

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
APRIL 21, 2026

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
	Also Present:	City Manager Wayne Clark City Attorney Matthew Jones Deputy City Clerk Amanda Bonin

4. Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items Only

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular City Council Meeting - April 7, 2026

6. Bid Awards and Contract Items

a. Approval of Task Authorization No. 8 with Hall and Ogle Architects, Inc. for design services for renovations to the REC Center

b. Approval of a Standard Contract with Open Sky for an America 250 Drone Show at the 4th of July Celebration

c. Approval of the Donation/Exchange Agreements — Cunningham's Lawn and Landscaping, LLC and AAA Fence for REC Artificial Turf

d. Approval of Task Authorization No. 8 to Paul Culver Construction, Inc. for the site work for a new bathroom at City Center Sports Complex

e. Approval of Change Order #1 to Task Authorization #4 to Stanley Consultants, Inc. for continued Post Design Services for St. John's River to Sea (SJR2C) Loop Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Project (CD221)

7. Resolution No. 26-17- Sovereignty Submerged Land Lease for the Port Orange Riverwalk Park Day Dock Project

8. Resolution No. 26-20 - Approval of the Second Quarter Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS

9. Atlantic High School Basketball Team - Runner-up in the State Finals

Coaches Norfolk, Watson, and Greer commended the team, talked about some of their achievements and the state finals. Each of them expressed how proud they are of each of the team members. Coach Watson also advised that Atlantic High School, for the first time in 30 years, is officially an A grade school. Each of the players introduced themselves and stated what their goals are after they graduate high school.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda)

10. Port Orange Day - Daytona Tortugas

Keegan Phillips, Assistant Food and Beverage Manager of the Daytona Tortugas, announced that Port Orange Night is May 9 at 6:35 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Ball Park. Port Orange residents and employees can purchase tickets for \$9 with promo code PO.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda – 20 minutes)

Adam Dovi, citizen, commented on over development, highlighting the Paylin Acres project, the potential increased burden such as flooding and traffic that it may cause, and requested the over development to end.

Ambyr Allen, resident, commented on the Paylin Acres development project and advised she started a petition against this project.

Michael Johnson, citizen, mentioned there is a political ethics crisis in the area and commented on investigations against a congressman in office today.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. Council Members

Councilman Lance Green noted consent agenda item #6b for the America 250 Drone Show, stating it will take place in conjunction with the fireworks show on July 4 to celebrate America 250.

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He also highlighted the approval of the REC items on the consent agenda, noting the recreation bonds are going to work.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert highlighted healthy community growth. In regard to the public comments on over development, Councilman Shawn Goepfert stated the City is moving forward to repair infrastructure and the decisions the City makes are made based on facts and laws.

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs echoed Councilman Lance Green's sentiments on America 250 and thanked the Public Works Department for the work completed in the Horizon Elementary, Hidden Lake Road, Willow Run Road, and Cross Creek subdivision areas. The department re-stripped crosswalks and put up signage after receiving a citizen concern.

Mayor Scott Stiltner advised the Youth Job Fair will take place on April 22 at the Port Orange REC center.

12. City Attorney

There was nothing further.

13. City Manager

a. Riverwalk Update

Wayne Clark, City Manager, provided an update on the Riverwalk project including an upcoming meeting with a potential buyer and highlighted the Riverwalk Morning Market events.

b. Stormwater Projects Update

Mr. Clark reported the Jackson Street and Oak Street project has been completed and provided an update on the Cambridge Project, and the Resilient Florida Grant cycle.

c. Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Update

Mr. Clark provided an update on the Willow Run Park and City Center Park Expansion Projects as well as the Coraci Park Expansion.

Mayor Scott Stiltner requested an update on the disc golf course at Buschman Park at the next Council meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND REPORTS

14. Citizen Advisory Committee for TPO

Bobby Ball, CAC for the TPO, had no report as he was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Approval of the request for a Special Exception for a Retail Nursery and Garden Supplies Facility at 1737 Fern Park Drive

Motion to approve the request for a Special Exception for a Retail Nursery and Garden Supplies Facility at 1737 Fern Park Drive was made by Councilman Lance Green and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Penelope Cruz, Planning Manager, introduced the item, provided details, and answered Council Members' questions.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

16. Intent to Reject all bids for ITB #25-23 City of Port Orange Hunting Lease

Mr. Clark introduced the item and provided details.

Mayor Scott Stiltner stated he would be interested in rejecting all bids and extending the lease for the current occupant for one year.

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs commented on the property's size relative to its current use, noting that it makes up approximately 65% of the City's total area. He also indicated a desire for the City to hold a discussion in the near future regarding the property's future land use.

Councilman Lance Green stated his preference is that the City retain the property as a revenue-generating asset rather than a liability by opening it to the public. He noted that the property is designated as a conservation and mitigation area. He further expressed a desire to proceed with a one-year lease to ensure the property is protected, followed by the development of an RFP for future use, rather than utilizing the bid process.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert agreed with rejecting all bids and extending the lease to the current Hunt Club through the end of April 2027. He also recommended that Council hold a workshop to consider other possible uses, such as multi-use by opening it up to the public to allow families to enjoy the property as well as allowing hunting.

Motion to accept Staff's recommendation to reject all bids for ITB #25-23 was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Linda Winchester, Volusia County resident, commented that Smokey Hunt Club operated the Hunting Camp for approximately 45 years and stated she would like to see the property remain a hunting camp for families to enjoy but not under the current group.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Matt Jones, City Attorney, confirmed that there is a consensus for a new lease, keeping the rate of the new lease at the same rate as last year's rate with a term to expire the end of April 2027. He asked for Council's authorization to allow the City Manager to sign the lease once accepted by the current tenant, in an effort to move the process along.

Mr. Jones further recommended that the City use the terms of the modified bid that was used as part of the bid solicitation, as the base lease terms for the new lease, as this would put the City in the best possible position in relation to safety and other concerns previously raised.

Councilman Lance Green asked about lease expiration and insurance coverage.

Mr. Jones provided clarification.

Motion to offer a one-year lease expiring April 2027 to G&G Sportsman Club Outdoors at the same price as last year's rent at the terms listed in the bid document; and authorize the City Manager to execute that lease was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Robert Thomas Jr., former owner of Smokey Hunt Club, commented on a previous bidder and violations that are in place at the camp.

Herb Miller, hunt club member, commented on the impact hunting has in Volusia County and the wildlife habitat, stewardship to the land, and how they treat it.

Amanda Ackerman, hunt club member, stated that this Hunt Club isn't just land, it's a way of life. It's where kids grew up and learned about responsibility, respect for the outdoors, patience, and discipline.

Jamie Caulkins, hunt club member, stated that each person present tonight is here as a group, not on behalf of any of the bidding parties, and thanked Council for their time. Mr.

Caulkins expressed his appreciation to the City on behalf of the members, that they didn't have to move out so quickly. He also suggested that if something is not put in place by the time the new lease expires on April 30, 2027, that language be added to the lease to allow for another extension.

Bruce McGee, resident, thanked Council for the lease extension and expressed his concerns if the City were to open this land to the public.

Mayor Scott Stiltner stated he appreciates the passion each of the members has for this land and thanked everyone for being respectful in the process.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. City Council Committee Reports

a. First Step Shelter - Councilman Shawn Goepfert

Councilman Shawn Goepfert provided an update on the First Step Shelter to include that the Executive Director resigned, and the board will be recruiting a replacement.

b. Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce - Councilman Shawn Goepfert

Councilman Shawn Goepfert provided an update on the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce to include several events coming up.


c. ArtHaus - Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs provided an update on the ArtHaus.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:05 p.m.


Mayor Scott Stiltner

Attest:


Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

