



City of Palm Coast Agenda

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City Council Budget Hearing

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

Wednesday, September 9, 2026	5:15 PM	City Hall - Jon Netts Community Wing
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City Staff

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norris called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.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 comment.

Jeani Duarte discussed transparency, the data center, the City Charter, appointed Council seats, voting, water reports, and declining public trust.

Muffin Nelson discussed the Frieda Zamba pool, asked that the pool be kept open on Saturday and Sunday through Halloween, and discussed her petition.

John Subers discussed his participation on the PRAB and asked Council to fund the Parks.

Agnes Lightfoot discussed her participation on the PRAB and that the players at the tennis center are happy with what is going on.

E. PRESENTATION

1. PRESENTATION – PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET AND REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR ALL APPROPRIATED FUNDS - FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

Helena Alves, Financial Services Director, and Gwen Ragsdale, Budget & Procurement Manager, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: General Fund Revenues Summary, General Fund Expenditure Summary, Proprietary Funds Budget Summary, Capital Projects Funds Budget Summary, Capital Projects Funds Major Projects Fiscal Year 2027, Special Revenue Funds Budget Summary, Internal Services Funds Budget Summary, Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget

Summary, CRA Land Purchase Funding, SR 100 Community Redevelopment Agency Fund, Millage Rate Options, and next steps.

Ms. Alves, Ms. Ragsdale, Kyle Berryhill, Interim Deputy City Manager, and Carl Cote, Director of Stormwater and Engineering, provided a response to Council questions.

Ms. Alves asked for guidance on the 1.5 million 2026 line item allocation for the YMCA from the SR 100 CRA Fund.

Council held discussion and provided direction to move the \$1.5 million for the YMCA from 2026 to 2027.

Per Council direction from the August 25 Budget Workshop meeting, Ms. Alves presented Council with options on reducing general fund reserves.

Council held discussion on the topic. Mayor Norris asked for consensus for fund balance at 15%. Council Member Miller, Council Member Sullivan, and Council Member Gambaro gave consensus. Vice Mayor Pontieri did not give consensus.

Council continued discussion on the topic. Mayor Norris asked for consensus to go with staff recommendation of 20% minus the \$250,000 for the animal shelter. Council Member Miller, Council Member Sullivan, and Council Member Gambaro gave consensus. Vice Mayor Pontieri did not give consensus.

Ms. Alves presented additional financial strategies associated with this purchase: 1. Assign any future General Fund Reserves over the 20% goal to debt repayment, 2. Amend CRA Plan to clearly delineate the use of TIF dollars for repayment to the General Fund, 3. Assign any Future CRA dollars to the repayment of Line of Credit and Interest as Incurred. 4. Initiate Marketing Plan for Sale of Prime Parcels.

Vice Mayor Pontieri recommended options 2-4. Council gave consensus.

Council held discussion on the FC3 grant and gave direction to increase the amount from \$75,000 to \$90,000.

Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly addressed Council and provided a response to Council questions.

John Walsh, YMCA taskforce, addressed Council and provided a response to Council questions.

Interim Deputy City Manager Kyle Berryhill addressed Council on millage rate options.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA BOARD

City Council recessed at 6:48 p.m. and convened the SR 100 Corridor CRA Board.

F. SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA RESOLUTIONS

- 1. STATE ROAD 100 CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SR 100 CRA) RESOLUTION 2026-114 ADOPTING THE SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND AMENDING THE STATE ROAD 100 CORRIDOR CRA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Ms. Alves provided a brief overview and reiterated the SR 100 CRA budget for FY 2026-2027 to be \$4,003,956 and the amended budget amount for FY 2025-2026 budget to be \$3,375,357.

Motion made to approve by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Sullivan.

*Public Comment:
There were none.*

Passed

Approved - 4 - Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Council Member David Sullivan, Mayor Michael Norris

Denied - 1 Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri,

ADJOURN THE SR 100 CORRIDOR CRA BOARD AND RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL

The SR 100 Corridor CRA Board adjourned at 6:51 p.m. and the City Council meeting reconvened.

G. CITY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. RESOLUTION 2026-115 SETTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE (TRIM) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to levy a tentative millage rate of 4.1387 mills. This is an increase of 0% from the rolled-back rate of 4.1387 mills.

Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Pontieri and seconded by Council Member Miller to adopt the tentative millage rate as stated with the caveat that we fund \$330,000 to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office budget for 2 additional deputies.

*Public comment:
There were none*

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to adopt a tentative millage rate of 4.1387 mills.

Passed

Approved - 4 - Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri, Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Mayor Michael Norris

Denied - 1 Council Member David Sullivan

2. RESOLUTION 2026-116 ESTABLISHES THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to adopt a tentative budget with total appropriated expenditures and reserves of \$533,947,885.

Motion made to approve by Council Member Sullivan and seconded by Vice Mayor Pontieri.

*Public Comment:
There were none.*

Mayor Norris announced that the City of Palm Coast proposes to adopt a tentative budget of \$533,947,885.

Mayor Norris announced the Public Hearing to adopt the final millage rate and budget is scheduled for September 23, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., at the Palm Coast City Hall - Jon Netts Community Wing.

Passed

Approved - 5 - Vice Mayor Theresa Pontieri, Council Member Charles Gambaro, Council Member Ty Miller, Council Member David Sullivan, Mayor Michael Norris

H PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There were none.

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

Council Member Miller discussed local events for the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Vice Mayor Pontieri discussed the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and the final alarm as impactful.

Council Member Sullivan discussed the 25th anniversary of 9/11, to make sure children are aware of what happened, and reflect on what happened to you.

Council Member Gambaro discussed the 25th anniversary of 9/11 as a day that changed the trajectory of our lives, tremendous cost and sacrifice, and remembered the servicemembers killed at the Pentagon.

Council Member Gambaro also discussed Raydient.

Mayor Norris discussed the 25th anniversary of 9/11 as a day that changed the world and changed his family's life.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Alison Palmer, Deputy City Clerk