



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

**DRAFT MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 20, 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.

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

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, led by U.S. Army Colonel Thaddeus Hamilton.

PROCLAMATIONS

[Memorial Day - May 25, 2026](#)

Commissioner Lonergan moved to publish the proclamation. Commissioner Budhoo 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:
American Legion Post 222 Commander Eugene Andreessen and Chaplain Steve Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Johnson, family of Army Corporal Joshua Carruth, Buffalo Soldier and Korean War hero. Mayor Arnst read a letter of recognition, and Commissioner Newbold, who attended the service for Corporal Carruth, presented the proclamation to them.

Florida Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day

Commissioner Budhoo 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 Colonel Thaddeus Hamilton U.S. Army, retired.

National EMS Week - May 17-23, 2026

Commissioner Lonergan moved to publish the proclamation. Commissioner Budhoo 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 Fire Chief Steve Krivjanik and the Fire Rescue team.

American Public Works Association Week - May 17-23, 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 Julie Leonard, Public Works Director, and her team.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

*** Keep Oakland Park Beautiful Residential Award**

Presented by Molly Ferch, Environmental Sustainability Manager, and Ralph Caraglia, Beautification Advisory Board Chair. The award was presented to Mladen Bozik and James Ireland, owners of 1474 NE 30th Court.

*** Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) as of September 30, 2025**

Presented by Ronald Thompkins, CPA, Managing Partner at WatsonRice LLP, and Michael Barnett, CPA, Manager of Audits at WatsonRice LLP.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

1. Case #CD24-30CP | Le Rocher Christian Worship Center Inc. | Future Land Use Map Amendment (LUPA) An application by Le Rocher Christian Worship Center Inc. requesting approval of a small-scale amendment to the City of Oakland Park Future Land Use Map (FLUM) from Community Facilities (CF) to Low Density Residential (L-5), property located 1670 NE 38 Street. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel May 9, 2026.

Sierra Marrero, Assistant City Manager, provided the presentation with Interim Director Brad Ostroff, Engineering and Community Development.

Public Hearing

Chris Fischer, 3711 NE 13th Avenue, shared concerns about the potential environmental impact on Cherry Creek and wanted assurance that the creek would not be contaminated with construction materials.

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-2026-010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) BY AMENDING THE EXISTING FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMUNITY FACILITIES (CF) DESIGNATION TO A PROPOSED LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (L-5) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1670 NE 38TH STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE AND CONTAINING 0.93 NET ACRES, MORE OR LESS; AS INITIATED BY THE OWNER AND APPLICANTS, LE ROCHER CHRISTIAN WORSHIP CENTER INC.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. Case #CD24-31RZ | Le Rocher Christian Worship Center Inc. | Rezoning An application by Le Rocher Christian Worship Center Inc. requesting approval of a Zoning Map Amendment to rezone the property located at 1670 NE 38 Street from Community Facilities (CF) to Single-Family Residential (R-1). This public hearing was advertised in the Sun-Sentinel May 9, 2026.

Sierra Marrero, Assistant City Manager, and Brad Ostroff, Interim Director of Engineering and Community Development, provided the presentation.

The Public Hearing was held as advertised – 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-2026-011

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 A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT (CF) TO A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1), WHICH PROVIDES FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT NOT TO EXCEED 5 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1670 NE 38TH STREET, AS MORE PARTICULARLY AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE AND CONTAINING 0.93 NET ACRES, MORE OR LESS; AS INITIATED BY THE OWNER AND APPLICANTS, LE ROCHER CHRISTIAN WORSHIP CENTER INC.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

<u>3. Ordinance Amending the City's Holiday Leave Ordinance, Section 2-151 of the Code of Ordinances. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel May 9, 2026.</u>
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The Public Hearing was held as advertised – No speakers

City Manager Hebert described the City's plans for the July 3rd semi-quincentennial event, which prompted the modification of this ordinance.

Commissioner Newbold moved to adopt the ordinance on second reading. Commissioner Lonergan 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-2026-012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" BY SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2-151 ENTITLED "HOLIDAY LEAVE"; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DESIGNATE THE OBSERVED HOLIDAY AS EITHER THE PRECEDING FRIDAY OR THE SUCCEEDING MONDAY WHEN A HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY OR A SUNDAY;

PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackie Jones, 1092 NE 38th Street, a local artist working on a Zine [community booklet] for the nation's 250th birthday, on July 4th. She asked anyone wishing to contribute to the Zine production to email her at Artoffatlanticave@gmail.com.

George Wullin, 310 NW 39th Street, Art and Culture Board member for 10 years, said he is very proud of the City and its management. Grateful for the good working relationship between the city manager and the City Commission.

Wallis Peterson, 1941 NW 36th Street, discussed transparency in the City, recommending that the City website should provide access to advisory board and DRC meeting information, agendas, and minutes. The City should also record Neighborhood Participation Meetings.

Eric Peterson, president of the Westside Neighborhood Alliance of Oakland Park and 1941 NW 36th Street, also spoke about transparency. He referred to the City tax rates and how he felt staff was manipulating information by not including debt service in the taxes residents were actually paying. He asked the City to include all taxes, including debt service, in all future communications. Mr. Peterson then discussed City Manager Hebert's compensation, including a retirement contribution. Three weeks ago, he requested to see the master agreements between the City and the company handling City Manager Hebert's account but had not yet received them.

Ed Wojtal, 1556 NE 37th Street, discussed the drainage/sidewalk project. He said FGC Construction had refused portions of the sidewalk work due to design flaws. He requested an answer to his questions via email. He had just learned that there was no money in the grant to repave the roads after construction and asked where the money would come from.

Chris Fischer, 3711 NE 13th Avenue, President of the Corals of Oakland Park Neighborhood Association. He addressed the upcoming community meeting on May 26, requesting that staff attend with open ears, minds, and hearts for an overdue conversation. Requested more transparency and increased communication regarding city projects that affect residents. He then discussed projects that were begun but not finished and criticized the process the City followed.

Jacqueline McNichols, 1499 NE 36th Street, President of the Coalition of Oakland Park Affected Homeowners, reported the NE 13th Avenue sidewalk construction project on her street had ceased due to design issues. The City conducted a Downtown Mobility study and then ignored it.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 5-9

Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items 5 through 9. Commissioner Budhoo seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

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

5. Approval of Minutes - March 4, 2026

Approved on consent.

6. Code Lien Settlement for 1574 NE 38 Street

Approved on consent to approve the proposed settlement offer of \$55,287.00 plus \$975.00 in recording and processing fees for Code Enforcement Lien Code Cases #CODE202310000011643 and #CODE202209000005929 for 1574 NE 38 ST FLRE LLC, owner of 1574 NE 38 Street, a residential property

7. Renewal of Fleet Fuel Card Services Agreement with WEX Bank.

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PIGGYBACKING OF THE AMENDED DMS CONTRACT NO. 78181701-21-NASPO-ACS FOR FUEL CARD SERVICES WITH WEX BANK, FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNLEADED AND DIESEL FUEL AS NEEDED, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8. Work Authorization with Currie Sowards Aguila Architects for a Feasibility Study for a Public Works Above-Ground Fuel and Diesel Exhaust Fluid System.

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A WORK AUTHORIZATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK AND CURRIE SOWARDS AGUILA ARCHITECTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX ABOVE-GROUND FUEL & DEF SYSTEMS FEASIBILITY STUDY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,474.00; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9. Special Counsel agreement - Oakland Park Dixie, LLC v. The School Board of Broward County, Broward County, and the City of Oakland Park

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2026-063

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH COLE SCOTT & KISSANE TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO LITIGATION OF THE CASE OF OAKLAND PARK DIXIE, LLC V. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. REPORTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Lonergan commented as follows:

- 1) He thanked Principal Allen at Lloyd Estates Elementary School for hosting the Partner Appreciation breakfast.
- 2) He thanked staff and BSO for making the Art Walk event a big success.
- 3) He reported the next Farm Share food distribution would be held on Saturday, May 30 at 10 AM. He advised anyone interested in the event to visit the City's website.
- 4) He stated on Saturday, May 5, that the Friends of the Library bake sale would take place, where one could purchase a bag of books for \$5.
- 5) He was looking forward to the Community listening session on May 26.
- 6) He announced that Northeast High School would hold its graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 28, at the Performing Arts Center.

Vice Mayor Gordon commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked all residents who had attended the meeting and provided feedback.
- 2) She thanked the presenters and staff who prepared the presentations.
- 3) She attended the Partnership Appreciation Breakfast at Lloyd Estates Elementary School.
- 4) She attended a Real Talk event regarding women's health. She reminded women to take charge of their own health.
- 5) She said the Local Government Academy graduation, held the previous week, was a great event.

Commissioner Newbold commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked everyone who had spoken at the meeting and all proclamation recipients for attending.
- 2) She noted the City Commission members attended funeral services for Battalion Chief Kevin Fornash and said the “last call” had been touching.
- 3) She also attended the “Real Talk” event, which was very informative.
- 4) She stated the Partnership Appreciation Breakfast had been great.
- 5) She was looking forward to the Memorial Day event at the American Legion.
- 6) She thanked BSO for responding to calls in her neighborhood.

Commissioner Budhoo commented as follows:

- 1) He thanked city staff and City Manager Hebert for all they do for public service.
- 2) He had been visiting schools to determine the ramifications of the teacher cuts and lauded City employees for their dedication to dealing with current vacancies.
- 3) He reported he would be attending several graduations this year, including Northeast High School, William Dandy Middle School, and Sunfire High School.
- 4) He was invited to the musical celebration at North Andrews Gardens the following day.
- 5) He said Northeast High School had added a workshop in Marine Science Technology.
- 6) He thanked advisor Latoya Gordon and career technical education advisor Larry Brown.
- 7) He wished everyone a happy Memorial Day and said he would attend the ceremony at American Legion Post 222.

Mayor Arnst commented as follows:

- 1) He asked staff to address Mr. Wojtal’s concerns via email, and to copy Mayor Arnst and the rest of the City Commission.
- 2) He requested a status update on the 21st Avenue crosswalk lights and the possibility of installing more speed tables there.

REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

11. Financial Activity and Quarterly Investment Reports for the period ended March 31, 2026
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12. BSO First Quarter 2026 Report
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REPORTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

13. City Attorney Report for May 20, 2026
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ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:30 PM.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

STEVE ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK