

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 15, 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

Invocation by Pastor Nathan Buker of Victorious Life Church

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 Records Coordinator Tracee Cody

4. Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items Only

Mayor Scott Stiltner asked for public comments on consent and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 17, 2025 - Regular City Council Meeting
6. Bid Awards and Contract Items
 - a. Approval of Task Authorization No. 7 with Hall and Ogle Architects, Inc. for design services for City Center Sports Complex Expansion
 - b. Award of ITB #25-03 for Cypress Head Golf Course Renovation of Bunkers to SSS Down To Earth OPCO, LLC d/b/a Down to Earth
 - c. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the EJCDC Agreement for ITB #24-13 for Jackson Street and Oak Street Drainage Improvements with GPS Civil Construction, Inc.
 - d. Approval of Task Authorization No. 25 with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for the Engineering Design and Standard Construction Details update
 - e. Intent to Award ITB #25-14 for Citywide Street Striping Services to Better Barricades, Inc. as the primary contractor
 - f. Intent to Award ITB #25-14 for Citywide Street Striping Services to TRP Construction Group, LLC as the alternate contractor
7. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Halifax Health for a training program for Firefighter EMTs

8. Approval of Task Authorization No. 3 with CPH, Inc. for Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site Management Activities

9. Designation of Voting Delegate for Florida League of Cities Conference being held August 14-16, 2025

10. Resolution No. 25-32 - Approval of Third Quarter Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

11. Resolution No. 25-35 - Support of the Volusia County Transform386 Hurricane Milton Homeowner Recovery Program

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Councilman Jonathan Foley and seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS

12. Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Stiltner read the Proclamation recognizing Parks and Recreation Month and presented it to Parks and Recreation Director Susan Lovallo, along with the department's mascot, Rec Man.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda – 20 minutes)

Lori Becker, resident of the Sugar Forest area, spoke on Consent Agenda item #11 in support of the buy-out program and encouraged Council to attain the property on Bears Trail.

John Cameron, resident, addressed Consent Agenda Item #6b concerning the Cypress Head bunker renovations. He suggested exploring the option of completing some of the renovation work in-house through KemperSports and recommended conducting cost comparisons.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

13. Council Members

Mayor Stiltner announced that the City has received \$4.4 million in appropriation funds and expressed his appreciation to State Representatives Chase Tramont, Senators Tom Wright and Tom Leek, as well as the City Manager and City staff for their efforts. He invited City Manager Wayne Clark to provide a brief overview of the design and construction phases of the funded projects. Mr. Clark also explained how additional funding is distributed to municipalities through the Transform 386 program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Mayor Stiltner further announced that "Port Orange Night," in conjunction with neighboring cities, will be hosted by the Daytona Tortugas on Friday, July 25.

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Councilman Shawn Goepfert thanked all the City staff who participated in making the 4th of July event safe and enjoyable. He also proposed exploring the addition of electric vehicle charging stations at City events.

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs also commended staff for their work on the Fourth of July event. He spoke about the Willow Run Park Bond project, noting his appreciation for community involvement in selecting design concepts and expressing hope that future park initiatives will follow a similar approach. He also thanked the Engineering Department for their stormwater management presentation provided to Sugar Forest area residents. Vice Mayor Grubbs highlighted Consent Agenda Items #6e and #6f, emphasizing the importance of safety and funding of the street striping project. He also suggested another source of funding could be through Resilient Florida.

Councilman Jonathan Foley extended his thanks to the State Representatives in Tallahassee and commended City crews for their responsiveness during recent rainfall events, especially regarding drainage monitoring. He mentioned there was a concern regarding an Ordinance and what was agreed upon by the Fire Pension Board and recommended that Council members consult individually with the City Attorney ahead of the upcoming Fire Pension Board meeting.

Lastly, Mayor Stiltner asked Mr. Clark about the street striping budget and whether collaborating with other municipalities in future budget cycles might offer cost-saving opportunities.

14. City Attorney

There was nothing further.

15. City Manager

Mr. Clark provided an update on the Causeway Park South boat ramp project and advised that the construction start date will be pushed back rather than starting and stopping the process. After meeting with the design team, the project is now anticipated to start in January 2026 and be completed in July 2026. Mayor Stiltner stressed he would like a temporary solution to at least have one gangway open, and Councilman Green expressed his concerns about safety.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND REPORTS

16. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report

Bobby Ball, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, provided the quarterly meeting report and an update on current and future projects.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

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 Jonathan Foley and seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, provided details of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council regarding the amendment to the City's Land Development Code.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

18. First 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 Jonathan Foley and seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Mr. Burman provided details of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council regarding challenges to development and how incentives can help.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

19. Discussion of FY 2025 - 2026 Operating Fund Budgets, Capital Outlay, and Capital Improvement Programs

Mr. Clark provided a presentation of budget priorities and a brief overview of the proposed budget for FY26 and answered questions from Council.

20. Set Maximum Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Council members discussed where they would like to set the maximum millage rate along with the pros and cons of keeping it at its current rate vs. raising it.

Several residents expressed concerns regarding flooding and voiced support for a potential tax increase to improve infrastructure and preserve the community's quality of life.


Council responded to comments from residents on flooding and explained how the City is working toward improving stormwater infrastructure and further discussed how the millage rate works.

Motion to set the maximum millage rate at 5.0000 was made by Councilman Lance Green and seconded by Councilman Jonathan Foley. Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Mayor Scott Stiltner voting no.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:07 p.m.


Mayor Scott Stiltner

Attest:


Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

