

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 2025-04

Held on Thursday, the 6th day of February 2025, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:01 P.M.

Pastor Mark Miller, Victory in Christ Jesus Ministries, Palm Bay, gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	Rob Medina	Present
DEPUTY MAYOR:	Mike Jaffe	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Kenny Johnson	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Mike Hammer	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Chandler Langevin	Present
INTERIM CITY MANAGER:	Scott Morgan	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
DEPUTY CITY CLERK:	Terri Lefler	Present

CITY STAFF: Joan Junkala-Brown, Deputy City Manager; Juliet Misconi, Deputy City Manager; Mariano Augello, Police Chief; John Pearson, Chief Building Official; Lisa Frazier, Growth Management Director; Ibis Berardi, Community and Economic Development Assistant Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Jaffe announced the following vacancies and terms expiring, and solicited applications for same:

- 1 One (1) vacancy on the Community Development Advisory Board to represents one (1) of the following fields relating to affordable housing ('banking industry', 'residential home building', 'actively engaged in home building', or 'for-profit provider' positions).++**
- 2. One (1) vacancy on the Disaster Relief Committee Executive Board.++**
- 3. Two (2) terms expiring on the Planning and Zoning Board (represents 'at-large' positions).++**

4. Two (2) terms expiring on the Recreation Advisory Board (represents 'at-large' positions).++

5. One (1) vacancy on the Disaster Relief Committee Executive Board.+

AGENDA REVISIONS:

Mr. Morgan announced the following:

A. The Legislative Memorandum and attachments for Item 13, under Consent Agenda, were updated.

B. The applicant for Item 6, under Public Hearings (Case CU25-00002), requested that the case be continued to the March 6, 2025, regular Council meeting.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to continue Item 6, under Public Hearings, to the March 6, 2025, regular Council meeting. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

Mr. Johnson requested that Item 1, under New Business, be considered after Presentations.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to consider Item 1, under New Business, after Presentations. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The individuals were recognized, and the proclamation was read.

1. Recognizing the life saving and heroic measures of resident Ryan Acker and Palm Bay First Responders in rescuing a pregnant woman from a canal. (Councilman Hammer)

2. Proclamation: Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – February 2025.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Trudy McCarthy, Executive Vice President, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast – Unified Brand.

Ms. McCarthy provided an overview of building a unified brand for the Space Coast. The goal was to distinguish Brevard County as a Community of Choice for business investment and talent attraction. In addition, the strategy was to showcase Brevard County and its sixteen (16) municipalities as a region with rich history, a bright future and a thriving quality of life.

Council consensus was given to partner with the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to display a banner in the lobby of City Hall and provide pins and information cards to residents.

Council concurred to consider Item 1, under New Business, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from The Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Palm Bay Makers Faire to be held on March 8, 2025, at Fred Poppe Regional Park.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the co-sponsorship request for The Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Palm Bay Makers Faire at Fred Poppe Regional Park to be held March 8, 2025, for an estimated value of \$2,300.04 for in-kind wages, and \$3,732.50 in fee waivers.

Nancy Peltonen, Palm Bay Chamber President, provided detailed information about the event. She responded to questions posed by councilmembers.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Langevin, to approve the co-sponsorship. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

Council resumed the consideration of items in order as shown on the agenda.

Mayor Medina shared a statement and asked that individuals addressing Council be respectful of one another's different beliefs and follow the rules of decorum. Specifically, regarding the recent social media post made by Councilman Langevin related to the Islamic Community.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)/RESPONSE(S): (Non-agenda Issues and Items Listed Under 'Approval of Consent Agenda' Only)

Individuals made general comments and remarks regarding Councilman Langevin's social media post, specifically, about diversity and inclusivity.

1. Kristen Lanzana, resident, said there should be transparency and accountability regarding the Flock Surveillance System. She requested data as to how many crimes had been solved because of the system, the financial costs or savings to the taxpayers, and how the results from the system compared to traditional policing methods.

Mayor Medina said there was a perception that the Flock cameras were being used inappropriately, which was not the case. Chief Augello explained that the cameras were license plate readers, not closed-captioned television monitors, and the cameras have assisted in crime investigations.

2. Residents commented on excessive traffic in the Lockmar area due to Pineapple Cove Classical Academy.

Mayor Medina said one of the solutions Council had discussed in the past was to extend a turn lane on Emerson Drive. The other option was for the school to utilize its free space on the property.

3. Tashara Lively, owner of Professional Grade Fence, advocated for the continuation of specific licensing requirements for specialty trades in the city. She recently learned that if the State of Florida did not require a license, then it was not necessary for Palm Bay to require one. Ms. Lively said it was important to assure the City and its residents that a registered contractor was responsible for the project. She added that all other municipalities in Brevard County required a fence permit, but Palm Bay did not, and she would be put out of business if unlicensed contractors were legally allowed to work in the City.

Mr. Pearson explained that there had been local licensing requirements in municipalities for many years. The State felt some requirements were a bit excessive and was slowly phasing out some of the local licensing. The City relied on the State's licensing and any enforcement for same was referred to the State. Insurance requirements for any business still had to be met.

Mayor Medina said the comments made online by Councilman Langevin were not indicative of this City Council and may have been perceived or delivered wrong. He said the City and its councilmembers did not chastise any religion. Mr. Johnson said that we were all one, all created by God, regardless how each religion interpreted their creator. He said the focus should be on unity, not division.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

All items of business under the 'Approval of Consent Agenda' heading were enacted by the following motion:

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mayor Medina, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented, with the removal of Item 13 from Consent Agenda. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

1. Adoption of Minutes: Special Council Meeting 2024-13; June 25, 2024.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

2. Adoption of Minutes: Special Council Meeting 2024-14; June 27, 2024.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting 2024-33; December 19, 2024.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

4. Adoption of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting 2025-01; January 2, 2025.

The minutes, considered under Consent Agenda, were approved as presented.

5. Contract: Expansion to 8MGD Engineering Services during construction, South Regional Water Treatment Plant, Task Order 24-18-WT – Utilities Department (Wade Trim - \$297,785).

Staff Recommendation: Approve Task Order 24-18-WT for the South Regional Water Treatment Plant expansion to 8MGD engineering services during construction, against Master Agreement 36-0-2020, with Wade Trim in the amount of \$297,785.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

6. Miscellaneous: Engineering Services, Palm Bay Aquatic Center - RFQ 35-0-2024 - Parks and Facilities Department (CPZ Architects, Inc. - \$13,500).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for Palm Bay Aquatic Center engineering services and authorize to enter into negotiations and execute an agreement with CPZ Architects, Inc. (Plantation), for a three-year term contract, in the amount of \$13,500.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

7. Resolution 2025-05, amending Resolution 2024-34, adopting Classification and Pay Plans and the Position Control Plan for employees of the City of Palm Bay (first amendment).

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

8. Resolution 2025-09, amending Resolution 2025-04, conveying certain property to Diaz Treasures, LLC (Parcel ID 29-36-05-00-3) (2.77 acres).

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

9. Consideration of a Vacant Land Lease Agreement with KIMAYA, LLC, related to property generally located the intersection of Mara Loma Boulevard and Babcock Street (Parcel ID 30-37-04-UT-0S1).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Vacant land Lease Agreement with KIMAYA, LLC related to property generally located at or near the intersection of Mara Loma Boulevard and Babcock Street, Tax ID: 3010920 / Parcel ID: 30-37-04-UT-0S1; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and subsequent renewals.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

10. Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement with the Brevard County School Board for needed office space at Heritage High School.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the School Board of Brevard County and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Palm Bay.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

11. Consideration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award for the purchase of software and equipment for the Police Department.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the agreement for the BJA FY 2024 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Local Solicitation and authorize the Interim City Manager to electronically execute the agreement through the Just Grants portal.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

12. Consideration of submitting an application for the Florida Department of Transportation’s “Know Your Limits” Speeding and Aggressive Driving Grant.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the application submission of The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Safety Office Speeding and Aggressive Driving Concept Paper grant proposal on behalf of the City of Palm Bay.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

13. Consideration of a Letter of Support with Brevard Zoo in relation to its oyster reef/living shoreline construction project as part of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project. (AGENDA REVISION)

The item was removed from Consent Agenda and heard after Public Hearings under Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda.

14. Acknowledgement of the City’s monthly financial report for September 2024 (Unaudited).

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was acknowledged by City Council.

15. Consideration of travel and training for a specified City employee (Building Department).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

16. Consideration of travel and training for a specified City employee (Police Department).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

The item, considered under Consent Agenda, was approved as recommended by City staff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance 2025-02, vacating a portion of the road rights-of-way known as Valdes Avenue and Talisman Avenue, lying between Underhill Avenue and Babcock Street, and South of Foundation Park Boulevard (Platted - Jaslo Street), as recorded in Port Malabar Unit 15, Plat Book 15, Pages 72-79; and Unnamed 25' ½ right-of-way lying between Underhill Avenue and Babcock Street, as recorded in Port Malabar Unit 56, Plat Book 30, Pages 60-67, both of the Public Records of Brevard County, Florida (0.30 acres, more or less) (Case VRW-4-2024, Foundation Park Future Investments, LLC), final reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. The applicant presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Langevin, to adopt Ordinance 2025-02. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

2. Ordinance 2025-05, amending Ordinance 2024-33, which created Title XVII, 'Land Development Code', by modifying provisions within Chapter 172, Development Review Procedures, and Chapter 173, Zoning (Case T24-00005, City of Palm Bay), final reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Mr. Morgan presented the request to Council. Ms. Frazier noted that Table 173-1 should be excluded from Exhibit A of the request. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Langevin, to adopt Ordinance 2025-05, with the exclusion of Table 173-1 from the exhibit. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

3. Ordinance 2025-06, amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget by appropriating and allocating certain monies (first budget amendment), final reading.

The City Attorney read the ordinance in caption only. The public hearing was opened and closed as there were no comments.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Langevin, to adopt Ordinance 2025-06. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

4. Resolution 2025-06, amending Resolution 2024-41, which granted a conditional use for a self-storage facility in CC (Community Commercial) zoning, by correcting a scrivener's error to the conditions listed under "Section 2" (3.57 acres) (Case CU24-00004, Ascot Palm Bay Holdings, LLC). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request.

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Mr. Morgan presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, to adopt Resolution 2025-06. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

5. Resolution 2025-07, amending Resolution 2024-42, which granted a conditional use for retail automotive gas/fuel sales in CC (Community Commercial) zoning, by correcting a scrivener's error to the conditions listed under "Section 2" (2.00 acres) (Case CU24-00007, Ascot Palm Bay Holdings, LLC). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of the request.

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only. The public hearing was opened. Mr. Morgan presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, to adopt Resolution 2025-07. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

6. Resolution 2025-08, granting a conditional use to allow an educational institution in LI (Light Industrial and Warehousing District) zoning, in accordance with Section 173.01, Palm Bay Code of Ordinances, on property located south of and adjacent to Treeland Boulevard, in the vicinity east of San Filippo Boulevard

(3.7 acres) (Case CU25-00002, Treeland Property Owner LLC). (Quasi-Judicial Proceeding)

This item, considered under Agenda Revisions, was continued to the March 6, 2025, regular Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

13. Consideration of a Letter of Support with Brevard Zoo in relation to its oyster reef/living shoreline construction project as part of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project. (AGENDA REVISION)

Staff Recommendation: Approve the execution and submittal of the Letter of Commitment to the Brevard Zoo.

Mr. Hammer wanted the project to be done on City property. Tyler Soros, representative from Brevard Zoo, clarified that the project would be in Palm Bay, but the location fell under Brevard County permitting at the State and Federal levels. Mr. Hammer asked if there were any other upcoming projects. Mr. Soros shared that there was another project in process near the Rhum Cove Condominiums. Mr. Hammer asked for consensus to have an open invitation for Brevard Zoo to have future projects in Palm Bay. Council concurred.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve a Letter of Commitment to the Brevard Zoo. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

PROCUREMENTS:

1. Contract: Emergency infrastructure repair, Norwood Street - Utilities Department (Don Luchetti Construction, Inc. - \$3,132,314).

Staff Recommendation: Acknowledge approval of the emergency contract with Don Luchetti Construction, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$3,132,314 for the Norwood Infrastructure Repair and approve appropriation adding \$1,500,000 Stormwater Utility Funds to the Project Budget.

Mr. Morgan presented the item to Council.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to acknowledge approval of the emergency contract for the Norwood infrastructure repair.

Deputy Mayor Jaffe asked if the City was able to capture any direct purchase order savings on the larger ticket items. Mr. Morgan advised that because the washout occurred during a declared emergency, there was the possibility of receiving additional monies from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) but was unsure as to how much or when it would be received.

Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

2. Miscellaneous: ‘Piggyback Purchase’, Cured-In-Place Pipe Installation Services, Fiscal Year 2025 Phase 2 Replacement Program (Polk County Contract) – Public Works Department (Hinterland Group Inc. - \$1,094,387).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for Fiscal Year 2025 Phase 2 Replacement Program of Cured-in-Place pipe installation services with Hinterland Group Inc. (Cocoa), through the Polk County contract, in the amount of \$1,094,387.

Mr. Morgan presented the item to Council.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve the award. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

After the vote was taken, it was noted that there was a public comment for this item. Council concurred to take the vote after the comment.

Bill Battin, resident, asked the timeline for completion and if the City was receiving a fair price on the piping. Mr. Morgan advised that the project had been competitively bid and the unit prices agreed upon were reflective of the current market conditions. The expected completion date was ninety (90) days.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve the award. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

3. Miscellaneous: ‘Cooperative Purchase’, Asphalt Rejuvenation (City of Plantation Contract) – Public Works Department (Pavement Technology, Inc. - \$1,461,992).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for asphalt rejuvenation with Pavement Technology, Inc. (Westlake, OH), through the City of Plantation contract, in the amount of \$1,461,992.18.

Mr. Morgan presented the item to Council.

Bill Battin, resident, asked that Council continue to support the Road Maintenance Fund, stop tearing up newly paved roads and perform underground work prior to paving. He also suggested that patch work be large enough to support a vehicle so the patches did not continuously fail.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to approve the award. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

A brief recess was taken after which time the meeting resumed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of a co-sponsorship request from The Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Palm Bay Makers Faire to be held on March 8, 2025, at Fred Poppe Regional Park.

This item was considered earlier in the meeting, after Presentations.

2. Consideration of accepting a stormwater drainage easement from UHW Investments, LLC for stormwater system maintenance (2635 Kirby Circle NE).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Stormwater Drainage Easement with UHW Investments, LLC.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, to approve the stormwater drainage easement. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

3. Consideration of selecting a non-profit organization to provide services to Palm Bay youth and at-risk youth at the Evans Center (1361 Florida Avenue NE).

Staff Recommendation: Council to deliberate and award the use of Evans Center facilities to one of the responsive non-profit agencies; provide direction on a lease rate

and frequency; and authorize the City Manager to execute the lease agreement as drafted in coordination with the City Attorney's Office.

Ms. Junkala-Brown provided a brief overview and advised Council that three (3) applications were received in response to the Request for Information. Only one application was being presented for consideration as one agency had withdrawn their application and the other did not attend the mandatory walkthrough. Ms. Berardi provided details on the application received from Club Esteem.

Ellena Little and Alberta Clinkscales of Club Esteem responded to questions posed by councilmembers. Deputy Mayor Jaffe asked if the agency was requesting that the City pay for the costs of utilities and maintenance. Ms. Little confirmed same. Deputy Mayor Jaffe said he would not support using taxpayer dollars to pay those costs.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to award the use of Evans Center facilities to Club Esteem, Inc. and Partners, for a one-year lease at a cost of \$10.00 for the year, with the caveat that Club Esteem shall pay for expenses related to utilities, internet, and Florida Power and Light. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

4. Consideration of accepting the City's Social and Economic Vulnerability Assessment as prepared by East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Staff Recommendation: Accept the Social and Economic Vulnerability Assessment.

Mrs. Junkala-Brown and Brenda Defoe-Surprenant (East Central Florida Regional Planning Council) presented the item to Council.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hammer, to accept the Social and Economic Vulnerability Assessment. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

5. Consideration of the City's 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the City and the City's contracted federal lobbying firm, Alcalde & Fay, to advocate for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Federal Legislative Priorities of the City of Palm Bay and appropriate funds as noted within the Fiscal Impact section of the Legislative Memorandum.

Council discussed the following Federal Legislative Priorities:

- Police headquarters site selection and site planning - \$5 million with \$1 million City match funding
- Minton Road Widening Project - \$5 million with \$1 million City match funding
- Streetlights Master Plan - \$250,000 with \$50,000 City match funding
- State Road 514 (Malabar Road) and Interstate 95 improvements – \$6.5 million with \$3.5 million match funded by Florida Department of Transportation

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, to authorize the City and the City's lobbyist to advocate for the following Federal Legislative Priorities:

- State Road 514 and Interstate 95 improvements with \$1 million City match from Transportation Impact Fees
- Minton Road Widening Project with \$1 million match from 32908
- Letter of support for consideration of new Opportunity Zones in the Bayfront area and the area known as the Compound
- Letter of opposition for the elimination of tax exemptions on municipal bonds

Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

6. Consideration of councilmembers attending the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days / Florida League of Mayors from March 24-26, 2025, in Tallahassee.

Mayor Medina, Deputy Mayor Jaffe, and Councilmembers Hammer and Langevin would attend the conference.

7. Consideration of scheduling a workshop meeting in February 2025.

Council concurred to schedule a workshop meeting for Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., for an anti-corruption presentation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Councilman Johnson advised that he would not be in attendance.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmembers addressed various subject matters.

1. Mr. Langevin addressed the comments related to his social media post and clarified its contents. He said that the ideology of Islam, particularly the political component, did not belong in the United States. He said there was nothing wrong with his statement and would not apologize for it.

2. Mr. Hammer asked the status of the traffic signal at Babcock Street and Mara Loma Boulevard. Mr. Morgan said that Brevard County was working with a developer to replace some of the sidewalk in that area that had been removed, but the light should be installed soon.

3. Mr. Johnson said that, since being elected, he had been a target in the past and asked Mr. Langevin to refrain from doing the same with residents. He asked that everyone be mindful of what they say and be respectful to one another.

4. Deputy Mayor Jaffe made the following reports:

A. He addressed Councilman Langevin and said he did not appreciate the extra burden and stress that was placed on councilmembers and staff from his comments. Deputy Mayor Jaffe respected freedom of speech and did not believe in censorship but said the comments did not benefit the City.

B. Asked staff to look into the City's relationship with the schools. He said that schools were renting the City's tennis courts during prime times and other residents were unable to use the courts. He felt the schools should be providing these amenities to their students.

C. Requested an update on the project at the marina.

D. Appointed Peter Filiberto to the Planning and Zoning Board.

5. Mayor Medina addressed Councilman Langevin and said that his comments came out wrong. He said being an elected official was a huge responsibility and all should be respectful and mindful of how words could lift families up or cause division. Mayor Medina said this was a good learning opportunity, and now Councilman Langevin could move forward, and this experience would make him a better public servant.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

1. Mr. Morgan provided an update on the recruitment process for City Manager. To date, sixty-nine (69) applications had been received and the last day to apply was Friday, February 28th. Applications would be provided to City Council on March 7th with each

councilmember narrowing down to 4-5 individuals to be presented at the March 20th meeting. Council would then determine who they wanted to interview as finalists at a meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 10:32 P.M.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terri J. Lefler, DEPUTY CITY CLERK