



**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757

September 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

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, with special mention of September 11th, and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Homich.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

James Homich, 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

Members Not Present

John Cataldo, District 1, Vice-mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Council and staff discussed policy considerations and policy development.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2025-17**, Final Fire Assessment Rate

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2025-17 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REIMPOSITION OF FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFIRMATION OF PRELIMINARY

ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff presented an overview, including a recap of the initial maximum assessment rate approved on June 17, 2025; details of the final fire assessment rate; and information regarding available financial hardship assistance and the City’s comprehensive outreach campaign. Staff noted Council’s previous direction to expand outreach efforts to ensure residents are informed of available assistance programs.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17, FINAL FIRE ASSESSMENT RATE; MAYOR HOMICH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 6-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Rolfson

Homich

Crail

Dawson

Bryant

Walker

NO None

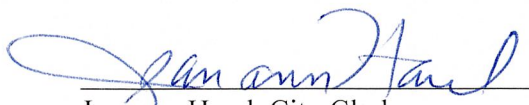
Mr. Brackins spoke to Council about the recent State District Court of Appeal ruling related to open carry of firearms.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.



JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora



Jeanann Hand, City Clerk