

**City of DeBary**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM**  
City Council Chambers  
16 Colomba Road, DeBary, Florida 32713

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
  1. Invocation
  2. Flag Salute
  
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Garcia, Vice Mayor Handy-Peters, Council Members Bacon, Benfield and Vihlen are present.

Others present: Ron McLemore, City Manager; Matt Boerger, Growth Management Director; John Fletcher, Parks & Recreation Director; Alan Williamson, Public Works Director; David Hamstra, Stormwater Engineer; Mike Jones, Budget/Purchasing Manager; Jason Schaitz, Recreation Coordinator; Linda Kent, HR Director; Warren Graham, Administrative Assistant; David Rodriguez, Help Desk Technician; and, Annette Hatch, City Clerk.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ANY ISSUES ON THE AGENDA**

III. **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Garcia gave his farewell message to Council, staff and the public.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Christmas Lighting Display Winners: Listing attached to minutes.
2. Christmas Parade Winners: Listing attached to minutes.

A recess was called by Mayor Garcia at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Garcia resumed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request City Council approve to finalize the purchase of land improvements (house) located at 220 Acacia Road in DeBary.

Morton Culligan addressed the Council.

Motion by Council Member Bacon to approve the purchase of 220 Acacia Road.  
Seconded by Council Member Benfield. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Request City Council approve extending the insurance brokerage services agreement with Brown and Brown of Florida, Inc., until December 31, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Benfield to extend the insurance brokerage services agreement with Brown and Brown of Florida, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Vihlen.  
Motion passed unanimously.

3. City Manager request City Council to delay payment of City Manager's unused leave to no later than January 11, 2019.

Ryan Renfro addressed the Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Handy-Peters to approve delay of payment. Seconded by Council Member Benfield. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. GROWTH MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW:**

1. Second reading of Ordinance #14-18 adopting a special assessment for a street lighting district for Riviera Bella Units 7 and 8A.

Motion by Council Member Bacon to approve the second reading of Ordinance #14-18.  
Seconded by Council Member Benfield. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Second reading of Ordinance #15-18 adopting a special assessment for a street lighting district for Springview Woods Phase I.

Motion by Council Member Benfield to approve the second reading of Ordinance #15-18. Seconded by Council Member Bacon. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. COUNCIL MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS:**

1. Board/Committee Appointments: None.
2. Member Reports/Communications:
  - a. Mayor and Council Members

Council Member Vihlen advised Council that he would be unable to attend the January 9, 2019, City Council Meeting.

- b. City Manager: None.

c. City Attorney: Not present.

**VIII. DATE OF UPCOMING MEETING AND/OR WORKSHOP:**

1. Regular City Council Meeting – January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF DEBARY, FLORIDA**

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**Bob Garcia, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Annette Hatch, City Clerk**

## City of DeBary Light Display Contest Winners 2018

### North Sector

1. 491 N. Pine Meadow Drive (Arthur Arsenault)
2. 111 Hickory Stick Court (Jim Wright)
3. 557 Quail Lake Drive (Ken and Krystyna Tagg)
4. 502 Woodford Drive (Chris and Stephanie Allen)
5. 473 Woodford Drive (Amy Wilds-Sturgill)

### South Sector

1. 242 Buena Vista Street (Michael Brown)
2. 64 Keeble Ave. (Nathan Balo)
3. 339 Hickory Springs Court (Greg and Debbie Scotta)
4. 52 Keeble Ave. (Sean Dunne)
5. 268 Valencia Road (Cam Karnes)

### HOA Community Entrances

1. Hampton Hills Estates
2. DeBary Golf and Country Club
3. Springview
4. Parkview

Bottom Up



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## City of DeBary Christmas Parade Winners 2018

### Adult Civic Division



1. Florida Is Sinking
2. VFW Post 8093
3. Bikers Against Trafficking



### Youth/Adult Civic Division



1. Four Towns Moose Lodge
2. First Baptist of DeBary
3. Gateway Center for the Arts



### Youth Civic Division



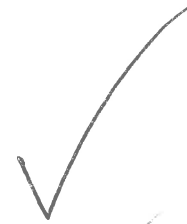
1. Community Children's Chorus
2. West Volusia Athletic Club DeBary Babe Ruth
3. DeBary Elementary



### Commercial Division

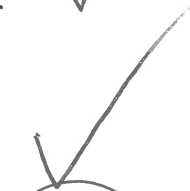


1. DeBary Paint and Body
2. Highbanks Mini Storage
3. All In One Equipment Repair



### Overall Winner

Community Children's Chorus



Top Down



## **Sheriff Chitwood time to reel it out (opposing view of the News-Journal Publisher's article of December 7. 2018)**

Back in 2017 the Sheriff was fighting to keep children safe in public schools, all 68,000 children at 69 schools; one of the largest school districts in the nation, with fifteen reserve school officers.

He pleading vociferously for Volusia County and the Board of Education for financial support while there were incidents of murder and bedlam in schools in Florida and elsewhere across the country. His cries went to deaf ears. The only answer he got from Volusia County was NO, don't bother me with details, this is not my responsibility. Volusia County Bureaucrats and elected officials put money over children's lives and could not come together to resolve this matter. Hopefully it is the only summa cum lousy exception of Home Rule. If it wasn't for SB 7026 legislative action, the situation would have never changed.

Further, Sheriff Chitwood embraced financial modeling to materially reduce the cost of the SRO program by using retired officers and experienced combat veterans in 2017, way before it was introduced in SB 7026. He brought the facts and figures to Volusia County and to the Board of Education, they told him NO, NO and NO.

The Volusia County Commission is also blind sighted in their involvement with the SunRail system which is impairing the future development of the County, with no service to Daytona Beach and to Deland; not on I4, with no interest in a feasibility and cost evaluation of expanding the system and ignoring a plan of action that could bring in a possible billion dollar grant from a federal source that could solve this issue as well as the septic tank issue for the entire County.

Further, the Volusia County School Board is also blind sighted in providing a raise for the Teachers involving a year of negotiation.

The people have voted and stated it is time to support the Sheriff in his constitutional right to protect the people in our County as an independent department of government; whether or not Volusia County Commission likes it or not. Sheriff Chitwood needs to do what he has to do to keep people safe, in any manner he deems necessary. Stephen Bacon is a Councilman in DeBary and is expressing his personal views.

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