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Daytona Beach suspends 4 impact fees

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DAYTONA BEACH -- The city has become the latest local government to impose a temporary moratorium on impact fees for new construction and developments.

DeLand, Deltona, Edgewater and Volusia County all have impact fee moratoriums in place. The county passed its fee suspension last week.

At their meeting Wednesday night, Daytona Beach city commissioners voted unanimously to approve a measure that will suspend four of the city's impact fees for three years.

Effective immediately, the city will not collect impact fees for roads, police, general government and fire/emergency management services.

City staff suggested the fee moratorium in hopes it will help jump-start economic growth.

During Wednesday's meeting, Jim Cameron, senior vice president of government relations for the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly to say his organization supports the break in collecting fees.

A Daytona Beach woman who also spoke before commissioners echoed those comments, saying she wanted to thank the city for its support of the construction industry.

The suspension will be retroactive to Oct. 1 to coincide with the city's budget year, but no companies will be due for reimbursements, said city Finance Director Laurie Matta. The suspension will continue through Sept. 30, 2014.

Records show the city will lose about \$443,000 not collecting those fees in the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

In other action Wednesday, city commissioners:

- Decided to spend \$125,000 over the next five years for Christmas lights that will be displayed every holiday season on the Bandshell, on 21 decorative light poles on State Road A1A and 33 decorative light poles on Main Street. A Pompano Beach company being paid the \$125,000 will provide the lights, put them up, repair them and store them. The city will own the lights after five years.

The lights are part of a burst of Christmas decorations going up on the beachside between Main Street and the Ocean Walk Shoppes. A temporary ice skating rink in front of the Bandshell is set to open next week.

- Continued until their Dec. 7 meeting a measure that would impose a 180-day temporary moratorium on new permits for Internet cafes or sweepstakes redemption centers.

- Heard a presentation from Utilities Director Mitt Tidwell on fluoridation of drinking water. The city, which has been adding fluoride to its water since 1965, has what Tidwell said is considered to be the optimal level of fluoride, 0.7 parts per million.

- Gave initial approval to a measure that would modify a new city law that dictates where some sex offenders can live in Daytona Beach. The measure extends residence prohibitions to people convicted of some sex crimes outside Florida.

The measure also clarifies that the prohibitions apply to people required by state law to register as sex offenders or predators. Commissioners are slated to take a final vote on the measure at their Dec. 7 meeting.

The new city law already in effect puts residency restrictions on people who've been convicted since October 2004 of sexual offenses against kids 15 years old and younger. The law says the offenders can't live within 2,500 feet of any school, day care center, public park, library, church, public or private playground, mini-park and recreational open space.

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