



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Mount Dora City Hall
510 North Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
November 4, 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 and 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

Mayor Homich introduced Florida Department of Transportation District (FDOT) Five Secretary John E. Tyler, who spoke about assistance FDOT is providing to repair the Donnelly Street area that had been damaged by the flood on October 26th and 27th. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is working even during the government shutdown. He spoke about traffic patterns their engineers observed while local traffic travels on alternative routes while Donnelly Street is unavailable. He mentioned plans to assist with traffic during the busy upcoming holiday event season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Amy Becker, 404 North Donnelly Street, owner of Becker's Best Shoes, spoke about business disruption during the Halloween event street closure and about paid parking.

Sally Destafano, 2110 Suzanne Drive, spoke about stormwater and community safety.

Michele Middleton, 112 East Fifth Avenue, thanked staff for answering the questions of a new business buyer.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East Fifth Avenue, spoke about business traffic on Halloween.

Frank Kirwin, 1110 East Fifth Avenue, spoke favorably about the Halloween event, and asked how the City will pay for post-storm restoration.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Amendment Number 2 to Piggyback Agreement with American Sidewalk Management for Sidewalk Inspections, Grinding, Removal, and Repairs to City Sidewalks
2. Request Approval for the City of Mount Dora Urban Forestry to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
3. Request Approval of the Amended Agreement Between the City of Mount Dora and the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, Inc.
4. Request Approval for Purchase of Police Vehicles
5. Request Ratification of First Extension of Resolution 2025-45, Local State of Emergency Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandersfeld provided an update on the storm event, mentioning the City's efforts to restore services and about assistance by FDOT.

Mr. Sandersfeld also spoke about the date and time for the joint meeting with the county regarding the JPA.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins updated the council on developments related to FDOT administrative litigation and the establishment of a new matter number to track storm-related work.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the City's efforts to communicate with residents and support community events and local businesses. They spoke about the success of recent special events, and commended staff for their cooperation with Lake County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.



JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk