



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Ormond Beach City Commission
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Audience Remarks

One speaker talked about transparency of the City Commission; stressing that allocation of millions in funds for technology hasn't resulted in providing citizens with videos of Commission meetings and workshops.

One speaker talked about Tomoka Oaks and the future of the golf course development into over 250 single family homes, suggesting a workshop. How are future uses of dormant golf courses going to affect the city's development? All golf courses are zoned for single family (R2) and the golf course is only an "interim use".

Two speakers talked about "Toilet to Tap"; one emphasized that the City Commission should provide more factual analysis of options to provide for "recycling" the water. The other emphasized allowing the citizens to decide and place this issue on the ballot in November.

Ordinance No. 2026-05: (First Reading)

Calling for 2026 Regular Ormond Beach City Election. Basically, the city election will follow Florida State and Volusia County election timelines for both primary and general elections.

Ormond Beach Transform386 Projects

- Presented by Assistant City Manager Shawn Finley
- There are six distinct projects which address flooding concerns:
- *Brookwood Tomoka Elementary Drainage Study: Projected Cost \$1,500,000*

Some piping adjustments are needed. Ponds are overflowing with water flooding citizen's homes on Brookwood. This requires consultation with St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD), citizens and the Volusia County School Board.

Hidden Hills Boulevard Drainage Basin Study: Out for bidding in May

Granada Boulevard drainage into the Tomoka River. Suggestion to extend piping. Any pond alterations completed by HOA's to alleviate the flooding issue will not be financially supported by the City unless the pond is deeded to the City. SJRWMD to be consulted on this project.



Bear Creek West Entrance Drainage Analysis: Beginning Stages

Requesting input from the residence and will need to do analysis on flooding concerns. Is an option for the City to purchase the property and create a pond?

Durrance Acres Watershed Analysis: Beginning Stages

Historical flooding issues.

North US Rt. 1 Ormond Lakes Watershed Analysis: Beginning Stages

Historical flooding issues.

Ormond Terrace Watershed Study:

Total Project Cost: \$17,579,721.

FDEP Funding: \$5,350,000

Volusia County: \$8,789,860,

City Share: \$3,439,860

There are six stormwater projects proposed within the neighborhood; four storm drain projects, one retention pond construction, one pump station construction. This is necessary due to repeated flooding issues as a result of recent significant rainfall events and aging infrastructure

Proposed Project #1: Storm Drain Reconstruction: Dix & Highland

Proposed Project #2:

Storm Drain Reconstruction: Granada to Lincoln

Proposed Project #3:

Storm Drain Reconstruction: Beach Street

Proposed Project #4:

Storm Drain Construction: Additional Outfalls

Proposed Project #5:

Pump Station Construction

Ormond Beach Pump Station & Force Main

Reports, Suggestions, Requests

Commissioner Tolland and Briley mention the need for alternative traffic patterns for the Prince of Peace Congregation. It is difficult to enter, people must travel up to Nova Rd. and make a U-turn, which is not safe.



Commissioner Briley stated that he believes the "Toilet to Tap" issue should be put on the ballot; Daytona Beach and Edgewater will have this on the ballot in November. He also wants this to be an agenda item for the 04/21/26 meeting.

Commissioner Tolland suggests there be an amendment to Ordinance 2015-99 which provides for City events to have beer, wine and champagne. The amendment proposed would include other pre-packaged beverages that have less than 6% alcohol, such as canned hard seltzers, iced tea, cocktails, malted beverages. She also would like more discussion about golf courses, and their zoning.

Commissioner Deaton suggests amendment to ordinances to prevent the Tomoka Oaks golf course debacle from happening again. The City should look for vulnerable properties and help prevent this. Also, is there anything that can be done to provide a minimum distance of the underground gas tanks from residential property? Steven Spraker Planning Director stated that the land development code provides rights to property owners which are not to be abridged. The City can look at retiring zoning and non-conforming use. E-Bike safety was just reported in the Ormond Beach Observer of April 7, 2026. The Governor will soon sign a bill limiting the speed of E-Bikes to 10 mph on sidewalks or within 50 feet of pedestrians. The City will adopt this once passed.

Commissioner Sargent had several suggestions: 1) an additional real estate tax exemption for seniors who have lived in the home for over 25 years; Florida state provides this option however the City does not participate; why not? Other municipalities do, 2) a crypto currency machine ordinance to protect seniors from scams; why are they located at gas stations? 3) the City should make upgrades to technology to accommodate ADA, 4) there was a fatal auto accident at the Trails and Nova Rd.; what can the City do to prevent these? 5) propose a new ordinance allowing the Commission more input to help determine the powers and duties of the City Attorney and outside counsel, maybe a workshop? 6) "Toilet to Tap" - put it on the ballot, (City Manager Joyce Shanahan set a workshop on this issue for May 5, 7). City to purchase ponds in west Ormond Beach for water treatment and storage.

Mayor Leslie met with Congressman Randy Fine to discuss the balancing act between compliance with the ADA and small business concerns. He stated that it appeared some were using the ADA to target small businesses.

Ann-Margaret Emery, Deputy City Attorney stated that the City is working with Volusia County to coordinate parking venues.