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**Town of Ponce Inlet  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 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:**

Mr. Baker, Chief Building Official/Floodplain Manager

Ms. Cherbano, Human Resource Director/Deputy Clerk

Mr. Disher, Assistant Director, Planning & Development

Ms. French, Cultural Services Manager

Chief Glazier, Police Chief

Ms. Hugler, Office Manager

Mr. Joulani, Director, Planning & Development

Ms. McColl, Finance Manager

Mr. Miller, Public Works Manager

Chief Scales, Fire Chief

Mr. Shepard, Town Attorney

Ms. Witt, Town Manager

4. **ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Mayor Smith asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Ms. Witt noted that the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes were amended (on page 7) and confirmed that Council received the revision; there were no other changes.

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

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

A. **Presentation regarding out-of-town ambulance transport.** Councilmember Paritsky provided a comprehensive report with a PowerPoint (Attachment 1) delineating the town's ambulance transport abilities, history, requirements, and commitments. Mayor Smith noted

46 that the transport issue is one of the concerns that was raised during the last election along with  
47 better communication. He stated it is apparent, based on this information, that cancelling the  
48 town's participation in this agreement would not benefit the town and that he wrote a letter  
49 explaining the town's transport service and asked that it be emailed to all town subscribers and  
50 posted on the town's website. In response to that letter, David Israel filed an ethics complaint  
51 against him three days after winning the election. Mayor Smith stated that the complaint alleges  
52 that he was promoting Joe Perrone and discrediting Mr. Israel by sharing information on the  
53 undesirable results of cancelling the transport agreement with the County. In addition, the  
54 complaint states that he sent the letter using an email list that was purchased by the town using  
55 taxpayer dollars - that statement is false, the email list is comprised of citizens who voluntarily  
56 sign up for news through our website. During the campaign, it was stated that out-of-town  
57 transports use our supplies - true, but it is important to note that the County bills users and  
58 insurance companies and reimburses the town. The town attorney and town manager reviewed the  
59 Mayor's letter prior to publication, to ensure he wasn't violating anything and that his facts were  
60 accurate. The complaint is in its first stage and he is awaiting word from the State as to the status  
61 of the complaint and will keep the citizens informed. The Town is defending this complaint due to  
62 it being done in his role as mayor.

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64 **6. CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Smith asked if there was any item Council would like to  
65 remove from the consent agenda or to discuss – hearing none, he asked for public comments –  
66 hearing none – he closed public comments.

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68 **A. Approval of the Town Council special meeting minutes – September 10, 2020.**  
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70 **B. Approval of the Town Council amended regular meeting minutes - September**  
71 **17, 2020.**  
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73 **C. Authorization to purchase replacement vehicle with equipment and graphics**  
74 **in the amount of \$39,041 and to declare a 2012 department vehicle as surplus**  
75 **to be used as a \$4,000 trade-in, for a total budget expense of \$35,041.**  
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77 Mayor Smith opened public comment - hearing none, he closed public comment.  
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79 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Vice-  
80 Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.  
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82 **7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS PREFERRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE**  
83 **MEETING:**  
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- 85 **A. Authorization of proposed scope of services for coastal resilience planning,**  
86 **presented by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC).** Mr. Disher  
87 stated Tara McCue was present to speak on this item. He noted that Council heard a presentation  
88 and had a discussion on this matter at a March 10<sup>th</sup> Special meeting and the ECFRPC has provided  
89 a scope of work to assist the Town in its expressed desire for coastal resilience planning. The  
90 outcome included staff to initiate planning efforts to improve the Town's resilience and capacity  
91 to adapt to future threats on sea level rise. He stated that the project will culminate with the creation

92 of updated goals, objectives, and policies in the comprehensive plan consistent with coastal  
93 planning requirements of Florida Statutes. Ms. McCue reviewed the proposal which includes  
94 implementing strategies into the town’s comprehensive plan. She stated the three components are:  
95 1) Vulnerability Assessment and GIS Visualizations - the ECFRPC will conduct a vulnerability  
96 assessment to sea level rise, frequent or “nuisance” flooding, storm surge, and erosion, as well as  
97 modeling completed for Volusia County which evaluates new storm surge impacts as sea levels  
98 rise; 2) Public Engagement - the ECFRPC will plan and facilitate two workshops with stakeholders  
99 to discuss vulnerabilities and gather input concerning issues, opportunities, and needs which will  
100 be used for inclusion in the survey assessment and identify areas of concern for the vulnerability  
101 assessment; 3) Peril of Flood Policy Development - the ECFRPC will develop goals, objectives,  
102 and policies with related data and figures for the coastal element of the Town’s comprehensive  
103 plan. She stated the entire process is expected to take 10 months to complete, beginning on or  
104 about December 1<sup>st</sup> at a total cost of \$40,000. Councilmember Perrone noted that we’ve been  
105 reactive rather than proactive in the past, and asked if the study makes recommendations that could  
106 affect certain properties with regards to FEMA, does this open the town to potential lawsuits?  
107 Attorney Shepard stated that it is unlikely a successful lawsuit would prevail but anyone can file  
108 suit. Councilmember Milano asked if the data would be shared with Volusia County? Ms. McCue  
109 stated that the information can be shared with them, as they are currently working together for best  
110 practices. Councilmember Perrone asked if the City of Port Orange is participating in this program  
111 and expressed concerns of salinization of well water. Ms. McCue stated that they are required to  
112 take the same steps that the town is taking, and the study is based on natural hazards.  
113 Councilmember Paritsky noted that the American Flood Coalition is tracking what the town is  
114 doing tonight and Port Orange has recently joined. Mayor Smith noted that those living on the  
115 ocean and the river have taken note that the water is rising. Mayor Smith opened public comment  
116 - hearing none, he closed public comment. Mr. Disher noted that as a coastal community, State  
117 law requires that we do these things in our Comprehensive Plan.

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119 Councilmember Paritsky moved to accept the scope of services for coastal resilience planning in  
120 the amount of \$40,000 as provided in the FY 2020/2021 budget as presented, seconded by Vice-  
121 Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Councilmember Paritsky - yes;  
122 Vice-Mayor Hoss - yes; Mayor Smith - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember Perrone  
123 - yes.

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125 Mr. Disher encouraged residents to participate in the surveys and the workshops in the coming  
126 months.

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128 **B. Update on the status of obtaining a Watershed Masterplan.** Mr. Disher stated  
129 that there is a grant available from the FDEP and staff is requesting support of their application for  
130 the full funding for this via this grant. This would be considered in accordance with the State’s  
131 budget process, which is July 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>, though they will likely find out in March if this has  
132 been approved. He noted this is a vulnerability study specific to stormwater and how flooding and  
133 sea-level rise affects it. He stated that if completed, the town could score additional points towards  
134 the CRS (flood insurance rating). Mr. Baker stated the town recently went through the process  
135 with FEMA and the town has received an additional point. This means a 25% reduction in policies  
136 in flood zones and 10% reduction town-wide. If we make it through this study, the town could  
137 gain additional points and could be moved to a class 3 rating, which would result in an additional

138 5% reduction in residents' flood insurance. Mayor Smith opened public comment - hearing none,  
139 he closed public comment.

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141 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve the plan to seek State funding assistance for this study,  
142 based on the State's 2021/2022 budget process; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion  
143 PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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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:** Mayor Smith opened citizen's participation. Derek  
150 George, Ponce Inlet Professional Firefighters, thanked Councilmember Paritsky for her  
151 presentation on the transport issue. He stated that the revenue from out-of-town transports for 2019  
152 was a loss of 35.41%, as provided by Patty Evans, Business Manager at the County. He thanked  
153 the residents for their support and noted a petition was being circulated to keep the fire department  
154 in town. He mentioned the ethics complaint filed by Mr. Israel and stated that if we're being  
155 transparent, the Mayor forgot to mention that the DiCarlo's filed an ethics complaint against Mr.  
156 Israel probably as a result of the one filed against the Mayor. I know this because the Union had  
157 to provide paperwork and they are alleging that the Union gave more than \$1,000 in contributions  
158 to Mr. Israel - which we absolutely did not. Interestingly, Councilmember Milano mentioned at  
159 the last meeting that the DiCarlo's are the ones who mentioned outsourcing the fire department -  
160 Councilmember Milano stated actually it was Paul Roxenberg, with whom he had two  
161 conversations, one of which Mr. George was present. Mr. George referred to the budget and his  
162 analysis was that when you deduct the money that the town generates from transports, the fire  
163 department's operating costs are actually on par with the police department's budget.

164 Councilmember Milano noted his apology to the DiCarlo's and stated the first conversation came  
165 up in April 2019 and then in May 2019 when there was talk of increasing the fire department  
166 staffing from three to four per shift, Mr. Roxenberg suggested increasing the staffing to six per  
167 shift. Mr. Milano stated he questioned if that was adequate and what do you think about the town  
168 having Volusia County run the fire department with the same staff members, is that a possibility?  
169 Mr. Roxenberg responded affirmed that it was. Mr. Milano stated it was always his expectation  
170 that the town find out the adequate number of staff and use the same staff currently employed -  
171 and if it's not less money, then put the matter to rest because we had been talking about it for a  
172 year and half; then he began receiving messages that he threatened the fire department. Mr. George  
173 stated that is because you said you wanted to look into the County providing the same service that  
174 we are providing. Mr. Milano stated with the same employees. Mr. George replied you never said  
175 that you intended to keep us, but that you were going out to bid. Mr. Milano clarified that his intent  
176 was to keep the same employees. Mr. George asked Mr. Milano if he was willing to go on the  
177 record and state that he does not want to get rid of the fire department? Mr. Milano asked why  
178 would he want to get rid of the fire department? Mr. George restated you want to keep the Ponce  
179 Inlet fire department and not have the county take it over? Mr. Milano stated his desire to keep the  
180 fire department and see if we can operate it cheaper. He gave an example from Broward County.

181 Ms. Witt clarified that the request made to the county included the hiring of our current shift  
182 personnel, examining for staffing recommendations, and provide a quote which includes transport.  
183 Councilmember Perrone noted that the County pays Daytona Beach Shores for fire service in  
184 Wilbur-by-the-Sea and asked why doesn't the County pay us for providing ambulance service;  
185 ambulance service fees are made on a per call basis to the entity providing transport upon payment  
186 receipt. Mr. George noted that the Ponce Inlet Professional Firefighters have never requested an  
187 increase in staffing; we've discussed it with Ms. Paritsky, and there are a significant number of  
188 calls requiring three staff members - one to drive and two in the back of the ambulance (heart  
189 attacks, strokes, combative patients, etc.). if you do the math, with four per shift, that leaves one  
190 staff member behind; five would be an optimum number so that in instances such as these, there  
191 are two staff members left in town to address other calls.

192 Mayor Smith referenced the Mr. George's comments regarding the ethics complaint filed against  
193 Mr. Israel and noted there are two kinds of contributions regarding an election: Cash and In-kind,  
194 and any in-kind contributions would also count towards contributions, and like the complaint  
195 against himself, it will be worked out. Mr. Israel instructed Mr. George not to respond.

196 David Israel, Seat 4, 87 Calumet Avenue thanked Mr. Perrone for his nine years of service and  
197 commended Councilmember Paritsky on her presentation. Referring to the ethics complaint he  
198 filed against Mayor Smith, he stated the Mayor's letter went further than just the transport issue,  
199 it included a boat ramp conversation and a digital marquis conversation. He said the Mayor was  
200 unethical and unprofessional for bringing this up, and he does not appreciate being downed by the  
201 Mayor. Mr. Israel stated that he will be taking seat 4 next month and wants to work with Council.  
202 He noted the town attorney was paid over \$200 to review the mayor's letter and that was unethical;  
203 there was no reason to have an attorney look at a letter unless you felt you were doing something  
204 wrong; further, Councilmember Perrone could have written his own letter as it was his campaign,  
205 not the Mayor's, yet the Mayor took it upon himself to help to endorse a candidate. Mayor Smith  
206 stated, no, the letter was written to correct erroneous statements circulating in the community. Mr.  
207 Israel stated the letter was written to the residents of Ponce Inlet and he got a copy of the email  
208 list, which we cannot get unless we go through the town to get it. He stated that he did not use it  
209 because he felt it would be wrong to use it because he was running a campaign and he was not  
210 going to use any of the town assets. Mayor Smith stated he thought about it for a long time and,  
211 while he welcomed the spirited debate, he stated that Mr. Israel was putting out information that  
212 was not fact-checked before making them public. Mr. Israel stated that Mayor Smith was totally  
213 wrong and is upset because his campaign slogan was "let's communicate"; and the citizens were  
214 unaware that the ambulance was out of town as much as it was. Mr. Israel then asked if the Town  
215 received a quote from the County or other municipalities yet? Ms. Witt stated only the County has  
216 been contacted and she will not have that information until probably December. Mr. Israel  
217 continued, that Council has psychologically ruined the firefighters who work in that department  
218 because they think they are going to lose their jobs. He apologized for having to do this tonight,  
219 but stated the Mayor was out of line in his comments. He stated that the bad debt associated with  
220 the transport system was over \$21,000 last year and \$11,550 the year before. Mayor Smith closed  
221 citizens' participation.

