



City of Mount Dora
510 North Baker Street
Mount Dora, Florida 32757
352-735-7126

Mount Dora City Council
Mount Dora City Hall Board Room
510 North Baker Street, Mount Dora, Florida 32757
September 15, 2026, 6:00 PM
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3. Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Regular Session
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ADJOURNMENT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE AT THIS MEETING WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT ANY MEETING OR HEARING, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED A RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, A PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH RECORD

INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. VERBATIM RECORD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA.

NOTICE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS. TELEPHONE (352) 735-7126 FOR ASSISTANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED, TELEPHONE THE FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE NUMBERS, (800) 955-8771 (TDD) OR (800) 955-8770 (VOICE) FOR ASSISTANCE.



510 N. Baker St.
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DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month

Introduction:

The City Council proclamation recognizing September 15 through October 15, 2026, as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Mount Dora.

Discussion:

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a federally recognized national observance under 36 U.S.C. §126 and is observed September 15 through October 15.

Florida Chapter 2026-43, Laws of Florida (CS/CS/SB 1134), effective January 1, 2027, restricts certain municipal actions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion. However, new section 166.04971(7)(b), Florida Statutes, expressly allows municipalities to recognize or promote patriotic and national observances recognized by federal law, including those in 36 U.S.C. §§101-148. National Hispanic Heritage Month falls within this exception.

The proposed proclamation is ceremonial and does not establish a City DEI program or authorize DEI-related expenditures.

Budget Impact:

No direct budget impact.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 4: Provide High-Quality Services; Goal 12 and Objective 12.3, supporting high-quality programs and opportunities for all demographics of the community.

Recommendation:

The proclamation be read into the record.

Attachment(s):

1. Proclamation Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month 2026 (revised PAB)

Prepared by: Kimberly Laflamme, Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by:

City Attorney,

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 8/17/2026

Approved - 8/17/2026

Final Approval - 8/17/2026



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 36, Section 126 of the United States Code, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 through October 15 each year, celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the celebration begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, with Mexico celebrating its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have enriched the social, cultural, and civic life of communities across our nation through their vibrant traditions, hard work, and strong family values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora recognizes the achievements of Hispanic Americans in the arts, sciences, business, education, government, and many other fields that have strengthened the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic residents and business owners play an important role in Mount Dora's cultural diversity, economic vitality, and community spirit, making invaluable contributions to the quality of life enjoyed by all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora joins cities and communities across the nation in honoring the rich heritage and countless contributions of Hispanic Americans to our past, present, and future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Homich, Mayor of the City of Mount Dora, Florida, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Mount Dora and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of our Hispanic community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Mount Dora, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2026.

JAMES L. HOMICH, MAYOR



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Ratification of Submission of the FY 2026-2027 Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program

Introduction:

This is a request for City Council ratification of the Information Technology Department's application submission to the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program for FY 2026-2027.

Discussion:

The Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program is a \$15 million grant program funded through the State Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Appropriations Act. The program assists eligible local governments in mitigating and defending against cybersecurity threats, including ransomware, and in developing or enhancing cybersecurity risk management programs consistent with section 282.3185, Florida Statutes.

Through the program, the Florida Digital Service contracts for eligible information technology commodities and services and makes them available to qualifying local governments, with priority given to fiscally constrained counties under section 218.67(1), Florida Statutes. Participation would provide the City an opportunity to strengthen the protection of its systems, data, and technology infrastructure.

The application deadline was August 31, 2026, and no local match is required.

Budget Impact:

No local match is required. If awarded, the City would receive eligible information technology commodities and/or services, subject to the final award and program terms.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 3: Strengthen and Expand Mount Dora's Infrastructure
Ensure Mount Dora's critical infrastructure is properly maintained and expanded as needed.

Goal 8: Ensure that utility and public works infrastructure is properly maintained to meet established safety and minimum level of maintenance standards.

Strategic Initiative 5: Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources

Building a resilient foundation for enhanced financial performance and organizational excellence.

Goal 13: Identify and seek alternative funding sources.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that City Council ratify the Information Technology Department's application submission to the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program for FY 2026-2027.

Attachment(s):

1. Confirmation - Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program Year 4 Grant Application_Redacted

Prepared by: Jason Marlar, IT Director

Reviewed by:

Whitney Donovan, Purchasing Coordinator

Matthew Dodson, Budget Officer

Jennifer Gates, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 8/20/2026

Approved - 8/31/2026

Approved - 8/31/2026

Approved - 9/9/2026

Approved - 9/9/2026

Final Approval - 9/9/2026

From: [Smartsheet Forms](#)
To: [Marlar, Jason](#)
Subject: Confirmation - Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program Year 4 Grant Application
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026 11:51:10 AM

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Thank you for submitting your application to the Year 4 Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program. We appreciate the commitment to strengthening Florida's cybersecurity posture and look forward to reviewing your application. This email contains your submitted responses and can be kept for your records.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at cybersecuritygrants@digital.fl.gov.

Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program Year 4 Grant Application

Organization Name	City of Mount Dora
Organization Type	City
Organization County	Lake County
Mailing Address	510 N Baker St
City	Mount Dora
Zip Code	32757
Main Website Address	www.mountdora.gov
Full Name of Individual Submitting the Application	Jason Marlar
Full Name	Jason Marlar
Title	Director of Information Technology
Primary Phone Number	+1 (352) 735-7108
Secondary Phone Number	
Email Address	marlarj@mountdora.gov
Same as Primary Contact	
Same as Primary Contact	
Full Name	
Title	

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

Email Address

Total number of supported users (Staff, Contractors) 280

Total number of physical sites/locations 12

Is your organization funded or its budget approved by a county or municipality? Yes

Is your organization governed by a county or municipality? Yes

Is your organization governed by locally elected officials? Yes

Are there other reasons your organization is considered to be a local entity? If so, please explain them:

Participation in the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program requires that solutions funded through this grant integrate with the CSOC to provide basic telemetry data. This telemetry is used solely for threat detection and strictly excludes all programmatic, business, operational, and personally identifiable information (PII). We do not monitor your internal communications or business operations. Please be advised that by submitting this application, you agree to share this foundational telemetry with the Florida Digital Service CSOC. You retain full Yes

control to grant further access, if desired, during an active security event. Do you accept this integration?

Does your entity have any constituent/public facing applications? Yes

How many constituents/members of the public do you serve? 18791

Does your organization manage critical infrastructure as defined by rule 60GG-2.001(2)(a)10, Florida Administrative Code or s. 692.201, Florida Statutes? Yes

How many sites/locations include critical infrastructure? 8

Provide any additional information regarding critical infrastructure as it pertains to this grant application:

Total number of supported IPs/endpoints/devices/nodes (e.g. laptops, desktops, servers, mobile devices)? 1300

How many computer users are in your environment? 235

Date of your most recent cybersecurity risk assessment? 2026-08-10

What is your biggest motivation(s)/ reason(s) to apply for this grant opportunity? Our primary motivation for applying for this grant is to strengthen our organization's cybersecurity posture and better protect critical systems, sensitive data, and essential public services. As cybersecurity threats continue to increase in frequency and sophistication, this funding would allow us to address identified security gaps, modernize technology, improve resiliency, and reduce

the risk of service disruption or data compromise.

