

City of Melbourne, Florida
Minutes – Regular Meeting Before City Council
June 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, 900 East Strawbridge Avenue, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Alfrey.

A. OPENING

1. The invocation was given by Council Member Mimi Hanley.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Present:

Paul Alfrey	Mayor
Julie Kennedy	Vice Mayor
Marcus Smith	Council Member, District 1
Mark LaRusso	Council Member, District 2
David Neuman	Council Member, District 3
Rachael Bassett	Council Member, District 4
Mimi Hanley	Council Member, District 5
Jenni Lamb	City Manager
Joan Junkala-Brown	Deputy City Manager
Adam Conley	City Attorney
Justice Stevens	Assistant City Clerk
Rebecca Thibert	Assistant to the City Manager

4. Proclamations and Presentations

The Mayor presented a volunteer milestone of service award to Thomas Saam for 20 years of service on the Code Enforcement Board.

Additionally, the Mayor presented a proclamation declaring June 2026 as “Faith, Family and Responsibility Fatherhood Month” to Michael Stover, Director of Valor Media, Pastor Ben Bowman of Reformation Bible Church and Jason Storms, Director of Operation Save America and another proclamation declaring June 2026 as “Men’s Health Awareness Month” to Council Member Marcus Smith.

5. Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting

Moved by Hanley/Neuman for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

6. City Manager’s Report

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City Manager Jenni Lamb noted that at previous Council meetings, she has asked for Council's approval to award time off to employees at city moral boosting events. She noted that there is an upcoming event for employees and she requested approval to award a total of 24 hours of administrative time off. There were no objections from City Council.

7. Public Comments

Ruth Kaufhold, Palm Bay, invited the Mayor and Council to attend the Liberty Bell Museum's Flag Day event on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. **Ordinance No. 2026-24, Certificate of Engineering Construction Completion:** (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance amending City Code Chapter 50, Article III; Appendix B, Article IX; and Appendix D, Chapter 3, Chapter 8, Chapter 9, and Chapter 10, related to referencing "Certificate of Engineering Construction Completion" in multiple sections of City Code (Applicant - City of Melbourne) (P&Z Board - 5/7/2026) (First Reading - 5/26/2026)

City Attorney Adam Conley read the ordinance by its title. There were no disclosures by Council. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the audience.

Moved by Neuman/Smith for approval of Ordinance No. 2026-24 based upon the findings contained in the Planning & Zoning Board memorandum. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Bassett, Hanley, Smith, LaRusso, Neuman, Kennedy and Alfrey

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Ordinance No. 2026-25:** (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance proposing a referendum item for a charter amendment to Section 8.04 of the City Charter, authorizing City Council to delegate the duties of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Planning and Zoning Board. (First Reading - 5/26/2026)

Attorney Conley read the ordinance by its title. The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the audience.

Moved by Neuman/Smith for approval of Ordinance No. 2026-25. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Bassett, Smith, Neuman, Kennedy and Alfrey

Nay: Hanley and LaRusso

Motion carried.

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C. NEW BUSINESS

10. Work Order No. 26-01 to the contract for Asphalt and Milling Annual Resurfacing Program for the Longwood Subdivision Road Resurfacing and Restoration, Project No. 64324, V.A. Paving, Inc., Cocoa, FL - \$1,800,000.

City Engineer James Ennis reported that the roadway surfaces within the Longwood Subdivision have been determined to be at the end of their life. Geotechnical testing was performed and determined that Chappara Drive, Chappara Court, Alamo Place, Oakbrook Place, Maple Leaf Place, Woodsmill Drive north of Alamo Place, Longwood Boulevard north of Oakbrook Place and Village Park Drive north of Oakbrook Place require black base installation in addition to resurfacing due to the condition of the base. The remaining streets within Longwood Subdivision will receive standard two-inch mill and resurfacing. This work order includes 2.7 miles of roadway resurfacing, of which, base repairs are required for 1.65 miles of the total resurfacing area.

The contractor will have 270 days following Notice of Commencement to complete the work included within this work order.

Vice Mayor Julie Kennedy noted her appreciation for this project. She also asked if the money going into this project was already allocated. Mr. Ennis replied yes.

Council Member Mark LaRusso asked if the city's new consultant has looked at this project. Mr. Ennis noted that it has not, but it was previously identified as a part of the work program. Mr. LaRusso asked if Mr. Ennis was comfortable with this project since it has not been run past the new consultant. Mr. Ennis responded yes due to the road failing.

Mrs. Lamb noted that this area has already been identified as a concern.

Vice Mayor Kennedy asked if the street at in the front of the community is also failing. Mr. Ennis noted that the base rock in this area is still together and he is confident it will not fail like the section that is going to be redone.

Moved by Kennedy/LaRusso for approval of Work Order No. 26-01 to the contract with V.A. Paving, Inc., Cocoa, FL for the Longwood Subdivision Road Resurfacing and Restoration, Project No. 64324, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,800,000. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Purchase of playground equipment and turf surfacing for Southwest Park, Project No. 70126, Playmore West, Inc., Fort Myers, FL - \$397,137.40.
- b. Fifth Amendment to the Purchase Agreement for Temporary Staffing Services, AUE Temporary Staffing, Inc., Melbourne, FL - annual estimated cost of \$1,050,000.

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- c. Application (Request for Inclusion) to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Facilities Funding under the State Revolving Fund for Grant Street Water Reclamation Facility Improvements.
- d. **Resolution No. 4419:** A resolution calling for a general municipal election to be held November 3, 2026; electing three Council Members, one each from Districts Two, Four and Six; calling for a special run-off municipal election in the event of a tie between two candidates for any seat; calling for a referendum to be held on the same date in accordance with Ordinance No. 2026-25; providing that the resolution shall serve as the city's notice of election required by Section 22-3 of the City Code; and authorizing the City Clerk to coordinate with the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections to conduct the election.

Moved by Hanley/Bassett for approval of the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

13. **Ordinance No. 2026-26, Zoning Text Amendment CB-OZ Extension Request:** (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance amending City Code, Appendix B, Article V, Section 3(B) Central Business Overlay Zone, extending the zone for 4.25 acres. (Applicant - Kelly Delmonico, Land Development Strategies) (P&Z Board - 5/21/2026)

Attorney Conely read the ordinance by its title. Community Development Director Cindy Dittmer reported that the CB-OZ is an overlay zone that was established in 2014 to protect and enhance the core areas of Downtown Melbourne CRA and the Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront CRA (excluding the Art Overlay Zone). The original intent of the creation of the CB-OZ was to apply a different set of development and design standards that had been impediments to redeveloping properties within community redevelopment districts. Some of these standards relate to smaller parking space allowances, reduced required parking for residential uses, maximum setback requirements along main corridors, lessened setback requirements for properties not zoned C-3, an additional floor of building height allowance, and a bonus allowance for outdoor seating without a parking requirement. All of these allowances were intended to facilitate more redevelopment, and they have been successful in providing flexibility and allowing more redevelopment projects to occur.

A private property owner within the proposed expansion area is requesting to expand the CB-OZ boundary. The proposed zoning code amendment extends the CB-OZ boundary for 11 parcels totaling 4.25± acres, located along the northern boundary of the Downtown Melbourne Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The properties are all zoned C-1 or C-2 with Mixed Use or General Commercial Future Land Use. Currently, the CRA and CB-OZ boundary is a sawtooth pattern

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along Lincoln Avenue. The proposed expansion will extend the boundaries of the overlay zone north to Fee Avenue, from Waverly Place to the FEC railroad.

The CB-OZ expansion area is in the Midtown Activity Center (MAC), allowing 30 units per acre and a floor to area ratio of 2.0, if the property has a Mixed-Use Future Land Use. The current CB-OZ area is all within the Downtown Melbourne Activity Center (DMAC), as it follows the CRA boundaries and allows 100 units per acre and a floor to area ratio of 6.0, if the property has a Mixed-Use Future Land Use. The expansion of the CB-OZ will not change the activity center in which the properties are located, so these properties will have less density and floor to area ratio allowances than permitted in the DMAC. However, the properties will still gain the flexible development standards.

Staff is in support of the request to expand the CB-OZ. Properties in this area have had difficulty redeveloping and the expansion of the overlay zone should assist those efforts. Additionally, there is on-street public parking available on Waverly Place and Lincoln Avenue, and the area is zoned C-1 and C-2, which is a similar zoning pattern to areas located within the existing CB-OZ.

On May 21, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed amendment.

Mr. LaRusso noted his support for this item and thanked staff for their work on this item.

Mr. Smith asked if there were any other activity centers in the city. Mrs. Dittmer noted there are two others, the Midtown Activity Center, Platt Ranch Activity Center, Eau Gallie Activity Center and the Downtown Melbourne Activity Center.

Mr. Neuman also noted his support for this item and thanked staff for their hard work.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Kelly Delmonico, Land Development Strategies, was available for any questions and noted that the business she is representing for this project is also available for any questions.

Ethan Packey, 635 E. New Haven Ave., shared his support for this item.

Moved by Neuman/Bassett for approval of Ordinance No. 2026-26, based upon the findings contained in the Planning & Zoning memorandum. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. (Public Hearing)

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Housing and Urban Improvement Manager Abby Johnson reported that the Action Plan for the program year beginning October 1, 2026 outlines the projects and activities the city will undertake using Federal FY 2026-2027 CDBG funds. Additionally, the plan provides supporting narratives, geographic description of the distribution of funds, homeless/special needs activities and other actions the city will take to comply with grantor requirements.

Six agencies applied for funding for public services that covered services for many areas of need and populations. Five agencies passed the threshold review and were considered for eligible for funding under the Public Services category. The level of need and competition for the grant funds continues to rise, and the ranking of applications based upon completeness, funding need, expansion of previously funded programs, and past performance is a large factor in the funding recommendation.

The four recommended public service programs cover both youth and adult services, ranging from after-school/summer camp programs to assistance with housing and case management. The two recommended public facilities and improvement projects are for a Restroom Project (construction) at Riverview Park and the Providence Place: Freezer (Hibiscus Boulevard) / Building Improvements Morningside Drive. The proposed housing activity funding supports the Homeowner Housing Accessibility Program. The funding is proposed for four public service activities - \$88,335; two public facility and improvement projects - \$383,257.24; Program Administration costs - \$122,261; and one Housing Activity, Homeowner Housing Accessibility Program- \$17,451.76.

The total CDBG funding amount of \$611,305 and the Action Plan were advertised on May 7, 2026, for public comment for a period of 30 days. No comments have been received to date.

The Funding Recommendation Committee met on March 23 and 25, 2026, and the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) recommended approval of the CDBG funding recommendations at their April 6, 2026, meeting, with the allowance for staff to make adjustments as needed if the HUD changed the allocation amount.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Jeff Njus, 17 E. Hibiscus Ave., was available for any questions.

Mayor Alfrey asked for an update from Mr. Njus on the Providence Place Connects facility. Mr. Njus noted that they are in progress and the new building should be completed by June of 2027. He also noted that Providence Place has closed on their Fee Ave. property.

Mr. Smith thanked the Housing Division for attending the latest asset mapping meeting with the community.

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Moved by Neuman/Smith for approval of the projects and activities for Federal FY 2026-2027 CDBG funding within the Annual Action Plan, authorization to execute all necessary documents, and authorization to execute the Subrecipient Agreements for four public services activities with the non-profit organizations and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Engineering for non-public services. Motion carried unanimously.

15. HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. (Public Hearing)

Ms. Johnson reported that Melbourne's total HOME allocation for FY 2026-2027 is \$250,359.29. The proposed HOME Action Plan funds: the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside at 15%, in the amount of \$37,553.89; Homeowner Occupied Hurricane Hardening Program in the amount of \$100,000; Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Program in the amount of \$87,769.48; and the associated administrative costs for the City of Melbourne at \$18,601.69 and Brevard County at \$6,434.23.

The Action Plan was advertised on May 7, 2026 for public comment. A public hearing before City Council is the final step in the process. The 30-day public comment period expires on June 6, 2026. No comments have been received to-date.

The Funding Recommendation Committee reviewed the applications on March 23 and 25, 2026. The Citizen Advisory Board approved the Committee's funding recommendations for the HOME FY 2026-2027 Action Plan at its meeting on April 6, 2026.

The Mayor opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the audience.

Moved by LaRusso/Neuman for approval of the proposed activities for Federal FY 2026-2027 HOME funding within the Annual Action Plan and authorization for the City Manager to submit for inclusion in the Brevard County HOME Consortium's Consolidated Action Plan for FY 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Resolution No. 4420:** A resolution adopting second quarter budget recommendations for the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Financial Services Director Ross McGinn reported that each quarter, staff reviews the city's budget in comparison to actual revenue collections and expenditures in order to track the progress of the financial condition of the city. Mr. McGinn provided a report that covers activity from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 and includes staff observations on financial trends and details regarding recommended budget modifications. This report can be found in the agenda package.

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Mr. McGinn noted that this resolution recognizes revenue and expenditure adjustments as described in the budget report. The budget impact is a net increase of \$3,712,729.

Mr. LaRusso asked if the city is losing money since it is not growing. Mr. McGinn responded yes.

Mr. Neuman noted that he requested information from Mr. McGinn about the money available for the paving plan. He shared that there is still \$667,000 for this plan.

Moved by Neuman/LaRusso for approval of Resolution No. 4420. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discussion of the proposed property tax constitutional amendment.

Mrs. Lamb introduced the item and Mr. McGinn presented the impact to the city's revenue as well as potential impacts that will need to be considered in future budgeting. More specific details can be found in the agenda package.

Mr. LaRusso noted that he does not want to see any money taken out of the IT budget. Ms. Hanley shared her support for Mr. LaRusso's statement.

Ms. Bassett asked if the fire assessment fee would cost the same for every home in the city. Mr. McGinn noted that a study would have to be done before determining the amount being charged. Ms. Bassett asked if this would cover the loss of revenue completely. Mr. McGinn noted that ideally this would cover the loss of revenue, but a survey would still need to be done to verify that.

Mr. Smith asked if there are any other fees that need to be updated like the Stormwater Utility Fee. Mr. McGinn noted that the fire assessment fee and stormwater utility fee would be the only ones.

Mrs. Lamb noted that the Stormwater Utility Fee was originally created for water quality, however this fee does not cover all of the maintenance that is needed so the rest of the funds comes from the general fund.

Mr. Smith stated that it would be smart to raise or add these fees to help the city if the cuts do occur.

Ms. Hanley asked what the benefit of increasing the stormwater utility fee would be when it comes to the general fund. Mr. McGinn noted that this fee would keep from having to subsidize the general fund.

Discussion continued.

Ms. Hanley asked for an approximate time to do the study for the stormwater utility fee or fire assessment fee. Mrs. Lamb noted that she does not have the exact time

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frame, but if Council waits until February to start the survey it will be too late. Mr. McGinn noted that an estimate for this kind of study would be around \$250,000.

Mr. LaRusso commented that there are many areas being subsidized by the General Fund and the city should be capping those items.

Mr. McGinn continued his presentation. Mayor Alfrey noted that he wants to avoid closing any city parks.

Attorney Conley reported that the Florida Legislature passed CS/HJR 1-F on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 to place a proposed constitutional amendment regarding homestead exemptions for property taxes on the November 2026 ballot. The proposed amendment: increases the homestead exemption from \$50,000 to \$150,000 beginning January 1, 2027, and to \$250,000 beginning January 1, 2028; requires the Legislature to establish a schedule for the full elimination of homestead property taxes; excludes school district levies from the increased exemption; reduces the cap on annual assessment increases for non-homestead properties from 10% to 5%; allows property tax revenue to fund operations of county and municipal governments, including constitutional county officers, county commissions, city governments, and expenditures approved by local elected officials, unless a specific expenditure is prohibited by state law; and requires new Florida residents (after January 1, 2027) to wait five years before qualifying for the increased exemption.

Additionally, Attorney Conley presented information on Section 106.113, Florida Statutes, as it is applicable to the city and its elected officials, and the limits placed on the use and expenditure of public funds to communicate with electors regarding the referendum item.

