



Town of Ponce Inlet
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

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6 **1. CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to proper notice, Mayor Paritsky called the meeting to
7 order 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 Paritsky led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor
10 Paritsky then reviewed the protocol for filling out the Citizens' Participation request forms for
11 agenda item #10.

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13 **3. ROLL CALL:**

14 **Town Council:**

15 Mayor Paritsky, Seat #1
16 Councilmember Milano, Seat #2
17 Councilmember Caswell, Seat #3
18 Councilmember Villanella, Seat #4
19 Vice-Mayor Smith, Seat #5

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21 **Staff Members Present:**

22 Ms. Cherbano, Town Clerk
23 Mr. Disher, Town Manager
24 Ms. French, Cultural Services Manager
25 Ms. Gjessing, Permit Technician
26 Chief Glazier, Police Chief
27 Mr. Griffith, Public Works Manager
28 Ms. Hall, Accountant/Grants Specialist
29 Ms. Hunt, Deputy Clerk
30 Ms. McColl, Finance Director
31 Mr. Mendenhall, Principal Planner
32 Mr. Okum, IT Manager
33 Ms. Rippey, Senior Planner
34 Chief Scales, Public Safety Director *pro tem*
35 Attorney Shepard, Town Attorney
36 Ms. Stewart, Assistant Deputy Clerk

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38 **4. ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.** Mr. Disher
39 asked to remove agenda Item 7-C – “Request for Co-sponsorship of the Ponce Inlet Christmas
40 Parade” and move it to the June agenda; to correct agenda Item 7-D to “Request for Co-sponsorship
41 - Christmas Tree Festival Benefitting the Marine Science Center”; and to add agenda Item 13-D,
42 “Request to Approve the Cyber Security Grant Agreement with Florida Digital Service.”

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44 Mayor Paritsky moved to approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Councilmember Caswell.
45 The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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47 **5. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS:**
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49 **A. Certificate(s) of Appreciation.** Mayor Paritsky recognized Senator Wright and his
50 staff for their assistance with an appropriation request for the purpose of obtaining funding for the
51 Town and presented Christopher Morris, Legislative Aide, with a certificate of appreciation. Mr.
52 Morris provided a report: the Town was awarded money in next year's state budget for the
53 stormwater drainage back-flow prevention devices and new outfalls, a backup generator for the
54 fire department, and a backup generator for the Community Center. The award is pending approval
55 of the budget by the Governor.
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57 **B. Proclamations:** Mayor Paritsky noted the proclamation calling for the Town's
58 August 22, 2023 regular election; and reported she signed two proclamations recognizing
59 Teacher's Appreciation Week and Code Enforcement Officer's Appreciation Week.
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61 **6. CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Paritsky asked if there was any item a Council member
62 would like to remove from the consent agenda; hearing no requests, Mayor Paritsky asked for
63 public comments – hearing none, she closed public comments.
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65 **A. Approval of the Town Council regular meeting minutes – April 20, 2023.**
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67 **B. Settlement Agreement – *Ebersole v Town of Ponce Inlet*.**
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69 Mayor Paritsky moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilmember
70 Caswell. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.
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72 **7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS PREFERRED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE**
73 **MEETING:**
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75 **A. Presentation of Town's Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's**
76 **Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022, as prepared by BMC, CPAs. – Ms.**
77 **McColl introduced Monica Harrell of BMC, CPAs, and Jack Haymore and Bill Cochran appearing**
78 **via Zoom. They reviewed the prior year's budget, ending September 30, 2022, and noted that there**
79 **were no violations or issues found; Mr. Cochran commended staff for their work throughout the**
80 **year to keep the Town financially healthy.**
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82 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment - Robert Bullard asked if Town will be audited by the
83 Federal Government with regards to the ARPA Grants. Mr. Cochran stated that due to the number
84 of audits that would be required, a special ruling was issued exempting the audit of ARPA funds.
85 Mayor Paritsky closed public comment. Mr. Disher noted that this is the sixth year of a perfect
86 audit due to Kim McColl's intense work, and this year with limited assistance. Mr. Cochran noted
87 that Ms. McColl, Town staff, and the Town Council have been professional, and the Town is
88 financially healthy.
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90 Councilmember Caswell moved to accept the Town's Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
91 for Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2022 as prepared by BMC, CPAs; seconded by
92 Councilmember Villanella. The motion PASSED 5-0 consensus.

