



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 5, 2025
City Hall 510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 3275

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor James Homich called to order the Regular Session of City Council in the Mount Dora City Hall Council Chamber.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag were led by Mayor Homich.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

James Homich, Mayor
John Cataldo, Vice-mayor
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Marc Crail, District 4
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager
Patrick Brackins, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Senator Keith Truenow and Representative Nan Cobb presented a check to the City for grant funding to purchase meridian barriers, which play a vital role in enhancing safety during the numerous events our city hosts throughout the year. Their support helps ensure the well-being of our residents, visitors, and businesses by creating a more secure environment for all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Chuck Deffes, 326 East Seventh Avenue, spoke about his dissatisfaction with the condition of a sidewalk on Alexander and 11th.

The Mayor suggested spray-painting hazardous areas with noticeable markings.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Ratification of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Tree Canopy Resiliency Grant Agreement

City Urban Forester Mark Miller informed the Council that the City Manager approved and executed the tree canopy grant on July 16, 2025, as authorized under the City's purchasing policy. The total grant award is \$50,000, with a required local match of \$12,500. All work must be completed within one year. The funding will be used for tree pruning services on City-owned right-of-way trees located along five key corridors, including North Donnelly Street, East Pine Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, East 11th Avenue, and the portion of East Fifth Avenue that is within the City limits. This grant will help reduce hazards to the public and support a safer urban canopy for the community.

The Council and staff discussed a City tree listing, the use of the tree bank fund to help fund the project, the responsibility for trimming trees that impede sidewalk traffic, the already adopted ordinance regarding the stewardship of trees, and the type of pruning that will be done under this grant.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO RATIFY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TREE CANOPY RESILIENCY GRANT AGREEMENT; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

2. Request Approval to Apply for the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program Grant (FRDAP)

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Shonk told Council that this grant is a 100% matching grant. Organizations may apply for up to \$200,000.00 in funds, and it is possible to have two projects awarded simultaneously. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) provides funds through the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program's competitive grants for the acquisition or development of outdoor recreational facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking funding opportunities for the Donnelly Project through this grant, specifically considering beautification, upgraded amenities, stormwater management, and erosion control solutions. The department also intends to apply for a second grant for the Lincoln Park baseball/softball fields. If awarded, City Council will have the opportunity to review and determine whether to accept the grants, along with evaluating the scope, budget, and merits

of any proposed improvements to Donnelly Park or Lincoln fields. The Council retains full authority to decide whether to proceed with any matching expenditure or final project implementation.

Council and staff discussed the flexibility and portability of grant funds.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT; COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

3. Request Approval of Code Compliance Lien Reduction Case No. 2023-0002 for 1400 Eudora Road (The Palms of Mount Dora Condominium Association, Inc.)

Community Development Director Adam Sumner spoke about the item.

This code enforcement case originated in September 2022 and remained out of compliance until May 8, 2024. The total accrued lien stands at \$100,250. The violation involved occupying an unsafe structure due to structural deterioration of the stairwells and second-floor walkways. The building was deemed dangerous, and "Do Not Occupy" orders were posted. The majority of the complex consists of rental units. The property managers missed many deadlines. Two inspections conducted in 2024 confirmed the property's compliance. Staff cost total was \$1,822.00.

Council and staff discussed the period of time passing between compliance and addressing the lien. Discussion continued on matters including the number of owner-occupied units in the complex, the property manager's unresponsiveness, and the responsibility of property owners to maintain the proper addresses on record with the City. The City contacted the property managers through all required methods.

Property representative Kandi Hardesty, 1400 Eudora Road, spoke about the personal obstacles that prohibited her from receiving and responding to the notices from the City.

The Council, staff, and those with interests in property ownership and management discussed the proper handling of documents related to this matter. Council believed there should be some penalty.

They discussed proper notice with Mr. Brackins. They agreed that staff cost needs to be paid, and further considered decisions regarding the responsibility for assessment of fines,

Property owners were present to answer questions.

The Council and staff discussed assessment amounts and the process for reducing them.

Steve Noyes, 2318 Lake Griffin Road, Lady Lake, Florida, owns several units at this property. He spoke about his experience in attempting to find a resolution for this matter.