Grant funding would also help us implement security improvements that may otherwise be difficult to complete within existing budget constraints. Ultimately, our goal is to enhance our ability to prevent, detect, respond to, and recover from cybersecurity incidents while maintaining reliable and secure services for our community.

Are you a current awardee and active participant in the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program?

No

Have you or do you have plans for the near future to participate in the Florida Critical Infrastructure Risk Assessment?

Yes

Are there state cybersecurity laws or rules you are out of compliance with and require financial assistance for remediation?

No

Are you requesting Security Operations Platform capabilities through this grant opportunity?

Yes

Do you have a solution providing this capability deployed in your environment and if so, are you currently receiving it through the Florida Digital Service?

No

What SOP solution would be your first preference for Year 4 (this application)?

No preference

What SOP solution would be your secondary preference for Year 4 (this application)?

No preference

Total number of staff

members in organization (include all employment types):	300
When is the soonest your organization will be ready to start implementing this capability from date of award?	31-60 days
Are you requesting Endpoint-Based Asset Discovery capabilities through this grant opportunity?	No
Are you requesting Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR) capabilities through this grant opportunity?	No
Are you requesting Internet- Facing Asset Discovery capabilities through this grant opportunity?	No
Are you requesting Network- Based Asset Discovery capabilities through this grant opportunity?	No
Are you requesting Content Delivery Network capabilities through this grant opportunity?	No
Are you requesting Email Security capabilities through this grant opportunity?	Yes
Do you have a solution providing this capability deployed in your environment and if so, are you currently receiving it through the Florida Digital Service?	Yes, not through FLDS
As a percentage, how complete is your implementation of this solution?	100%

Name of the solution(s) you have deployed:	██████████
When does your current solution service end?	2026-12-26
What Email solution would be your first preference for Year 4 (this application)?	No Preference
What Email solution would be your secondary preference for Year 4 (this application)?	No Preference
Total number of named email accounts within organization (exclude shared mailboxes):	235
Total number of computer users in organization (include all employment types):	285
When is the soonest your organization will be ready to start implementing this capability from date of award?	31-60 days
Are you requesting Secure Information Sharing Platform capabilities through this grant opportunity?	No
Please select any other Security Operations Platform products/solutions that you would like to see offered:	
Please select any other Endpoint-Based Asset Discovery products/solutions that you would like to see offered:	
Please select any other Endpoint Detection and Response	

products/solutions that you would like to see offered:

**Please select any other
External-Facing Asset
Discovery**

products/solutions that you would like to see offered:

**Please select any other
Network-Based Asset
Discovery**

products/solutions that you would like to see offered:

**Please select any other
Content Delivery Network
products/solutions that you would like to see offered:**

**Please select any other
Email Security
products/solutions that you would like to see offered:**



**Please select any Identity
Access Management
products/solutions that you would like to see offered:**

**Please select any Secure
Access Service Edge
products/solutions that you would like to see offered:**

**Please select any
Vulnerability Assessment
and Management
products/solutions that you would like to see offered:**

**Please select any Data
Security products/solutions
that you would like to see
offered:**

**Please tell us about other
capabilities/solutions that
you would like to see
offered, the provider, and
product/service name of
your preferred solution if not**

listed above (if you have a preference).

If not awarded through the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program, would your organization be interested in purchasing the proposed solution with your existing budget at the pricing rate negotiated by FLDS, in a multi-tenant environment?

Yes

If you have additional information to share regarding your application, including justification, ability to provide matching funds/continued funding, explanation of needs, information on critical infrastructure, environmental factors, state resiliency or any other relevant information, please provide below or upload the information as an attachment.

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DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Approval to Apply for the Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program

Introduction:

This is a request for City Council authorization for the City to apply for the Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program.

Discussion:

The Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program assists participating public entities with strengthening their cybersecurity posture and reducing risk before a loss occurs. The program provides reimbursement of up to \$2,500 per member during each policy period and is available to Preferred members that maintain Cyber Liability coverage through Preferred.

Eligible projects include multi-factor authentication (MFA), endpoint detection and response (EDR), email security and phishing protection, security monitoring, password management, backup and recovery solutions, and vulnerability scanning. Funding may also be used for cybersecurity training and assessments, penetration testing, cyber maturity evaluations, incident response and business continuity planning, tabletop exercises, and disaster recovery planning.

Funded projects must reduce cybersecurity risk and improve organizational resilience. Reimbursement requires proof of purchase and compliance with program requirements, and funded projects must be implemented and maintained for at least one year.

Budget Impact:

If awarded, the City would be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$2,500 for approved cybersecurity initiatives included in the FY 2026-27 budget. No additional City funding is anticipated as a result of this application.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 3: Strengthen and Expand Mount Dora's Infrastructure

Ensure Mount Dora's critical infrastructure is properly maintained and expanded as needed.

Goal 8: Ensure that utility and public works infrastructure is properly maintained to meet established safety and minimum level of maintenance standards.

Strategic Initiative 5: Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources

Building a resilient foundation for enhanced financial performance and organizational excellence.

Goal 13: Identify and seek alternative funding sources.

Recommendation:

City Council to authorize the City to apply for the Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program.

Attachment(s):

1. Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program

Prepared by: Jason Marlar, IT Director

Reviewed by:

Whitney Donovan, Purchasing Coordinator

Matthew Dodson, Budget Officer

Jennifer Gates, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 8/26/2026

Approved - 8/26/2026

Approved - 8/26/2026

Approved - 9/9/2026

Approved - 9/9/2026

Final Approval - 9/9/2026

Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program

Helping Preferred members strengthen cybersecurity before a loss occurs

Cyber threats are among the fastest-growing risks facing public entities today. Ransomware attacks, phishing schemes, business email compromise, data breaches and system disruptions can create significant financial, operational and reputational impacts. The Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program is designed to help members proactively strengthen their cybersecurity posture, reduce cyber exposures and improve organizational resilience through financial assistance for approved cyber security initiatives.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Matching grant opportunity

- Full reimbursement program
- Up to \$2,500 in grant funding per member each policy period
- Available to Preferred members that purchase their Cyber Liability coverage from Preferred

Invest in cybersecurity

Grant funds may be used for a wide range of approved cyber risk reduction initiatives, including technology, training, assessments and incident preparedness activities.

Strengthen organizational resilience

Improve your organization's ability to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyber incidents.

Please note: Program limits and eligibility requirements subject to Board approval.

WHY CYBER GRANTS MATTER

The Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program helps make important cybersecurity improvements more accessible, supporting initiatives that strengthen resilience and protect public resources. The program helps:

- Reduce cyber risk
- Encourages implementation of proven security controls that help prevent cyber incidents before they occur.
- Protect public resources
- Support the protection of sensitive data, critical systems and essential public services.
- Improve organizational readiness

For more information about the Preferred Cyber Risk Mitigation Grant Program, contact your Preferred Loss Control Consultant.



ELIGIBLE CYBER SECURITY PROJECTS

Technology enhancements

- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
- Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR)
- Email security and phishing protection
- Security monitoring solutions
- Password management platforms
- Data backup and recovery systems
- Vulnerability scanning tools

Training & awareness

- Cyber awareness training
- Phishing simulation programs
- Executive cyber workshops
- Employee security education programs

Cyber risk assessments

- Cybersecurity assessments
- Vulnerability assessments
- Penetration testing
- Cyber maturity evaluations

Incident preparedness

- Incident response plan development
- Business continuity planning
- Tabletop exercises
- Disaster recovery planning

The brief description of coverage contained in this document is provided as an accommodation only and is not intended to cover or describe all Coverage Agreement terms. For more complete and detailed information relating to the scope and limits of coverage, please refer directly to the Coverage Agreement documents. Specimen forms are available upon request.



510 N. Baker St.
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DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Approval of Meeting Minutes

Introduction:

This is a request for Council to approve meeting minutes.

Discussion:

The City Clerk prepares minutes and presents them to City Council as an opportunity to make suggestions or corrections prior to final approval.

Budget Impact:

N/A

Strategic Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Council approve meeting minutes.

Attachment(s):

1. 08.18.2026.REGULAR SESSION MINUTES_DRAFT
2. 08.24.2026.Budget Workshop MINUTES_DRAFT
3. 09.01.2026.REGULAR SESSION MINUTES_DRAFT

Prepared by: Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Final Approval - 9/10/2026



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
August 18, 2026, 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

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, 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
Drew Smith, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation City Project Updates

Economic Development Director Misty Sommer presented a PowerPoint about the statuses of various City projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Marion Storable, 725 East 11th Avenue, spoke about library meeting room use.

Ana Briggs, 800 Carol Court, Tavares, spoke about library meeting room use.

Cathy Benton, Eustis, spoke about library meeting room use.

Logan Heinzelman, 4194 Close Court, spoke about library meeting room use.

Frank Kirwin, 1110 East 5th Avenue, spoke about the rails to trails program.

Katherine de Jongh, Sorrento, spoke about the Island Pond Cemetery dedication ceremony.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Ratification of Submission of the FY 2026-2027 Florida Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Application
2. Request Approval of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Stormwater Master Plan Grant Agreement
3. Request Approval of Change Order #1 to Cathcart Construction Company - FI, LLC Purchase Order #25-01740 for Wastewater Treatment Facility 2 (WWTF#2)
4. Modifications to Construct Three Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) Request Approval of the Fifth Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Between Lake County, Florida with the City of Mount Dora for Library Services
5. Request Approval of the Purchase of Underground Cable and Task Authorization for Distribution Circuit M599
6. Request Approval of Piggyback Agreement with Willdan Engineering, Inc. for Supplemental Building Services
7. Request Ratification of the Forty-first and Forty-second Extensions of **Resolution No. 2025-45**, Declaring a Local State of Emergency Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event
8. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

At 6:39 p.m., Mayor Homich adjourned Council for a recess.

At 6:47 p.m., Mayor Homich called the meeting back to order with all members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-22**, Approving the Series 2026 Non-Ad Valorem Refunding Revenue Bonds and Related Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2026-22 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA NON-AD VALOREM REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026 IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING REDEVELOPMENT REVENUE NOTE, SERIES 2025 WHICH PROVIDED INTERIM FINANCING FOR A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND RECREATION CENTER LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA, AND TO PAY TRANSACTION COSTS, ALL SUBJECT TO THE SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; FIXING CERTAIN DETAILS OF SAID BONDS; APPROVING THE FORMS OF THE SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE AND OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS; DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND THE BID DATE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BONDS, TO AWARD THE SALE THEREOF TO THE LOWEST CONFORMING BIDDER BASED ON BIDS SUBMITTED AT PUBLIC SALE, AND TO DETERMINE THE TERMS OF SUCH SALE; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE; APPOINTING A BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BOND REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT PERTAINING TO THE BONDS; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NORTHEAST COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE SERIES 2026 BONDS; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE SERIES 2026 BONDS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENT OR TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Brackins, Finance Director Jennifer Gates, and Budget Manager Matt Dodson presented requests to convert interim construction financing into long-term debt for the Nathaniel Bell Community Resource and Recreation Center

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

2. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-24**, Establishing the Five-Year Stormwater Rate Schedule

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2026-24 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE RATE BY ESTABLISHING A FIVEYEAR STORMWATER DRAINAGE UTILITY FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CITY EXEMPTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council reviewed Resolution 2026-24, which establishes a five-year stormwater drainage utility fee schedule. Mr. Dodson explained that the plan includes an initial increase of \$6.10 per month to fund a capital plan and address a \$22 million project deficit, followed by smaller annual increases of \$1.50. Council discussed the growth rate assumptions and the necessity of such high rates compared to other cities.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CRAIL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

1. Landfill Litigation (City Attorney)
2. Witherspoon Lodge (City Attorney)

Mr. Brackins provided updates on litigation related to the landfill and the City's dealings with the Witherspoon Lodge.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Informational — Purchasing Division Report on Emergency Purchases
2. Lobbyist Update

Mr. Sandersfeld provided updates on emergency purchases and lobbyist activity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:29 p.m.

JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL FINAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
August 24, 2026, 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 City Council Budget Workshop in the Mount Dora City Hall Council Chamber.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag 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
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk
Matt Dodson, Budget Manager

Members Not Present

John Cataldo, District 1, Vice-mayor

DISCUSSION ITEM

Budget Officer Matthew Dodson reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, totaling approximately \$126.2 million, a 7% decrease from the prior year. He noted that the budget was nearly complete, with final revenue and insurance figures still pending.

Mr. Dodson reviewed the City's major funds, personnel costs, and capital expenditures. The proposed budget included a 3% employee salary increase and a reduction of two full-time equivalent positions through internal efficiencies.

Council discussed planned infrastructure and capital projects, including stormwater improvements for Pine Avenue, the Lake John Basin, and the Dorset Subdivision. Staff clarified that the current funding for Pine Avenue was primarily for design. Other items discussed included Police Department vehicles, Library roof repairs, Community Building HVAC improvements, and utility projects.

Staff also reviewed efforts to secure grant and economic development funding and discussed the development of a five-year forecasting tool to assist Council with future financial planning.

