



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Ormond Beach City Commission
Reported by Pam Breault

Date: May 5, 2026

Audience Remarks:

One speaker raised issues with transparency in reference to Park revenue and expenditures.

Although about 25 members of The Falls of Ormond community attended, about 15 speakers raised issues about the comments made by Colleen McMahan at the April 21, 2026 Ormond Beach City Commissioner meeting in reference to their community. There are 1100 residents at The Falls and it is a wonderful place to live. This 55+ community is affordable, thriving and provides a sense of security and community to its residents. She has put out FaceBook posts showing community volunteer security guards filmed while they were on duty. The residents love and support the community; no major issues with the living conditions. It was disclosed that Ms. McMahan is running for the Zone 1 Commissioner's seat, however, The Falls is located in Zone 4. Commissioner Briley, Zone 4 Commissioner stated that he was never informed by any community member that there were issues with The Falls. The other Commissioners were clearly concerned about the apparent misinformation presented by Ms. McMahan and commented on the bravery of The Falls community members who spoke.

One speaker raised issues about the proposed Hand Avenue extension due to the Avalon Park development.

One speaker talked about flood mitigation.

Three speakers talked about "Toilet to Tap"; water reclamation and desalination

One speaker talked about traffic in the Central Park area; there have been two recent deaths.

Four speakers talked about the Tomoka Oaks/Farm/Reserve development of the former Sam Snead Golf Course which was closed in 2018. Concerns are with traffic and overcrowded roads, proper ingress and egress of the development, especially on Nova Road.

Two speakers talked about fuel terminals and data centers and the environmental impact of water, electricity, as well as property value decline. Suggested that an ordinance be drafted to ban data centers in Ormond Beach.

Consent Agenda:

Removed by Commissioner Tolland and Commissioner Sargent

Resolution No. 2026-57: Fortuna Park Pier and Gazebo Construction, Florida Inland Navigation District Grant.

Resolution No. 2026-58: Riviera Park Pier and Gazebo Construction, Florida Inland Navigation District Grant



These entail the authorization of submission of a grant application for repairs to the Fortuna Park Pier and Gazebo and the Riviera Park Pier and Gazebo which were both damaged in Hurricane Milton in October 2024. Both Commissioner Tolland and Commissioner Sargent were concerned about the time it had taken to get the repairs completed and the park opened. Assistant City Manager, Shawn Finley stated that Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) money cannot be used for this project. City Manager Joyce Shanahan stated that search for funding will continue alongside the grant process.

These were passed unanimously

Public Hearings:

Ordinance 2026-06: (Second Reading)

This is in regards to the establishment of the Ormond Crossings Central Community Development District (CDD), located on about 395 acres north of Durrance Lane, South of US-1 and west of I-95. The entire Ormond Crossings development was approved in 2010 and consists of 2924 acres of mixed use. The CDD vehicle to finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure; such as water distribution system, reclaimed water system, sanitary sewer system, utilities, stormwater management, road improvements, earthwork, public space/hardscape/landscape environmental mitigation, and offsite improvements.

Audience Remarks:

The applicant, represented by Johnathan Johnston thanked the Ormond Beach City Commission for their support.

Another speaker raised concerns about the capital improvement cycle and that parks and recreation capital improvements should be put in the budget.

This passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-07: (Second Reading)

This is in regards to the establishment of the Ormond Crossings East Community Development District (CDD), located on about 525 acres north of Harmony Avenue, southwest of US-1 and east of I-95. The entire Ormond Crossings development was approved in 2010 and consists of 2924 acres of mixed use. The CDD vehicle to finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure; such as water distribution system, reclaimed water system, sanitary sewer system, utilities, stormwater management, road improvements, earthwork, public space/hardscape/landscape environmental mitigation, and offsite improvements.

No Audience Remarks

This passed unanimously.



Ordinance No. 2026-08: (First Reading)

This was a request from a City Commissioner made at the April 21, 2026 Ormond Beach City Commission meeting to amend the ordinances regarding the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Currently, alcoholic beverages including beer, wine, and champagne may be served on city property with permitted special events. The amendment would include low-alcohol packaged ready-to-drink premixed alcoholic beverages.

No Audience Remarks

This passed unanimously.

Yoon Way Street Name Change:

ACM Shawn Finley obtained three names from Volusia County that are approved to be used in lieu of Yoon Way: Forty Winds, Gladiolus Way, Corner Square Way. It appeared that Corner Square Way obtained the most approval.

Reports, Suggestions, Requests:

Commissioner Tolland again raised the issues of access to the rear entrance of the Prince of Peace Congregation. She suggests FDOT place a "cut-away" on the median on Hand Avenue to allow for that left-turn into the parking lot. In order to access that rear-lot, people would have to travel to Nova Road and make a U-Turn, which raises safety concerns. ACM Shawn Finley stated that since Hand Avenue is a county road, the proper party to raise the concerns and solutions is with the Volusia County Commission. He suggested that a letter from the City Commission to the Volusia County Commission stating that the request is based upon remarks received by the City Commission from their constituents. It was reported at this meeting that Volusia County would not pay for the "cut-away". Since the church is located in Zone 4, Commissioners Tolland and Briley agreed to team up to get this accomplished.

Commissioner Tolland raised the issue of E-Bike safety, requesting that the City research the current Volusia County ordinances and determine what will work in Ormond Beach.

Commissioner Tolland stated that the workshop on water reclamation was very informative and suggested that the Commission educate residents about "Toilet to Tap" and water reclamation.

Commissioners Tolland and Deaton would like to have the City research the possible local ban on data centers and their cooling centers due to the enormous use of limited water, of which the City is attempting to conserve.