

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 2026-02

Held on Thursday, the 8th day of January 2026, 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 6:00 P.M.

Pastor Ken Delgado, The House Church, 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
CITY MANAGER:	Matthew Morton	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
CITY CLERK:	Terese Jones	Present

CITY STAFF: Dr. Brian Robinson, Deputy City Manager; Jason DeLorenzo, Deputy City Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Jaffe announced the following vacancy and solicited applications for same:

1. One (1) vacancy on the Community Development Advisory Board, representing one (1) of the following fields relating to affordable housing ('for-profit provider', 'residential home building', and 'actively engaged in home building' positions).+

AGENDA REVISIONS:

1. Mr. Morton announced that Item 3, under Approval of Consent Agenda, was withdrawn by staff.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

The proclamation was read.

1. Proclamation: Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January 2026; National Human Trafficking Awareness Day – January 11, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/RESPONSES:

Individuals made general comments.

1. Numerous residents from the Palm Bay Estates community spoke regarding a failing pipe located near the community than ran into Turkey Creek. The pipe recently failed completely, and the roadway within Palm Bay Estates had partially collapsed. The issue had always been as to which entity was responsible for the repair and/or replacement of the pipe, but the City always utilized the pipe, not Palm Bay Estates.

Mr. Morton disclosed his conversations with the former homeowner's association (HOA) president and although it was private infrastructure and not owned by the City, the City had agreed to a cost-sharing agreement with the HOA to which the HOA denied. The City eventually loaned them steel plates for the collapsed roadway. The HOA agreed to the plates, but they did not have proper equipment to unload the plates. There had been no further action on this issue.

2. Kristen Lanzana, resident, said that she had filed multiple records requests related to the Flock Camera System and had not received answers to her specific questions, as well as a request for open discussion at a Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Jaffe asked if Council wanted to bring the topic for public discussion at a future meeting. Mayor Medina felt that the Flock License Plate Readers were an efficient tool in reducing and solving crimes. Mr. Johnson asked that staff forward the data to Council. Mr. Morton responded that staff would communicate with Ms. Lanzana to get her questions answered and would also be forwarding requested information to Council.

3. Butch Orend, resident, questioned how failing neighborhood roads would receive priority to be repaved.

Mr. Morton responded that every road throughout the City was being surveyed. He explained the process of how the data was collected and, when completed, would be presented during a public meeting for discussion and direction.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the removal of Item 4 from consent. 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: Regular Meeting 2025-27; November 6, 2025.

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

2. Adoption of Minutes: Regular Meeting 2025-28; November 20, 2025.

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

3. Resolution 2026-01, amending the City's Investment Policy.

The item, announced under Agenda Revisions, was withdrawn by staff.

4. Consideration of accepting a grant award and authorizing an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Turkey Creek Sanctuary Water Quality Improvement Project.

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

5. Consideration of an amendment to previously approved expenditures from the Palm Bay Police Department's Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) for the annual Cops and Friends Reindeer Run event (\$3,214).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the amendment to previously approved expenditure of funds as specified in the City Manager's memorandum.

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

6. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Police Department – Community Services Division).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

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

7. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Police Department – Support Services Division).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the travel and training as specified.

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

8. Consideration of travel and training for specified City employees (Police Department – Uniform Services Division).

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 2025-61, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 92, Noise, by including provisions related to construction work on weekends, final reading. (Councilman Langevin)

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

Motion by Mr. Langevin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, to adopt Ordinance 2025-61. 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 2026-01, vacating a portion of the rear public utility and drainage easement located within Lot 26, Block 890, Port Malabar Unit 22 (Case VE-18-2025, Christopher Lee Seward and Erika Scott), first 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. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Ordinance 2026-01. 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 a First Amendment to the Development Agreement with Diaz Treasurers, LLC; sale of City-owned property (Tax Account 2961562); and Grant of Easement, first hearing.

The public hearing was opened. Mr. DeLorenzo presented the request to Council. The public hearing was closed.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, to approve the first amendment to the development agreement with Diaz Treasurers, LLC; the sale of City-owned property (Tax Account 2961562); and grant of easement. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consideration of accepting a grant award and authorizing an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Turkey Creek Sanctuary Water Quality Improvement Project.

Staff Recommendation: Approve acceptance of the grant award from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP); authorize the Mayor and/or designated City official to execute the grant agreement; and approve opening and funding project number 26SU05 PBTCS Baffle Boxes (WQIP) – Meadowbrook Project.

Mr. Langevin did not feel this was the appropriate time to spend money on baffle boxes for a small section of Palm Bay when taxes could not be lowered for the residents. He was not opposed to the project moving forward in the future but not now as there were better uses for \$800,000.

Mayor Medina said that moving forward with the agreement would be beneficial to the community and entire County. He said it was an investment to remove the muck before it ruined Turkey Creek and the Indian River Lagoon.

Mr. Hammer reminded Council that this had been discussed to move forward and fight for through the Legislators.

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mayor Medina, to approve acceptance of the grant award from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP); authorize the Mayor and/or designated City official to execute the grant agreement; and approve opening and funding project number 26SU05 PBTCS Baffle Boxes (WQIP) – Meadowbrook Project.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Medina	Yea
Deputy Mayor Jaffe	Yea
Councilman Johnson	Yea
Councilman Hammer	Yea
Councilman Langevin	Nay

PROCUREMENTS:

1. Award of Bid: Equipment rental (Co-Op), 06-ITB-26 – Public Works Department (multiple vendors).

Staff Recommendation: Approve the award for equipment rental (co-op) with multiple vendors (Alta Construction Equipment Florida (Tampa); Big Orange Rental, LLC (Mims); Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. (Fort Mill, South Carolina); Synergy Rents, LLC dba Opifex-Synergy (Tampa); and United Rentals (North America), Inc. (Melbourne), for a one-year term, renewable by the Procurement Department for four additional one-year terms.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Jaffe, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the award for equipment rental (co-op) with multiple vendors as recommended by staff, for a one-year term, renewable by the Procurement Department for four additional one-year terms. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County for Babcock Street reconstruction and resurfacing between Weiman Road and Willowbrook Street.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Brevard County and the City of Palm Bay for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Babcock Street between Weiman Road and Willowbrook Street; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and authorize any necessary budgetary actions.

Mr. Morton presented the item to Council.

Bill Battin, resident, felt the agreement was a bad deal and would impact the quality of life for residents of the city due to the development of so many homes.

Motion by Mr. Hammer, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Brevard County and the City of Palm Bay for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Babcock Street between Weiman Road and Willowbrook Street; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and authorize any necessary budgetary actions. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Medina, Yea; Deputy Mayor Jaffe, Yea; Councilman Johnson, Yea; Councilman Hammer, Yea; Councilman Langevin, Yea.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmembers addressed various subject matters.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

1. Mr. Morton provided a statement regarding his role as City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:05 P.M.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terri Lefler, DEPUTY CITY CLERK