222 **11. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING) AND RESOLUTIONS:**

223  
224 **A. Resolution 2020-13, authorizing electronic filing of campaign reports with the**  
225 **Volusia County Supervisor of Elections.** Attorney Shepard read the resolution by title only. A  
226 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA,  
227 AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN TREASURERS' REPORTS WITH  
228 THE VOLUSIA COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE'S ELECTRONIC FILING  
229 SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR  
230 SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Ms. Cherbano introduced this  
231 item, noting that this was considered at the April 19, 2018 meeting but Council agreed the timing  
232 was off. She reviewed the procedures, currently utilized by the Elections office, and noted that  
233 Ponce Inlet is the only entity left that is not participating. Councilmember Perrone noted that he  
234 requested this item to streamline the filing process and to make it easier to adhere to deadlines and  
235 avoid potential penalties. Ms. Witt noted that training would be provided, and staff is always here  
236 to assist. Councilmember Paritsky thanked Councilmember Perrone and stated she agreed the  
237 timing now is right. Councilmember Milano concurred.

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239 Mayor Smith opened public participation - hearing none, he closed public participation.

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241 Councilmember Paritsky moved to approve Resolution 2020-13 as presented; seconded by Vice-  
242 Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote: Councilmember Paritsky – yes;  
243 Vice-Mayor Hoss – yes; Mayor Smith - yes; Councilmember Milano - yes; Councilmember  
244 Perrone.

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246 **B. Resolution 2020-14, supporting the extension of the Volusia Forever**  
247 **and Volusia ECHO programs in Volusia County's general election of November 2020.**  
248 Attorney Shepard read the resolution by title only. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PONCE  
249 INLET, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TWO REFERENDA ON VOLUSIA  
250 COUNTY'S GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT THAT EXTEND THE VOLUSIA FOREVER  
251 AND VOLUSIA ECHO PROGRAMS; URGING SUPPORT FROM THE CITIZENS OF THE  
252 TOWN OF PONCE INLET; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Ms. Witt stated  
253 that the cities of Deltona and Lake Helen have each approved resolutions in support of these  
254 programs. She noted the benefits the town has received from these programs. These referenda are  
255 on the November ballot. Mayor Smith noted that during the Mayor's conference calls, the attorneys  
256 were split on the issue of whether a city may take a position on a referendum and asked Attorney  
257 Shepard for his comment. Attorney Shepard noted that this is a legislative act and it is not involving  
258 the expenditure of funds, so he believes the town is okay, although the safest approach is always  
259 to not do anything. Mayor Smith noted that we are not asking anyone to do anything, and the town  
260 has benefitted from these programs for nearly 20 years. Vice-Mayor Hoss stated there have been  
261 over 215 projects funded, and when the town has to only pay 50% of the total cost, it's a wonderful  
262 way to get projects done. She noted that a sales tax was proposed to go to infrastructure funding  
263 but that didn't pass, and that this is the least expensive tax on the bill - approximately 20 cents per  
264 thousand dollars value. Councilmember Paritsky agreed but noted a letter from a resident urging  
265 Council to not support this resolution as it involves a voter referendum and she is not comfortable  
266 urging residents to vote for an item on the ballot. She noted that 50% of attorneys are not  
267 comfortable with it, so we should reconsider taking action. Councilmember Perrone concurred.

268 Councilmember Paritsky moved to remove this item from the agenda; seconded by Councilmember  
269 Perrone. Council discussed the language “urging support” and noted that Council does not want  
270 to take a position on the matter, it is up to the voters to decide in November as this is a ballot item.  
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272 Mayor Smith opened public participation - Jim Hinson, 4745 S. Atlantic Avenue, #405 requested  
273 that Council support these two programs due to the benefits to the community and expressed  
274 concerns that the programs could end. He expressed continued support for preserving land and  
275 upgrading parks. Mayor Smith closed public participation. Council discussed the email they had  
276 each received and noted that this caused members to pause, noting that the item is already on the  
277 ballot. Upon further discussion, Councilmember Perrone suggested that they could amend the  
278 resolution to simply acknowledge the benefits that these programs have provided in our  
279 community instead of specifically urging support for any referenda.

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281 Councilmember Paritsky rescinded her motion; Councilmember Perrone rescinded his “second”.  
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283 Councilmember Perrone moved to approve Resolution 2020-14 with amendments to replace the  
284 language “expressing support” and “urging support by citizens” with “acknowledging that  
285 Volusia Forever and Volusia ECHO programs are beneficial to the community”;  
286 Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.  
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## 288 **12. OLD BUSINESS:**

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290 **A. Discussion of Special Events during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.** Ms.  
291 French reviewed her memo dated October 6, 2020 and reported the status of the following events:  
292 Veterans Day ceremony - a wreath will be placed at the Memorial for visitors to stop by and pay  
293 their respects; Operation Changing Lives 5K - has been cancelled; Annual Christmas Parade -  
294 there has been interest but no applications yet; Santa Run - staff recommends the event be  
295 modified; Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony - will be held virtually; Children’s Christmas Party -  
296 staff recommends cancelling this event. She noted that staff is seeking Council’s direction. Mayor  
297 Smith noted that performing these events under such constraints could negatively impact the event.  
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299 Mayor Smith opened public participation - Jim Hinson, 4745 S. Atlantic Avenue stated that the  
300 Veterans organization has cancelled its event; there are five written notice of parade participants,  
301 but the schools have not granted permission to the bands; he stated that masks will be provided  
302 and organizers plan to remind attendees to keep socially distanced. Mayor Smith asked if there  
303 will be enough participants to make the parade worthwhile. Councilmember Milano commended  
304 Mr. Hinson for his rules and guidelines. He expressed concerns that Volusia County is still above  
305 11% infection rate and not knowing where or when this disease will hit. He provided an example  
306 and noted that out of town residents are not included in the Ponce Inlet numbers. Mayor Smith  
307 suggested approving the parade and to let Mr. Hinson decide based on the numbers of participants.  
308 Mr. Hinson noted that there is a committee who will make the final decision. Councilmember  
309 Milano suggested bringing this item back at the next meeting for a decision. Mayor Smith noted  
310 that the town had 23 cases, then went for weeks at zero, now there are two. Mr. Hinson brought  
311 the staff members of the committee to the podium to give Council their thoughts on having the  
312 parade. Ms. Witt noted that no members of our staff want to tell you this is a bad idea; this has  
313 been a tough year and while she understands their concerns about whether having it would be

314 worthwhile, it's more about the safety and if it's a good idea to have a parade during a pandemic.  
315 She noted that many other municipalities have cancelled their parades, and we need to be careful  
316 as a local government not to incentivize people to gather together. In further discussion, Mr.  
317 Hinson reported that they are cancelling the parade for this year. Mayor Smith closed public  
318 participation. Ms. Witt reviewed the items for Council direction: Santa Run - staff recommends  
319 the event be modified; Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held virtually; and the Children's  
320 Christmas Party has been canceled. Ms. Witt noted there will be a drive-thru Halloween  
321 Spooktacular which will be held Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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### 323 **13. NEW BUSINESS:**

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325 **A. Consideration of recommendation from the Cultural Services Board**  
326 **regarding Ponce's Happy Tails Dog Park Improvements.** Ms. French reviewed Council's goals  
327 for this park. Staff researched this by asking the Cultural Services Board for its recommendations  
328 and a survey which was sent to all residents. She noted that the Cultural Services Board  
329 recommended installation of a new stand-alone water fountain (already in stock); additional  
330 seating (using picnic tables already on hand); replace mulch annually instead of bi-annually (done  
331 by Public Works); and possibly research installation of cameras. Mayor Smith asked if during the  
332 re-mulching process if all of the old mulch is removed or is new mulch installed over the old  
333 mulch. Mr. Miller stated every-other-year all of the old mulch is removed (approximately 200  
334 cubic yards) along with a top layer of dirt and new mulch is installed, currently costing  
335 approximately \$1,750 for mulch, and staff time of eight to nine days. He stated that the entire park  
336 is closed during the process. Ms. French noted that she spoke with a mulch vendor who  
337 recommended six inches in mulch depth; currently the thickness is 0" to 3". Mr. Miller noted that  
338 when the park was constructed, 65 pallets of sod were installed and because of the location and  
339 the use, the sod was destroyed in eight weeks. Ms. Witt clarified that Bahia grass, which is more  
340 of a weed, is what was used there; she suggested that staff will continue to research other types of  
341 sod that might work better, though there is no irrigation system in the park due to the possibility  
342 of damaging the root systems of the park's trees. Councilmember Milano stated that the section  
343 referenced indicates "front yard" and this is not a yard - it's a park. Councilmember Milano noted  
344 that white dogs get very dirty from mulch and asked if there is any product (soft, rubberized bark)  
345 or something similar that we could use instead of mulch. Ms. French stated that staff can continue  
346 to research. Councilmember Perrone asked if there is any town liability if someone is bit in the  
347 dog park. Attorney Shepard stated, yes you can always be sued, and signage cannot list every  
348 possibility; but anything you can do to help educate people will help the town. Mayor Smith  
349 opened public comment - hearing none, he closed public comment.

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351 Councilmember Paritsky moved to accept the recommendations of the Cultural Services Board  
352 with the exception of the installation of cameras and for staff to continue to explore additional  
353 options for ground coverings; seconded by Vice-Mayor Hoss. The motion PASSED 5-0 consensus.

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### 355 **14. FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL:**

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357 **A. Councilmember Paritsky, Seat #5** – Thanked Councilmember Perrone for his  
358 nine years of service and his in-depth preparation for meetings and discussions. She extended her  
359 appreciation to him for his civility. She wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors and



360 looks forward to getting to know him better when the Sunshine Law is no longer a factor between  
361 them.

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363 **B. Councilmember Perrone, Seat #4** – Reported that the town is number 4 on the  
364 small cities rotation of the TPO and will have a single vote at the table in two years. He explained  
365 the voting representation and noted it is heavily weighted by the five county council members. He  
366 asked that Councilmember Paritsky take note of this issue and discuss with the State of Florida  
367 League of Cities when appropriate. He thanked Council and staff for their professionalism and the  
368 residents for allowing him to serve the community for the past nine years and expressed his hopes  
369 that the town continues to prosper.

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371 **C. Vice-Mayor Hoss, Seat #3** – Stated it has been her pleasure working with Mr.  
372 Perrone since their days on the Board of Adjustments. She noted he has always been professional,  
373 and she wished him the very best.

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375 **D. Councilmember Milano, Seat #2** – Noted that Mr. Perrone has published two  
376 novels and that Mr. Perrone has always been a pleasure to work with and supporting homeowner  
377 rights throughout the years. He thanked Mr. Hinson for his hard work on the parade regulations.  
378 Reported that the First Step Shelter operates by rules that must be followed; he noted that the  
379 women’s dorm is open, and 10 residents have been admitted; the Safe Zone will be open in a few  
380 weeks. Councilmember Milano complimented Jeff Miller for his assistance and knowledge in  
381 working with local contractors.

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383 **E. Mayor Smith, Seat #1** – Outlined the Council membership since the town’s  
384 incorporation and noted that this present Council is the longest-serving; he stated that only two  
385 residents served longer than nine years (Frank Rogerson and Tami Lewis); he read an inscription  
386 and presented Councilmember Perrone with a plaque of appreciation for his service.

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388 **15. FROM THE TOWN MANAGER** – Ms. Witt provided the following report and updates:  
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390 The Kay & Ayres Davies Lighthouse Park Improvements Project - the playground is complete, all  
391 lighting has been installed, new tables have been placed throughout the park along with two bench  
392 swings, and the sidewalk is nearly complete; the benches for inside the pavilion have arrived and  
393 will be placed there in the coming weeks; the stormwater pipe is being extended (in-house), then  
394 the placement of sod after which the park will be re-opened.

395 The first stage of the fiscal year 2019/2020 audit will begin this month with a review of our internal  
396 controls on October 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>;

397 Police Department Accreditation will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and will be performed  
398 virtually;

399 We are waiting for word on the grant funding requests we’ve submitted for the Ponce deLeon  
400 Septic-to-Sewer project;

401 A Halloween Drive-thru Spooktacular will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Town Hall  
402 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and invited Council to assist with handing out candy;

403 She provided the calendar of monthly meetings & events;

404 She stated her appreciation for working with Mr. Perrone for the past nine years and thanked him  
405 for his service to the town.

406 **16. FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY** – Attorney Shepard stated he enjoyed  
407 Councilmember Perrone’s book and appreciated his support through the years. He referenced a  
408 recent Flagler County event which was deemed a “super-spreader” event and reports from the Club  
409 stated that they took all precautions, but the virus knows no boundaries. He stated that the reason  
410 for bringing this up is because as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Governor has directed that meetings resume  
411 in person - he urged citizens to contact the Governor’s office and request that his Order be  
412 extended.

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414 **17. ADJOURNMENT** - Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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416 Respectfully submitted by:

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