

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 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 led by Members of the Chamber's Youth Civic Leadership Experience

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

Richard Lee, resident, provided information on the golf fee rate increase and highlighted what the intent was behind it.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular City Council Meeting - June 16, 2026
- 6. Bid Awards and Contract Items
 - a. Approval of Task Authorization No. 5 with Danus Utilities, Inc. for the Hamlet Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation
 - b. Approval of Task Authorization No. 6 with Danus Utilities, Inc. for the Dunlawton Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation
 - c. Approval of a Contract with Diamond Turf LLC for Installation of an Artificial Tee Line
 - d. Approval of the Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the area including the Police Department Shooting Range Site
 - e. Approval of a Contract with A Pump & Sprinkler Service, Inc. for irrigation well pump replacement at Cypress Head Golf Course
 - f. Approval to Waive Formal Bidding Requirements and Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Pittman Law Group
- 7. Resolution No. 26-37- Revising Fees at Cypress Head Golf Course

8. Approval of a License Agreement with CBHA Property Holdings, LLC, to install a monument sign within the Charles Street right-of-way at 220 Charles Street

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. Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, REC Man, and Bobby Ball, President of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, were presented with the proclamation by Mayor Scott Stiltner. Council Members thanked Parks and Recreation for their hard work and the service they provide to the City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda – 20 minutes)

Emma Clark, representing the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce, highlighted two upcoming events to include a Golf Tournament on August 8, and the Adult Leadership Program, opening August 10, and thanked Council for their continued support.

Robert Reinhausen, resident, expressed his concerns regarding public outreach for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and suggested alternate ways to reach out to the public.

Robert Fleck, resident, expressed his concerns about the need for the resurfacing of Charles Street.

Angela LeDuc, resident, expressed her concerns about non-conforming signs highlighting a recent applicants' project.

Adam Dovi, citizen, expressed his concerns regarding over development.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

10. Council Members

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs highlighted the success of the Fourth of July event and announced there is a back-to-school bash taking place on July 25 at Parks and Recreation. Additionally, the City anticipates the completion of the Willow Run Extension for the bike trail and the Dunlawton Boat Ramp opening to the public in mid-August.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert noted that several County roads are currently being resurfaced and commended the Parks and Recreation staff for their outstanding work in

hosting the successful Fourth of July event. He also highlighted a consent agenda item approved during the meeting to continue the City's partnership with Lobbyist Sean Pittman, recognizing the valuable services he provides in helping the City secure State funding.

Councilman Lance Green echoed the previous comments regarding the successful Fourth of July event and the consent agenda item approving the continuation of services provided by Lobbyist Sean Pittman. He also discussed the golf course fees, noting that the approved rates establish operating parameters while emphasizing the importance of keeping the golf course competitively priced. He added that Parks and Recreation staff and management will continue working to maintain a competitive and well-managed course.

Mayor Scott Stiltner commented on the golf course as well, noting that the General Fund previously subsidized operations but that the course has become self-sustaining in recent years. He mentioned the City should rely on staff expertise to identify needs and opportunities to maintain the golf course.

Mayor Scott Stiltner also provided an update on Charles Street, noting that an upcoming stormwater project will require the roadway to be torn up and that it will be repaved once the project is complete.

Additionally, Mayor Scott Stiltner recognized Lobbyist Sean Pittman for his assistance in securing State funding for the City. He also acknowledged the recent passing of Bruce, a Volunteer in Police Services (V.I.P.S.) member, expressed his condolences, and stated he would like to read Bruce's obituary at the next Council meeting.

11. City Attorney

There was nothing further.

12. City Manager

City Manager Wayne Clark noted that the City plans to begin work on Charles Street from the east side of the railroad tracks to US-1, during the month of August. Work on the west side of Charles Street will be impacted by the Portona and Sugar Forest projects. As a result, progress on the west side will occur at a slower pace.

a. Riverwalk Update

Mr. Clark provided an update on Riverwalk stating the City has received two letters of intent to purchase and develop the property. He expects to bring at least one of the proposals to Council the second meeting in August.

b. Stormwater Projects Update

Mr. Clark provided an update on the Stormwater Projects to include Transform 386, Portona, and Sugar Forest Projects as well as the recent acquisition of three properties.

Mr. Clark noted that two of the three acquired properties have been demolished, graded, and seeded, and the third is scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Once the last property is completed, the City will go out for grants and other funding sources and work to landscape them back to more of a native Florida approach. This will reduce the maintenance costs going forward.

c. Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Update

Mr. Clark provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects to include the City Center Sports Complex, Willow Run Park, and the Causeway Park.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND REPORTS

13. Parks and Recreation Board Report

Bobby Ball, CAC for the TPO, provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2026-6 - Proposing Amendments to the City's Charter relating to Residency Requirements and Setting a Charter Referendum

Matt Jones, City Attorney, read Ordinance No. 2026-6.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE CHARTER; SETTING A CHARTER AMENDMENT REFERENDUM; AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE TO CHANGE THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS INCLUDING THE MAYOR; AMENDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE DISPUTES RELATED TO QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WHEN QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY MAY VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT QUESTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-6
was made by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs
and Seconded by Councilman Shawn

Goepfert. Motion carried unanimously by
roll call vote.

15. Second Reading - Ordinance No. 2026-8 - Amendments to Chapter 17, Section 29 of the Land Development Code (LDC) for the Planned Community-Agriculture (PC-A) zoning district (Case No. DCAM-25-0005)

Mr. Jones read Ordinance No. 2026-8.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 17 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, RELATING TO UPDATING THE PC-A ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS IN REPOSE TO CHANGING MARKET DEMANDS, BY REVISING THE LOCATIONS OF WHERE CERTAIN USES ARE ALLOWED WITHIN THE PC-A DISTRICT WHILE KEEPING CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT PLANNED COMMUNITY-WESTSIDE FUTURE LAND-USE DESIGNATION; RELATING TO MINOR REVISIONS FOR CLARITY IN DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, REMOVING REDUNDANCIES TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCY IN THE APPLICATION OF THE CODE, PROVIDING EFFICIENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS, ALL IN SUPPORT OF FUTURE DEVELOPEMENT WITHIN THE PC A DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-8
was made by Councilman Shawn
Geopfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor
Tracy Grubbs.

Mr. Clark advised that this item passed first reading on a 3-2 vote. Councilman Jonathan Foley was one of the voters in favor and is not present at tonight's meeting, so unless one of the Council Members who voted against the item changes his mind to vote yes, a 2-2 vote would kill the item on second reading. The applicant may want to address Council before the item goes forward for second reading to request the item to be moved to another meeting when there is a full board to vote. Mr. Clark also advised that the applicant has made all the changes that Council directed during the first reading and the applicant is prepared to move forward tonight.

The applicant requested this item be tabled to the next meeting on August 4 so all the Council Members can see the changes that were made as a result of the discussion at the last meeting.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert rescinded his motion and Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs rescinded his second.

Motion to continue Ordinance No. 2026-8 to the Regular City Council meeting on August 4 was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

16. First Reading - Ordinance No. 2026-11 - Fire Pension Update

Mr. Jones read Ordinance No. 2026-11.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ORANGE, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE IV, FIRE AND RESCUE PENSION FUND, AMENDING SECTION 54-77, DEFINITIONS, AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF SALARY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OVERTIME HOURS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-11 was made by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs and Seconded by Councilman Shawn Goepfert. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. FY 2026 - 2027 Budget Discussion

Mr. Clark provided a presentation of budget priorities and a brief overview of the proposed budget for FY27 and answered questions from Council.

18. Set Maximum Operating Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27

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.

Motion to set the maximum millage rate at 5.000 was made by Councilman Lance Green with no Second.

Motion to set the maximum millage rate

at 5.150 was made by Councilman Shawn Goepfert and seconded by Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs.

Warren Carmen, PBA President and Port Orange Police Lieutenant, expressed concerns about lowering the proposed maximum millage rate, stating that any rate below the requested 5.150 mills could result in employee pay reductions and staffing cuts. He requested that Council approve the proposed maximum millage rate of 5.150 mills to allow the City additional time to further review the budget and make necessary adjustments without impacting employee compensation or positions.

Chris Rogers, citizen, IUPA President, and Port Orange Police Supervisor, expressed strong support from all three positions for the proposed 5.150 maximum millage rate, noting the City's fiscal responsibility with the proposed budget and maximum millage rate.

Councilman Shawn Goepfert mentioned no one from the public was in attendance tonight nor last year to object to the maximum millage proposal. He has not heard from anyone requesting the City to reduce taxes either, and stated the City has to do what's right.

Councilman Lance Green commented on the increase of everything across the board but also stated he will agree to set the maximum millage at the proposed rate but looks forward to seeing a reduced number come time for setting the maximum millage.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Scott Stiltner announced the public hearing dates for the TRIM process, which are Wednesday, September 16, at 5:30 p.m. and Monday September 28, at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

19. 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 there is a new Executive Director, Susan Clark, who will be starting in early August.

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.

c. ArtHaus - Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs

Vice Mayor Tracy Grubbs provided an update on ArtHaus, highlighting the summer events.

d. Police Pension - Councilman Lance Green

Councilman Lance Green advised there is nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:52 p.m.


Mayor Scott Stiltner

Attest:


Robin Fenwick, MMC
City Clerk

