



# Welcome to Palm Coast

An Overview of Your Local Government



# WELCOME to PALM COAST



One of Florida's newest cities, Palm Coast is a Florida paradise – situated on 70 miles of saltwater and freshwater canals and the Intracoastal Waterway and just minutes from pristine Atlantic Ocean beaches. The City of Palm Coast has more than 107,000 residents. The City's population projections show the number of Palm Coast residents will reach nearly 157,000 by the year 2050. Quality of life is paramount in Palm Coast, and the vibrant lifestyle and natural environment go hand-in-hand here.



# Meet City Council

## Who is on the City Council?

- **The City Council is made up of five members:**
  - **One Mayor and Four City Council Members**
- **The Four Council Members represent the four districts in the city. Those members must reside in the District they represent.**
- **Each Mayor or Council Member serves a term of four years.**

# What Does City Council Do?

- **City Council oversees the general administration, makes policy and sets budget**
- **Council appoints a professional City Manager to carry out day-to-day administrative operations.**
- **The Vice Mayor is chosen from among the council members on an annual basis.**



# Goals of City Council: Council - Manager Form of Government

- **Maintain the Local Charter (Constitution).**
- **Separate political pressures from the administration of a local government.**

## **Administrator Focus:**

- **Merit-based employment.**
- **Professional service delivery- delivering services to residents.**

## **Patterned after CEO board:**

- **Voters as stockholders.**



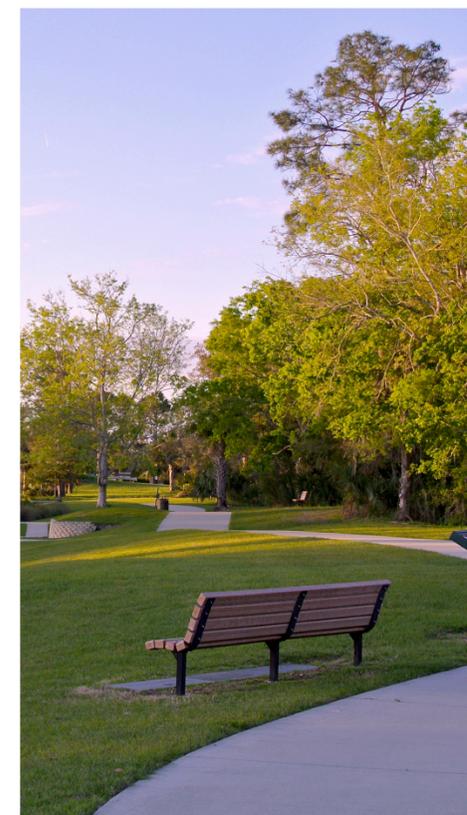
# City Council: Legislative Role

- **Decides and votes on appropriation of funds.**
- **The Council is responsible for the City's budget and how it is implemented, the passing of ordinances and resolutions, and overseeing all aspects of the City Charter.**
- **The Council works towards all of these decisions in public meetings and workshops.**



# What Does the City Manager Do?

- City Manager is responsible for day-to-day administration and usually has hiring/firing authority for all staff.
- City Manager prepares the budget to present to Council; manager usually has expenditure authority after appropriations occur.
- Manager prepares agenda material with recommendations/research for Council.



# City Departments



Learn more about each of the City of Palm Coast departments by visiting the links below!

**History of Palm Coast**

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/about/history>

**Community Calendar**

<http://www.palmcoastgov.com/calendars>

