

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 5, 2025

THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Scott Stiltner at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call	Present:	Councilman Shawn Goepfert Councilman Lance Green Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs Mayor Scott Stiltner
	Absent	Councilman Jonathan Foley (excused)
	Also Present:	City Manager Wayne Clark City Attorney Matthew Jones Deputy City Clerk Amanda Bonin

4. Legislative Update - House Representative Chase Tramont

House Representative Chase Tramont gave a legislative update, discussing property taxes and answering Council questions. Mayor Stiltner requested a model showing potential outcomes of cutting property taxes with alternative funding options and suggested making this model available to all municipalities for analysis. Council members voiced concerns about replacing lost revenue. House Representative Tramont praised staff efforts on appropriations and noted the next application period opens August 18, 2025. Mayor Stiltner thanked him for his support.

5. Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items Only

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 15, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting
7. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the County of Volusia for Traffic Signal Maintenance
8. Resolution No. 25-36 - Approval of HUD CDBG Plan Year 2025 Annual Action Plan

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9. Resolution No. 25-37 - Approval of Grant Agreement No. QG023 with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Harbor Road Spruce Creek/Rose Bay Septic to Sewer Project

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Council recessed at 6:53 p.m. to hold the Port Orange Town Center CRA and Eastport Business Center CRA meetings, minutes of which are under separate cover.

EASTPORT CRA REGULAR MEETING

TOWN CENTER CRA REGULAR MEETING

Council reconvened at 7:03 p.m. to hold the regular City Council meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda – 20 minutes)

Patricia Miles, resident, requested Council support in repealing SB180, expressing concern that the bill undermines home rule and explaining her reasons for the request.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

10. Council Members

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs announced the upcoming Parks and Recreation "Rock the Park" event on August 30, 2025, and noted that the City is currently hiring.

Councilman Green highlighted Resolution No. 25-37 as a good-faith effort to support environmental improvements.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert spoke on Resolution No. 25-36, explaining it involves HUD funding for sidewalk repairs and emphasized the need for extended sidewalks and crosswalks on Summer Trees Road to improve pedestrian safety.

Motion to authorize City staff to extend the Summer Trees sidewalk at Magnolia Loop was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert.

Mayor Stiltner requested to bring this back as an agenda item to give council and staff the ability to view it and discuss it.

Motion to revise the motion on the floor to add this item to an agenda for further discussion was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Mayor Stiltner announced the opening of Aldi on Williamson Boulevard, thanked Community Development staff for their work, and noted the soft opening of Farm Social, calling it a welcomed addition. He also raised the idea of exploring the cost-effectiveness of having an in-house electrician and requested a discussion at the next workshop on the permitting process, including permit requirements, costs, and necessity.

11. City Attorney

There was nothing further.

12. City Manager

City Manager Wayne Clark invited Community Development Director Tim Burman to provide an update on the Hurricane Milton recovery programs. Mr. Burman discussed the Transform 386 program, which offers approximately \$40 million in funding for Volusia County residents affected by Hurricanes Ian or Milton. The funds can be used for home rehabilitation, reconstruction, reimbursement for completed repairs, or participation in a voluntary buy-out program. Staff is also looking at FEMA grants, which prioritize low-income households, seniors, and families with young children.

Mr. Clark noted he will return with information on reaching potential millage rates of 5.0000 and 4.975.

Councilman Goepfert raised concerns about sidewalk lighting west of I-95 on Dunlawton Avenue, estimating a replacement cost of around \$115,000.

Motion to add an item on the agenda for sidewalk lighting on Dunlawton, West of I-95, was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Lance Green.

Mayor Stiltner emphasized reviewing all reserve funding and prioritizing projects holistically.

Mr. Clark explained that lighting infrastructure varies by location along Dunlawton and outlined a plan to work with FDOT. The TPO (the regional transportation group) is looking at conducting a feasibility study from Spruce Creek Road to Taylor Branch Road to determine if maintenance/repair is feasible and what the best approach would be. City staff will bring a more pragmatic approach to Council that is sustainable over the long term and still provides light and keeps people safe.

Councilman Goepfert withdrew his motion, and Councilman Green withdrew his second.

Councilman Goepfert also voiced concerns about millage rates and project funding. Mayor Stiltner requested a policy discussion on the City's reserve position be added to the next agenda.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND REPORTS

13. Environmental Advisory Board Report

Kristine Cunningham, Chair of the Environmental Board, provided an update from their quarterly meeting, highlighting three projects. The "Adopt-a-Storm Drain" program has been approved and funded, with a rollout planned for the fall. A plant giveaway is scheduled for October 11, during the Port Orange Family Days event. Additionally, the board is launching a pilot program to plant trees around local ponds.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-17- Land Development Code (LDC) Amendment/Chapter 16 - Relating to Home-Based Businesses

City Attorney Matt Jones read Ordinance No. 2025-17 into the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 16 RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF HOME-BASED BUSINESSES TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY AND COMPLIANCE WITH RECENTLY ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATION AMENDING SECTION 559.955, FLORIDA STATUTES LIMITING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF HOME-BASED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-17 was made by Councilman Lance Green and Seconded by Councilman Shawn Goepfert. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-18 - Land Development Code (LDC) Amendment/Chapter 20 Relating to Eligibility for Economic Development Incentives

Attorney Jones read Ordinance No. 2025-18 into the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 20 RELATING TO ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES RELATED TO PERMIT FEES AND MITIGATION FOR WETLANDS, TREES, AND GOPHER TORTOISES FOR TARGETED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-18 was made by Councilman Lance Green and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. City Council Committee Reports

a. Police Pension Board - Councilman Lance Green

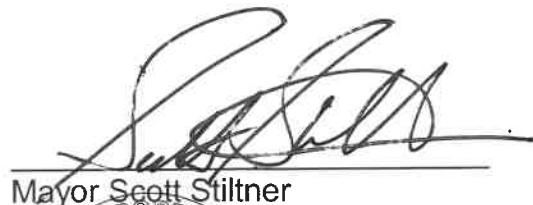
Councilman Green provided a report on the Police Pension Board.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:52 p.m.

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk



Mayor Scott Stiltner