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94 **B. Consideration of a two-year extension of the contract for auditing services**
95 **with BMC, CPAs.** – Ms. McColl suggested that the two-year extension be approved based on the
96 working relationship with the Town and the firm's understanding of the Town's finances. The first
97 year of the contract maintains the current rate and the second year will include a cost based on the
98 CPI. There was a brief discussion regarding the rates paid by the Town versus the rates paid by
99 other municipalities. Mr. Cochran noted that if the auditors encounter an issue, the audit is stopped
100 until the issue is rectified.

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102 Mayor Paritsky opened for public comment; hearing none - she closed public comment.

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104 Councilmember Caswell moved to approve a two-year extension of the contract for auditing
105 services with BMC, CPAs; seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 5-0,
106 consensus.

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108 ~~C. Request for co-sponsorship: Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade~~ – This item was
109 removed from the agenda and placed on the June 15, 2023 agenda.

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111 **C. Request for Co-sponsorship - Christmas Tree Festival Benefitting the Marine**
112 **Science Center** – Ms. French clarified that the Festival has no affiliation with the MSC or the
113 *Friends of the Marine Science Center*. She introduced Mindy Ash, Docent at the Marine Science
114 Center who is making this request to raise money for the MSC. Councilmember Milano stated he
115 could not support approval of this request unless it is in conjunction with a Marine Science Center
116 event, noting that approval of this request could set a precedent for future requests by residents
117 and he was not comfortable doing so. He suggested that this item be postponed and that Ms. Ash
118 meet with Chad Macfie of the MSC and come back with a revised request with his support next
119 month. There was a brief discussion about the events hosted by Mayor Paritsky and
120 Councilmember Caswell in recent months – Councilmember Milano noted that those events were
121 informational sessions, not fund raisers.

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123 Mayor Paritsky opened for public comment; hearing none - she closed public comment.

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125 Councilmember Caswell moved to postpone this item to the June 15, 2023 agenda; seconded by
126 Mayor Paritsky. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.

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128 **D. Consideration of Enterprise Vehicle Leasing and Fleet Maintenance Program**
129 Chief Scales provided a brief summary of Town staff's research and discussions on this issue to
130 date, and introduced Jacob Romig with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. Mr. Romig gave a
131 presentation regarding Enterprise's Vehicle Leasing and Fleet Maintenance program. Due to the
132 difficulty with parts and supply chain issues, fleet vehicles are in high demand and there is a low
133 inventory. Mr. Disher, Chief Scales, Chief Glazier, Ms. McColl, and Ms. Hall reviewed the options
134 available to determine the best course of action given the need to replace up to four vehicles; based
135 on current market conditions, Staff's recommendation is that a vehicle leasing and fleet

136 maintenance program would be best option for the Town at this time. There was a brief discussion
137 regarding the types of vehicles the Town is requesting. Chief Scales stated that two Public Works
138 vehicles, one Code Enforcement vehicle, and one Building Division vehicle would be the first
139 round of replacements; in addition, Enterprise would sell the existing vehicles (to be declared
140 surplus) and pay the Town the proceeds, minus a small administrative fee. Chief Scales explained
141 the need for the crew cabs and 4-wheel drive – based on recent weather events and associated
142 flooding, these vehicles would provide safer clearance and the ability to tow equipment as well as
143 seat several members of staff; these vehicles can also be utilized by other members of staff during
144 an emergency.

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146 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment – Skip White, 4885 S. Atlantic Avenue asked if there is
147 liability on the Town’s part for wear and tear. Mr. Romig confirmed that wear and tear is built-in
148 to the vehicle cost. Charles Burge, Links Village South: asked if there are leases available for
149 heavy equipment such as fire trucks and ambulances. Mr. Romig stated there is an option to lease
150 a 33,000-pound dump truck body, but they do not provide the finished dump truck vehicle itself.
151 Mayor Paritsky closed public comment.

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153 Chief Glazier noted that patrol cars are not the best fit for this type of program due to the outfitting
154 costs. Councilmember Villanella inquired if there are local repair shops that will work on the leased
155 vehicles. Mr. Romig stated yes, and referred to the list of partner repair shops. There was a
156 discussion regarding maintenance costs currently incurred by the Town. Chief Scales stated that
157 each department tracks its expenses differently and there is no overall fleet maintenance program
158 or fleet manager to perform those tasks. Councilmember Caswell stated she could not support this
159 request at this time, and asked how this idea came about. Chief Glazier stated the conversation
160 started with the Police Chief’s expressing concerns regarding the inability to take delivery of new
161 vehicles. Enterprise compared favorably with the State contracts; dealerships are a minimum of
162 four months out on delivery; and GM is no longer manufacturing vehicles for State contracts.
163 There was further Council discussion regarding the pros and cons of leasing versus purchasing.

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165 The following four motions were made regarding this item:

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167 Councilmember Milano moved to approve and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Master
168 Equity Lease Agreement and Lease Agreement; seconded by Councilmember Villanella. The
169 motion PASSED 4-1, with the following vote: Councilmember Milano – yes; Councilmember
170 Villanella – yes; Mayor Paritsky – yes; Councilmember Caswell – no; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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172 Councilmember Villanella moved to approve the Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental
173 Agreement; seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-1, with the following
174 vote: Councilmember Villanella – yes; Councilmember Milano – yes; Mayor Paritsky – yes;
175 Councilmember Caswell – no; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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177 Councilmember Villanella moved to approve the Consignment Auction Agreement for Sale of
178 Customer-Owned vehicles; seconded by Councilmember Milano. The motion PASSED 4-1, with
179 the following vote: Councilmember Villanella – yes; Councilmember Milano – yes; Mayor
180 Paritsky – yes; Councilmember Caswell – no; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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182 Councilmember Milano moved to approve authorization to lease up to four vehicles and to declare
183 four town-owned vehicles as surplus property; seconded by Mayor Paritsky. The motion PASSED
184 4-1, with the following vote: Councilmember Milano – yes; Mayor Paritsky – yes; Councilmember
185 Caswell – no; Councilmember Villanella – yes; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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187 **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS:** None.

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

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191 **A. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2023-01, Large-Scale**
192 **Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Coastal Management and Future Land Use**
193 **Elements related to coastal resiliency.** Attorney Shepard read the ordinance by title only. **AN**
194 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A**
195 **LARGE-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING**
196 **GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES OF CHAPTER II, FUTURE LAND USE**
197 **ELEMENT AND CHAPTER VI, COASTAL MANAGEMENT ELEMENT, TO COMPLY**
198 **WITH THE STATE-MANDATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2015 PERIL OF FLOOD**
199 **ACT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TOWN’S 2022 VULNERABILITY**
200 **ASSESSMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE TOWN STAFF; PROVIDING FOR**
201 **CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND**
202 **PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Mr. Disher stated this is the same ordinance that
203 Council reviewed in March and approved on first reading; all reviews by state and local agencies
204 are complete. Mr. Mendenhall confirmed that there were no substantial changes.

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206 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment – seeing none, she closed public comment.

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208 Councilmember Caswell moved to adopt on second reading, Ordinance 2023-01 as presented;
209 seconded by Councilmember Villanella. The motion PASSED 5-0, with the following vote:
210 Councilmember Caswell – yes; Councilmember Milano – yes; Mayor Paritsky – yes;
211 Councilmember Villanella – yes; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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213 **10. CITIZENS’ PARTICIPATION:** Mayor Paritsky opened citizens’ participation. Skip
214 White, 4885 S. Atlantic Ave. – stated he attended the “Coffee with a Cop” event and it was great;
215 he expressed concerns with the Sheriff’s office taking over the beach, adding that the Town’s
216 police officers may have to assist – but at what cost and we do not have the equipment or
217 manpower. He stated he understands there will be a 60–90-day transition period, but we need a
218 plan from the County. He suggested that the Town provide a Hurricane Checklist on a future
219 agenda and have department heads present their plans to prepare for upcoming storms. Mayor
220 Paritsky closed citizen’s participation.

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

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224 **A. Ordinance 2023-02, amending section 3.23 of the Land Use and Development**
225 **Code regarding Home-based Businesses.** Attorney Shepard read the ordinance by title only. **AN**
226 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PONCE INLET, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE**
227 **LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE 3 USE REGULATIONS, SECTION**

228 **3.23 HOME OCCUPATIONS TO COMPLY WITH FLORIDA LAW; PROVIDING**
229 **DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING**
230 **FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN**
231 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Ms. Rippey, Senior Planner, explained that this ordinance is required per
232 state statute and brings the Town into compliance with state law. Mr. Disher stated this ordinance
233 is not that different from what the Town already has in place. Ms. Rippey stated one significant
234 change is that the Town cannot regulate parking in residential properties with an on-site business
235 without regulating parking for all other residential properties – residential units with a home-based
236 business and without a home-based business must be regulated the same per state law. Mayor
237 Paritsky stated this is one of the regulations that the League of Cities has advocated against for
238 several years. Councilmember Milano noted that the Town has existing “nuisance laws” that it can
239 use if there becomes a problem.

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241 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment. Charles Burge, Harbour Village Links South – stated that
242 as a member of the Planning Board, this item was discussed and the Board is not pleased that the
243 State continues to push laws on municipalities. He discussed the electric vehicle battery issues.
244 Mayor Paritsky closed public participation.

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246 Councilmember Milano moved to approve Ordinance 2023-02 on first reading; seconded by
247 Councilmember Caswell. The motion PASSED, 5-0 with the following vote: Councilmember
248 Milano – yes; Councilmember Caswell – yes; Mayor Paritsky – yes; Councilmember Villanella –
249 yes; Vice-Mayor Smith – yes.

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251 **B. Resolution 2023-04, consideration of Personal Leave and Compensation Time**
252 **adjustment for police and general employees.** Attorney Shepard read the resolution into the
253 record by title only. **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF**
254 **PONCE INLET, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE**
255 **EMPLOYEE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
256 **TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 4.06; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING**
257 **FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
258 Councilmember Caswell expressed concerns with staff bringing monthly requests for benefits and
259 increases in staff. Ms. Cherbano stated that this proposal is to bring equity among all the Town’s
260 employees to match that of the fire department union members. There was a discussion regarding
261 the maximum number of hours accrued, the cost at payout, and if Council can change the benefits.
262 Attorney Shepard stated you cannot create or change the benefits that reduce staff’s benefits.
263 Councilmember Caswell expressed concerns about administrative overhead and wants staff to
264 provide current and future costs and statistics. She suggested that this item be researched further
265 and brought back during the budget process. Councilmember Milano noted his support of this, but
266 suggested that PL be accrued based on the employee’s salary at time of hire. Vice-Mayor Smith
267 stated that the Town wishes to remain competitive, we are down two officers, and there are salary
268 surveys performed periodically and salaries are adjusted accordingly; if we do not remain
269 competitive, we will continue to lose staff. Councilmember Milano concurred but continued to
270 express concerns over cost. Councilmember Caswell asked if the Town could “correct the rules
271 regarding benefit payout”. Attorney Shepard stated the Town cannot change benefits already given
272 to employees unless it is to benefit them. Mayor Paritsky noted the importance of retaining and
273 hiring the employees serving the community in a manner that residents have come to expect.

274 Councilmember Caswell stated she could not support this idea, it should be discussed during
275 budget time, and does not want to put the burden on the residents, without understanding the
276 liability. Further discussion ensued.

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278 Mayor Paritsky opened public comments. Robert Bullard, 4802 S. Peninsula Drive – stated that
279 this item should be processed through if you are looking at the quality of staff and retention. Skip
280 White, 4885 S. Atlantic Avenue – agrees with consistency across the board; he asked how accruals
281 are earned and paid out; he then noted his support of this resolution. Vice-Mayor Smith stated it is
282 paid out over time and earned over time. Mr. White stated that you are not going to be able to
283 budget for it as it is fluid. There was further discussion regarding expenses associated with
284 employees and equality and equity. Mr. Disher noted that this item is budgeted each year. Charles
285 Burge, Harbour Village Links South – stated the City of New York makes employees take their
286 time each year. Mayor Paritsky closed public comments.