Ms. Hanley noted that she was asked by an organization to speak on this topic. Attorney Conley noted that Ms. Hanley can attend an event to discuss this topic as long as it is not in an official city capacity pushing for the community to vote yes or no.

Mr. LaRusso explained his concern with city employees looking for other jobs that may provide more incentives than Melbourne will be able to if this bill passes.

Mr. Neuman discussed his thoughts and shared that Indian River County gave their bus system to a non-profit organization, and it has been successful. He noted that he would like to look into utilizing partnerships with non-profits to keep our parks open, but having the non-profit maintain the facility. Mrs. Lamb noted that staff can look into this idea.

Ms. Hanley asked if staff can provide the costs to perform the fire assessment fee study and stormwater utility study. Mrs. Lamb noted that staff will bring this back at the next Council meeting.

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Mrs. Lamb also noted that staff had already determined the stormwater utility fees needed to be looked at.

Mr. Smith provided some examples to bring in revenue.

Mayor Alfrey expressed his opinion that Council needs to provide ideas to staff to increase revenue if that is what they desire.

Mr. Neuman asked what the timeline would look like to implement these revenue changes. Mrs. Lamb noted that some items can wait, but some cannot like the studies that may need to be done to implement these fees.

Mayor Alfrey asked Attorney Conley if there is a way to ask the community what they would be willing to give up with the loss of this revenue. Attorney Conley noted that there would be no issue with providing the facts to the community about this bill if it passes and the cuts to choices that are going to be made if it passes.

18. Discussion of City of Melbourne Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

Mr. McGinn presented the status of the city's major funds as well as potential impacts that are under consideration during the budget preparation process. This information can be found in the agenda package.

Mr. McGinn also recommended dates for the Budget Special Meeting and Public Hearings. This year, Brevard County will be holding its public hearings on Melbourne's regular Council meeting dates in September, so it is recommended that the city's public hearings and regular meetings be moved to Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting immediately following. It is recommended that the Budget Special Meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m. It is at the Special Meeting where the tentative millage rate is adopted for inclusion in the Property Appraiser's Truth-in-Millage notices that will be mailed to property owners in August.

Mr. Smith shared his support for Mr. McGinn's ideas.

Mr. Neuman asked if Council chose not to do the rollback, is there any scenario that could offset the revenue that would be missing. Mr. McGinn noted that this would only create a onetime fix.

Mr. LaRusso stated that he would like to see Council agree with cutting items that are being subsidized by the General Fund.

Discussion continued.

Council expressed consensus for the schedule change of the September 2026 Budget Public Hearings and City Council Meetings to Wednesday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the

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regular meeting immediately following. Council also approved the Budget Special Meeting to be scheduled on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Smith noted that he will not be in attendance at the July 29th Council Meeting.

19. Consideration of the City's proposed 2026-2027 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Mrs. Lamb reported that at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, Ms. Hanley requested that staff and City Council develop federal legislative priorities. The goal is to set priorities related to federal funding and federal programs in anticipation of Ms. Hanley's and Mr. Smith's attendance at the Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Fly-In on June 23-24, 2026.

The city's proposed 2026 federal legislative priorities for City Council's consideration is provided in the agenda package. This list, which consists of broad statements and proposed projects, represents a starting point for City Council's discussion.

Mr. Neuman asked to place a priority on the list that would help find funding for the Downtown Eau Gallie parking garage project. Council shared consensus to add this to the list.

Council expressed consensus for the list of priorities.

20. Travel authorization to attend the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Community Leadership Retreat, September 10-12, 2026 in Jupiter, FL and making a finding that the event serves a valid public purpose.

Assistant City Clerk Justice Stevens reported that Council Member Mimi Hanley has expressed interest in attending the Melbourne Regional Chamber's 2026 Community Leadership Retreat, September 10-12, 2026 at the Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harbourside Place.

Council Policy #36 relates to the Mayor and Council's travel and per diem budget. The policy provides pre-authorization for the Mayor and City Council to attend events within Brevard County that are sponsored by the Space Coast League of Cities, the Economic Development Commission and the Space Coast Chamber of Commerce based on a finding that attendance at these events serves a valid public purpose. The 2026 Community Leadership Retreat is being held in Jupiter, FL located within Palm Beach County. Therefore, City Council approval of the expenditure is required.

Concurrent with Council authorization, the City Council shall also make a finding that the travel serves a valid public purpose as the purpose of the retreat directly relates to collaboration with the Space Coast Chamber of Commerce and discussing "issues and opportunities that impact and shape the economy and quality of life on the Space Coast."

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Following discussion, Council Members Smith, Neuman and Hanley requested to attend this event.

Mr. LaRusso requested that this item be moved to a future agenda so that more information can be provided to Council about what the membership with the Space Coast League of Cities consists of.

Council expressed consensus to move this item to the July 28 City Council meeting.

Discussion continued.

21. Board Appointments

a. Beautification and Energy Efficiency Board

The floor was open to nominations. Ms. Hanley nominated Tyler White and Daniel Talbot. Mr. Neuman nominated Hunter Benninger.

The roll call vote was (Council voted for two):

Daniel Talbot: Hanley and Bassett

Tyler White: Hanley, LaRusso, Smith, Neuman, Kennedy and Alfrey

Hunter Benninger: Bassett, LaRusso, Smith, Neuman, Kennedy and Alfrey

Moved by Neuman/Alfrey to appoint Hunter Benninger and Tyler White as a alternate members. Motion carried unanimously. (Terms: Benninger and White – June 9, 2026 through February 12, 2028, unexpired three-year terms)

b. Historic and Architectural Review Board

Moved by Neuman/Alfrey to appoint Kate Broderick, Dianne Baumert-Moyik and LuAnn Moyer as regular members. Motion carried unanimously. (Terms: Broderick – June 9, 2026 through June 30, 2028, unexpired three-year term; Baumert-Moyik and Moyer – June 9, 2026 through June 30, 2027, unexpired three-year term.)

c. Olde Eau Gallie Riverfront Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

Moved by LaRusso/Alfrey to reappoint Thomas Richards and Justin Jennings as regular members and appoint Edilene Johansson as a regular member. Motion carried unanimously. (Terms: Richards and Jennings – June 12, 2026 through June 11, 2028, two-year term; Johansson – June 12, 2026 through June 11, 2028)

D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

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Mr. Neuman reminded Council of the Fourth of July Parade that is upcoming and invited them to ride on the city's antique fire truck during the parade.

Ms. Bassett noted that she attended the Spirit of Giving event with the Police Foundation.

Ms. Hanley read Council a text message that she received from a pastor that shared his apologies for a comment that was directed at her earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Smith noted that he attended the latest Melbourne Resources Collaborative meeting and shared some information on what they have been presenting. He also asked staff to research options for beautifying Veterans' Memorial Park.

Ms. Hanley asked staff to research a state grant that would fund the acquisition of artwork for the lobby of City Hall. Mrs. Lamb noted that she will meet with Ms. Hanley to discuss more details when she has more information on the grant.

Mr. Smith reminded Council that a couple members still owe money to the Space Coast League of Cities for the Joint Breakfast that took place at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

Mr. LaRusso thanked staff for their work on completing the first ADA compliant city playground.

Vice Mayor Kennedy noted that she attended the Good Morning Space Coast Breakfast on the Florida Tech campus. She also noted that her good for the week is the old Boston Market in her district is currently being constructed into a bank. Vice Mayor Kennedy also asked for Council's support in opposition of a Brevard County property being rezoned. She noted that due to the traffic and flooding that would come with the construction that may occur on the property with this zoning change, it would cause more harm than good.

Mayor Alfrey noted that this property would also have to come to Melbourne City Council as a pre-annexation, as the property would need the city's water and sewer. He reported that in this area, the city does not have the infrastructure for the project, and a traffic light would likely need to be placed at Aurora Road and Turtle Mound Road. He noted that he would like to provide a letter noting Council's consensus against this project. Council expressed consensus for this letter and having members of Council attend Brevard County's upcoming meeting on this project

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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/s/ Justice Stevens, Assistant City Clerk – July 6, 2026

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