



**Agenda
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting**

**April 1, 2026
9:00 AM**

65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL 32922

I. Opening Matters:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of April 1, 2026.

III. Delegations:

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IV. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution 2026-022, Extending a State of Emergency due to a technological incident affecting the City of Cocoa's critical technological infrastructure.

V. Adjournment:

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Memo Date: March 31, 2026
Agenda Date: April 1, 2026
File ID: 2026-238
Prepared By: Monica Arsenault, City Clerk
Through: Stockton Whitten, City Manager
Requested Action: Approve the agenda for the April 1, 2026 Special City Council meeting as written.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

PRIORITY AREA CONNECTION:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

PREVIOUS ACTION:

N/A

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

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Prepared By: Monica Arsenault, City Clerk
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Requested Action: Approve Resolution 2026-022, Extending a State of Emergency due to a technological incident affecting the City of Cocoa's critical technological infrastructure.

BACKGROUND:

On February 16, 2026, the City of Cocoa identified technical issues affecting certain information technology systems. The City is actively working with appropriate partners and technical specialists to thoroughly assess and resolve the situation. Thus, staff is requesting that the State of Emergency Resolution be extended for another seven days.

PRIORITY AREA CONNECTION:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The Council previously approved Resolution 2026-021, extending a State of Emergency due to a technological incident affecting the City's critical technological infrastructure on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 for seven days.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve Resolution 2026-022, Extending a State of Emergency due to a technological incident affecting the City of Cocoa's critical technological infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO A TECHNOLOGICAL INCIDENT AFFECTING THE CITY OF COCOA'S CRITICAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about February 16, 2026, the City of Cocoa experienced a technological incident affecting the City's critical information technology resources and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.34(4), Florida Statutes, defines the term "Emergency" to mean any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, *technological*, or manmade, in war or peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of Cocoa to declare a state of local emergency related to a technological occurrence or threat and to exercise certain powers and authority to safeguard the lives and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2026, the City Council of the City of Cocoa enacted Resolution 2026-013, effective at 1:00 p.m., declaring a state of emergency in accordance with Florida law; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, the City Council of the City of Cocoa enacted Resolution 2026-014, extending the declaration of a state of emergency commencing at 1:00 p.m. on February 24, 2026 and continuing for another seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2026, the City Council of the City of Cocoa enacted Resolution 2026-015, extending the declaration of a state of emergency commencing at 1:00 p.m. on March 3, 2026 and continuing for another seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2026, the City Council of the City of Cocoa enacted Resolution 2026-016, retroactively extending the declaration of a state of emergency commencing at 1:00 p.m. on March 10, 2026 and continuing for another seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026, the City Council of the City of Cocoa enacted Resolution 2026-20, retroactively extending the declaration of a state of emergency commencing at 1:00 p.m. on March 17, 2026 and continuing for another seven (7) days; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2026, the City Council of the City of Cocoa enacted Resolution 2026-21, retroactively extending the declaration of a state of emergency commencing at 1:00 p.m. on March 24, 2026 and continuing for another seven (7) days; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the technological incident affecting the City of Cocoa continues to pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of the City of Cocoa and that a state of local emergency is extended, effective in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in Section 5 of this Resolution, by the City Council related to all information technology resources and infrastructure affected in any way whatsoever by such incident, whether such resources and infrastructure are located within or outside the legal boundaries of the City of Cocoa.

SECTION 1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are hereby fully incorporated herein by this reference and are deemed a material part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. **Extending Declaration of Emergency.** The City Council of the City of Cocoa hereby authorizes and extends the exercise of its authority and powers pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(b), Florida Statutes, which include the authority and powers to:

1. **CONTRACTS; EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES.** Appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of any emergencies; and direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans set by the Federal and State Emergency Management agencies.
2. **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL:** Appoint, employ, remove, or provide (with or without compensation) coordinators which the City Manager deems reasonably and legally necessary to respond to any impacts caused indirectly or directly by the incident.
3. **EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTERS:** Establish, as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations, and to take such other action required or deemed reasonably and legally necessary by the City Manager pursuant to applicable laws.
4. **ASSIGNMENT – CITY PROPERTY/PERSONNEL:** Assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies which operate under the City Council of the City of Cocoa, which the City Manager deems reasonably and legally necessary to respond to any impacts caused indirectly or directly by the incident.

5. **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Request Federal, State, and County assistance or invoke emergency related mutual aid assistance by declaring a state of local emergency in the event of emergency affecting the City of Cocoa. The duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven (7) days, which may be extended, as necessary, in seven (7) day increments.
6. **WAIVER OF PROCEDURES:** To waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City of Cocoa by law pertaining to:
 - a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community
 - b) Entering into contracts
 - c) Incurring obligations
 - d) Employment of permanent and temporary workers
 - e) Utilization of volunteer workers
 - f) Rental of equipment
 - g) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities
 - h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds
7. **CITY MANAGER EMERGENCY SPENDING AUTHORITY:** The City Manager is authorized to expend such funds legally and reasonably necessary to respond to the emergency incident including any required expenditure in excess of \$200,000 authorized for emergencies under section 2-4(c) of the City Code. However, the City Manager shall notify the city council of the emergency purchase by telephone, electronic message (e-mail), or in person as soon as practicable.

SECTION 3. All public officials and employees of the City of Cocoa are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of the duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives, state and local.

SECTION 4. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with the necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency disaster service forces in executing the emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers.

SECTION 5. **Duration.** The State of Emergency shall be extended upon the expiration of Resolution 2026-015. The extension shall commence retroactively at 1:00 p.m. on 31st of March, 2026. The declaration of emergency shall terminate when rescinded or terminated by Resolution of the City Council or within seven (7) days of the commencement of this extension of the declaration of emergency, whichever occurs earlier. The City Council may renew this Resolution and extend the duration of the declaration of emergency by majority vote in increments of at least seven (7) days, either retroactively or going forward.

SECTION 6. **Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions.** All prior resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.

SECTION 7. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereto.

SECTION 8. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida. The effective date of the State of Emergency is stated in Section 5 of this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, at a regular meeting on this 1st day of April, 2026.

Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Arsenault, City Clerk