



City Hall Commission Chambers
1100 Park Lane East
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

**DRAFT MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 4, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Arnst.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Steven Arnst
Vice Mayor Aisha Gordon
Commissioner Letitia Newbold
Commissioner Fitz Budhoo
Commissioner Tim Lonergan

Also Present:

City Manager David Hebert
City Attorney DJ Doody
City Clerk Renee M. Shrout

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

Women's History Month

Commissioner Lonergan moved to publish the proclamation. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold,
Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The proclamation was presented to Cathy Cerniglia, owner and operator of the Over Easy and Freddy's Sub Shop, for her unselfish determination to assist others in the community.

49th Annual Waterway Cleanup - March 7, 2026

Commissioner Lonergan moved to publish the proclamation. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold,
Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The proclamation was presented to Molly Ferch, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator. Ms. Ferch reminded everyone that the Annual Waterway Cleanup would be on March 7 at J. Dewey Hawkins Landing.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS

None

PRESENTATIONS

*** Youth Day 2026 - Cartoon Carnival**

Christopher Casale, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, provided the presentation and introduced Grand Marshall Jasmine Robinson, a teacher of the year at Oakland Park Elementary School. She expressed her appreciation to the City Commission for the honor.

*** Keep Oakland Park Beautiful Update**

Molly Ferch, Environmental and Sustainability Manager, provided the presentation update as the City is an official affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, a national organization committed to promoting clean, green, and sustainable communities. We focus on three key areas: Community Beautification, environmental education, and opportunities for residents to participate in sustainability efforts. She shared the board initiatives: Battery Recycling collection sites at North Andrews Gardens Community Center, Oakland Park Library, and City Hall. Native Pollinator Gardens at Lloyd Estates Neighborhood Park and other locations will be planned citywide.; Composting workshops will offer hands-on learning. The POP Star Program has been rebranded as the Keep Oakland Park Beautiful Award and is structured to increase its impact. Applications are available online.

Vice Mayor Gordon asked what the first installation in the Lloyd Estates community would be, and Ms. Ferch reported it would be in the existing community pollinator garden. She informed Commissioner Newbold that all regular household batteries would be accepted. Commissioner Budhoo stated the recycling center in Pembroke Pines was state-of-the-art. He asked about public outreach for proper recycling. Ms. Ferch said they were expanding how they communicated with residents, including on water bills. Mayor Arnst advised residents to check on proper disposal procedures for hazardous waste. Commissioner Lonergan reminded everyone not to flush prescriptions down the toilet or put them in the trash.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

- 1. Case #CD25-10RZ JR Metayer R-1 Rezoning - Orange Grove Manors Block 4 Lots 4 and 5 - An Application for Rezoning from the PCC-2: Planned Business Center District to the R-1: Single Family Residential District for the Subject Property**

Generally Located in the 2900 block of NW 29 Street, Identified with Parcel ID 4942-29-06-0450 and Legally Described as Lots 4 and 5, Block 4, "ORANGE GROVE MANORS " According to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Plat Book 30, Page 50, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun Sentinel February 22, 2026.

Sierra Marrero, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation.

The public hearing was held as advertised. There were no speakers.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as adopted, on second reading carried the following title:

ORDINANCE O-2026-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK FROM PCC-2, PLANNED BUSINESS CENTER DISTRICT TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2981 NW 29 TERRACE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND CONTAINING 0.325 ACRES MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Case #CD23-03RZ | Orange Grove Manor Single-Family Lot 7 Block 1 | Rezoning. An Application by US Housing Equity Fund, LLC, requesting approval of a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the subject property generally located in the 2900 block of NW 29 Street from PCC-2, Planned Business Center District, to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel February 22, 2026.

Sierra Marrero, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation.

The public hearing was held as advertised. There were no speakers.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as adopted on second reading carried the following title:

ORDINANCE O-2026-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK FROM PCC-2, PLANNED BUSINESS CENTER DISTRICT TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 2900 BLOCK OF NW 29 STREET, IDENTIFIED WITH PARCEL ID 4942-29-06-0070, AS MORE PARTICULARLY AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.12 ACRES MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. Case #CD23-02RZ | Orange Grove Manor Single-Family Lot 20 Block 1 | Rezoning - An Application by US Housing Equity Fund, LLC, Requesting Approval of a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone the Subject Property Generally Located in the 2900 block of NW 29 Street from PCC-2, Planned Business Center District, to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel February 22, 2026.

Sierra Marrero, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation.

The public hearing was held as advertised.- There were no speakers.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as adopted on second reading, carried the following title:

ORDINANCE O-2026-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK FROM PCC-2, PLANNED BUSINESS CENTER DISTRICT TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 2900 BLOCK OF NW 29 STREET, IDENTIFIED WITH PARCEL ID 4942-29-06-0170, AS MORE PARTICULARLY AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.11 ACRES MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. Chapter 18 - Residential Traffic Calming - Change of Address. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel February 22, 2026

The public hearing was held as advertised. There were no speakers.

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold,
Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as adopted on second reading, carried the following title:

ORDINANCE O-2026-006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC CALMING AND STREET CLOSURES" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 18-5 ENTITLED "INSTALLATION OF SPEED TABLES" AND SECTION 18-4 ENTITLED "INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING TECHNIQUES, OTHER THAN SPEED TABLES"; UPDATING REFERENCES TO THE ADDRESS OF CITY HALL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

5. Chapter 21 Traffic - Change of Address. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel February 22, 2026.

The public hearing was held as advertised. There were no speakers.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold,
Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as adopted on second reading, carried the following title:

ORDINANCE O-2026-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE II ENTITLED "STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING"; UPDATING REFERENCES TO THE ADDRESS OF CITY HALL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. Chapter 24 - Floodplain Management - Change of Address. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun Sentinel February 22, 2026.

The public hearing was held as advertised.- There were no speakers.

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The ordinance, as adopted on second reading, carried the following title:

ORDINANCE O-2026-008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24 ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE", BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE X "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT"; UPDATING REFERENCES TO THE ADDRESS OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS
At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

Madeline Wyszatycki, 1585 NE 33rd Street - She spoke against the sidewalk project, citing the loss of driveways and parking for residents and possible unsafe sidewalk use. She noted she and other affected residents had never been notified of the project, the scope of which had been greatly expanded. The project did not comply with the Comprehensive Plan's requirement to mitigate parking losses at the planning stage. She said the older multi-family development in the area would become unusable due to a lack of parking. Ms. Wyszatycki said they did not oppose the drainage portion of the project and noted there were separate grants for these two aspects. She asked the City Commission to pause the project and review it.

Gordon McNichols, 1499 NE 36th Street, discussed Comprehensive Plans that served as a blueprint for a city and said it seemed the City had moved forward with the sidewalk project first and then reinterpreted the Comprehensive Plan to fit the project. He felt this was a dangerous precedent that could erode predictability and trust.

Robin Bodiford, 1520 NE 32nd Street, spoke about the impact the sidewalk project would have on housing in the area, saying that people would be forced to move and their homes replaced with townhomes. She said this City Commission was supposed to be here for all the City's citizens. The Commission had the discretion to pause this project and assess household reliance

on swale parking, how many mature trees would be lost, and possible alternatives that would preserve safety and functionality without forcing people to relocate.

Jim Hevert, 3781 NE 13th Avenue, thanked the Commission members for engaging with the community more regarding the sidewalk project. He stated the sidewalk project was a de facto rezoning to eliminate this single-family district. He stated he would lose his home's legal parking, making it unviable to own the home. He also feared there would be lawsuits against the City for ADA violations and vested use. He felt there were mitigation procedures for traffic calming that could be done instead. He wanted the City to consider the impact on each property and determine how to move forward. He wished the City would pause the project and find another solution that would not result in lawsuits.

Frances Vaujin, at 1556 NE 35th Street, noted that the drainage improvements funded by the Resilient Florida grant had nothing to do with sidewalks. She stated the US Constitution specified that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation and noted that courts had long recognized that a "taking" could occur not only through outright seizure but also through regulatory actions that significantly diminished a property's value or utility, including loss of frontage, parking, or access. Drainage improvements tailored to specific engineering needs were consistent with constitutional principles, but standardized sidewalk mandates applied without parcel-by-parcel analysis risked becoming regulatory takings, especially when they reduced usable frontage, eliminated essential parking, and depressed resale value. She said they opposed sidewalk mandates that ignored economic harm, parking loss, and individualized circumstances.

Chris Fisher, President of the Corals of Oakland Park Neighborhood Association, 3711 NE 13th Avenue, invited everyone to their next meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 PM at Voodoo Brewery. They will be discussing the sidewalk issue, timelines for the new Greenleaf Park and Horizon projects, and updates on the Fort Lauderdale water pipeline project on 38th Avenue. He had also invited City leadership and staff to encourage communication between residents and City government. He said it seemed communication opportunities were actually shrinking, and as a result, residents were frustrated. Residents should not be made to feel they must fight for information about what is happening in the City; residents and business owners must be partners in building the City's future.

Edward Boycoll, 1556 NE 37th Street, discussed the notice residents had received in 2017 regarding the NE 13th Avenue sidewalk project. He said since that notice, the scope of the project had expanded. In 2021, residents were notified of the expanded scope, and they had attended a Commission meeting to formally object, and the Commission had responded by removing language related to installing sidewalks on the side streets. Unfortunately, the side street sidewalks had been included in the NE 13th Avenue project, but this had not been disclosed. He requested that the City consider how the side street sidewalk components had been reintroduced into the project scope, confirm whether proper notice requirements had been met, and commit to re-notifying and re-engaging residents before any further action was taken.

Gwynn Beatty, 4410 NW 12th Terrace, discussed Rotary Connection, a free bus service for the homeless in Oakland Park, Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, and Wilton Manors. This was a loop service that stopped at hospitals, clinics, recovery treatment centers, veterans' services, and other stops. She said they also facilitated reunification of homeless people with their families, helped locate spots in rehab facilities, and provided living essentials.

Eric Peterson, President of the Westside Neighborhood Alliance, at 1941 NW 36th Street, said the City had discontinued the ability to submit public comments via email. He said this was part of a gradual dismantling of tools that allowed residents to stay informed. The following processes were changed or removed: Zoom meeting access, the Neighborhood Participation Meeting process, the neighborhood contact list on the City website, the interactive development map and development activity reports, and the public meeting room space. He asked the City Commission to direct staff to restore these communication tools.

The following other residents spoke against the sidewalk project: Tad Donovan, 1460 NE 35th Street; Randy Allison, 1500 NE 37th Street; Scott Bitner, 1500 NE 37th Street; Nick Sotis, 1560 NE 35th Street; Angela Memamenti, 1523 NE 33rd Street; Richard Stone, 1516 NE 37th Street; Brigitte Baruch, 1547 NE 36th Street; Bakeem Chella, 1540 NE 35th Street. They cited the loss of parking, the ADA implications, due process/notice issues, possible litigation, compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan, and loss of property values, and requested that the City consider alternatives.

Lee Gonzalez, 1568 NE 37th Street, read the email response residents had received from Alex Reed, Director of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection, regarding a memo City Manager Hebert had issued stating that sidewalks were a primary element of the approved scope under both the Florida Department of Transportation LAP agreement and the Resilient Florida Program Grant. Mr. Red indicated there was actually no requirement for sidewalks on side streets in the Resilient Florida Program.

Jacqueline McNichols, 1499 NE 36th Street, said the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization had offered to reconsider the design, and Commissioner Budhoo had submitted a formal request to pause the drainage/sidewalk project. She thanked Commission members for meeting with residents.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 8-15

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items 8 through 15. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

8. Approval of Minutes - January 14, 2026

Approved on consent.

9. Code Lien Settlement for 3090 W Oakland Park Blvd

Approved on consent to approve the proposed settlement amount of \$17,438, plus \$550 in recording and processing fees, which will be collected to offset city expenses incurred on the property. The total settlement offer is to be paid within ninety (90) days of the City Commission's approval. Failure to pay within ninety (90) days would void the settlement.

10. Amend Rules of Procedure Resolution R-2022-148

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-027

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING RULES OF PROCEDURE RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-148 DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2022, BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING PARAGRAPH B ENTITLED "GRANTING AND YIELDING THE FLOOR"; AMENDING PARAGRAPH D ENTITLED "PUBLIC COMMENTS AT REGULAR MEETINGS"; AMENDING PARAGRAPH "E" ENTITLED "PUBLIC COMMENTS AT SPECIAL MEETINGS"; AMENDING PARAGRAPH "F" ENTITLED "COMMENCEMENT TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS"; AMENDING PARAGRAPH H ENTITLED "CONSENT AGENDA"; AMENDING PARAGRAPH H ENTITLED "AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES"; AND, AMENDING PARAGRAPH N ENTITLED "PLACEMENT ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. Purchase of a 77-passenger Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) with Wheelchair Lift from Sun State International Trucks, LLC

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-028

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 77-PASSENGER MULTI-FUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS (MFSAB) WITH WHEELCHAIR LIFT FROM SUN STATE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, LLC, PIGGYBACKING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE) BID #2026-07, FOR USE BY THE PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

12. Purchase of One (1) 2026 International CV515 4x2 with Crane

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 INTERNATIONAL CV515 4X2 WITH AN 8,600 POUND CAPACITY CRANE FROM RECHTIEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, UTILIZING FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FSA #25-VEL-33, FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13. Purchase of One Ford F250 Crew Cab 4x2 Pickup Truck

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F250 CREW CAB 4X2 PICKUP TRUCK FROM DUVAL FORD, PIGGYBACKING FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FSA #25-VEL-33, FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WASTEWATER DIVISION AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

14. Purchase of Irrigation Supplies from SiteOne

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF IRRIGATION SUPPLIES PIGGYBACKING THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE AGREEMENT, BID NO. 12391-502-C19, AND APPROVING EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY UP TO THE BUDGETED AVAILABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

15. Approval of Work Authorization with Baxter & Woodman, Inc., for Engineering Services for Additional Water Main Interconnections with Broward County Water and Wastewater Services (BC-WWS).

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-032

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH BAXTER & WOODMAN, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,255.00 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT, DESIGN, AND PERMITTING OF ADDITIONAL WATER MAIN INTERCONNECTIONS WITH BC-WWS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTE: The Commission took a brief recess.

RESOLUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

16. Award of ITB #021126 Tree Trimming and Maintenance Services

Commissioner Newbold moved to approve awarding the bid to The Green Experts Landscaping LLC and Landscape Service Professionals LLC as the most responsive and responsible bidders. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-033

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THAT THE GREEN EXPERTS LANDSCAPING LLC AND LANDSCAPE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS LLC TO BE THE MOST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS UNDER ITB #021126 FOR GENERAL TREE TRIMMING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES; APPROVING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH THE GREEN EXPERTS LANDSCAPING LLC AND LANDSCAPE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

17. Art and Culture Board - Two (2) Regular Members

Commissioner Newbold moved to appoint Angela Rush and Jennifer Wiese. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE ART AND CULTURE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

18. Beautification Advisory Board - One (1) Regular Member

Commissioner Lonergan moved to reappoint Douglas Weisz. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Budhoo moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-035

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REQUESTED CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

19. City Commission Requested Discussion Item: Office of Commissioners Aid - Commissioner Budhoo

Commissioner Budhoo requested and received consensus for a future discussion item regarding the Office of Commissioners' Aid.

20. City Commission Discussion Item: Request Summer Youth Employment Program - Commissioner Budhoo

Commissioner Budhoo requested and received consensus to add a future discussion item on creating a Summer Youth Employment Program.

21. REPORTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Lonergan commented as follows:

- 1) He and other Commission members recently attended the Broward MPO Safe Roads Summit and learned a lot about the use of AI on transportation metrics, planning and implementation, sidewalk network implementation, street improvements, and design, and reducing accidents and deaths on roadways.
- 2) He also participated in the Broward Read for the Record with City Clerk Renee Shrout at Oakland Park Elementary School, Lloyd Estates Elementary School, and Tiny Tots Kingdom Preschool.
- 3) He learned at the National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee about the Basics Act, which would support regional priorities for rebuilding local bridges and increasing road safety. He planned to attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington DC in a couple of weeks.
- 4) Earlier that day, he attended the Broward Workshop's 18th annual State of the County event. They discussed challenges facing the County.
- 5) He was looking forward to Youth Day and the Broward Waterway Cleanup events.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked the public for their comments.
- 2) She thanked the staff for their contributions to the meeting.
- 3) She participated in a panel discussion hosted by Nancy LeaMond, Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer with AARP, where Vice Mayor Gordon shared the City's approach to safety and inclusion for all residents. She discussed several City projects that reflected their long-term commitment to quality of life.
- 4) She also attended the Broward MPO Safe Roads Summit, which had been an impactful event. She participated in a hands-on roadway design exercise.
- 5) She was looking forward to the Youth Day event on Saturday.

Commissioner Newbold commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked the staff for meeting with her.
- 2) She thanked the residents for their comments.
- 3) She lost a family member the previous day and said she was at the meeting for the community. She wanted to communicate and find a resolution.

Commissioner Budhoo commented as follows:

- 1) He offered his condolences to Commissioner Newbold and her family.
- 2) He asked everyone to keep members of the armed forces in their prayers.
- 3) He thanked BSO and firefighters for helping out at Farm Share.
- 4) He thanked the Commission for agreeing to discuss his proposals.
- 5) He discussed the sidewalk project and noted he requested a March 25th discussion item request to consider modifying the project to allow for drainage on the side streets and not sidewalks. In the interim, he hoped staff would communicate with the Broward MPO to submit a modified application.

Regarding resubmitting the project for modification to the MPO, City Attorney Doody did not believe the MPO had that decision-making power.

City Manager Hebert stated that these projects were grant awards for which they had already signed contracts, and that there would be ramifications if the projects were postponed. City Attorney Doody previously opined that the City could be liable to the contractors with whom they had the contracts and who already had labor and equipment on the ground. Commissioner Budhoo requested a breakdown of the costs for the drainage and sidewalk portions of the program. Ms. Marrero stated that the drainage portion of the project was approximately \$3 million of the \$5 million. Mayor Arnst recommended they wait until the discussion item was on the agenda before continuing the discussion.

- 6) Please come out to the Youth Day event – support the youth.
- 7) Thanked the public for attending the meeting this evening and thanked the staff for listening to the public comments.

Mayor Arnst commented as follows:

- 1) He thanked the City's Volunteer Corps, which saved the City \$62,000 in the first quarter of 2026.
- 2) He requested that staff explore installing strobe lights embedded in the asphalt in the crosswalk at 21st Avenue.
- 3) There is a time and a place to discuss the mitigation of the sidewalks.

REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hebert reported that another door hanger would be placed on homes impacted by the 13th Avenue project this week, inviting individuals to have consultations with staff at their properties.

22. Volunteer Report FY 2026 - 1st Quarter

REPORTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

23. City Attorney Report

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 PM.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK