

## **Highlights of Edgewater City Council Meeting on April 2, 2018**

### **Mayor's Report**

The extension of the Edgewater bike trail to Osteen should be completed in July.

### **Citizen Comments**

A citizen complained about a neighbor who advertises his house for short-term rentals. She observes a variety of strangers coming & going and is concerned about their impact on the neighborhood and wondered what the city could do about it.

The Mayor and City Manager reported that the city did not have authority to stop this from happening until the Florida state legislature passes laws authorizing cities to outlaw short-term rentals.

### **Solid Waste Operations Review**

Following up on a special council meeting held in March, the City Council voted to engage the services of the Public Resources Management Group to complete a review of Edgewater's solid waste collection to identify potential efficiencies that will allow the city to limit rate increases while maintaining current service levels. A final report of the review findings will be delivered in July 2018.

### **Water Bill Excessive Use Policy**

The City Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the staff at Edgewater Utilities to credit customer accounts if their water usage appears to be more than twice their normal usage. Certain conditions and limits apply.

The credit may be applied even if the customer discovered a leak on their own property and promptly had it fixed, or if the customer found a leaky hose that ran for a while.

### **Public Safety Director**

Police Chief David Arcieri who has been serving as an Interim Public Safety Director, will be named as permanent in that position.

As Public Safety Director, Chief Arcieri will serve as chief to both police and fire departments. While this change was done to help the city save money, it is also hoped that it will lead to better coordination between departments. The City Manager noted that the city is not "locked in" to this arrangement and could go back to separate chiefs for each department if advisable.