



Volusia County Council Meeting Review
May 5th, 2026 – 9 am
Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center

The Volusia County Council met this week on May 5th at 9 AM in the County Council Chambers at the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center in DeLand. This update is intended to emphasize the most important issues that were discussed at the most recent County Council meeting. For a full summary of the May 5th County Council meeting, please visit (website link).

Next County Council Meeting: 4 PM on May 19th, 2026 @ Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center in DeLand, FL

Key Issues: Impact Fees for Accessory Dwelling units (ADUs), Term Limits for County Advisory Boards, Trolley Re-Birth

Impact Fee Structure for ADUs

The Council voted 7-0 to proceed with the Volusia County Growth and Resource Management Department's proposed changes to the impact fee structure as it relates to Accessory Dwelling Units. The change would mean that ADUs are treated as extensions of the existing property, rather than as new developments as they are currently treated. The result of this proposed change would be a reduction in impact fees for multi-family attached residential properties. This reduction would benefit our construction industry, from the property owners to the builders. As the cost of building falls, the demand for new construction will drive business to our local construction community.

Term Limits for County Advisory Boards

The Council debated placing term limits on County Advisory Boards, excluding the Personnel Board. Voted 7-0 to approve 8-year limits on all boards without certain background requirements and 10-year limits for the Education Facilities Authority. The proposal also allowed the Council to waive the term limits if a position on any board cannot be filled, and the current member is termed out. The goal of this proposal is to ensure that each individual board operates efficiently and effectively. For boards like Code Enforcement, this may mean lower permitting times or more accurate zoning. Overall, this is a positive change for the County and the business community, which relies on these boards to conduct everyday operations.

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Volusia County Trolley Re-Birth

During a discussion on the possible reduction of VoRide and VoTran services, the County Council raised the question of bringing back the Hop-On/Hop-Off Trolley in the Daytona Beach area to provide an alternate form of transportation around the City. The major hold up on turning this idea into a real proposal is the funding. The Council suggested that they would like a public-private partner on the venture to bear the brunt of the cost. Should this conversation continue to move forward, the trolley could be a major opportunity for Volusia businesses looking for creative ways to (literally) drive consumers into the area. Though there is no concrete proposal about this yet, local businesses may want to consider the opportunity that becoming involved with the trolley project may present.

The Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce is available as a resource for its membership to discuss a wide range of topics relating to the business community. If you have any questions about the information contained in this Advocacy newsletter, please feel free to contact Drake Wyman at drake@daytonachamber.com or 386.255.7174.

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