Council discussed project priorities, available funding, and maintaining adequate reserves.

The tentative millage and budget hearing was scheduled for September 3, 2026, with the final budget hearing scheduled for September 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 p.m.

**JAMES HOMICH, MAYOR
CITY OF MOUNT DORA**

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk
City of Mount Dora



CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
September 1, 2026, 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

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, 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. Recognition of Mount Dora Fire Department – National Firefighter Registry for Cancer Gold Helmet Award

Raymond Kellogg provided information regarding the National Firefighter Registry, a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) initiative established to track cancer incidence and occupational exposures among firefighters. He recognized the Mount Dora Fire Department for receiving the Gold Helmet Award after more than 50% of its personnel registered with the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Igor Emery, 35544 Estes Road, Eustis, spoke about stormwater management.

Bill Johnson, 415 Forest Road, spoke about stormwater management.

Ryan Atwood, 1701 Heim Road, offered to assist the City in coordinating with the St. Johns River Water Management District regarding ongoing drainage issues.

John Labriola, Christian Family Coalition, spoke about a magazine carried by the library. Staff advised that the subscription is handled administratively and is not a budgeted Council item.

Stephenie Winheim, unincorporated Lake County, spoke about the police department.

Councilmember Rolfson strongly rejected Ms. Winheim's allegation that he may have violated criminal law by blocking emails. He stated unequivocally that he does not block emails, does not know how to do so, and emphasized for the record and for the public that he had not blocked her emails.

Bailey Stack, 1175 East Fifth Avenue, spoke about Flock cameras.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

Mr. Sandersfeld reported that the City has decided to cancel the City's contract for AI-assisted surveillance camera systems.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Lake County Regarding Emergency Access During Eudora Road Roundabout Construction

****This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the agenda as Action Item One.***

2. Request Approval to Renew Agreement for Closed-Loop Artificial Intelligence Software
3. Request Approval of a 36-Month Initial Term for Cloud-Based Unified Communications Services and Related Implementation Services
4. Request Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement Between Forvis Mazars, LLP and the City of Mount Dora for Annual Audit Services
5. Request Approval of Change Order #1 for Purchase Order 26-01937 with Nixon Power Services for Generator Repairs
6. Request Ratification of the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Extensions of **Resolution No. 2025-45**, Declaring a Local State of Emergency Related to October 26-October 27, 2025 Flood Event (**Final Extension**)

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA, SUBJECT TO MOVING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1, REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY REGARDING EMERGENCY ACCESS DURING EUDORA ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION, TO ACTION ITEM 1; VICE-MAYOR CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Approval of First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Lake County Regarding Emergency Access During Eudora Road Roundabout Construction

****This item was originally Consent Agenda Item One.***

Mr. Brackins requested approval of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Lake County regarding emergency access during construction of the Eudora Road roundabout, subject to finalization of limited technical revisions prior to execution. He advised that the revisions address indemnification and right-of-entry provisions and have been reviewed and accepted by the County Attorney's Office.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY REGARDING EMERGENCY ACCESS DURING EUDORA ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION WITH CHANGES AS DISCUSSED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY DURING THIS MEETING; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-25, Updating the Master Fee Schedule

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2026-25 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO CERTAIN RATES AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council and staff discussed a resolution updating the City's Master Fee Schedule. Staff identified utility rate and Parks and Recreation figures requiring correction prior to final execution of the resolution.

Mayor Homich opened public comment.

Carol Wagner, Stoneybrook Hills, spoke about the recent notification from the City regarding a rate increase for water.

Public Works Director Andrew Marsian spoke about the reason for the rate increase.

Councilmember Dawson and Mr. Marsian spoke about the irrigation line.

Kelly Urasco, Stoneybrook Hills, spoke about her water rates.

Mayor Homich closed public comment.

Mr. Sandersfeld suggested the residents meet with the Finance Department to examine the charges on their bills.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25 WITH NOTED CORRECTIONS; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

1. Landfill Litigation (City Attorney)

Mr. Brackins advised that the matter is awaiting approval from Lake County to proceed and that no further action is required by the City at this time.

2. Witherspoon Lodge (City Attorney)

Mr. Brackins provided an update regarding scheduling issues associated with the inspection of the Witherspoon Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmembers congratulated staff on the successful ribbon cutting for the Nathaniel Bell Community Resource and Recreation Center and commented on the importance of the facility to the Northeast Mount Dora community.

Community Development Director Adam Sumner reported that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) donated new stop sign components which city staff will install next week on commercial intersections along Highway 441 at no cost to the City.

Staff provided an update on the downtown sidewalk project, noting that the use of a different contractor reduced the projected cost from approximately \$800,000 to \$400,000.

The timeline for hiring a new Police Chief was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-12**, Approving the Final Millage Rate

Introduction:

This is a request for the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2026-12, Establishing a Final Millage Rate of 6.3000 mills for the City of Mount Dora for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Call Up Item
Mayor Asks Attorney to Read Resolution by Title Only
City Manager Background
Public Hearing
Discussion
Council Action

Discussion:

Pursuant to the Florida Statutes, including Section 200.065, Florida Statutes, the City Council shall adopt a final millage rate prior to the adoption of the final budget and shall otherwise comply with all applicable provisions of law.

Budget Impact:

This establishes the Final Millage for Fiscal Year 2026-27, which will be budgeted at an estimated \$14,317,667 (net of statutory discount) in ad valorem proceeds to the General Fund. The operating levy of 6.3000 mills represents a 5.03% increase over the rolled-back rate of 5.9985 mills per \$1,000 of taxable value.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 1: Promote Economic Development
Strategic Initiative 2: Beautify Mount Dora
Strategic Initiative 3: Strengthen and Expand Mount Dora's Infrastructure
Strategic Initiative 4: Provide High-Quality Services

Strategic Initiative 5: Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources

Objective 13.2: Maximize the use of restricted funds to their full legal and strategic capacity.

In accordance with the Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Charter Article V:

Section 23(e): The City Manager is responsible for preparing, submitting, and administering the annual budget.

Section 23(g): The City Manager shall advise the City Council on the financial condition and future needs of the City.

Recommendation:

To approve Resolution 2026-12, adopting the final millage rate for the City of Mount Dora, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, ending on September 30, 2027.

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution 2026-12 Final Millage Rate

Prepared by: Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Matthew Dodson, Budget Officer

Jennifer Gates, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Final Approval - 9/10/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER’S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing on July 21, 2026, the City of Mount Dora (the “City”) adopted Resolution No. 2026-08 certifying the proposed millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as required by Section 200.065, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Property Appraiser has delivered notice of the City’s proposed property tax to each taxpayer for which the City is the taxing authority; and

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing on September 3, 2026, the City adopted Resolution No. 2026-09 establishing the tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as required by Section 200.065, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the tentative budget as submitted, the City has determined that a millage rate of 6.300 mills is necessary to produce sufficient revenue to fund the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes and Percentage Increase. The City hereby adopts the final millage rate specified and hereby states the percent by which the final millage rate exceeds the rolled-back millage rate, as follows:

Taxing Entity	Final Millage Rate	Rolled-Back Millage Rate	Percentage Increase Over the Rolled-Back Rate
General Fund	6.3000 Mills	5.9985 Mills	5.03%

SECTION 3. Implementation of Administrative Actions. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as deemed necessary and appropriate in order to implement the provisions of this Resolution. The City Manager may, as deemed appropriate, necessary, and convenient, delegate the powers of implementation as herein set forth to such City employees as deemed effectual and prudent.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the City pertaining to the adoption of the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27, which is the subject of this Resolution, as well as any matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected without further action of the City Council.

SECTION 6. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2026.

James Homich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

For the use and reliance of City of Mount Dora only.

Patrick Brackins, City Attorney



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-13**, Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Introduction:

This is a request for the City Council to hold a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2026-13, Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Call Up Item
Mayor Asks Attorney to Read Resolution by Title Only
City Manager Background
Public Hearing
Discussion
Council Action

Discussion:

The City Council of the City of Mount Dora has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this resolution. The City Council pursuant to the Charter of the City of Mount Dora and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt Tentative General Fund, Enterprise Funds and all other related Fund Budgets and Capital Improvement Programs (CIPs) - attached to the Resolution as Exhibit "A," and which may later be amended by the City Council.

Florida Statutes, including Section 200.065, provide that the City Council shall adopt a Tentative Millage Rate prior to the adoption of a Tentative Budget and shall otherwise comply with the controlling provisions of Florida law.

Budget Impact:

Resolution No. 2026-13 establishes the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service, Capital Improvement Funds, Enterprise Funds and other Internal Services Funds.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 1: Promote Economic Development

Strategic Initiative 2: Beautify Mount Dora

Strategic Initiative 3: Strengthen and Expand Mount Dora's Infrastructure

Strategic Initiative 4: Provide High-Quality Services

Strategic Initiative 5: Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources

Recommendation:

Approval of Resolution 2026-13, adopting the final budget for the City of Mount Dora for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, ending on September 30, 2027.

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution 2026-13 Final Budget
2. Final Exhibit A 26-27

Prepared by: Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Matthew Dodson, Budget Officer

Jennifer Gates, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Final Approval - 9/10/2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Mount Dora recommended a proposed annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora (the "City") held budget work sessions on June 8, 2026; July 6, 2026; July 20, 2026; and August 24, 2026; for the purpose of reviewing and, where appropriate, revising the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 200.065, *Florida Statutes*, commonly known as the Truth in Millage or TRIM Bill, requires that the City hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the final millage rate and final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing on September 3, 2026, the City adopted Resolution No. 2026-09 establishing a tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27, and, thereafter, the City considered and adopted Resolution No. 2026-10 establishing its tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and

WHEREAS, upon conducting a public hearing on this September 15, 2026, the City has first considered and adopted Resolution No. 2026-12 establishing the final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27, and the City has thereafter considered and adopted this Resolution No. 2026-13 establishing its final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and

WHEREAS, during the course of said public hearing, all persons desiring to voice objection or make comments on the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 were given an opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Approval of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Pursuant to the City of Mount Dora Charter and Florida Statute Chapters 166 and 200, the City hereby adopts the final budget as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

SECTION 3. Implementation of Administrative Actions. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as deemed necessary and appropriate in order to implement the provisions of this Resolution. The City Manager may, as deemed appropriate, necessary, and convenient, delegate the powers of implementation as herein set forth to such City employees as deemed effectual and prudent.

SECTION 4. Savings Provision. All prior actions of the City pertaining to the adoption of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, as well as any matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

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SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2026.

James Homich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

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Patrick Brackins, City Attorney

Exhibit A
Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Exhibit "A"

BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027

FUND	Tentative Proposed	Change from Tentative	Prior Year Encumbrances	Prior Year Approved Project Funding	Final Proposed	Variance
	Reso. 2026-10				Reso. 2026-13	
001 - General Fund	\$ 35,353,016	\$ -	\$ 520,935	\$ 1,091,190	\$ 36,965,141	\$ 1,612,125
111 - Discretionary Sales Tax	\$ 2,110,364	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,656,570	\$ 5,766,934	\$ 3,656,570
117 - Community Redevelopment Agency	\$ 2,828,296	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,828,296	\$ -
118 - Northeast Community Redevelopment Agency	\$ 3,456,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,456,478	\$ -
120 - Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
123 - Protective Inspections	\$ 2,008,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,008,731	\$ -
124 - Police Impact Fee	\$ 242,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,000	\$ -
125 - Fire Impact Fee	\$ 140,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,500	\$ -
126 - Library Impact Fee	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000	\$ 385,000	\$ 85,000
127 - Parks Impact Fee	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000
131 - Fire Assessment Fee	\$ 2,374,840	\$ -	\$ 201,490	\$ 5,906,610	\$ 8,482,940	\$ 6,108,100
150 - Cemetery	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 10,350	\$ -	\$ 90,350	\$ 10,350
200 - Debt Service - Fire Bond 2018	\$ 1,247,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,247,163	\$ -
201 - Debt Service - Non-Ad Val Bond 2026	\$ 18,507,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,507,150	\$ -
310 - Capital Construction	\$ 1,859,400	\$ -	\$ 270,360	\$ 11,111,420	\$ 13,241,180	\$ 11,381,780
410 - Electric	\$ 13,968,523	\$ -	\$ 1,141,910	\$ 2,454,740	\$ 17,565,173	\$ 3,596,650
415 - Electric Construction	\$ 622,000	\$ -	\$ 857,980	\$ 2,384,500	\$ 3,864,480	\$ 3,242,480
421 - Water / Wastewater Utility	\$ 18,835,417	\$ -	\$ 2,469,731	\$ 2,438,030	\$ 23,743,178	\$ 4,907,761
422 - Wastewater Impact Fee	\$ 2,530,000	\$ -	\$ 6,027,841	\$ 4,281,160	\$ 12,839,001	\$ 10,309,001
423 - Water Impact Fee	\$ 775,000	\$ -	\$ 26,582	\$ 2,120,000	\$ 2,921,582	\$ 2,146,582
425 - Water / Wastewater Construction	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 7,662,230	\$ 8,409,150	\$ 17,571,380	\$ 16,071,380
430 - Sanitation Utility	\$ 3,928,605	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,928,605	\$ -
440 - Stormwater Utility	\$ 4,355,962	\$ -	\$ 748,763	\$ 78,820	\$ 5,183,545	\$ 827,583
445 - Stormwater Construction	\$ 1,092,000	\$ -	\$ 665,300	\$ 78,820	\$ 1,836,120	\$ 744,120
500 - Public Work Complex	\$ 2,969,682	\$ -	\$ 96,892	\$ -	\$ 3,066,574	\$ 96,892
501 - Vehicle Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
510 - Self Insured Health	\$ 6,080,447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,080,447	\$ -
515 - Property & Casualty & Workers Compensation	\$ 1,171,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,171,503	\$ -
Total City Wide Budget	<u>\$ 128,837,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 20,700,364</u>	<u>\$ 44,596,010</u>	<u>\$ 194,133,451</u>	<u>\$ 65,296,374</u>



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2026-29**, Adjustment of the Electric Base Rate and Power Cost Charge

Introduction:

This is a request for City Council to approve Resolution No. 2026-29, an adjustment of the electric base rate and Power Cost Charge where the net effect of the rate adjustments will be an increase from 3.1% to 3.6% on the customer's electric bills. The electric rate adjustments will become effective on utility bills generated on or after October 1, 2026.

