

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Scott Stiltner at 5:30 p.m.

OPENING

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

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

DISCUSSION / ACTION

4. Discussion on Tentative City Millage and Tentative City Budget for FY 2026

Mayor Scott Stiltner announced the following;

The public hearing is now convened to discuss the millage rate and budget. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget commences on October 1, 2025, and continues through September 30, 2026. We will begin with the City Council discussion of the Tentative millage necessary to fund the FY2026 Tentative budget for the City of Port Orange. The City is the taxing authority and the current year taxable value for operating purposes is \$5,857,514,423.

The tentative millage rate is \$4.975 mills per \$1,000 of valuation which represents a 4.10% increase in ad valorem tax revenues above the rolled-back rate of \$4.7790.

In addition to the foregoing tentative millage levy, there is a voter approved millage levy of 0.1623 mills necessary to fund the debt service payments on the 2006 general obligation bonds for public safety capital facilities which were refunded in 2016.

City Manager Wayne Clark provided details on the tentative millage rate.

Councilman Lance Green requested clarification regarding the budget calculations during the discussion.

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs addressed the topic of the cost-of-living increase, while Mayor Stiltner expanded on the discussion by also commenting on the rising cost of materials and the overall quality of life in the City of Port Orange.

Mayor Stiltner expressed pride in City staff for their ongoing efforts to reduce expenses while continuing to deliver excellent service to the community.

There was no public comment.

Councilman Goepfert spoke on the topic of the maximum millage rate and commended City staff for their efforts in proposing a lower millage rate than the initially established maximum of 5.00.

5. Resolution No. 25-41 - Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for FY 2025-2026

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-41 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2026 Tentative millage rate of 4.975 mills per \$1,000.00 of valuation was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Councilman Jonathan Foley voting no.

6. Resolution No. 25-42 - Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2025-2026

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-42 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2026 Tentative budget was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Resolution No. 25-46 - Adopting Stormwater Fees for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Motion to approve Resolution No. 25-46 adopting the City of Port Orange FY2026 Stormwater Rate was made by Councilman Jonathan Foley and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Robert Reinhagen, resident, expressed concerns regarding the rate structure in relation to the square footage of homes.

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Kellie Millwater, resident, shared her concerns about drainage issues in her neighborhood and asked for assistance.

In response to Mr. Reinhagen's comments, Councilman Green commented on the stormwater fee in relation to the concerns raised.

Mr. Clark provided clarification, noting that the stormwater fee is outlined in the City ordinance and was approved by Council vote a few years ago. Tonight's item for consideration is to implement the third increase to the 3-year plan approved by Council in 2023. Council can re-visit the calculation methodology at another meeting, but it has not been noticed for this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:55 p.m.

  
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Mayor Scott Stiltner

Attest:

  
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Robin Fenwick, MMC  
City Clerk

