



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

Port Orange City Council

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May 5, 2026

Contract changes for procuring a temporary generator for potential flood abatement and purchase of property to allow for upgrades to the wastewater treatment system were approved by Consent Agenda.

Two citizens spoke against overdevelopment and flooding issues in their neighborhoods. One citizen thanked the city for calling after the last Council meeting. Council provided background information on how State legislature pushes for more development throughout the state. Port Orange has reduced density on 27 of 29 development projects.

Parks and Recreation bond projects as well as stormwater projects are progressing without incident.

The Riverwalk and Tiki Docs area host many well-attended activities. The city hosted another company interested in developing the Riverwalk area.

April 21, 2026

A standing-room-only crowd honored the Atlantic High School Boys basketball team for being state runner up this year. Each team member shared their thoughts on high school and their future. For the first time in 30 years, Atlantic High School is an A grade school.

Several bid awards and contract items for passed by Consent Agenda. Many of these items support Parks and Recreation Bond projects.

Two citizens spoke against the continual over development in the city and county.

Council members commented that the city is focused on smart growth and making decisions based on facts and laws. It is not within the city's purview to restrict a property owner from selling their property to a developer. The city is focused on correcting poor planning decisions from years ago that are causing current flooding problems. Thirty-eight percent of the city is set aside for conservation. The city's goal is 50%.

A citizens survey highlighted dangerous crossing areas near Horizon elementary, Hidden Lake Road, Will Run Road and Cross Creek. Public Works re-striped crosswalks and put up safety signage in this area.

The stormwater project at Jackson and Oak Streets has been complete