Discussion:

The city's electric utility collects revenues by applying electric rates to the power consumed by its retail electric customers. There are two types of electric rates:

1. **Base rates** which are established for each customer class (residential, general service, streetlights)
2. **Power Cost Charge (PCC)** which is charged for each customer class.

Base rates include a fixed monthly customer charge, an energy charge that is a function of monthly energy (kWh) consumed, and a demand charge for large general service customers that is a function of the monthly demand (kW). Base rates are used to pay for operating costs and capital improvements related to the City's electric utility.

The PCC is a separate charge included on all customers' bills and is a function of the monthly energy consumed by each customer. The Power Cost Charge is used to recover the actual costs of wholesale power that is purchased from Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC). The City does not make a "profit" on the PCC – it is simply a billing mechanism to pass through actual wholesale power costs to the City's electric customers and therefore does not require Council approval. However, base rate adjustments as always require a public hearing and Council approval.

The rate adjustments for October 1, 2026, include a 2.46% increase in base rates and a 4.3% increase in the April 2026 Power Cost Charge. The net effect of the rate adjustments will be an increase in customer electric bills from 3.1% to 3.6% depending on the usage. See Attachment 1. A typical customer using 1,000 kWh will see their bill go from \$123.45 to \$127.52.

The Power Cost Charge will be increased from the existing rate of \$0.05705 per kWh to \$0.05948 per kWh. This is due to fuel costs this past year and slightly higher forecasted fuel costs for next year. It is also due to the new purchase power agreement extension. In 2028, the demand charge will increase under the new extension, and this adjustment will help ease that burden of that increase. Per Ordinance No. 2018-18, during a year in which no electric rate study is performed, the City shall increase the base rates for the electric utility by the most recently available Annual Price Index compiled by the Florida Public Service Commission. For 2026, the Annual Price Index is 2.46% and is used as an across-the-board increase for all electric base rates. See the new rates on Exhibit A attached to Resolution No.2026-29.

Budget Impact:

The new rates are part of the calculations for expected revenues for the FY2026-27 budget. No additional change in the budget is needed.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 4 – Provide High-Quality Services Provide High-quality City Services that sustain a vibrant, safe, and healthy community

Goal 10: Ensure safe and reliable electric and water supply and protect the environment and public through proper wastewater and storm water management.

Recommendation:

City Council approve Resolution No. 2026-29, adjustments to the electric base rate and Power Cost Charge.

Attachment(s):

1. Attachment 1 Rate Comparisons - Existing vs Proposed Rates
2. Reso. No. 2026-29 - (final with exhibit) (APPROVED)

Prepared by: Steve Langley, Assistant City Manager-Electric Utility Director

Reviewed by:

Matthew Dodson, Budget Officer

Jennifer Gates, Finance Director

City Attorney, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 8/26/2026

Approved - 8/26/2026

Approved - 9/9/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Final Approval - 9/10/2026

Mount Dora Electric Rate Comparisons - Fiscal Year 2027

Existing Rates vs. Proposed Rates

Line No.	Type of Customer and Monthly Usage	Monthly Electric Bill		Higher/(Lower) than Existing Rates	
		Existing Rates ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Rates ⁽²⁾		
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(%)
1	Power Cost Charge - \$/kWh	0.05705	0.05948	0.00243	4.3%
	Residential Customer				
2	250 kWh	39.91	41.15	1.24	3.1%
3	500	67.76	69.94	2.19	3.2%
4	750	95.60	98.73	3.13	3.3%
5	1000	123.45	127.52	4.07	3.3%
6	1250	151.30	156.31	5.01	3.3%
7	1500	179.15	185.10	5.96	3.3%
8	2000	234.84	242.68	7.84	3.3%
9	2500	290.54	300.26	9.73	3.3%
10	3000	346.23	357.84	11.61	3.4%
	General Service - Non Demand - GS				
11	750 kWh	95.60	98.73	3.13	3.3%
12	1000	123.45	127.52	4.07	3.3%
13	1500	179.15	185.10	5.96	3.3%
14	2000	234.84	242.68	7.84	3.3%
15	3000	346.23	357.84	11.61	3.4%
16	6000	680.40	703.32	22.92	3.4%
	General Service - Demand - GSD				
17	75 kW, 15,000 kWh	1,492.96	1,544.93	51.97	3.5%
18	75 kW, 20,000 kWh	1,816.06	1,881.13	65.07	3.6%
19	150 kW, 30,000 kWh	2,958.76	3,062.03	103.27	3.5%
20	150 kW, 40,000 kWh	3,604.96	3,734.43	129.47	3.6%
21	300 kW, 60,000 kWh	5,890.36	6,096.23	205.87	3.5%
22	300 kW, 80,000 kWh	7,182.76	7,441.03	258.27	3.6%
23	500 kW, 100,000 kWh	9,799.16	10,141.83	342.67	3.5%
24	500 kW, 150,000 kWh	13,030.16	13,503.83	473.67	3.6%

(1) Based on existing Mount Dora base rates and the April 2026 PCC. Excludes taxes.

(2) Based on Proposed Mount Dora base rates and the October 2026 PCC. Excludes taxes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA,
FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
ELECTRIC UTILITY POWER COST CHARGE AND BASE
RATE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC
UTILITY POWER COST CHARGE AND BASE RATE
ADJUSTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS;
PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR
SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora owns and operates an electric utility for the benefit of the citizens and business operators in the City of Mount Dora; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with City of Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Chapter 44, Utilities, Article IV, Rates, Charges, Fees and Collection Procedure, Division 1, Generally, Section 44-255, Rate Structure, provides that the City shall perform a detailed rate study for its electric utility no less than every three (3) years and in years where no rate study is performed, the City shall increase base rates by the most recent available annual price index compiled by the state public service commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora conducted its most recent rate study for its electric utility in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City's power cost charge shall be adjusted automatically each October, for the six-month period ending the following March 31, to be fixed for the entire six-month period unless significant circumstances warrant changing the power cost charge during such billing period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Mount Dora Code of Ordinances, Chapter 44, Utilities, Article IV, Rates, Charges, Fees and Collection Procedure, Division 1, Generally, Section 44-255, Rate Structure, the base rate for electric services shall be established by resolution after conducting a public hearing on the proposed rate structure changes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Dora, after conducting a public hearing this 15th day of September, 2026, has determined that it is prudent and in the public interest to adjust the electric base rate and Power Cost Charge effective October 1, 2026, in order to continue collecting sufficient revenues to pay for operating costs, wholesale power costs and capital improvements related to the City's electric utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The City of Mount Dora has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Approval of Power Cost Charge and Base Rate Adjustments.

A. The Power Cost Charge shall be increased from \$0.05705 per kWh to \$0.05948 per kWh, effective October 1, 2026.

B. The base rates shall be increased pursuant to most recent available annual price index compiled by the state public service commission, as set forth in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto, effective October 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. Implementing Administrative Actions. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions and execute said rate adjustments as may be deemed necessary and appropriate in order to implement the provisions of this Resolution, including updating the Master Fee Schedule to incorporate the increases set forth in **Exhibit "A"** and adopted via this Resolution. The City Manager may, as deemed appropriate, necessary and convenient, delegate the powers of implementation as herein set forth to such City employees as deemed effectual and prudent.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the City of Mount Dora pertaining to the adjustment to the electric utility base rate and Power Cost Charge as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 6. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

[Signatures on Following Page]

Resolution No. 2026-29

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2026.

James Homich
MAYOR of the City of Mount Dora, Florida

ATTEST:

Jeanann Hand
City Clerk

For the use and reliance of City of Mount Dora
only. Approved as to form and legality.

Patrick Brackins
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

City of Mount Dora - Electric Utility Department

Comparison of Existing and New Rates Effective 10/01/26

No.	Description (Old/ New)	Units	Existing Rates Effective 04/01/26	New Rates Effective 10/01/26	Higher/ (Lower)
Residential Service					
1	Customer Charge - Single Phase or Three Phase	\$/Month	12.06	12.36	2.5%
2	Energy Charge	\$/kWh	0.05434	0.05568	2.5%
General Service - Non-Demand					
Customer Charge					
3	Single Phase	\$/Month	12.06	12.36	2.5%
4	Three Phase	\$/Month	27.16	27.83	2.5%
5	Energy Charge	\$/kWh	0.05434	0.05568	2.5%
General Service - Demand					
6	Customer Charge	\$/Month	27.16	27.83	2.5%
7	Demand Charge	\$/kW-Mo	6.62	6.78	2.4%
8	Energy Charge	\$/kWh	0.00757	0.00776	2.5%
Public Street & Highway Lighting Service					
175 Watt Mercury Vapor /					
9	175 Watt MV Cobra	\$/Month	13.08	13.40	2.4%
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium /					
10	100 Watt HPS Acorn	\$/Month	13.62	13.96	2.5%
150 Watt High Pressure Sodium /					
11	150 Watt HPS Cobra	\$/Month	11.30	11.58	2.5%
Antique Lights - Highland Phase I & II /					
12	100 Watt HPS Acorn	\$/Month	13.62	13.96	2.5%
Antique Lights - Community Development /					
13	100 Watt MH Acorn	\$/Month	14.53	14.89	2.5%
400 Watt High Pressure Sodium - Palm Island /					
14	400 Watt HPS Shoebox	\$/Month	22.09	22.63	2.4%
15	400 Watt HPS Cobra - Highway	\$/Month	25.75	26.38	2.4%
16	400 Watt MH Shoebox - FBC/FBF	\$/Month	23.39	23.97	2.5%
17	26 Watt FL Acorn	\$/Month	13.83	14.17	2.5%
18	40 Watt FL Acorn	\$/Month	13.83	14.17	2.5%
19	40 Watt LED Acorn - Corncob	\$/Month	10.62	10.88	2.4%
20	55 Watt LED Acorn - Retrofit	\$/Month	12.39	12.69	2.4%
21	66 Watt LED Acorn - Sternberg	\$/Month	21.38	21.91	2.5%
22	110 Watt LED Cobra - Street	\$/Month	12.47	12.78	2.5%
23	80 Watt LED Cobra - Street	\$/Month	10.40	10.66	2.5%
Private Area Lighting Service					
Dusk to Dawn /					
24	100 Watt HPS Dusk to Dawn	\$/Month	13.27	13.60	2.5%
25	57 Watt LED Dusk to Dawn	\$/Month	11.17	11.44	2.4%
Power Cost					
26	Power Cost Charge (PCC) ⁽¹⁾	\$/kWh	0.05705	0.05948	4.3%

(1) October, 2026 PCC based on most recent fuel cost projections and revenues



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: State-Mandated Central Sewer Connection Notification (WWP #1) –
Informational Update

Introduction:

This informational item is provided to advise City Council of the City's implementation of State-mandated requirements for properties served by septic systems where central sanitary sewer service is available (WWTP#1).

Discussion:

Section 381.00655, Florida Statutes, requires property owners currently served by septic systems to connect to an available central sewer system within 365 days following written notification that the system is available. This is a State-mandated requirement and is not a new City requirement.

Approximately 90 properties are anticipated to be affected that are served by Wastewater Plant No. 1 (west side Old US Hwy. 441) with septic impacted by the State mandated conversion requirement.

For owners with septic that are served by it at Wastewater Plant No. 2 (east side at US Hwy. 441) at this time the City does not have adequate permitted wastewater capacity to serve these properties. Therefore, the central sewer system is not yet considered "available" for purposes of triggering the State-required 365-day connection period. There are approximately 92 properties with septic systems that would be impacted at a future date when sewer capacity becomes available with the WWP#2 expansion project estimated completion 2030.

Florida law also provides for advance notification to affected property owners prior to the anticipated availability of sewer service. Staff will continue to evaluate wastewater capacity, the anticipated timing of availability, homeowner connection costs, and potential options to reduce or manage those costs. Once adequate permitted capacity is available and the other statutory availability requirements are satisfied, affected property owners will be required by State law to connect within the applicable timeframe.

Attached is the draft notice anticipated to be send out end of September, 2026 for the 90 owners served by Wastewater Plant No. 1.

Budget Impact:

There is no direct City budget impact associated with this informational item. Affected property owners are anticipated to incur costs associated with connection to the central sewer system, including applicable connection, permit, inspection, and septic system abandonment costs. The estimated cost to an individual property owner is approximately \$20,000 depending on property-specific conditions. This estimate includes sewer impact fees of \$7,795 and approximately \$12,000 for permits and plumbing work.

Payment Options: Owners can choose to prepay required connection charges in equal monthly installments over a period of up to 2 years.

Grants: City staff is pursuing available grants as an assistance program to owners. But not guaranteed as of printing of this staff report.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 3 – Strengthen and Expand Mount Dora’s Infrastructure; Goal 8 – Ensure utility and public works infrastructure is properly maintained.

Recommendation:

Informational item only. No City Council action is required.

Attachment(s):

1. Resident Letter Notification (draft)9-10-26

Prepared by: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Reviewed by:

Andrew Marsian, Public Works and Utilities Director

City Attorney,

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 9/8/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Approved - 9/10/2026

Final Approval - 9/10/2026



CITY OF MOUNT DORA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
401 Limit Avenue
Mount Dora, FL 32757

[DATE]

NOTICE OF REQUIRED CONNECTION TO CENTRAL SEWER SYSTEM
Pursuant to Section 381.00655, Florida Statutes

Property Address: [PROPERTY ADDRESS]
Parcel ID: [PARCEL ID, IF APPLICABLE]
Property Owner: [OWNER NAME]

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Mount Dora is providing written notice that central sewer service is available to the property located at [PROPERTY ADDRESS].

Your property is currently served by an existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (septic system). Pursuant to **Section 381.00655(1)(a), Florida Statutes**, the owner of a properly functioning onsite sewage treatment and disposal system, other than an approved onsite graywater system, is **required to connect the building's plumbing to an available publicly owned or investor-owned sewerage system within 365 days after written notification that the sewerage system is available for connection.**

Required Connection

Accordingly, you are hereby notified that you are required to:

- Connect the plumbing serving the property to the City's central sanitary sewer system;
- Discontinue use of the existing onsite sewage treatment and disposal system upon connection to central sewer; and
- Properly abandon the existing septic tank and associated system in accordance with applicable state, county, and City requirements.

The deadline for completing the required connection is [DEADLINE DATE], which is 365 days from the date of this written notification.

All connection work must comply with applicable City utility requirements, building and plumbing codes, permitting requirements, and Florida law. Required permits and inspections must be obtained as required by the City and/or Lake County.

Statutory Requirement

Section 381.00655(1)(a), Florida Statutes, provides, in pertinent part, that the owner of a properly functioning onsite sewage treatment and disposal system (OSTDS) must connect the system or the building's plumbing to an available publicly owned or investor-owned sewerage system within 365 days after written notification by the sewerage system that the system is available for connection.

Connection Charges

Applicable sewer connection, assessment, inspection, permit, and other charges may apply to your property. You may pay all required sewer connection charges at the time of connection or, pursuant to Section 381.00655(1)(a), Florida Statutes, you have the option of prepaying the amortized value of required connection charges in equal monthly installments over a period not exceeding two years from the date of the initial notification of anticipated availability.

For information regarding applicable charges and available payment arrangements, please contact the City of Mount Dora Utility Billing Department at 352-735-7105 or customerservice@mountdora.gov.

Compliance

Please begin making arrangements for the required sewer connection as soon as possible. Failure to complete the required connection within the 365-day period may subject the property owner to enforcement under applicable law and City ordinances.

If you believe your property is exempt from this requirement, is not properly identified in this notice, or does not have central sewer service available, please contact the City promptly at 352-735-[XXXX] or [XYZ]@mountdora.gov so the matter can be reviewed.

For questions regarding septic abandonment permitting or inspections, please contact:

Lake County Department of Environmental Public Health

Lake County

320 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778

352-253-6130

chd35webmaster@FLHealth.gov

Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

The City appreciates your prompt attention and cooperation in complying with this requirement and transitioning your property to the central sanitary sewer system.

Sincerely,

City of Mount Dora

Public Works Department



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: City Manager Annual Performance Evaluation

Introduction:

This item provides City Council the opportunity to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager.

Discussion:

The annual performance evaluation process is intended to facilitate communication between City Council and the City Manager regarding the City Manager's performance in carrying out assigned duties and responsibilities and to establish specific work-related goals and objectives.

Note: Vince Sandersfeld was appointed Acting City Manager on January 22, 2024; and appointed to a full City Manager position on May 7, 2024.

Budget Impact:

Any compensation adjustment approved by City Council would be incorporated into the applicable fiscal year budget.

Strategic Impact:

Strategic Initiative 5: Invest in Human Resources

Goal 14: Retain and attract highly-qualified talent and provide succession planning.

Recommendation:

City Council conduct the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager and consider any compensation adjustment, as appropriate.

Attachment(s):

Prepared by: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Reviewed by:

Alan Cline, Director of Human Resources

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Approved - 9/3/2026

Approved - 9/8/2026

Final Approval - 9/8/2026



510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757
352-735-7126

DATE: September 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

SUBJECT: Lobbyist Update

Introduction:

Gray Robinson, P.A. represents the City of Mount Dora in activities related to the legislative process in Tallahassee, Florida. Their work includes identification of legislative priorities, formulation of strategy, research, communication with elected officials, and reporting the status of current work in progress.

Discussion:

Gray Robinson, P.A. supports the City of Mount Dora in respect to Legislative items and appropriations. Attached is the August 2026 Monthly Report.

Budget Impact:

Lobbyist Activities are funded in GL account 421-1910-536.31-11

Strategic Impact:

The contract with Gray Robinson, P.A. allows for cooperation from State, County, and surrounding communities toward the Innovation District and future infrastructure through grants and legislative processes.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE 5:

Invest in Fiscal and Human Resources; Building a resilient foundation for enhanced financial performance and organizational excellence.

Goal 13

Identify and seek alternative funding sources.

Recommendation:

Informational Item.

Attachment(s):

1. Mount Dora August 2026 Report

Prepared by: Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Final Approval - 9/10/2026

September 2, 2026

**City of Mount Dora
August Activity Report**

Florida Revenue Forecast Update

State economists increased Florida's general revenue projections by nearly \$1 billion across the current and upcoming fiscal years, though the adjustment represents less than a 1% change and does not materially alter the overall outlook.

The revised estimates include a \$475.1 million increase for the current fiscal year and \$508 million for FY 2027–28, driven largely by higher-than-expected corporate income tax collections, along with modest gains in sales tax revenue. Collections for FY 2025–26 have already exceeded prior expectations by \$869.6 million (1.7%).

Despite the upward revisions, economists cautioned that economic uncertainty remains elevated. Contributing factors include geopolitical tensions, federal tariffs, inflation, increased reliance on household credit, a slowdown in construction and real estate activity, and softer tourism growth.

The revenue forecast will be updated again prior to the start of the 2027 legislative session.

Communications

- Nathaniel Bell Community Resource & Recreation Center Ribbon Cutting

Next Steps

- Continue to monitor and share relevant grant opportunities
- Fall 2026- Begin development of 2027 legislative priorities

Ryan Matthews/Angela Drzewiecki