CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Pursuant to Public Notice, Mayor Steven Osmer convened a regular meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Those present were Mayor Steven Osmer, Vice Mayor Jodi Rozycki, Councilmember Mark Boyd, Councilmember Mike Chase, Councilmember Stephen Sams, City Manager Brittany Retherford, City Attorney James Beadle and City Clerk Gwen Peirce.

Vice Mayor Rozycki led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

(TIME: 6:01 P.M.) PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Osmer read the proclamation and presented it to Michelle Tracy, Women of the Space Coast, who spoke regarding her organization and Suicide Prevention Month.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

City Resident, Kathleen Arcarola, spoke regarding how the Joint Board Workshop regarding Dogs on the Beach was conducted.

City Resident, Ron Culp, spoke regarding the 25th Anniversary of September 11th and spoke regarding the raising of the flags at City Hall that day. He encouraged residents to fly their American flags that day.

City Resident, Paul Hirschberger, expressed concern over the amount of taxes City residents pay.

City Resident, Lois Felder, inquired about the audible crosswalks at A1A and Scorpion Court, to which Ms. Retherford responded.

(TIME: 6:20 P.M.) CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rozycki spoke regarding the Youth Council's current activities. She spoke regarding City Councilmembers being elected in order to make difficult decisions

Councilmember Chase spoke regarding outreach programs that the City Fire and Police Departments offer and spoke regarding a recent post from the Police Department about dangerous apps for kids. He also commended the City staff on the recent *Beachcaster* newsletter.

Mayor Osmer spoke regarding his attendance at the recent South Beaches Coalition meeting and stated that he will be attending the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization meeting.

(TIME: 6:25 P.M.) CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Beadle stated that City staff has been notified that 115 Park Avenue is doing short-term rentals again and requested authorization to proceed with enforcing the final judgment.

ACTION: Councilmember Sams MOVED, SECOND by Councilmember Chase, to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with enforcing final judgment on 115 Park Avenue. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

He stated that the City has received a lawsuit from Sunset Condominiums Association regarding a proposed structure located at 1687 Highway A1A.

(TIME: 6:30 P.M.) CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Retherford spoke regarding upcoming events, including a Patriot's Day event on September 11, 55+ Club Indoor Picnic and Pigeon Ford trip, PAL Youth Basketball registration, International Coastal Cleanup Day, Lunch & Learn – City Speaker Series regarding Contracting for your Home, Satellite Beach Woman's Club Bunco fundraiser, Jazz concert and the final budget hearing on September 23. She spoke regarding thank you cards received for the Fire Department.

ACTION ITEM: City Manager Retherford stated that staff is seeking approval to apply for a grant through the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan for the East Lori Laine Basin Improvement Project. The City Council provided consensus for approval.

City Manager Retherford presented a PowerPoint presentation on City staff's above and beyond attitude and performance.

(TIME: 6:44 P.M.) CONSENT AGENDA

A. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES: AUGUST 19, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**
B. **APPROVE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SFA) AGREEMENT MEMBER (MEM) PROJECT**
C. **APPROVE SURFLINE CAMERA HOST AGREEMENT WITH SURFLINE/ WAVETRAK, INC. FOR CONTINUED SURF WEBCAM SERVICES AT HIGHTOWER BEACH PARK AND PELICAN BEACH PARK AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE**

Mayor Osmer asked for citizen comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Chase MOVED, SECOND by Vice Mayor Rozycki, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 6:45 P.M.) PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET

A. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1296, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES BY ESTABLISHING AN OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 7.8 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Beadle read the title of the ordinance. City Manager Retherford provided background information and answered questions.

The following City Residents spoke regarding this item: Kathleen Arcarola, Louise Schuster, Lois Felder and Robert Chase.

ACTION: Councilmember Sams MOVED, SECOND by Councilmember Boyd, to approve Ordinance No. 1296 on first reading, establishing an operating millage rate of 7.8 mills for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

B. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1297, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Beadle read the title of the ordinance.

The following City Residents spoke regarding this item: Kathleen Arcarola, Lois Felder, Adam Ross, Jennifer Schwarzbach.

ACTION: Councilmember Chase MOVED, SECOND by Vice Mayor Rozycki, to approve Ordinance No. 1297 on first reading. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 7:17 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 1298, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, AMENDING THE CITY BOARDS HANDBOOK CREATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1101, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1137, ORDINANCE NO. 1138, ORDINANCE NO. 1152, ORDINANCE NO. 1167, ORDINANCE NO. 1172, ORDINANCE NO. 1183, ORDINANCE NO. 1225 and ORDINANCE NO. 1230; TO REPEAL CURRENT SECTIONS 4.G (SUSTAINABILITY BOARD) AND 4.H (TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION BOARD) AND CREATE A NEW SECTION 4.G TO BE TITLED "TREE AND SUSTAINABILITY BOARD," ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES, COMPOSITION, TERMS OF OFFICE, SUPPORT STAFF DESIGNATION AND DAY OF MEETING FOR THE TREE AND SUSTAINABILITY BOARD; RESERVING SECTION 4.H; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS AN EFFECTIVE DATE; (FIRST READING)

City Attorney Beadle read the title of the ordinance. Assistant City Manager Suzanne Sherman presented background information on the item.

The following City Residents spoke regarding this item: Louise Schuster, Sadjal Pals, Jazzie Hennings and Kathleen Arcarola.

ACTION: Councilmember Chase MOVED, SECOND by Councilmember Boyd, to approve Ordinance No. 1298 on first reading. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 7:37 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 1080, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH FOR INCORPORATED BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2025 UPDATE OF THE BREVARD PREPARES LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS) PLAN

City Attorney Beadle read the title of the resolution. Assistant City Manager Nick Walsh presented the background information on the item.

Mayor Osmer asked for citizen comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Chase MOVED, SECOND by Councilmember Sams, to approve Resolution No. 1080, adopting the 2025 Update of the Brevard Prepares Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 7:42 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RECREATION BOARDS' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING DOGS ON THE BEACH

City Manager Retherford provided background information on the item.

The following City Residents spoke regarding this item: Lois Felder, Louise Schuster, Kathleen Arcarola, Adam Ross, Sadja Pals, Jennifer Schwarzbach, John Pope, Robert Chase, Daniel Genovese, Allen Dillon, Ron Culp, Jazzie Hennings.

The following non-resident spoke regarding this item: Roger Ross.

Discussion ensued on potential options for allowing dogs on the beach during the off-season for sea turtles.

ACTION: Councilmember Sams MOVED, SECOND by Councilmember Boyd, to direct staff to draft an ordinance to allow dogs on the beach from November 1 – February 28, 6 – 10am and 4-8pm, from Hightower south (not to include Hightower), and incorporating a regulatory (permit) structure. VOTE: 3-2. MOTION CARRIED. Vice Mayor Rozycki and Mayor Osmer dissented.

(TIME: 8:46 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON WAIVING SPECIAL EVENT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,540 FOR THE OCEAN REEF BEACH FESTIVAL BEING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2026

Cassie Warthen, Recreation Director, presented the background information.

The following City Residents spoke regarding this item: Louise Schuster, Jazzie Hennings.

The event organizer, Eric Schwartz, expressed appreciation to the City for their partnership and spoke regarding the event.

ACTION: Councilmember Boyd MOVED, SECOND by Vice Mayor Rozycki, to approve waiving of facility use fees, special event application fee, additional resource fees, and recreation/public works personnel fees totaling $2,540.00 for the Ocean Reef Beach Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2026. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 8:54 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST FROM THE SUSTAINABILTY BOARD TO SEND LETTERS REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF GAIL MEREDITH SEASIDE FOREST AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW LOCATION FOR THE FOREST

Assistant City Manager Sherman provided background information on this item. Councilmember Boyd stated that he didn't think that this should be a Council item, but that staff should reach out to the family of Ms. Meredith to alert them of the move. Discussion ensued.

The following City Residents spoke regarding this item: Jazzie Hennings, Sadja Pals.

ACTION: Councilmember Chase MOVED, SECOND by Councilmember Sams, to request that staff draft a letter to the family members of Gail Meredith to alert them to the fact that the forest location has changed and that the Sustainability Board is working on identifying a new location. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 9:20 P.M.) DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON CYBERSECURITY SOLUTION AGREEMENT THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION AND WILL RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM.

The City Council recessed into Executive Session at 9:20 PM and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:40 PM.

Mayor Osmer asked for citizen comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilmember Sams MOVED, SECOND by Vice Mayor Rozycki, to approve the cybersecurity agreement as written. VOTE: ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

(TIME: 9:44 P.M.) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

None.

Mayor Osmer adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Gwen Peirce, MMC
City Clerk