong on town property. Councilmember
400 Milano apologized to Councilmember Israel for interrupting him. He stated that candidates used
401 to hold Meet & Greets and participated in wine & cheese parties during the elections, all held in
402 private homes, but the pandemic has changed a lot of the ways we do things. He added that it has
403 been nearly five years since there has been a real election, as the incumbents ran unopposed. But
404 if you are going to hold a Town hall-style meeting, you need an agenda and must adhere to that
405 agenda because we are a team. Councilmember Israel stated he believes town hall meetings are a
406 great way to communicate with the public; the residents want to hear from us. He stated that these
407 types of meetings are held around the country and serve as a communications tool; there were
408 more people in attendance at his town hall meeting than there are present tonight. He stated C4PI
409 (Citizens for Ponce Inlet) attended his town hall and recorded it; we need to be transparent,
410 proactive, and communicate, the good and the bad, so long as we all abide by the rules. Mayor
411 Smith stated he supports that idea so long as it is not held in a public venue or at town-owned
412 facilities. Vice-Mayor Paritsky agreed with Mayor Smith and added that inside this building is
413 artwork and equipment; there would need staff present to ensure that everything protected; this is
414 town property and then suddenly it becomes something bigger to be concerned about (the facility,
415 the equipment, and the artwork). And this Chamber provides a *gravitas*, it provides credibility; we
416 are a body, this is who belongs here; you want a meeting with the residents, put a meeting together
417 at PICCI or at somebody's home, but not in here, it needs to be respected. She stated her other
418 concern is that if there is misinformation disseminated during a "town hall", what obligation do
419 we have as a Council to correct it? Attorney Shepard stated that would depend on whether or not
420 we have a policy and whether or not it is being held in a public facility. If a member of Council
421 holds a meeting in a private venue, Council is under no obligation to correct the disinformation;

422 however, depending on the circumstances, you may have an obligation if you are a candidate. If it
423 is a publicly-noticed meeting through the town with our imprimatur on it, then your options for
424 correcting it include as you have always the right to do, put out either individually or collectively
425 the factual information - but that is *very different* than campaign literature. If there are things said
426 that are untrue in your opinion, in the context of a campaign, anyone can state that you believe it
427 to be untrue; but if you put your title behind it or use your position, that is a different story. You
428 can still put out the correct information, but it must be stripped of *all* references to campaigns,
429 elections, candidates, etc., and then state what you believe the facts are. There is a prohibition
430 regarding use of your position in an improper way, which we all know is inappropriate to do. You
431 always have the right to correct inaccurate information, but context matters; as does the venue in
432 which the incorrect information is disseminated, regardless of how it was conveyed. Attorney
433 Shepard reminded Council that if any member has any concerns about something that may cross
434 the line, ask before the fact, not after. Councilmember Israel stated he was not advocating to hold
435 town hall meetings in the Chambers; he suggested using PICCI. He added that the town hall
436 meetings should not be used for campaigning and these meetings should stop during the election.
437 Vice-Mayor Paritsky stated that the proposed policy specifically addresses the Chambers, so that
438 would have to be changed to PICCI (Community Center). Vice-Mayor Paritsky opened citizen's
439 participation.

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441 Jim Hinson, 4345 S. Atlantic Avenue, stated that the PICCI has hosted candidate forums in the
442 past. The forums were recorded, staff was present, and all candidates participated. The Community
443 Center is owned by the Town and leased by PICCI. Candidates could rent the center by the hour.
444 There seems to be confusion regarding the term "town hall" meeting because residents think it is
445 a meeting at the town hall facility. He expressed dismay with the arguing, and stated it appears as
446 though the town is reverting to the old ways.

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448 Rick Fuess, 46 Ashley Court, stated while change is needed, the approach we take to accomplish
449 change does matter. All of our leaders need to set the example and take their oath to understand,
450 follow and adhere to our Town regulations and state laws seriously. He added that Mr. Israel should
451 take the time and effort to understand the documented "rules of engagement" first, before basing
452 his assumptions on what was done "where he came from" and taking action that he believes to be
453 right based on his prior experience. He expressed disappointment with how Mr. Israel has
454 repeatedly attempted to use his position to push his personal agenda. As an elected official, he has
455 full responsibility for understanding and living up to the Oath he took and should not attempt to
456 shift the responsibility to the board or "training".

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458 Judy DiCarlo, 32 Caribbean Way, stated the Mayor's suggestions about a group meeting (Town
459 Hall) to address citizen concerns would be a great addition and organized way to handle this issue.
460 One problem with Town Hall meetings is that incorrect information can be delivered to residents
461 without anyone there to share the accurate information.

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463 Sharone LeMieux, 4590 S Atlantic Avenue, stated her support of a special town hall meeting
464 separate from regular council meetings. ALL council members are citizen representatives, and an
465 open forum type town hall could help promote citizen communication by having ALL council
466 members approachable for the residents. Vice-Mayor Paritsky closed citizen's participation.

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468 There was no action taken on this item.

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470 **13. NEW BUSINESS:**

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472 **A. Consideration of 50% cost-share proposal with Volusia County for pedestrian**
473 **signals at two additional crosswalks on South Atlantic Avenue: one near Harbour Village**
474 **Boulevard and one near The Links & Harbour Village Beach Club.** Ms. Witt stated that there
475 are pedestrian safety concerns at these two locations. Volusia County has expressed interest in
476 participating in a 50/50 cost-share for LED pedestrian signs at a cost for the Town of \$5,000 per
477 crosswalk signal, for a total of \$10,000 for the two pedestrian crosswalks. She noted that these
478 would be push-button activated lights similar to the one located at North Turn. Councilmember
479 Israel if the Town split the cost for the crosswalk at North Turn. Ms. Witt stated yes; the County
480 chooses the type of light and enters into an interlocal agreement regarding liability and
481 maintenance. Councilmember Israel expressed concerns for pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicle safety
482 at the Harbour Village Boulevard & S. Peninsula Drive location as well and suggested that this
483 type of light be installed there. Chief Glazier stated that the Harbour Village Boulevard and S.
484 Peninsula Drive intersection is currently being evaluated through an intersection safety study with
485 the goal to improve safety at that intersection. Ms. Witt added that recommendations will be part
486 of the study. Mayor Smith stated his support of the town improving and promoting pedestrian
487 safety; he suggested that the crosswalk be moved north to line it up more directly with the public
488 beach access. Ms. Witt stated she would discuss with Volusia County since it is their crosswalk
489 and right-of-way. Vice-Mayor Paritsky opened public comments - hearing none, she closed public
490 comments.

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492 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to approve participation in the 50% cost share with Volusia County
493 for pedestrian signals at two additional crosswalks on South Atlantic Avenue at Harbour Village
494 Boulevard and at the Links near Harbour Village Beach Club, and to amend the current year
495 budget to provide for this project; seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-0,
496 with the following vote: vice-Mayor Paritsky - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember
497 Israel - yes; Mayor Smith - yes.

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499 **B. Discussion relating to possible County consideration of the expansion of beach**
500 **driving.** Vice-Mayor Paritsky noted that the County is considering expanding beach driving and
501 expressed concerns with expansion of vehicular traffic to the beach where it is currently prohibited.
502 Councilmember Israel stated his opinion that this is a bad idea; the beaches are already crowded,
503 parking is limited; and expressed concerns for the sea turtles. He noted that expansion is a money
504 maker for the County but there are no benefits to the Town. Councilmember Milano agreed, adding
505 that you could drive on the beach well into the late 1980's, but there are protected areas and
506 environmentally sensitive areas such as the dunes and the turtles, so it should remain a no drive
507 beach. Mayor Smith noted that the Town should be involved in these discussions because these
508 decisions directly impact the Town. He suggested options that the County could utilize to control
509 beach driving/parking. Mayor Smith noted that the new County Manager is suggesting that the
510 beach ramps be sold to businesses. Vice-Mayor Paritsky opened public comments. Vice-Mayor
511 Paritsky closed public comments.

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513 Council agreed by consensus to send a letter to the Volusia County Council Chairman,
514 Councilmembers, and County Manager expressing Ponce Inlet's concerns of beach driving
515 expansion.

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517 **C. Discussion of outsourcing background checks for certain positions.**

518 Councilmember Israel stated that someone was hired by the Town without a background check,
519 recommended that employee background checks be outsourced, and added that it is a liability to
520 hire anyone without the proper background checks. Ms. Witt stated staff is reviewing the current
521 procedures and obtaining information from other cities. She clarified that a *background* check was
522 completed by the Town's Police Department, it was the *reference* check that was missed. She
523 added that, to the best of her knowledge, that occurred one time and it was during the first month
524 of the 2020 pandemic. She stated that HR is working with other departments to pull everything
525 together to determine which positions require what level of background check, then will create a
526 policy and a checklist. Ms. Witt stated that she will have more information when the research is
527 complete. Mayor Smith stated the Town should be confident that an outside vendor can do a better
528 job than the Police Department, and suggested the town expand background checks to include
529 Citizens Watch volunteers and candidates for public office, including members of Council.
530 Councilmember Israel stated that all volunteers for Citizen's Watch have to go through a
531 background check and last year, didn't Council vote to mandate background checks on all
532 volunteers? Ms. Witt stated no, volunteers who are working with children, are required to undergo
533 a background check. Councilmember Israel suggested that the policy be reviewed because all
534 volunteers should be checked. Ms. Witt stated there are two areas to consider: (1) how the
535 background checks for *employees* are done, falls under the operational area of the Town Manager;
536 and (2) how the background checks are done for *volunteers* falls under the Council. If the Manager
537 has a contract that is outside of her purchasing threshold, then it is brought before the Council for
538 approval. Operationally, we are taking a look at the benefits of background checks, what cities
539 require them, and for what positions. She stated there is one city that outsources background checks
540 (to a company in Georgia), but does not outsource the reference checks. Staff is researching what
541 is being done countywide and when the information is obtained, she will provide it to Council. In
542 addition, the Council is ultimately responsible for the appointment of Department Heads, so the
543 Council *could* require background checks for all department heads; beyond that, it is an operational
544 aspect. Staff is working on establishing a formal written policy and will provide it to Council when
545 it is complete. Councilmember Israel asked if this item could be placed on next month's agenda
546 for an update. Ms. Witt reiterated that this is an operational area, which falls under her
547 responsibility, and she will provide a copy to Council when it is complete; it is unlikely that it
548 would be ready by next month because of staff's workload. Attorney Shepard stated there are
549 different levels of service regarding background checks, so the town needs to determine what
550 position requires which level of service. In addition, there must be a responsible staff member to
551 review and approve or accept the background check; in the past, that responsibility has been
552 delegated to the Police Chief. Attorney Shepard expressed concerns about the volunteers, noting
553 that someone needs to be responsible for reviewing them and for passing on the information as to
554 whether or not the background check is acceptable for whatever the position is. Chief Glazier
555 confirmed that his department conducts and reviews background checks on police applicants.
556 Attorney Shepard stated that regardless of the position, the background checks need to be reviewed
557 and approved as acceptable; if you are not doing that currently, then you need to start immediately

558 to make certain that the candidate is acceptable because if there is a lawsuit and it is determined
559 that the background check was done and not reviewed, that could be a problem. The background
560 check is based on the activity (a social trust), but a responsible party must be reviewing and
561 approving/accepting them. Mayor Smith asked if background checks are public record and subject
562 to records request. Attorney Shepard stated probably, but with certain exemptions.

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564 Ms. Witt stated a review of existing procedures in underway to develop written policy; staff is also
565 obtaining information from other cities regarding any experience with outsourcing and to obtain
566 cost information; she would review the volunteer resolution and criteria to ensure the town is
567 compliant; and will disseminate the information to Council.

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569 Mayor Smith suggested staff obtain information on the different levels of background checks to
570 ensure the town is completing the correct ones. Attorney Shepard restated that before any
571 volunteers are sent out to interact with the public, all background checks must be reviewed and
572 approved/accepted. Councilmember Israel stated his support of requiring background checks for
573 Council members, due to their responsibility. Vice-Mayor Paritsky referenced Councilmember
574 Israel's \$332.41 public records request (including staff time) and asked for clarification that the
575 request relates to this policy; adding that he made a public records request and did not pay for it,
576 claiming it was for "policy" - is it *this* policy? Councilmember Israel stated he has an email from
577 the Town Manager that states if the request is for policy, and everything he has done has been for
578 policy, then there is no charge. He added that none of the requests have been for his own use. Vice-
579 Mayor Paritsky stated it is an open item and noted that the email also states that it is up to Council
580 as a whole to decide whether this is something that can be considered as exempt from payment.
581 She requested clarification that these requests are for policy and that there is a nexus between
582 Councilmember Israel's public records requests and the Town's policies. Councilmember Israel
583 stated yes, everything he has done is for the betterment of the Town. Vice-Mayor Paritsky thanked
584 Councilmember Israel for clarifying and stated the matter is closed.

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586 **D. Discussion of a Charter Amendment that would address a process for Council**
587 **to adjudicate a Charter violation and outlining consequences.** Vice-Mayor Paritsky referenced
588 the discussion held at the March 17th meeting at which she requested exploration of an ordinance
589 for a Charter Amendment that would provide the following: (1) a process for this Council to make
590 a finding of a Charter violation, and (2) outline the consequences of such finding of misconduct.
591 She stated her belief that a vulnerability issue exists within the Charter that needs to be addressed.
592 It will provide that future conduct to be reviewed and if the Council chooses to move forward with
593 a hearing, then there will be a process in place. It does not mean the Council *must* move forward,
594 but it will have an option that does not currently exist. She suggested censure or reprimand but not
595 removal, as a consequence. Councilmember Israel stated that this would have to be placed on the
596 ballot, and with an election coming in three months, does it have to go to the residents first to see
597 if they want to do it? Attorney Shepard outlined the procedure: if Council would like to see what
598 an ordinance looks like, his office would prepare a proposed Charter amendment, with the actual
599 language, and an ordinance that would adopt said Charter amendment (or it can be tweaked since
600 it is the first reading) for Council's consideration on first reading; if it gets to the second reading
601 and passes, then it goes on the ballot for whenever the Town decides (it could be at the next general
602 election or at a special election); if it is approved by the voters, then it becomes effective going
603 forward. Councilmember Israel asked if the town is supposed to review the Charter every ten years.

604 Attorney Shepard stated legally, it is not required; however, it is a good idea to do it more often
605 and suggested every five years. Councilman Israel asked when the Charter was last reviewed. Ms.
606 Witt stated she did not know when a complete review was last done although she is aware that
607 there have been several amendments. Councilmember Israel suggested a complete Charter review
608 be done at a special meeting, so it is brought up to date, instead of doing one item at a time.
609 Attorney Shepard stated he is familiar with the Charter review process and suggested that it be
610 broken into sections and, at meetings set specifically for Charter review, review and make
611 recommendations. He noted that he was not aware of when a full Charter review was last
612 completed. Councilmember Milano stated his support of a future complete Charter review and
613 agreed that the vulnerability issue needs to be addressed immediately. Mayor Smith stated that
614 only the Governor can remove a Councilmember from office; he asked if it is appropriate for the
615 Town to implement the same levels of punishment as the State. Vice-Mayor Paritsky stated
616 Council can discuss “removal”, but she does not want to wait for a full Charter review due to the
617 existing vulnerability issue; the remainder of the Charter can be reviewed in measured steps, but
618 Council currently has no options - which is unacceptable and improper. She suggested a draft
619 ordinance be prepared for next month’s meeting and include every possible consequence. She
620 asked Attorney Shepard if he would address the Counsel fee as it relates to this process. Attorney
621 Shepard stated it is a different process because that was done by a separate ordinance which creates
622 an outlier regarding the reimbursement and provision of Counsel; this Council may revisit that as
623 well. Vice-Mayor Paritsky opened public comments; hearing none, she closed public comments.
624 Councilmember Israel asked why the rush? The Charter has been around for a long time and he
625 urged Council to perform a complete Charter review. Vice-Mayor Paritsky stated it is Council’s
626 duty to address the vulnerability issue; there is no reason why that cannot be addressed now and
627 then do a methodical review of the Charter later on. Mayor Smith stated that if there is one item
628 for review, it goes on the ballot as one item; but, if a total review is done and Council determines
629 multiple items need to be changed, how will that appear on the ballot? Attorney Shepard stated
630 each item is listed as a separate question and by law can be no more than 15 words in the title and
631 75 words in the summary, but the amendment itself can be as long as necessary. Attorney Shepard
632 provided examples and explained the procedures.

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634 Vice-Mayor Paritsky moved to authorize the town attorney’s office to prepare a proposed
635 ordinance for consideration of a Charter Amendment that would provide a process for Council to
636 adjudicate a finding of a Charter violation and outline consequences for such finding of
637 misconduct; seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 3-1, with the following
638 vote: Vice-Mayor Paritsky - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember Israel - no; Mayor
639 Smith - yes.

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

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643 **A. Vice-Mayor Paritsky, Seat #5** – Stated yesterday’s special meeting touched upon the need
644 to resolve a stressful and unproductive work environment that our staff is experiencing as a result
645 of the alleged conduct of a Councilmember; she praised staff members for their hard work and
646 pride in doing a great job for the citizens; she added it is an honor and a privilege to serve on this
647 Council and work with you in service to our residents. She highlighted a number of bills because
648 of their importance to the Town’s goals relating to resilience and concerns with flooding and sea
649 level rise: a bill establishing the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the
650 Governor, provides for the appointment by the Governor of a Statewide Office of Resiliency. A
651 statewide sea level rise task force has been created and it will research, make projections of

652 anticipated sea level rise and flooding impact along the coastline, and these baselines must be used
653 in developing future state projects. HB 7019 and HB 7021 are two bills that create a grant program
654 to help local governments to fund the costs for community resilience planning to prepare for threats
655 from flooding and sea level rise; SB 1240 is a Beach Funding Bill that provides a specified annual
656 appropriation to fund beach and inlet projects; SB 1190 is a Senate Joint Resolution expressing
657 the Legislature’s support for investment in resilient infrastructure solutions, projects and policy
658 proposals to support long-term climate resilience. There are two companion bills filed by our local
659 legislators, Representative Leek and Senator Wright (Coastal Construction and Preservation). HB
660 1133 and SB 1504 require the Department of Environmental Protection to issue permits for coastal
661 armoring (example, a seawall) if it determines private structures or public infrastructure is
662 vulnerable to damage from coastal storms or sea level rise; it also requires the DEP to issue permits
663 for installations of coastal armoring. These bills provide the Florida & Volusia Leagues with a
664 good opportunity to support legislation.

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666 **B. Councilmember Israel, Seat #4** - Stated that bicycle safety was a topic of
667 discussion at the TPO; he contacted Stephanie Morse to inquire if the state would set up a kiosk
668 to promote bicycle safety with educational materials and free helmets and helmet fittings; he will
669 advise Council when more information becomes available.

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671 **C. Councilmember Milano, Seat #4** - Stated he believed Councilmember Israel when
672 he stated he wants to “start over”; he noted that there were many inaccurate statements made during
673 the January 14th meeting regarding Councilmember Milano’s relationship with the fire department;
674 he clarified that these statements were wrong and inaccurate and that he *never* stated or supported
675 getting rid of the fire department; he has been asked numerous times recently if Council voted to
676 “get rid” of the fire department; was there a vote? Vice-Mayor Paritsky replied there was never a
677 vote. Councilmember Milano stated that the rumor on the street now is that *Council voted 4-1 to*
678 *get rid of the fire department and that Councilmember Israel was the only one who did not vote*
679 *for it*; he expressed frustration that rumors continue to spread throughout the town and noted that
680 at the September 2020 Council meeting, his comments regarding the fire department were “to find
681 out what is going on and how to cover the cost”; the First Step Shelter collected \$12,000 in
682 donations for Ashley and obtained a grant for a sidewalk and bus stop at the shelter; the IT person
683 was once a shelter resident; the chef is training others to be cooks. He referenced a conversation
684 on Nextdoor between two former councilmembers and was dismayed at the misinformation
685 exchanged regarding the fire department. He read the statement that the Town Manager posted to
686 the Nextdoor site.

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688 **D. Mayor Smith, Seat #1** - Thanked those who attended tonight’s meeting; he noted
689 that one incorrect statement can cause undue stress and anxiousness amongst the community; he
690 referred to the statement circulation around town that the ambulance is out of town 50% of the
691 time and clarified there are months in which the ambulance transports out of town but that is a
692 requirement of the town’s participation in the transport program and the ambulance is not out of
693 town for very long or very often; he provided the following statistics: in 2018, there were 270
694 transports - equivalent to 1 transport every **34** hours; in 2019, there were 315 transports - equivalent
695 to 1 transport every **27** hours; in 2020, there were 247 transports - equivalent to 1 transport every
696 **34** hours; he re-assured that the town is protected and the ambulance is in-house more than 90%
697 of the time.

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699 **15. FROM THE TOWN MANAGER** – Ms. Witt announced that the Zoom service went
700 offline around 8:00 pm this evening; she stated that when the town began streaming meetings via
701 Zoom, it was to ensure the town upheld the open government process and was intended to be a
702 temporary measure until the most vulnerable population was vaccinated; she added that providing
703 Zoom meetings was not a State requirement, many cities did not utilize Zoom, and Ponce Inlet is
704 the only municipality still providing this service; Zoom is becoming problematic and is not
705 reliable, Zoom is not ADA accessible and operating the program requires more staff - she stated
706 this item will be placed on next month’s agenda for discussion. She reported that five bids were
707 received for the Ponce deLeon Septic-to-Sewer project and based on the apparent low bid, there
708 will be approximately \$230,000 left over in grant funds to cost-share with the City of Port Orange
709 - the bid package will be on the next agenda for award (she commended Ms. McColl for work on
710 the grants); she distributed the calendar of events and stated let us get the good work done for the
711 citizens.

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713 **16. FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY** – Attorney Shepard stated he has had his first vaccine
714 and scheduled his second.

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716 Councilmember Israel stated the new parking signs at the boat trailer parking lot look good and
717 suggested photos be placed on the town’s Facebook page. Ms. Witt noted that the new fine goes
718 into effect this Saturday.

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720 **16. ADJOURNMENT** - Vice-Mayor Paritsky adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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722 Respectfully submitted by:

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725 Jeaneen Witt, CMC, Town Manager/Town Clerk
726 Peg Hunt, Assistant Deputy Clerk