



City of Palm Coast Minutes

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City Council Budget Workshop

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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026	9:00 AM	City Hall - Jon Netts Community Wing
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City Staff

Michael McGlothlin, City Manager
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Kaley Cook, City Clerk

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Alison Palmer called the roll. All members were present.

D. 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

Mayor Norris provided the rules and procedures of public participation.

Public participation opened at 9:02 a.m.

Liz Esposito advocated for a concrete skate park, discussed community support for a park, and the budget.

Forrest Allmans advocated for a concrete skate park and asked Council to please keep it in the budget.

Jeani Duarte discussed Council vacancies, appointments, and the proposed amendments to the City Charter.

Mark Stancil discussed Ray Stevens' election and advised Council to do the honorable thing.

Gary Kunnas discussed the prior Council meeting, and a trespass warning he received.

Tony Amaral discussed the prior Council meeting, the lawsuit settlement, discussed his concerns, and asked about policies and procedures.

Oscar Chelico discussed Palm Coast incorporating Espanola, and that the people in the west want to be left alone.

Public participation closed at 9:16 a.m.

Council Member Miller responded to comments on Espanola.

Vice Mayor Pontieri responded to comments on the Allete lawsuit.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION - FINAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ALL APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Mayor Norris read the title into the record.

Gwen Ragsdale, Budget & Procurement Manager, Raelene Bowman, Accountant II, and Helena Alves, Director of Financial Services, presented the item to Council.

Topics presented included: Overview of Fiscal Year 2026 Revised Budget and Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, General Fund, TRIM (Truth in Millage), Proprietary Funds, Internal Service Funds, Capital Funds, All Remaining Funds, and next steps.

Ms. Ragsdale, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Alves, Carl Cote, Director of Stormwater and Engineering, and Matt Mancill, Director of Public Works, provided a response to Council questions.

Council provided consensus to reduce the City Manager's contingency fund by \$200,000.00; to accept staff recommendations for the streets improvement fund; for staff to research and provide costs for an Olympic-size pool, and for Mr. McGlothlin to talk with the school board about the YMCA.

Council gave consensus for staff to issue an RFP for cost of credit/line of credit up to 15 million, and present options at the September 9, 2026, Budget Hearing.

Mark Strobridge, Chief of Staff for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, addressed Council on the Sheriff's Office budget.

Public comment:

Mark Stancil asked if the Code Enforcement department is being reformed.

Jeani Duarte discussed details of the budget presentation.

Marilyn Mack discussed the budget presentation, misappropriation of funds, and contracts.

Gary Kunnas discussed canal dredging, fees, and asked where the money is going.

Meghan Rizzo discussed the Parks & Recreation budget and athletic field capacity.

Carl Cote responded to Council questions regarding the saltwater canals.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Naftali DeJesus discussed the commercial hauling ordinance and self-hauling, and the City's

permitting process.

Marilyn Mack asked that the City go out to bid on the trash pickup contract to reduce costs for residents, and discussed CPI.

Jeani Duarte discussed Ray Stevens and Council seats.

Mr. McGlothlin responded to public comment on code enforcement rebranding, permitting, and fleet purchases.

Council Member Sullivan commented that he would be here next week.

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

Vice Mayor Pontieri asked for consensus to hire a third party to perform due diligence for the settlement agreement. Council gave consensus. Mayor Norris also asked for a record of the remaining entitlements.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by: Alison Palmer
Deputy City Clerk*