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288 *This item was tabled to the June 15th agenda by consensus, to allow for staff to perform further*
289 *research.*

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291 **12. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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293 **13. NEW BUSINESS:**

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295 **A. Consideration of Joint Project Agreement with Volusia County for**
296 **Construction Services for the South Peninsula Drive project.** Mr. Disher stated that the South
297 Peninsula Drive Sidewalk project must be administered by an agency authorized to administer
298 projects using state and federal funds. Volusia County is a LAP-certified agency and has agreed
299 to administer the design and construction of this project on behalf of the Town. Therefore, staff is
300 requesting approval of the Joint Project Agreement with Volusia County for construction services
301 for the South Peninsula Drive sidewalk project. The Town has received a grant for 85% of this
302 project from the River-to-Sea TPO, and the Town has committed the remaining 15%; the Town
303 will fulfill its obligation of 15% by paying 100% of the design. The Town has paid some of this
304 money out already through the septic-to-sewer plans (survey work). After the Agreement has been
305 approved, a community information session will be held at the community center. Councilmember
306 Caswell commended Mayor Paritsky for her advocacy on this project. She then asked if the fees
307 are paid all at once or over time. Mr. Disher stated that under the Agreement, the Town will pay
308 the County for its services over time; he noted that the Town will also receive credit for the survey
309 work already done for the septic-to-sewer project.

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311 *Councilmember Villanella moved to approve the joint project agreement with Volusia County for*
312 *construction services for the South Peninsula Drive sidewalk project and authorize the Mayor to*
313 *sign the Agreement; seconded by Councilmember Caswell. The motion PASSED 5-0, consensus.*

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315 **B. Discussion of No-Wake Zones in the Halifax River.** Mr. Mendenhall stated that
316 the [FWC](#) is responsible for monitoring and enforcement of vessel speed in the waterways. He
317 noted that the Florida Administrative Code ([68D-21](#)) and Florida Statutes ([327.46](#)) are very clear
318 as to the speed limits a local jurisdictions can enforce in the waterways. After contacting FWC, it
319 was confirmed they will not establish additional “No Wake Zones” or signage unless specifically

320 necessary; there are several criteria that the Town would have to meet before the State will consider
321 establishing a “No Wake Zone” – and the Town does not meet any of the criteria. During his
322 research, he discovered that there were signs in the Instead, both entities suggest the Town work
323 with the Sheriff’s Marine Unit, the nearest local Police Department Marine unit, or contact the
324 local office of the FWC. Mr. Mendenhall stated that the speed limit and no wake signs are missing
325 and FWC has confirmed that they will replace the signage. Mayor Paritsky stated she has
326 mentioned this issue to Volusia County and asked for their assistance, she suggested adding
327 educational materials at the boat ramps. Councilmember Milano added that anything Ponce Inlet
328 can do to help would be beneficial. Vice-Mayor Smith stated it is not the speed of the boats that is
329 the problem – it’s the barges and big boats with their large bows that kick up waves that he has
330 seen come over seawalls. That is one of the reasons that we need a patrol boat; it is very frustrating
331 to have your back yards destroyed. Councilmember Caswell stated her belief that the FL Fish &
332 Wildlife Commission has only one crew; while she enjoys the opportunity to do the County’s job
333 on the beach and in the river, do we know anything about their intention to get compliance with
334 the laws already in place? Mr. Mendenhall stated he did not have that information available. Mayor
335 Paritsky opened public comment – hearing none, she closed public comment.

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337 Council consensus to contact FWC to request replacement speed limit signage and to request the
338 County increase patrols; 5-0.

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340 **C. Letter to the Volusia County School Board supporting the administration of**
341 **Narcan in local schools.** Chief Glazier stated he was asked to serve on the Volusia County Opioid
342 Abatement Funding Advisory Board by the Council several months ago and learned that Narcan
343 was not available in the schools. The Opioid Advisory Board voted unanimously to send a letter
344 from each participating jurisdiction expressing support for the development and implementation
345 of a Naloxone policy. He reported that Narcan has recently become available over the counter.

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347 Mayor Paritsky opened public comment – hearing none, she closed public comment.

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349 Council consensus was to prepare a letter of support for the Mayor’s signature; 5-0.

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351 **D. Request to Approve the Cyber Security Grant Agreement with Florida Digital**
352 **Service.** Mr. Okum stated this item was presented to Council a couple of months ago as a request
353 for apply for the Grant. Last evening, the Town learned it has been awarded the grant and has until
354 the end of May to submit the signed Agreement. Councilmember Caswell asked if every
355 municipality is being encouraged to do this “to be on the same platform”; Mr. Okum stated yes,
356 over 300 municipalities have signed up to participate. There were no other questions. Mayor
357 Paritsky opened public participation – hearing none, she closed public participation.

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359 Councilmember Milano moved to accept the Cybersecurity Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign
360 the Agreement; seconded by Councilmember Villanella. The motion passed 5-0, consensus.

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

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364 **A. Vice-Mayor Smith, Seat 5 – Stated he had nothing further.**

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366 **B. Councilmember Villanella, Seat #4** – Thanked Mr. Burge for the video on EV
367 fires.

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369 **C. Councilmember Caswell, Seat #3** – Stated she had nothing further.

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371 **D. Councilmember Milano, Seat #2** – Provided a photo of the new First Step Shelter
372 Donation signs.

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374 **E. Mayor Paritsky, Seat #1** – In this Legislative Session, a total of 1828 bills were
375 filed. Yet again, strong, and effective advocacy made a significant difference in the outcome for
376 Ponce Inlet and our neighboring municipalities. **Sovereign Immunity** - several bills sought to
377 revise the statutory limits on tort liability for municipalities. The House wanted to increase the
378 limit to \$2.5 million per person and \$5 million per incident; the Senate version represented a more
379 reasonable increase but the bill died in committee. We do anticipate seeing this again next session.
380 **Residential Building Permits** - This bill would have drastically changed the process that local
381 governments would have to go through before a building permit is approved, including
382 significantly reducing timeframes for permit approval. The **Short Term Rental (STR)** bills died
383 in committee; these would have further eroded municipal tools and authority to effectively manage
384 STRs. **Local Ordinances** - imposes new requirements on municipalities when adopting
385 ordinances. The Town will now be required to produce a business impact statement prior to the
386 passage of an ordinance detailing its purpose, estimated financial impacts and how much enforcing
387 it will cost taxpayers. It allows businesses to sue local governments for ordinances they view as
388 “arbitrary or unreasonable” and suspend enforcement of that ordinance until the court issues a
389 ruling. This bill has exemptions, such as the adoption of a budget, procurements, grant agreements
390 or to comply with state or federal mandates. **HB 1373** – deals with Law Enforcement Operations.
391 Our beach is currently being managed by Volusia County Beach Safety and each patrol officer is
392 triple-certified as law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians and lifeguards. The
393 bill, if signed into law, puts the law enforcement side of beach management in the hands of the
394 sheriff’s office. This transition has already begun and she will share more about it once that
395 information becomes available. She reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Ceremony on May
396 29th.

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398 **15. FROM THE TOWN MANAGER** – Mr. Disher referred to the report in the agenda packet
399 and also mentioned that this is Adam Mendenhall’s last meeting, and the Town may be looking
400 into contracting with him for services to finish up his projects; he noted that one of Adam’s
401 significant accomplishments includes creating the Town’s GIS mapping that will be available to
402 the public. Staff is researching ways to expedite the grant approval process; he reminded Council
403 members to submit ideas for 60th anniversary celebration by May 26th to Jackie; a volunteer from
404 the Council is needed for the election canvassing board*; and the fire department will be hosting
405 a free CPR class for residents on June 7th at 1:30 and is limited to 20 participants; the work on the
406 Ponce preserve stairway is about one week from completion. *(Editor’s note: after the meeting,
407 Councilmember Milano indicated he would serve on the Canvassing Board).

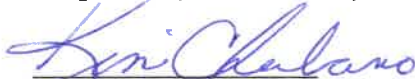
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409 **16. FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY** – Attorney Shepard provided the report from the
410 Florida Attorney General’s office regarding Owner/Builder permits.

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412 **17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (on items 14 – 16 only)** – Mayor Paritsky opened public
413 participation. Charles Burge, HV Links South – stated he would like to see a community
414 information workshop on EV cars and bikes; stated the Volusia County property appraiser’s
415 website has fraud alerts to protect your property from fraud. Skip White, 4885 S. Atlantic Avenue
416 – stated he met with Jessica Fentress (Volusia County Coastal Division Director) regarding the
417 dune replenishment project and Ms. Fentress will set up a community meeting for Ponce Inlet
418 residents when the time gets closer. Mayor Paritsky closed public participation.
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420 **18. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business, Mayor Paritsky adjourned the meeting at
421 9:44 PM.
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423 Respectfully submitted by:

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425 Kim Cherbano, CMC / Town Clerk
426 Prepared by: Peg Hunt, Deputy Clerk
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428 Attachment(s): None.
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