Staff and Council learned that the majority of units are income-producing.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

The Council considered methods for determining a fair amount for the fines. They emphasized the importance of passing rental inspections and noted that the condo association is responsible for the property's maintenance and upkeep. The Council agreed that the property owners had failed to fulfill their responsibilities. Mr. Brackins explained the amount of time necessary to notify members for payment. Council expressed concern that tenants were paying for apartments that didn't meet City codes. They recognized that while compliance was achieved, health and safety were compromised.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO REDUCE THE ASSESSED FINE BY THE MAGISTRATE TO \$50,000.00 AND THAT THE SUBJECT BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL \$1,822.00 COST ASSESSED BY THE CITY AND THAT THEY BE GRANTED 90 DAYS WITHIN WHICH TO PAY THE FINE, BUT ONLY 30 DAYS WITHIN WHICH TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE COST TO THE CITY AND IF NOT PAYED AS APPROVED THAT THE FINE AND COST REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

<i>YES</i>	<i>Homich</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>None</i>

Mayor Homich adjourned the meeting for a recess at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Homich called the meeting back to order at 7:59 p.m.

4. Veterans' Memorial

The Mayor presented the idea of adding specific additional military conflicts to the Veterans' Memorial on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Baker Street. The City would confirm whether Somalia was a declared conflict. The Council was in favor of receiving input from the American Legion to determine what should be added to the memorial. They expressed a consensus that they would like the City Manager to research this matter further.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-12 Annexation KB Home Orlando, LLC for the Hillside Development (19.96 Acres)

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance No. 2025-12 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 441 AND NORTH OF ROBIE AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF ANNEXATION; PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR LIMITED CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Planning Director Michele Janiszewski told Council an error in the property description would be corrected to say "GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF 441..."

Ms. Janiszewski informed Council that the site is located in the City's Joint Planning Area (JPA) and is eligible for annexation. KB Home petitioned the City for annexation of this parcel. The site borders the City limits on the north side of the property. This item is for annexation only.

The Future Land Use Map (FLUM) and rezoning will be processed under separate ordinances. Once annexed, the property's future land use will be reassigned from County Urban Low to City Low/Medium Density, and the zoning will be reassigned from County PUD to City PUD.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12, ANNEXATION KB HOME ORLANDO, LLC FOR THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT (19.96 ACRES); COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

<i>YES</i>	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Homich</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>None</i>

2. Request Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-13, Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment KB Home Orlando, LLC for the Hillside Development

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance No. 2025-13 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO A CHANGE IN FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE

MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2045; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND AMENDMENT TO FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Janiszewski informed the Council that this item is related to the prior item and amends the FLUM for the parcel to be annexed.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13, SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT KB HOME ORLANDO, LLC FOR THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

<i>YES</i>	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
	<i>Homich</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>None</i>

3. Request Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-14, Change in Zoning KB Home Orlando, LLC for the Hillside Development

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance 2025-14 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION CHANGE FROM COUNTY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO CITY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 441 AND NORTH OF ROBIE AVENUE, COMPRISING 19.96 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION CHANGE AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Because this vote involved a zoning change, Ms. Janiszewski was sworn in, as this was a quasi-judicial hearing.

KB Home is requesting a change in zoning from County Planned Unit Development (PUD) to City PUD. The City PUD will carry forward the development standards established in the County PUD.

The Council and staff discussed the maximum building height and tree requirements.

Steve White, representing KB Home, informed the Council that the maximum building height would be approximately 27 feet. Ms. Janiszewski informed the Council that trees would be placed in accordance with County code; redevelopment tree placement would follow City code.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14, CHANGE IN ZONING KB HOME ORLANDO, LLC FOR THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

<i>YES</i>	<i>Homich</i>
	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>None</i>

4. Request Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-15, Annexation Lindsley Paving Company, Inc. (6.41 Acres)

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance 2025-15 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 441 AND NORTH OF SMITH AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF ANNEXATION; PROVIDING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2, CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR LIMITED CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The applicant submitted applications to amend the land use map and zoning map to assign the property a City land use and zoning district in conjunction with the annexation. Upon annexation, the property's Future Land Use will be changed from County Regional Office to City Industrial. The zoning will be assigned from County Light Industrial (LM) to City Workplace One (WP-1).

Council and staff discussed the use of this land for stormwater management. No development applications have been received yet. The applicant is taking this step to attain the entitlements at this time.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15, ANNEXATION LINDSLEY PAVING COMPANY, INC. (6.41 ACRES); COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	<i>Homich</i>
	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Bryant</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
NO	<i>None</i>

5. Request Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-16, Small-Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment for Lindsley Paving Company, Inc.

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance No. 2025-16 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO A CHANGE IN FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2045; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND AMENDMENT TO FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NONCODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The applicant requested an amendment to the City's Future Land Use Map to change the land use from County Regional Office to City Industrial. The application was submitted simultaneously with applications to annex the property and assign the property a city zoning district. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the amendment.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16, SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT FOR LINDSLEY PAVING COMPANY, INC.; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

***YES Dawson
Crail
Homich
Cataldo
Bryant
Walker
Rolfson
NO None***

6. Request Approval of the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-17, Change in Zoning for Lindsley Paving Company, Inc.

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance 2025-17 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION CHANGE FROM COUNTY LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LM) TO CITY WORKPLACE ONE (WP-1) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 441 AND NORTH OF SMITH AVENUE, COMPRISING 6.11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION CHANGE AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NONCODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Because this vote involved a zoning change, Ms. Janiszewski was sworn in, as this was a quasi-judicial hearing.

The applicant requested a change of the zoning and has submitted annexation and future land use amendment applications to run concurrently with the rezoning application. The applicant intends to use the site for stormwater management purposes when the adjoining property to the west submits a development application.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CRAIL TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-17, CHANGE IN ZONING FOR LINDSLEY PAVING COMPANY, INC.; VICE-MAYOR CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES *Walker*
 Cataldo
 Dawson
 Bryant
 Rolfson
 Homich
 Crail
NO *None*

7. Request Approval of First Reading of Ordinance 2025-11 Amending the Land Development Code Pertaining to Parking Lots Exempt District

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance 2025-11 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO: 2025 - 11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF MOUNT DORA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; SPECIFICALLY, THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS CHAPTER VI ENTITLED 'DESIGN STANDARDS;' PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Janiszewski informed the Council that the City's Land Development Code (LDC) prohibits the development or redevelopment of improved parking lots unless the parking spaces are provided elsewhere within the downtown parking exempt district. This regulation has inadvertently discouraged the development of enhanced parking lots within the downtown exempt district due to the cost and feasibility of providing parking spaces elsewhere within the downtown exempt district, if a property owner wishes to redevelop their site. Staff recommendation is an amendment to the LDC to eliminate this requirement. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the amendment.

Mayor Homich opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-11, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO PARKING LOTS EXEMPT DISTRICT; VICE-MAYOR CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES *Crail*
 Dawson
 Bryant
 Rolfson
 Cataldo
 Homich
 Walker

NO *None*

8. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-32, Approving the Mount Dora Vision Zero Safety Action Plan

Mr. Brackins read Resolution 2025-32 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MOUNT DORA VISION ZERO SAFETY ACTION PLAN; SETTING A LONG-TERM SAFETY GOAL OF ZERO TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES WITHIN THE CITY BY 2035; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Gary Phillips of Halff Associates spoke about the Vision Zero nationwide strategy developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and accessible mobility for all. The Mount Dora Vision Zero Safety Action Plan is the result of a grant-supported study by the FHWA. The Mount Dora action plan builds on existing policies and goals in cooperation with partnering agencies to recommend safety countermeasures designed to eliminate crashes that result in fatalities and serious injuries. Projects included in the action plan, if approved by FHWA, will qualify for additional federal funding opportunities for implementation.

Mr. Phillips presented slides delivering information derived from feedback gathered at public meetings. The slides are attached to the minutes as Exhibit A. The request is to adopt the report by adopting the resolution.

The Council and Mr. Philips discussed the project timeline and its correlation with a County roundabout project. Council spoke in support of the initiative. Ownership of roads affects grant application and may require coordination with the County. All roads in the plan are located within the City and will affect its residents.

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Bill Dietz, 2205 Dogwood Circle, spoke in favor of adoption.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-32, APPROVING THE MOUNT DORA VISION ZERO SAFETY ACTION PLAN; COUNCILMEMBER CRAIL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES *Dawson*
 Homich

Cataldo
Walker
Rolfson
Crail
Bryant
NO *None*

PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

No reports

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Mr. Sandersfeld spoke about the grant awarded to the Police Department. The funding will be used to purchase customized computers that allow for large data imaging and analysis related to child sex abuse investigations.

He mentioned a legislation delegation appropriation request letter he received and an upcoming meeting related to appropriation requests.

He announced that the school zone camera program would begin on August 13. and ticketing.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins directed the Council's attention to the codification report required annually, as per the City Charter.

His presentation on Charter duties would take place at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Brackins provided an update on the City's petition to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection related to the landfill expansion permit.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Dennis Dawson mentioned the upcoming Florida League of Cities Conference.

Councilmember Crail spoke about Lake County's upcoming vote on the Britt Road repair. He mentioned the increased cost for the repair and the affected traffic patterns. He encouraged contacting the commissioners before the vote.

Councilmember Nate Walker thanked Senator Truenow and Representative Cobb.

Mayor Homich spoke about the Council Code of Ethics and its mention of retreats.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:59 p.m.


JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK


JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora