

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

Invocation by Chaplin Rodrigo Serveli of Advent Health Mission and Ministry

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call	Present:	Councilman Jonathan Foley Councilman Shawn Goepfert Councilman Lance Green Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs Mayor Scott Stiltner
	Also Present:	Assistant City Manager Robin Fenwick 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 21, 2026
6. Bid Awards and Contract Items
 - a. Approval of Addendum No. 1 to the Rental Quotes (#Q12146 & #Q12147) with Ring Power for the rental of temporary back-up generators to be located at 520 Monroe Street and 410 Monroe Place
 - b. Approval to Award Continuing Services Contract with Barfield Group and Bowman Consulting Group under RFSQ #25-24 for Citywide Right-of-Way Consulting Services
 - c. Approval of Task Authorization No. 10 to Paul Culver Construction, Inc. for Causeway Park Pavilions
 - d. Approval of a Contract to Purchase Real Property located at 535 Locust Street for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project
 - e. Approval of a Contract to Purchase Real Property identified as Parcel Numbers 630407001400, 630407001061, 630407000990, and 630407001060; generally located east of Spruce Creek Road, south of Dunlawton Ave. and west of Locust Street, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project

7. Resolution No. 26-21 - Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Sewer Force Main River Crossing Project

8. Resolution No. 26-22 - Calling for Primary and Regular Elections for the Purpose of Electing City Council Members for Districts 1, 2, and 4 and providing for the qualifying period and election dates

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

RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS

9. Water Safety Month

Mayor Scott Stiltner read the proclamation and presented it to Susie Severt, a board member with Making Change 4 Drowning Prevention, which is a 501(c)3 dedicated to water safety and drowning prevention in Volusia County.

10. Fair Housing Month

Mayor Scott Stiltner read the proclamation and presented it to Lee Buckner with Lifestyle Realty Group and Chair of Government Affairs for Daytona Beach Realtors, Lia Selig, CEO of Daytona Beach Realtors, and GG Galloway, Co-chairman of Daytona Beach Realtors.

11. Professional Municipal Clerks Week

Mayor Scott Stiltner read the proclamation for Municipal Clerks week and expressed his appreciation for the Port Orange City Clerks.

12. Port Orange University Graduation Certificates

Council members commented on the importance of the Port Orange University program, thanked the graduates for participating, and congratulated each of them.

Mike Springer, Public Information Officer, introduced the 2026 Port Orange University graduates and presented a certificate of participation to each of them.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda – 20 minutes)

Adam Dovi, resident, stated he understands development is needed but expressed his concerns on over development.

Jackie Clark, citizen, expressed her concerns about flooding and a council members comment from a previous City Council meeting, regarding rainfall amounts in the City

during past flooding events.

Mayor Scott Stiltner praised the Chamber's recent event, *A Tasteful Affair*, and congratulated the organization on the success of the event.

John Belden with the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce provided an update to include some of the upcoming events and the success of past events to include *A Tasteful Affair*.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

13. Council Members

Councilman Lance Green highlighted consent agenda items B and E regarding the purchase of property for the future expansion of the sewer plant facility. He commended City staff for their financial responsibility in identifying cost-saving opportunities and successfully negotiating an agreement with the property owners.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert advised that the County voted earlier in the day to preserve a 13-acre property.

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs stated the Port Orange Job Fair was a success, with more than 200 high school students in attendance seeking employment opportunities. He echoed Councilman Lance Green's comments regarding consent agenda items B and E, noting the City achieved an approximate savings of \$3.3 million. Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs also highlighted consent agenda item #7 concerning the sewer force main river crossing project, emphasizing the importance of the project and noting it has been in development for several months. He further stated the project will provide cost savings to the City due to available grant funding. In closing, he thanked the Atlantic High School ROTC for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Jonathan Foley advised that the attorney representing the fire pension board has stepped down. He stated the board is currently determining whether to remain with the same firm or pursue representation elsewhere.

Mayor Scott Stiltner stated the recent Chamber events were successful and well attended. He highlighted the Riverwalk Market held on Sunday mornings and encouraged residents to attend. Mayor Scott Stiltner also responded to public comments by noting the City's high quality of life for residents and expressing confidence in the progress City staff is making regarding stormwater updates. He further commented on the City's economic growth and stated the City Council has worked diligently to minimize increases in density throughout Port Orange, noting that the majority of Council votes have focused on reducing density while promoting quality development within the City.

14. City Attorney

There was nothing further.

a. Riverwalk Update

Robin Fenwick, Assistant City Manager, provided an update on Riverwalk, highlighting a meeting with a potential buyer.

b. Stormwater Projects Update

Mrs. Fenwick provided an update on the Stormwater projects to include the Cambridge project, and the future elevation of 13 homes and the demolition of one home under the FEMA Grants project in early 2027.

c. Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Update

Mrs. Fenwick provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Bond projects to include Coraci Park North, City Center Sports Complex, and REC West. As requested at the last City Council meeting, Mrs. Fenwick also provided an update on the Disc Golf Course at Buschman Park.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND REPORTS

16. Environmental Advisory Board Report

Christine Cunningham, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Board, provided an update on the Board's recent activities. She expressed her appreciation for guest speakers from Code Enforcement and Engineering for attending the Board's last meeting to discuss watering restrictions and the "Adopt-a-Stormwater Drain" initiative, which encourages residents to inspect nearby stormwater drains prior to Hurricanes.

Mrs. Cunningham also requested, on behalf of the Board, that Council members refrain from reducing fines for individuals who remove trees without obtaining the required permits. She expressed the Board's concerns regarding the importance of maintaining the integrity of the City's tree protection regulations.

Mayor Scott Stiltner stated that Council never intends for the Board to feel disrespected when Council votes differently from their recommendations. He further explained that ordinances are not always black and white and may not address every circumstance that arises, providing examples from recent situations. Mayor Scott Stiltner also commented on irrigation and the reclaimed water system, noting that former Mayor Allen Green was a pioneer and visionary in developing the reclaimed water system for the City of Port Orange.

Mayor Scott Stiltner commended those efforts and emphasized that one of the primary goals of the system is to reduce discharge into the Halifax River. He further noted the importance of reclaimed water distribution throughout the community and expressed appreciation for the Board's acknowledgment of City staff efforts.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert thanked Mrs. Cunningham for her service on the Board, expressed appreciation for her passion on environmental issues, and asked whether anyone had recently raised concerns regarding the “toilet-to-tap” issue, while also mentioning an alternative approach. Mrs. Cunningham stated that no one had officially come to her regarding this issue and provided background information on this issue from other locations globally.

17. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Report

Bobby Ball, Chair, provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and stated that Michael Navarra has resigned from the board as he moved out of City limits. There is now a vacant seat that the board is looking to fill.

REGULAR AGENDA

18. Authorize the Renaming of the Lakeside Community Center to the Allen Green Center

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced the item and provided details.

Mayor Scott Stiltner commended Allen Green, former Mayor of the City of Port Orange, highlighting some of his accomplishments, and invited Mr. Green to come up to the podium.

Mr. Green spoke about the community, commended City staff, and provided some history on the City of Port Orange.

Councilman Jonathan Foley requested for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to think about other people who have served the City for a long time as he would be interested in honoring more people in a similar fashion.

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs commended Mr. Green's service for the last 40 years.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert, commented on his encounter with Mr. Green many years ago and thanked him for his advice at that time.

Councilman Lance Green commented on Mr. Green's committed service to the City, attested to years of wisdom and planning, and never taking no for an answer. Councilman Lance Green stated this is an honor for Mr. Green as well as the Green family's name and thanked Mr. Green for his service.

Mayor Scott Stiltner commended Mr. Green for his service to the City and stated his support for the renaming of the Lakeside Community Center isn't just for Mr. Green, but for his family name, his legacy, his kids, and grandkids.

Motion to authorize Staff to open the 30-day public comment period for the renaming of the Lakeside Community

Center to the Allen Green Center was made by Councilman Lance Green and Seconded by Councilman Jonathan Foley. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

19. City Council Committee Reports

a. Volusia Flagler TPO - Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs provided an update on the Volusia Flagler TPO.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:44 p.m.





Mayor Scott Stiltner

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk