



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

Port Orange City Council

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November 18, 2025

Port Orange Parks and Recreation reported on holiday preparations and upcoming events. There are also several park projects that will be underway soon. These projects were funded through bond referendums. Nine new projects are being planned for the next year. Descriptions of the numerous events and projects may be found on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page and their website.

A new business will be sited in the Eastport Business Center. The business assembles truck cranes. The facility will hire approximately 40 people in the short term with an additional 20-30 in the future. The business will train all new hires.

The Council discussed the dangers of E-bikes on sidewalks. It was reported that the Florida Legislature is considering two bills to govern the use of E-bikes. Port Orange police will reach out to neighboring municipalities to see how they are handling E-bike rules.

The Port Orange Cops for Christmas project will be collecting toys and money until December 19, 2025. Donations may be made at the police stations and at LA Fitness.

Art Hous presented the annual report. The Art Hous food bank has provided 1100 pounds of food for the holidays. Art Hous will be fighting for the restoration of funding for the arts that Volusia County has declined to distribute even though the funding had been approved.

The Council considered changing the 12-month hold on reapplying for a zoning change. Many public speakers were heard. Motion to change the 12-month waiting period was denied.

Three Task Authorizations were approved for the development of grant applications for FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance.

November 4, 2025

Council members referred to the October 21 council meeting regarding Ordinance 2025-26. Current council policy is that the developer must wait 12 months to resubmit

documents to amend the land use of Vintage Acres. Council agreed to put the issue of the resubmission timing on the next (11/18) council meeting agenda.

The Council heard the second reading of Ordinance 2025-28 for commercial dock width. This Ordinance was passed. The wider docks should be safer for 2-way pedestrian traffic.



The Volusia-Flagler Transportation Planning Organization will be providing \$90,000 for two Port Orange sidewalk projects.

October 24, 2025

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit was issued for the Cambridge pump. Bids for the work will be accepted this Fall. Construction is expected to commence in 2026.

The City of Port Orange held a meeting to hear the public's ideas for renovating White Place Park.

The Port Orange City Council heard the first reading of Ordinance 2025-26 to amend future land use for Vintage Acres from rural/agriculture to planned unit development (PUD). A presentation on the development project was made by the city planner and project attorney. Several residents from neighboring communities spoke against the Vintage Acres project citing issues with stormwater flooding and drainage. This area is part of a 2026 Volusia County basin study of flooding issues. City Council members spoke in favor of the new construction, stating that the engineering is better now than when communities like the Spruce Creek Fly-In was built so flooding should be less of an issue. The mayor voiced concerns regarding the results of the county basin study and its impact on the Vintage Acres property. The basin study is planned for completion in December 2026 with projects beginning about one year later. Ordinance 2025-26 failed by a tie vote of 2-2.

The Port Orange City Council heard the first reading of Ordinance 2025-28 to amend the land development code for commercial docks citing the current code is outdated regarding the width of the dock. For safety reasons the city proposes a width minimum of 4 feet to a maximum of 6 ft. Ordinance 2025-28 passed.