



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Mount Dora City Hall
510 North Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
June 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Homich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present

James Homich, Mayor
John Cataldo, District 1, 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

1. Certificate of Recognition for Erin Creel, Library Archivist

The Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Erin Creel, Library Archivist, for her exceptional contributions to preserving and promoting the history of Mount Dora. The Council further recognized Ms. Creel for receiving the 2026 Society of Florida Archivists Award of Excellence.

2. Presentation Mount Dora Police Department Safety Initiatives

Police Chief Michael Gibson and Captain Jack Andriano presented an overview of current public safety initiatives and community partnerships. Staff discussed technology-based initiatives, including traffic-calming efforts, Flock Safety camera systems, and school zone speed enforcement cameras.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Stephenie Winheim, Unincorporated Lake County, spoke about the Police Department and public record requests.

Tricia Nicholson, Eustis, thanked the Council for the City's continued support of community initiatives.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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1. Request Approval of Piggyback Agreement with Atlantic Pipe Services LLC for Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining (CIPP)
2. Request Approval of a Task Authorization with Process Control Services, LLC (PCS) Under Piggyback Agreement Between PCS and New Smyrna Beach Utilities
3. Request Approval of Piggyback Agreement with A.C. Schultes of Florida, Inc. for Maintenance and Repair of Water Wells and Water Pumps Services
4. Request Approval of FDEP Vehicle Grant Agreement (Dump and Grapple Trucks)
5. Request Ratification of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Extensions of Resolution No. 202545, Declaring a Local State of Emergency Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA; MOTION SECONDED BY VICE-MAYOR CATALDO; MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Approval of Rankings and Authorization to Negotiate — RFQ 26-FD-016 "Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services for the Fire Station #34 Renovation and Construction of New Administrative Building Projects"

Mr. Sandersfeld introduced the item. The Council considered the evaluation committee's recommendation regarding CMAR services for Fire Station 34 renovations. The evaluation committee ranked De Scorpio Corporation as the highest-ranked firm. Council considered the evaluation committee's recommendation regarding Construction

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE RANKINGS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE — RFQ 26-FD-016 "CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION #34 RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING PROJECTS"; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-19, Donating Mount Dora Police Department Surplus Assets

Mr. Brackins read the Resolution No. 2026-19 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ASSETS WITH NO COMMERCIAL VALUE VIA DONATION; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS PROVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Council considered a resolution authorizing the donation of surplus police department equipment to the Eatonville Police Department. Chief Gibson explained that the department had transitioned from 12-gauge shotgun systems to M16-style platforms, rendering the surplus equipment obsolete.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19, DONATING MOUNT DORA POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS ASSETS; MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CRAIL. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager provided updates on several ongoing initiatives, including the joint planning agreement with Lake County. Staff reported progress on revisions to the draft Joint Planning Area document being coordinated with Lake County. Additional edits and legal review were underway prior to presentation to Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Landfill Litigation

Mr. Brackins reported on efforts to obtain access to the landfill property under the existing development agreement and requested direction from Council. Council consensus supported proceeding under the existing development agreement and applicable statutory provisions to secure access.

2. Witherspoon Lodge

An update was provided regarding the transfer of ownership process for the Witherspoon Lodge property.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

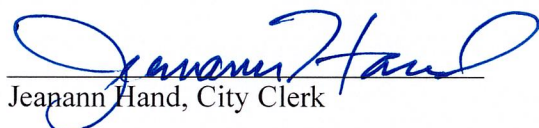
Councilmembers expressed appreciation to the Mount Dora Police Department and the Youth Leadership Program participants.

Council discussion also included upcoming Florida League of Cities legislative policy committee meetings, progress on telecommunications infrastructure projects, restoration of disturbed project areas, and the status of retention pond rehabilitation projects at the Public Works Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.



JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
CITY OF MOUNT DORA

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk