



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

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**DRAFT MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

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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.

**NOTE: A CRA meeting was held prior to public comments.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

City Manager David Hebert  
Assistant City Attorney Sean  
City Clerk Renee M. ShROUT

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Oakland Park Elementary School Centennial**

The proclamation was deferred to a future meeting at the recipients' request.

**ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS**

Commissioner Lonergan moved to incorporate the Supplemental Agenda, including items 5, 8, and 13A, and to defer the proclamation to a future meeting at the request of the recipients.

- Commissioner Budhoo requested to remove 13A Supplemental Agenda Item from the agenda. He also requested that Discussion Item 18 be discussed prior to Resolution Item 13. No consensus was reached to remove Item 13A Supplemental Agenda Item.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to amend the agenda to incorporate the Supplemental Agenda and to hear Item 18 prior to Item 13. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

**NO:** Commissioner Budhoo

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

**YES:** Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Lonergan, Mayor Arnst  
**NO:** Commissioner Budhoo

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS**

- [1. Case #CD24-27U "Sunset Mirage" - An application by Sun King Investments LLC \(property owner\), and Diner Aldeus \(business owner\), requesting Use Approval for a proposed 1,476 sq. ft. Restaurant Bar with standard hours of operation located within the B-1 Zoning District. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel March 14, 2026.](#)

Assistant City Attorney Swartz swore in witnesses, and the quasi-judicial public hearing was held.

Sierra Morrero, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation. The applicants were available for questions. Commission members disclosed they had not had ex parte communications.

**Public Hearing**

Wallis Peterson, 1941 NW 36 Street - She remarked that the applicant listened to and addressed neighbors' concerns and that they now look forward to the project.

Ms. Marrero explained there are 117 spaces for all of the uses that are on the property. To meet the counts specifically for the restaurant bar, 18 spaces must be dedicated to that use. To mitigate parking requirements, a valet parking plan is needed to double-stack cars and meet them. Architect Sandra Puerta, 6476 Kirstin Way, Lake Worth, Florida, verified that the business will operate until midnight on Friday and Saturday, and until 10:00 p.m. on other days. Mayor Arnst requested that the valet parking be in the farthest available parking spaces so it would not interfere with other businesses' parking. Kasmyhr Robles 4048 Narcissus Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida, applicant, agreed to the valet parking condition. Mayor Arnst wanted to ensure the bar did not operate until they had a valid 40C license.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to amend the Development Order to include the conditions in the development order, the condition that the valet parking utilizes the farthest parking spaces, and the condition that the bar would not operate until a valid 40C license was obtained. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the amended Development Order. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

<b>PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING</b>
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<p><u><a href="#">2. Case #CD22-01CP   City of Oakland Park Comprehensive Plan 2045   BrowardNext Recertification Amendments   Third Reading – Amendment and Re-Transmittal. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel March 14, 2026.</a></u></p>
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Sierra Morrero, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation

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

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE O-2026-009**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2045 WITHIN THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT (FLUE), AND THE HOUSING ELEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 163, SECTION 163.3184, OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES; BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING POLICIES IN THE "FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT" TO COMPLY WITH THE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AS DEFICIENCIES, BY THE BROWARD COUNTY PLANNING COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 24, 2024, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 2.3.1 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES DOCUMENT: BROWARDNEXT; PROVIDING FOR NEW POLICIES IN THE "HOUSING ELEMENT"; CONTAINING A PROVISION FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**NOTE:** Commission meeting paused to hold CRA Meeting

**3. 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.**

Larry Brown, 2700 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Ave., Lauderhill, Florida, Career Technical Advisor at Northeast High School, discussed the paid Summer Internship program for 11th graders that provides them with real-world work experience. He wished to partner with the City for next summer.

Gordon McNichols, 1499 NE 36<sup>th</sup> St., read a letter from Jim Hebert, 3751 NE 13 Avenue, who could not attend the meeting, indicating his opposition to the NE 13 Avenue sidewalk program. He discussed legal issues he felt pertained to the sidewalk project.

Iris Gomez, 3941 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., discussed her concerns about the construction of the sidewalk project, Greenleaf Park, and the streetlights outside City Hall. Regarding sidewalks, she listed the following potential problems: fire hydrant relocation, utility boxes, mature trees, height of sidewalks compared to the street, and traffic safety. Regarding Greenleaf Park, she added that the new playground would be smaller than the existing one, and some of the city hall streetlights were not working.

Cindy DePalo, 1540 NE 39<sup>th</sup> St., 30-year resident of Oakland Park. Shared that she is very disappointed in the City regarding the NE 13 Avenue sidewalk project and that the funds could be used for something else related to safety. She did not receive advance notice that the construction would make it difficult to access her own property and was told to park elsewhere overnight. Due to the design, she will lose parking on her property.

Madeline Wyszatycki, 1585 NE 33rd St., discussed her objections to the sidewalk project: sidewalks blocked by parked cars, which would inhibit wheelchair users and pose a threat to other pedestrians, and poor project design.

Tad Donovan, 1460 NE 35<sup>th</sup> St., residents were still waiting for detailed mitigation information about their property related to the sidewalk project. They request clarification on the dimensions and exact placement of the sidewalk to determine if landscape lighting, irrigation lines, and plantings need to be relocated. Advance notice is necessary to schedule the required work. Concerned with the reduction in parking and liability.

Eric Peterson, 1941 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St., thanked staff for reinstating the ability to provide public comments via email. He then discussed the “dismantling of the neighborhood participation program.” He discussed changes made since July 2025 that shift responsibility for the NPM from City staff to applicants. He hoped the City Commission would discuss the process at the April 14 meeting.

Chris Fischer, 3711 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., president of the Corals of Oakland Park Neighborhood Association, said he had reservations about Agenda Item 13 because some of its items would benefit the Commission members. He asked why City Manager Hebert’s salary, which had been

omitted from the Citywide Classification Plan, was \$7.11 per Oakland Park resident, more than double per resident any other similarly sized city in Broward County; He noted the plan to allow residents to park on sidewalks violated State law.

Wallis Peterson, 1941 NW 36<sup>th</sup> St., discussed the speeding and traffic volume on NW 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, which had not been helped by the County's crosswalk and bridge barrier improvements. She stated residents had been requesting solutions for years.

Greg Sampedro, 4010 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave., took issue with the technical process of the sidewalk project and is concerned about allowing parking over the sidewalks. Inquired who would be responsible for maintenance.

Nick Sotis, 1560 NE 35<sup>th</sup> St., wondered how his family would use their property once the sidewalk project was completed. He was also concerned about risk and liability.

Angela Merman, 1523 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> St., said her daughter had a disability that had been impacted by the City's recent actions. She had requested a 30' Date Palm be preserved on her property as a reasonable accommodation for her daughter because of its therapeutic importance to her. She had asked the City to consider reasonable alternatives, and Mayor Arnst had informed her that work would be paused while her request was reviewed, but that had not happened; City crews had removed the tree. She stated this had caused her daughter's condition to worsen significantly, requiring additional medication and mental health care because this critical source of stability had been removed. She wanted to know how and why this had happened in a formal response.

Edward Voital, 1556 NE 37<sup>th</sup> St., said it had been obvious from the start that the sidewalk project would cause issues. He discussed federal sidewalk accessibility requirements and how allowing cars to park over sidewalks violates these. He asked that the project be paused.

Jacqueline McNichols, 1499 NE 36<sup>th</sup> St., said the sidewalk design "failed everybody" and was physically incompatible with the neighborhood. She said they could not ignore the ADA standards and promised to take these ADA violations to the Governor's office and the federal government. She asked that the project be paused.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items 4 through 11. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

**YES:** Mayor Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Budhoo, Commissioner Lonergan

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Gordon

**4. Approval of Minutes - February 4, 2026**

Approved on consent.

**5. Revised 2026 City Commission Meeting Schedule**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-036**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REVISED 2026 CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**6. Approval of Change Order for the Prospect Road Landscaping Improvements Project (West of I-95)**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-037**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE PROSPECT ROAD LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,513.00 FOR COMPLETION OF THE THREE REMAINING MEDIANS ALONG PROSPECT ROAD WEST OF I-95 AND APPROVE THE CORRESPONDING BUDGET AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**7. Purchase of Replacement and Additional Security Cameras for City Parks**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-038**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT AND ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS FROM AIP US, LLC, UP TO THE BUDGETED AVAILABILITY PIGGYBACKING OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT NO. 01-168; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**8. Approval of a Work Authorization for Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. for City Centennial Park Phase 2 Stormwater Detailed Design and Design Services During Construction**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-039**

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 BETWEEN THE CITY AND HAZEN AND SAWYER, P.C. FOR CITY CENTENNIAL PARK PHASE 2 STORMWATER ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$215,106.00; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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| <p>9. <b>Approval of an Addendum to the Construction Services Agreement with State Contracting and Engineering Corporation for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Services Related to the Collins Facility Rehabilitation Project</b></p> |
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Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-040**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STATE CONTRACTING AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION RELATED TO THE COLLINS FACILITY REHABILITATION PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE REQUIRED BY FLORIDA COMMERCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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| <p>10. <b>Approval of a Pre-Construction Services Agreement with State Contracting and Engineering Corporation for the Glenwood Garden Project</b></p> |
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Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-041**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STATE CONTRACTING AND ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE GLENWOOD GARDEN PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,000.00; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**11. Purchase of one (1) 6-inch Trailer-Mounted Trash Pump – Thompson Pump 6JSCEE-DIST-4LE2T-MC via FSA Contract**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-042**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 6-INCH TRAILER-MOUNTED TRASH PUMP FROM THOMPSON PUMP & MANUFACTURING CO., INC., PIGGYBACKING FLORIDA SHERIFF ASSOCIATION CONTRACT #23-EQU21.1; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**RESOLUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

(Item 18 was moved to proceed item 12 during Additions/Changes/Deletions)

**18. City Commission Requested Discussion Item NE 13 Avenue Sidewalk Project - Commissioner Budhoo**

The City Commission reached consensus to move forward with the request.

**12. Resolution of Support for Opportunity Zone 2.0**

Andrew Thompson, Assistant City Manager, introduced Renee Miller of R. Miller Consulting Group, who presented and recommended adoption.

Commissioner Lonergan noted the area of 503.01, NW 30<sup>th</sup> Street, east of 31<sup>st</sup> Street, in Lauderdale Lakes, was very depressed, and they should suggest to Lauderdale Lakes that it be included. Commissioner Budhoo said the Lauderdale Lakes City Manager supported this and was willing to work with the City. He intended to contact a Fort Lauderdale City Commission member to request support for Lakeside. Commissioner Newbold favored including Lakeside. Vice Mayor Gordon was pleased with the areas that had been incorporated. Commissioner Lonergan asked about the new Qualified Census Tract in North Andrews Gardens and the removal of Harlem McBride. Mr. Thompson described their location and said they were evaluated regularly, resulting in changes.

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

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

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-043**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN CENSUS TRACTS AS OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 AREAS; SPECIFICALLY CENSUS TRACT 12011050800 AND THE REDESIGNATION OF CENSUS TRACTS 12011050702 AND 12011050301; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**NOTE:** The Commission took a brief recess.

**13. FY 26 Midyear Budget Amendments and Encumbrance Rollovers from FY 2025 Adjustments**

Mr. Andrew Thompson, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation.

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

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

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-044**

A) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND THE CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt resolution B. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-045**

B) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Newbold made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Policy. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

**Item 13A - Supplemental Item - Resolution Regarding Parking in Residential Properties and Enforcement of Right-of-Way Obstructions** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, REGARDING PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES; RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH LIMITED DRIVEWAY DEPTH AND SIDEWALK INSTALLATION; AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WHILE BALANCING RESIDENTIAL PRACTICALITIES; PROVIDING POLICY DIRECTION REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OBSTRUCTIONS IN PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Hebert stated that this item is in response to residents' concerns with enforcement for parking over new sidewalks and explained that although the city does not have the authority to change state law, this resolution provides policy direction regarding enforcement. Assistant City Manager Sierra Marrero provided a presentation further explaining the proposed enforcement policy for obstructions in private driveways.

Following discussion, Commissioner Budhoo moved to deny the resolution. Mayor Arnst passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Gordon and seconded the motion, which failed by the following vote:

**YES:** Commissioner Budhoo, Mayor Arnst

**NO:** Vice Mayor Gordon, Commissioner Newbold, Commissioner Lonergan

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the resolution. Motion died for lack of a second.

**14. School Advisory Board Appointments - One (1) Member**

Commissioner Budhoo moved to appoint Cindy Smith. Vice Mayor Gordon seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

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

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

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

**RESOLUTION R-2026-046**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**REQUESTED CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

[15. City Commission Discussion Item - Office of Commissioners Aid - Commissioner Budhoo](#)

The Commission did not reach consensus to move forward.

[16. City Commission Discussion Item - Summer Youth Employment Program - Commissioner Budhoo](#)

The Commission did not reach consensus to move forward.

[17. City Commission Requested Discussion Item - Office of the Mayor and Vacancies Appointment Process - Commissioner Budhoo](#)

The Commission did not reach consensus to move forward.

[19. REPORTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION](#)

Vice Mayor Gordon commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked everyone who presented and attended the meeting.
- 2) She recognized staff for their hard work and dedication.
- 3) She recently attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington DC that allowed them to advocate for key priorities. They participated in a group meeting led by Holly Smith, the president of the Florida League of Cities, and met with representatives from the offices of Senators Rick Scott and Ashley Moody to discuss issues affecting Oakland Park.
- 4) She reported the City had been honored with receiving the City Cultural Diversity Award.
- 5) She attended the Greenleaf Park groundbreaking and looked forward to the new park.
- 6) She asked everyone to continue to work together.

**NOTE:** Vice Mayor Gordon moved to extend the meeting. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

**NO:** Mayor Arnst

Commissioner Newbold commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked residents for their input and staff for all they do.
- 2) She recently attended the Harlem McBride homeowners' association meeting and thanked staff for updating the neighborhood.
- 3) She had attended the Greenleaf Park groundbreaking and looked forward to the park.
- 4) She reminded everyone that Dancing in the Streets would be held on Friday and invited everyone to attend.

Commissioner Budhoo commented as follows:

- 1) He acknowledged those serving in the armed forces and thanked firefighters and BSO deputies.
- 2) He thanked City staff for their service.
- 3) He said he appreciated seeing residents at City Hall providing input and encouraged them to continue to advocate.
- 4) He said his trip to Washington, D.C. was nice, and they engaged in policy discussions about issues that would affect the City.

Commissioner Lonergan commented as follows:

- 1) He also attended the National League of Cities Congressional Conference and said it had been educational, engaging, and inspiring. He stated they had all lobbied their senators and representatives on "Hill Day." He reported that the Basics Act, HR-7437, concerned bridges, safety, and infrastructure. He said they had met with representatives from Senator Rick Scott and Senator Ashley Moody's office. He met with Congressman Jared Moskowitz, who confirmed he was trying to secure grants for enhancements at Centennial Park. He said they had lobbied for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Road to Housing Act, HR-6644; a railway safety act, HR-7748, or S-3903; a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Amendment from 2025, HR-6229, and a Water System PFAS Liability Protection Act, HR-1267.
- 2) He reminded everyone about Dancing in the Streets event on Friday.
- 3) He announced the book sale by the Friends of Oakland Park Library at the Ethel M. Gordon Library on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
- 4) He noted the Farm Share food packing and delivery would be held on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and thanked Mark at Farm Share, Rodrigo at Hands On Florida, and all the volunteers.
- 5) He reported that Northeast Little League Baseball's opening day would be held Saturday at Collins Field, with opening ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. He thanked Dave and the leaders at Northeast Little League for their sponsorship.

- 6) He said the Oakland Park Firefighters Benevolent Association would host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at Wimberly Field at 9:00 a.m.
- 7) He advised everyone to consult the City's website for updates on events.

Mayor Arnst - No comments.

**REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Hebert shared that as he drove around the city earlier in the day, he encountered children leaving Oakland Park Elementary School, then later a gentleman who was visually impaired traversing a street, and then someone using a wheelchair making their way through the city, and he wondered why this country and other places prioritize streets over pedestrian rights-of-way. He said he appreciated residents' concerns but noted that these individuals were much safer on sidewalks than in the street.

He reminded everyone that the next City Commission meeting would be on Tuesday, April 14, not Wednesday, April 15.

**20. Financial Activity Report for the Period Ended January 31, 2026**

**REPORTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**21 City Attorney Report 03/25/26**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:15 p.m.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

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STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK