

**City of Palm Coast, Florida
Agenda Item**

Agenda Date: July 7, 2026

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Subject: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL: JUNE 16, 2026, BUSINESS MEETING	
Presenter:	
Attachments: 1. Minutes (1)	
Background:	
Recommended Action: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL: JUNE 16, 2026, BUSINESS MEETING	

The City Council shared thanks and comments.

2. PROCLAMATION - JUNE 21-27, 2026, AS NATIONAL MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

Mayor Norris and Mr. McGlothlin presented the proclamation to Mike Martin, Chair of the East Flagler Mosquito Control District.

Mr. Martin highlighted the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Mosquito Control District, the District's efforts, and proposed reduction in property taxes and impacts to mosquito control.

City Council thanked Mr. Martin.

3. PROCLAMATION - JULY 2026 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mayor Norris and Mr. McGlothlin presented the proclamation to James Hirst, Director of Parks & Recreation, and staff members of the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mr. Hirst shared about upcoming events and where to find additional details.

Agnes Lightfoot, member of the PRAB, shared comments and increasing needs for parks, programs, and services.

City Council thanked Parks & Recreation staff.

4. PRESENTATION - FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Rick Staly, Flagler County Sheriff, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: Sheriff's Office accreditations, calls for service and annual numbers, crime reduction, survey results, court and detention services, jail programs, active grant awards, average cost of a new deputy, comparison to Counties of similar size, COLA increase, total budget request, and current trends.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: State grants awarded, Town Center Deputy and funding that position, technology and potential to cut the number of needed deputies, calls for service, a Council Member's ride along opportunity and the situations experienced, metrics now versus in the beginning of specified studies, unfunded mandates and State requirements, Volusia cost for new deputies, salary compression issues, statistics requests, ensuring that deputies in training join the organization, increase in juvenile arrests, comments from residents regarding requests for increased traffic enforcement, numbers associated with ICE efforts, State Guard facility delays, connections to law enforcement as a career, and support for continuation of contract services with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Staly responded to the comments and questions of the Council.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. And pursuant to the City Council's Meeting Policies and Procedures:

- (1) This agenda item has a thirty (30) minute limit.
- (2) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.
- (3) The Public may provide comments to the City Council relative to matters not on the agenda at the times indicated in this Agenda. Following any comments from the public, there may be discussion by the City Council.
- (4) Public speakers may address their comments to the Council as a whole, the Mayor, or to an individual Council Member
- (5) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:
 - (a) make their comments concise and to the point;
 - (b) not speak more than once on the same subject;
 - (c) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;
 - (d) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and (e) not make any irrelevant, impertinent or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.
- (6) Any person who becomes disorderly or who fails to confine his or her comments to the identified subject or business, shall be cautioned by the Mayor and thereafter must conclude his or her remarks on the subject within the remaining designated time limit. Any speaker failing to comply, as cautioned, shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting and may be removed, as necessary, for the remainder of the meeting. Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be advised that public comment will only be permitted during the public comment portions of the agenda at the times indicated by the Chair during the meeting.

Randy Baum, developer for a project on SR 100 and Belle Terre Pkwy, answered some of the questions raised by the Council at the recent approval of the right-of-way agreement.

George Mayo shared an invitation from staff and the information shared, a recent major news story regarding locations of data centers, and information about DC Blox and location of hyper centers.

Jimmy Hengy discussed poorly planned developments, rapid growth in Palm Coast, utility bond for infrastructure improvements and lack of supporting already approved developments, did not see how there could be any discussion on Westward Expansion, and encouraged seeing if proposals pass and identify the budget shortfalls before considering any additional development.

Darlene Shelley wanted to bring items to the Council's attention including items on the County Commission agenda, location of the Flagler County Airport within Palm Coast, incompatibility with the Comprehensive plan, and her belief that it is a conflict of interest to have an appointed Council Member who voted on these items during their tenure as a County Commissioner.

Jeremy Davis discussed accountability, oaths, his questions over the last 3 years, his comments to the City Manager, records requests, and was unsure of allegations referenced.

Mr. McGlothlin provided additional information as to the items referenced by Mr. Davis.

Council Member Miller responded to Mr. Mayo to highlight required approvals for future data centers.

Vice Mayor Pontieri replied to various public comments to clarify the details for the utility bond, homes in the queue, shared an invitation to meet with residents to review any of the data points, details of the County Commission meeting, discussions held, factual details of the fueling station, and information shared by DC Blox.

Council Member Miller discussed data centers, scale of centers, and the impacts.

Mayor Norris replied to public comments to share State legislation regarding hyperscale data centers and use of the term fuel farm.

Council Member Gambaro replied to comments to discuss data centers and the Council working to set a process for data centers.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL: JUNE 2, 2026, BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 9, 2026, WORKSHOP MEETING

Motion made to approve by Council Member Gambaro and seconded by Council Member Sullivan. The Motion passed unanimously.

G. CONSENT

- 1. RESOLUTION 2026-80 APPROVING A WORK ORDER WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., FOR A MASTER PUMP STATION ODOR CONTROL FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**
- 2. RESOLUTION 2026-81 APPROVING A WORK ORDER WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS FOR A DRY LAKE STORMWATER PRELIMINARY REPORT**
- 3. RESOLUTION 2026-82 APPROVING A WORK ORDER WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS FOR A BELLE TERRE STORMWATER PARK PRELIMINARY REPORT**
- 4. RESOLUTION 2026-83 APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR MULTI-SITE STORMWATER PIPE REHABILITATION AND REPLACEMENT**
- 5. RESOLUTION 2026-84 APPROVING A WORK ORDER WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS FOR THE LEHIGH CANAL EXTENSION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Vice Mayor Pontieri discussed consent agenda items with Mr. Morales, Stormwater Engineer III.

City Council held additional discussion on the following topics: long-term re-evaluation of studies, cross-training employees, the need to outsource specialized skills and processes, negotiated scope, and request for cost-saving details.

Public Comment:

Darlene Shelley believed there was not a lot of transparency as to what the Council just discussed, asked for the details, and asked for clarification on consent agendas.

Mayor Norris highlighted that the full agenda packet details are available to residents on the City's website.

Council Member Miller highlighted that the public has access to all of the information that is available for the agenda items.

Council Member Gambaro shared that a lot of the consent items have been workshopped prior to being added to the consent agenda.

H. RESOLUTIONS

1. **RESOLUTION 2026-XX APPROVING UTILIZING UNUSED PRE-APPROVED FUNDS FROM THE INDIAN TRAILS SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING EXPANSION PROJECT TO ADVANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING AT THE SOUTHERN RECREATION CENTER**

Mayor Norris read the title into the record.

Carl Cote, Director of Stormwater & Engineering, provided a background of the item.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: support for the item, funds to be utilized, recommendation to add a skatepark at the SRC, current parking issues at the location, parking as an issue for facility cost recovery, 5 and 10 year CIP plans, suggestion for safety improvements at Indian Trails Sports Complex in the form of a net around field 2, potential public-private partnership for a batting cage facility, support for looking for an opportunity for a skatepark and a recommendation to do so on the YMCA property, and looking to find an ROI for the community.

Mr. McGlothlin sought the consensus of Council to determine if they would like staff to bring the topic forward at a future workshop meeting. City Council agreed.

Mr. Cote replied to comments and questions of the City Council.

Motion by Vice Mayor Pontieri to table the item so that staff can bring back options at a future workshop for the monies and to include a potential skatepark, SRC parking and anticipated benefits, and safety improvements at Indian Trails Sports Complex. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gambaro.

Mayor Norris asked for the presentation to include possible properties for a skatepark.

City Council continued discussion on the topic.

Public Comment:

Anna Gibson shared her time in a small town in Tennessee, the City overpaying for everything, reasonable costs, encouraged looking for matching grants with the State, and budget and spending out of control.

Darlene Shelley liked to see ideas brought before the Council, would like to see more things to do for youth and families, ways to get funding without putting burden on the taxpayers of Palm Coast, and residents asking for common sense.

Stephanie Shundel discussed the natural Florida landscape and rainfall, impacts of replacement with urban infrastructure, creating inverse relationships, cost effectiveness of a skatepark, and shared support for healthy spaces for kids to play.

City Council held discussion on funds and awarded grants.

Approved – Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri, Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Council Member David Sullivan, Mayor Michael Norris

I PUBLIC COMMENTS

Remainder of Public Comments is limited to three (3) minutes each.

Anna Gibson discussed her involvement in local politics in two different states, ethical complaints that came out about Mayor Norris, efforts to deter and detract, and the City's refusal to investigate harm to residents.

Jeremy Davis responded to Mr. McGlothlin's comments from earlier in the meeting and shared his concerns.

Darlene Shelley asked about consent agenda items of the County Commission related to Old Brick Road and harm to the residents of Palm Coast.

Attorney Duffy reminded Mayor Norris that discussions should be on a new topic.

Ms. Shelley continued to make public comment to discuss location of a fuel farm project discussed by the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners.

Vice Mayor Pontieri provided clarity on the items of consideration for the County, ethics complaints related to charter violations, and the unfairness of mischaracterizing complaints.

J. DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council Member Gambaro encouraged attendance at the Flagler 4th event, discussed prior claims of the Mayor, FDLE findings of no criminal activity, and asked for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Investigative Report to be attached to the meeting record.

Vice Mayor Pontieri shared about a recent event and thanks for support, best of luck to local candidates, encouraged Council to remain respectful on and off the dais, and hoped Council would adhere to a higher standard of conduct. Vice Mayor Pontieri discussed the recent Council discussion related to an austerity budget, the Council's agreeance on fiscally responsible concepts, the consensus provided to entertain a set of principles, discussed the austerity budget details shared by the Mayor, highlighted items already being done by the City of Palm Coast, stated that decisions can't be based on AI or include items that can't be implemented, discussed the work that goes into the budget, importance of properly communicating things that are

already being done and that Council needs to be very clear about what we can do with certain funding sources and come up with realistic budget recommendations.

City Council held discussion on the proposed austerity budget, prior discussion on the topic, and the Council consensus.

K. DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Attorney Duffy highlighted America's upcoming 250th anniversary, World Cup events, and celebrating America.

L. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. REPORTING OF EMERGENCY AND SOLE SOURCE FOR MAY 2026

Mr. McGlothlin shared a reminder to Council to provide their expected service levels for the upcoming budget year.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by: Kaley Cook, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk*