

MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council
February 11, 2025

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Anita Gibson provided the invocation, and the audience led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Michael C. Blake	Mayor
	Patricia Weeks	Deputy Mayor
	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lavander Hearn	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	City Clerk

ABSENT:

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director; Evander Collier, Police Chief; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Robert Beach, Chief Technology Officer; and Corbin Gilbert, Help Desk Support Tech.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025. (2025-54).

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to approve the agenda for the Regular City Council meeting of February 11, 2025 with an amendment to add a Brevard Museum update presentation by Gregg Stoll under Awards and Presentations and to add Council Business item VII.2, to consider approval of a road closure request for Family Promise of Brevard's Big Brunch event on February 22, 2025.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Hearn, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Minutes: (a) Special Meeting of November 25, 2024. (2025-55).

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn to approve the minutes for the Special City Council meeting of November 25, 2024 as written.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Hearn, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Minutes: (b) Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024. (2025-109).

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve the minutes for the Regular City Council meeting of December 10, 2024 as written.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Hearn, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. Awards and Presentations:

1. 922 Crew Presents 2024 Outcomes. (2025-132). (Tara Pagliarini)

Ms. Pagliarini introduced several members from different agencies that have come together to combine their resources to help the community. She talked about their

meetings and shared that their meeting locations rotate so that they are better able to assist the community and see what each agency does. She also talked about how they got their name "922 Crew".

Ms. Pagliarini shared that she has spoken to the City Manager about asset mapping which, combined with geographical mapping, allows providers to physically see and interact with assets as providers.

She expressed that she wanted everyone to know how hard they are working to meet the needs of the community.

One of the needs they are struggling to meet is getting a crosswalk at Dixon Boulevard and Pineda Street so that more children can get to the Boys and Girls Club from Endeavor Elementary so that they can participate in their after-school programs.

Her second request is to ask if someone from the city could serve as a liaison between their working group and the City so that when a need pops up, such as a crosswalk, they have someone who can help advocate for assistance.

City Manager Whitten shared that because Dixon Boulevard is a County road, the City has had to participate in the project with them. He added that he believes the crosswalk has already been designed and is now a matter of figuring out the funding, but he will follow up on a status.

2. Brevard Museum Update. (Walk-On Item). (Gregg Stoll)

Mr. Stoll provided an update on the Brevard Museum and passed out a brochure. He shared that the museum had over 9,000 visitors in 2024. He also provided an update on information recently shared at their most recent Space Coast TPO meeting.

3. Proclamation: Proclaiming the Month of February, 2025 as "Black History Month". (2025-112). (Mayor Blake)

Councilmember Koss read the proclamation into the record.

IV. Delegations:

Theresa Clifton, Brevard Humane Society, 1020 Cox Rd., Cocoa, wished to invite the community to Mardi Paws in the Park on Sunday, February 23rd at Riverfront Park. It will be from 10am to 3pm and there will be a pet parade. She invited Council to come out as judges for the pet contest if they are available.

Additionally, they still have state funding available for spay and neuter services if anyone is interested.

Ted Fore, 1700 Freda Trl., Brevard County, shared that he had sent an email to Councilmember Goins prior to the Council meeting. He talked about a feasibility study that was conducted several years ago and the quality of drinking water, specifically in the area of Canaveral Groves, however he does not have any drinking water. He shared that he did some research and shared some of the information that he learned.

Mr. Walsh provided a brief presentation¹ to talk about the property in question, the water station and potential associated costs, and the history of the MOU between the City of Cocoa and Brevard County for the West Canaveral Groves project.

Mr. Walsh talked about the abandoned booster station that was proposed as an idea for a bulk water dispenser at the last Council meeting. He shared information about the site development, an estimate on costs to develop the site and any reoccurring costs.

Lastly, he discussed policy adjustments that would need to be made, including legal liability.

Deputy Mayor Weeks asked Mr. Fore if he is willing to pay the fees to get water hooked up. In response, he agreed.

Deputy Mayor Weeks asked Mr. Walsh what the solution would be. Further discussion was held on how Mr. Fore could get a water tap installed.

Aleck Greenwood, 640 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, talked about 600-800 residential units that are anticipated to be built over the next few years and the kinds of services that will be needed to support the new growth. He shared some ideas and would like Council to consider bringing forth an item to an upcoming meeting.

Lisa McDermott, 2231 Canterbury Ln., Melbourne, and General Manager of Clearlake Liquors, spoke about a property they bought at 1035 King Street in 2023. She shared that they received their zoning verification letter and pursued a liquor license which caused them to have a few setbacks, including a \$450,000 fee to obtain the liquor license. Once they were able to come up with the money, they applied for a business tax receipt with the City of Cocoa and it was denied.

Ms. McDermott asked that Council consider approving a conditional use permit so that they can open their business.

¹ Exhibit A: Exhibit A – Bulk Water Presentation

Mrs. Lanza, 436 Satsuma Dr., Cocoa, spoke about her home and her concerns regarding on-going conflicts with her neighbors.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. To Approve Task Order 2025-12 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. Orlando, Florida, for PLC (Programmable Logic Controller) Replacements at the Jerry Sellers Water Reclamation Facility. Approve a Project Transfer BAF#25-026 in the Amount of \$91,493 for project WS23ML. Approve a Contingency Resolution which is 10% of the of the total project. (2025-56). (Utilities Director)

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2. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2025 Budget, BAF#2025-031A, from the Police Special Education Fund and to Expend \$10,000 on Training. (2025-68). (Police Chief)
3. To Approve Participation in a Cooperative Purchase Agreement Utilizing the Racine County, Wisconsin, OMNIA Partners/Trane Contract #3341 effective September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2027 to Purchase Two (2) Mitsubishi Mini-Split Systems from Trane U.S. Inc., Maitland, Florida, for the Dyal Water Treatment Plant; To Approve a Budget Transfer to the FY2025 Budget, BAF# 25-032-T, to Reallocate Funds to Purchase Replacement HVAC Equipment from Trane. (2025-69). (Utilities Director)

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to approve the Consent agenda.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Hearn, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. Public Hearings:

VII. Council Business:

1. Consider the Appointment of Jose Pacheco, to Fill One of the Five Vacancies on the Board of Adjustment. (2025-98). (Administrative Services Director)

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to approve the appointment of Jose Pacheco to the Board of Adjustment through May 2027.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Hearn, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approve the requested 2025 Road Closure Request for Family Promise of Brevard's Big Brunch Event on February 22, 2025. (Walk-On Item). (Communications and Economic Development Director)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to approve the item.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Hearn, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. City Business:

IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Bi-weekly Report from January 24 – February 6, 2025. (2025-75). (City Manager)
2. Informational Only – The City of Cocoa's Open Board Vacancies. (2025-111). (Administrative Services Director)

X. Reports:

Mr. Walsh shared that as part of a regular maintenance program, the Cocoa Utilities Department will conduct its annual temporary water disinfection conversion process beginning February 22, 2025 and ending March 22, 2025 to provide additional protection against contamination and ensure the water remains safe.

Mayor Blake shared several photos from events he recently attended, including his trip to Washington, the Brevard Delegation meeting, and the Space Coast League of Cities dinner.

Councilmember Koss shared a District 4 update. She congratulated Irene Ortega on her swearing-in ceremony to become a Cocoa Police Officer. Additionally, she attended the SOIRL's 100th project completion celebration as well as the EDC's Pursue What's Next event. She also talked about the Cocoa Village Playhouse and a meeting she had to talk about the expansion of their programs.

Councilmember Hearn talked about the Fiske and Broadmoor Acres project and he is pleased to see that it is coming along nicely. He also shared that he attended the most recent Space Coast League of Cities dinner with Mayor Blake.

Councilmember Goins highlighted a company that helped out a Cocoa resident. The company is called Dead Bug Dave Pest Control and they are family owned. He thanked them for stepping up.

He also shared that there will be a Black History Month event held at the Cocoa campus of Eastern Florida State College on February 27th from 11am-2pm in Building 11.

He presented some photos from a museum he visited in Birmingham, Alabama and the experience he had there.

He talked about the upgrades that have been done to the Harry T. Moore Center over the last several years, however he still does not feel that a solid plan has been put in place for what the vision is for this building. He'd like Council to consider what they would like this African American history museum to be and possibly have this conversation at an upcoming workshop.

Deputy Mayor Weeks shared photos from events she recently attended, including an event that Governor DeSantis attended in Titusville. She also attended a Realtor's Association event and shared some information about it. Lastly, she talked about the EDC's Pursue What's Next event that she attended with Councilmember Koss.

XI. Adjournment:

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Mayor Blake to adjourn the Regular meeting of February 11, 2025.**

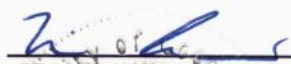
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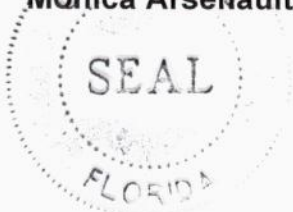
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:


Monica Arsenault, CMC, City Clerk



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