

City of Melbourne, Florida
Summary of Action – Regular Meeting Before City Council
July 28, 2026

A. OPENING

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Council Member Smith participated via Microsoft Teams.

4. Proclamations and Presentations
5. Approval of Minutes
6. City Manager's Report

City Manager Jenni Lamb reminded Council that the Budget Special Meeting is being held on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m.

7. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Travel authorization to attend the Space Coast 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. (Continued - 6/9/2026)

Following discussion, Mr. LaRusso requested that a breakdown of all line items in the Mayor and Council budget to be provided to Council.

Approved 6-1. Mr. Neuman noted nay.

9. **Ordinance No. 2026-27 (AV2026-0003):** (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance to abandon and vacate a public alley right-of-way located at 1710 Stockton Street. (First Reading - 7/14/2026)

Approved.

10. **Ordinance No. 2026-28 (AV2026-0005):** (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance to abandon and vacate a 12-foot-wide unimproved public alley right-of-

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way that runs through the applicant's property located at 22 E. New Haven Avenue.
(First Reading - 7/14/2026)

Approved.

11. **Ordinance No. 2026-29 (AV2025-0007):** (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance vacating a portion of the 15-foot-wide public utility easement that encompasses the building on the parcel with conditions at 1000 N. Wickham Road.
(First Reading - 7/14/2026)

Approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS

12. Contract award for Crane Creek Reserve Golf Course - Electrical Improvements, Project No. 10621, Accurate Power & Technology, Inc., Eustis, FL - \$142,130.

Approved 6-0. Ms. Bassett was not present for the vote.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Termination of Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Melbourne and Florida Department of Transportation for maintenance of landscaped areas and roadways in state rights-of-way.
- b. License Agreement for laydown yard between the City of Melbourne and in-Depth, Inc. for temporary use of a portion of Ballard Park, 924 Thomas Barbour Drive, for the Navigational Aids and Channel Markers project; and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.
- c. Extension of the contract for Annual Independent Audit Services, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, Melbourne, FL — total estimated cost of \$130,650.
- d. **Resolution No. 4425:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for FY 2026-2027 Alternative Water Supply Funding for the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Expansion at Joe Mullins RO Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount \$20,575,400.
- e. **Resolution No. 4426:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), for FY 2026 Cops Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program funding in the amount \$182,132 to expand access to mental health and wellness services for the Police Department.

Approved, less than Item a.

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14. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Termination of Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Melbourne and Florida Department of Transportation for maintenance of landscaped areas and roadways in state rights-of-way.

Approved.

- 15. Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2025-2026 Action Plan. (Public Hearing)**

Approved.

- 16. Substantial Amendment to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) FY 2022-2023 and 2025-2026 Action Plan. (Public Hearing)**

Approved.

D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Smith reported that he sat down with Attorney Conley and Mrs. Lamb to discuss the city's opportunities with PFAS class action lawsuits. He noted that he is looking for Council's consensus to support the city participating in these class actions lawsuits.

Attorney Conley referred to an email that he provided Council on this topic and noted that the city has been monitoring these class action lawsuits since 2023 with outside council. He noted that it is both outside council and his recommendation that Council does not move forward with these lawsuits, however, he will take Council's direction on the topic.

Ms. Hanley asked where the potential revenue from these class action lawsuits will go in the city's budget. Attorney Conley noted that the revenue from water supply remediation issues would best go towards those issues. Ms. Hanley then noted that this is not a good revenue source.

Mrs. Lamb added that there are not as many restrictions on the revenue from these class action lawsuits, but it is her recommendation to put restrictions on where the revenue would go if Council moves forward with this.

Mr. LaRusso noted his concern on this topic.

Council did not express consensus to move forward with this class action lawsuit.

Ms. Hanley requested that the city's representative from Brown and Brown come to a Council meeting to answer some questions Council has about the city's health insurance.

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After some discussion, Mayor Alfrey reported that he will be bringing back a discussion item on potentially combining healthcare with other municipalities in Brevard County and bypassing a third party to obtain healthcare.

Ms. Hanley invited Council Members to attend the TPO's "Stop on Red" event at Wickham and Eau Gallie Blvd. on Friday, August 7. She also noted that she had a meeting with Mrs. Lamb and Senator Ashley Moody's staff to discuss obtaining federal funding for city issues and the timeline to start working on them.

Mr. LaRusso mentioned that he was caught up in the moment during Item 8 and shared his support with Mr. Neuman's vote to not approve the item.

Vice Mayor Kennedy notified Council that the issue in the Turtle Mound area that she has been working on is coming back to Brevard County's Planning and Zoning Board. She asked if Council still expressed consensus for her to attend these meetings in support of the city's opposition of the item. There were no objections from Council. She also discussed how Matthew's Hope is helping Brevard County residents and encouraged Council to visit their facility.

Mayor Alfrey asked for Council's consensus to all sign a letter for Finance Director Ross McGinn to provide his future employer. Council expressed consensus.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.