

Brevard County Commission highlights

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Commission moved ahead with South Beach Community Park, 1B

Other highlights from Tuesday's meeting:

PARKWAY LAND -- Approved

Unanimously approved the \$814,000 purchase of 6.5 acres along the route of the St. John's Heritage Parkway.

What's next: The county this year approved \$21 million for engineering and land acquisition for the proposed 40-mile north-south connector west of Interstate 95, formerly called the Palm Bay Parkway. Construction is years away.

TICO BOARD -- Approved

By a 3-0 vote, appointed David Hosley of Titusville as the new at-large board member of the Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority. Because of a special act's terms, only commissioners Truman Scarborough, Chuck Nelson and Mary Bolin were allowed to vote on the appointment.

What's next: Hosley immediately replaces Jay Schenck, whose term ended.

BUILDING FEE REVISIONS -- Approved

Unanimously approved revisions to simplify and streamline building code fee calculations and ensure permit fees cover costs. The commission's Building and Construction Advisory Committee unanimously recommended the changes in May.

What's next: Some fees increase and others decrease, taking into consideration the downturn in the housing market. Increases to existing new residential permit fees were limited, and fees decreased for new residences of approximately 1,700 square feet or less.

FIREFIGHTER SALARIES -- Discussed

In a closed briefing, discussed the status of contract negotiations with the firefighters union. Firefighters are insisting on pay increases of more than 2 percent, but the county has not decided if employees will get any raises because of ongoing budget cuts.

What's next: A bargaining session is scheduled at 2 p.m. Aug. 27 at Brevard County Fire-Rescue headquarters, 1040 S. Florida Ave. in Rockledge.

The Brevard County Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way in Viera. For a meeting schedule, go to www.brevardcounty.us.

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