

MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council

August 12, 2025

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12, 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 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Weeks provided the invocation, and Councilmember Goins 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 (via phone)
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	City Clerk

ABSENT:

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Abby Morgan, Public Works Director; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Evander Collier, Police Chief; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Samantha Senger, Communications and Economic Development Director; Lorne Stinnett, HR Director; Tom Wilkinson, Code Enforcement Manager; Robert Beach, Chief Technology Officer; and Dalyn Sims, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025. (2025-576).

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the agenda for the Regular City Council meeting of August 12, 2025 as written.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Minutes: Regular Meeting of May 27, 2025. (2025-577).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to approve the minutes for the May 27, 2025 Regular City Council meeting with an amendment to correct a scrivener's error on Page 5 to add Councilwoman Koss's missing name to a vote.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025. (2025-818).

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2025 Regular City Council meeting as written.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. Awards and Presentations:

1. National Black Business Month Proclamation. (2025-731). (Mayor Blake)
Mayor Blake read the proclamation into the record.

IV. Delegations:

Ms. Denise Sims, 234 Factory St., Cocoa, shared that she was born and raised here. She talked about the interview she watched that one of the City's councilmembers participated in and it raised several concerns for her. She spoke about the interview and explained that she would like to see Council remain professional and not attack each other.

Aleck Greenwood, 640 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, also spoke about the interview and feels that this is not the way that things should be handled. He talked about complaints that have been submitted to the Florida Department of Ethics about the Mayor, the City Manager and the Fire Chief by this Council person. He shared that he has been bullied and is not afraid to admit that he can be a bully himself for the things he feels passionately about.

Councilmember Koss addressed these statements and explained that gaslighting and manipulation is taking the focus away from what is important. She feels that Council needs to respect each other, be able to participate in robust conversation, listen and yes, even disagree at times. She would like Council to move forward by taking in citizen input and participation and deliberate together to come up with the best solutions for the City.

Councilmember Goins wished to add that he has the utmost respect for Councilmember Koss but he also knows that he is not the only one who feels a certain way about what was said. He shared that he received messages from employees thanking him for speaking up so he knows other people feel the way he does. He explained that accountability and criticism are two different things and if she felt he was attacking her he is sorry for that. His intention was not to disrespect her, and he reiterated that what happens on the dais is not personal.

Councilmember Koss added that everyone here is here to support Cocoa and only has the City's best interest at heart. She also respects those who sit on the dais. She even respects the Mayor, his history and his tenure as an educator in the community although they've had their share of disagreements.

She shared that she does not like the negative attention surrounding the interview, including what is being said on social media and the cartoons that have stemmed from that. Moving forward, she hopes the City continues to do better for the community.

Carletta Lee, 1113 Abington St., Cocoa, thanked Council and staff for allowing the rehab to be done on her home a few years ago, but the rehab experience itself has been negative. The rehab was done in 2022 but she is still feeling the effects of it in 2025. The first contractor took advantage of her and she got another contractor but the work is still incomplete. Since the City had an inspector come out and pass the initial inspection, she is wondering if the City will be the one to help her fix these issues.

In response, City Manager Whitten shared that he is aware of the issues, however he thought they were closer to being complete. He stated he will be following up for a status update.

Roshawn Weaver, 1640 Minnie St., Cocoa, has been trying to get in touch with the City's Utility Department with no response. She explained that she is trying to tap into the City's water system. She's not sure who she needs to meet with but is asking for help.

In response, City Manager Whitten shared that the issue is more nuanced than that. There are discrepancies with the paperwork that her engineer submitted. The issue boils down to safety.

Ms. Weaver stated that she would just like to have a meeting with the engineers, both hers and the City's, to get this resolved.

In response, Mayor Blake stated that the City Manager will be reaching out to her and her engineer.

V. Consent Agenda:

1. To Approve the First Amendment to Purchase Agreement to RFQ-20-18-COC with Hinterland Group, Inc., and to Approve the Second Amendment to Purchase Agreements to RFQ-20-18-COC with Atlantic Development of Cocoa, Inc., and Danus Utilities, Inc. for General Contractor – Utility Systems Services. (2025-633). (Utilities Director)
 2. Approve Resolution 2025-049 for Vacation of Certain Utility Easements for the Banyan Cove Project as described in Exhibit A of Resolution. (2025-729). (Utilities Director)
 3. Approve Amendment #1 to the Agreement For Water Meter and Meter Reading Equipment Purchases with Ferguson Enterprises LLC. through August 23, 2026, Authorize the City Manager to approve Purchase Orders for Ferguson Enterprises LLC. for up to \$1,900,000 and Request Council approval of a Resolution to Waive Competitive Bid with Ferguson Enterprises LLC for the purchase of Neptune water meters and other ancillary hardware required to support meter operations upon the adoption of the FY26 Budget. (2025-751). (Utilities Director)
- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the Consent agenda.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. Public Hearings:

1. Approve the Preliminary Assessment Resolution 2025-047 for Fire Protection, for Fiscal Year 2026. (2025-702). (Finance Director)

Ms. Howell provided a brief explanation of the item and reviewed the Preliminary Assessment for Fire Protection resolution.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing to the public. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve Resolution No. 2025-047, approving the Preliminary Assessment for Fire Protection.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approve Preliminary Assessment Resolution No. 2025-048 for Fiscal Year 2026 Stormwater Utility Services and accept the Stormwater Rate Study prepared by our financial consultant, Stantec Consulting. (2025-703). (Finance Director)

Ms. Howell provided a brief explanation of the item and reviewed the Preliminary Assessment for Stormwater Utility Services resolution as well as the Stormwater Rate Study.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing to the public. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve Resolution No. 2025-048, approving the Preliminary Assessment for Stormwater Utility Services and Accept the Stormwater Rate Study prepared by Stantec Consulting.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Second and final reading of Ordinance 07-2025 (Cocoa CRA Plan Update). (2025-718). (Community Services Director)

City Attorney Garganese announced that this is the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 07-2025 and read the title into the record as follows:

Ordinance No. 07-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 8-21 OF THE CITY CODE TO ADOPT AN UPDATED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COCOA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing to the public. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve Ordinance 07-2025 on Second and Final Reading.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Second and final reading of Ordinance 08-2025 (Diamond Square CRA Plan Update). (2025-719). (Community Services Director)

City Attorney Garganese announced that this is the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 08-2025 and read the title into the record as follows:

Ordinance No. 08-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 8-59 OF THE CITY CODE TO ADOPT AN UPDATED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DIAMOND SQUARE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing to the public. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve Ordinance 08-2025 on Second and Final Reading.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

5. Conduct a **de novo** appeal hearing and decide whether to **affirm, modify, or reverse** the Board of Adjustment's May 21, 2025, approval (with conditions) of a Special Exception expanding Aqua Lounge's bar/lounge use to include an outdoor seating area at **226 King St., Units 120 & 116** (CBD-CVO & Cocoa Village Subdistrict, Cocoa Waterfront Overlay). (2025-743). (Planner/City Manager)

City Manager Whitten reviewed the process of the appeal.

City Attorney Garganese swore those in who will be presenting information this evening.

Ms. Ribeiro provided a presentation¹ for the appeal. She reviewed the conditions of the approval being recommended by staff and what was approved by the Board of Adjustment. She further shared a timeline leading up to the appeal this evening and explained the criteria for special exceptions.

Ms. Ribeiro talked about its compatibility with the surrounding area and shared a map depicting the zoning district and future land use.

Lastly, she provided Council with staff's recommendation and offered to answer any questions.

Councilmember Goins asked who owns Oleander Point's parking lot. In response, Ms. Ribeiro clarified that the parking lot he is referring to is privately owned by Michael DiChristopher.

Councilmember Goins asked if the conditions presented tonight were specific to Aqua Lounge's application. In response, Ms. Ribeiro replied affirmatively and stated that the conditions were based on staff's analysis of their request and application.

City Attorney Garganese added that the focus of this evening's item is to address the special exception of the outdoor seating expansion. Council will need to decide if they

¹ Exhibit A: Special Exception Hearing

want to uphold the Board of Adjustment's decision, revise it or reverse it. It is the appellant's position to ask Council to reverse the decision.

Michael Minot, the attorney representing the appellant, presented a video to depict the amount of noise coming from the establishment after 2am one morning. Mr. Minot added that they are not against the business being there, they have an issue with the amplified music that the business is playing and the special exception that will allow it to happen in the outdoor seating area.

Mr. Minot made reference to the CDB zoning code and stated that these are primary residences that live here with their families, invest money here and pay taxes here. This is not simply a weekend spot for those who want to bar hop. Noise pollution is one of the top deterrents to condo buyers. Whitley Bay is beginning to establish a reputation as being a noisy place to live.

Ultimately, they are not against the business itself. They simply ask that Council not allow them to play amplified music and respect the right to peace by all surrounding residents. They are asking for Council's protection to uphold the zoning code and deny the special exception to allow amplified music.

Councilmember Goins asked Mr. Minot if he would like to see no amplified music in Cocoa Village as a whole. In response, Mr. Minot explained that he lives in Whitley Bay condos, and this particular property is the one that is affecting the residents at Whitley Bay. They are not affected by the other businesses in the Village as they are further south. He added that he does feel that the City's noise ordinance could be revisited though.

Councilmember Goins explained that there is some confusion because there are businesses throughout the Village, particularly a business directly across the street from the subject property, that are playing amplified music, but Aqua Lounge is being asked not to. There is perception there that they are being targeted.

Deputy Mayor Weeks asked for clarification. She explained that she is confused because her understanding is that Mr. Minot is saying that they can't hear the music from the inside of the building, however they aren't playing music outside so she's not understanding where they are hearing the music from.

In response, Mr. Minot shared that they were hearing the music from the outside, but they haven't heard any for the last two months or so since they've submitted the application.

City Attorney Garganese asked for clarification on the appellant's position. In response, Mr. Minot confirmed that he is not appealing the outdoor seating, simply the outdoor amplified music.

City Attorney Garganese noted that the amplified music is addressed as a condition to the special exception. As it stands, the condition allows outdoor amplified music up until 10pm and not after 10pm.

Mr. Minot clarified further that he would like Council to consider adjusting the condition to not allow any amplified music outdoors at all.

Mayor Blake shared his feelings on the matter, expressing that he feels that all businesses should keep their amplified music indoors after 10pm so as not to disrupt the residents.

Councilmember Hearn shared that some discussions were held at a CRA meeting and he offered some suggestions that could help the City, the businesses and the residents work together.

Nichole Minot, 93 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa, spoke about her love for the Cocoa community. The decision made by the Board of Adjustment on May 21, 2025, has directly impacted her life. The Aqua Lounge has a history of violating the City's noise ordinance. She is asking Council to consider reversing or amending the special exception.

Samone Jackson, the applicant, explained that the appellant shared a video from April prior to the special exception being approved, prior to the conditions being agreed to. Since the special exception was approved in May, they have upheld their agreement to no outdoor amplified music and pointed out that Mr. Minot stated that himself.

Additionally, she shared a video from June 5, 2025, after the special exception was approved, showing that loud music was coming from the business across the street from them. She explained that there are several other businesses in the area that continue to play loud music late into the night.

Deputy Mayor Weeks confirmed that there will only be twenty seats outside. She stated that she is asking this because she can't imagine that a lot of amplified music would need to be played outside for a small group of people. In response, Ms. Jackson explained that maybe some light music will be played, there are TVs outside, but the noise will be cut off at 10pm per the City's noise ordinance.

Paul Thompson, 93 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa, shared that he lives in Whitley Bay, and has lived in the area for a long time. He reiterated much of the comments made by Mr. Minot and his wife, and he feels that this may directly impact future homeowners at Whitley Bay. He is hopeful that the City will enforce its noise ordinance to address the issues.

Bob Willcke, 93 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa, is a long-time resident of Cocoa. He shared that he and his wife have invested much of their lives to this community. His biggest concern is the loud music at night. It is making it hard for the residents at Whitley Bay to sleep and as an old man, he needs as much sleep as he can get. He has appreciated the leadership over the last several decades and thanked Council for their time and attention to this.

Danita Davis, Assistant Manager at Aqua Lounge, wished to address several incorrect statements made this evening. She explained that she works thirty hours a week there and she can say with certainty that the lounge closes at 2am so any music being played after that is not coming from them.

Alton Edmond, 630 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, shared that he lives in the Village and also owns a business there. His issue is with inequity. He feels that fairness and equality should be enforced in all decisions being made and no one person or business should be targeted. What is enforced for one should be enforced for the other.

Gloria Weatherspoon, 1220 Mycroft Dr., Cocoa, shared that she is a patron of the Aqua Lounge and shared that she is in support of the business, as she is a business owner herself.

Bill Ferro, 93 Delannoy Ave., Cocoa, is a concerned resident who loves the community and his home. He shared that he is also hearing loud music after midnight, and it is so loud it is coming through his hurricane shutters. He spoke about a time where he walked down to the establishment and asked them to turn down the music nicely but was asked to leave the property. He proceeded to call the police instead and the issue was resolved. He is asking Council to do something about the loud music at night.

Akaira Joiner, 1514 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, spoke and shared her support for the Aqua Lounge. She reiterated that what is being done for one needs to be done for all. Additionally, she feels that Ms. Jackson can't be held responsible for what goes on outside of the lounge. She feels Ms. Jackson is being targeted when she is just trying to run her business.

Aleck Greenwood, 640 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, spoke about outdoor music and shared that the solution is simply no outside music. The problem is with the decibel levels

and the businesses are not following the City's noise ordinance and it is not being enforced. He has no issue with indoor music, just outdoor music.

Tate Johnson, Cocoa resident, shared that she is here tonight to simply show her support for the Lounge.

Pat Chambers, 37 Derby St., Cocoa, shared that she is fully in support of the business, her only issue is with the noise being enforced.

Donna Kettner, 103 Derby St., Cocoa, reiterated the comments made by Pat Chambers. She has no issues with the business itself, only with the noise.

There being no further questions or comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

In closing arguments, Mr. Minot wished to clarify some points and statements that were made this evening. He stated that someone made a comment that the police have only been called one time. He stated that this is not true and asked Chief Collier if he is aware of the numbers. In response, Chief Collier shared that he does not know the exact amount, but he does know that the amount of calls coming in is not out of the ordinary for an establishment that attracts crowd. Additionally, he addressed some of the questions that were posed as to how they can determine where the music is coming from.

In closing, he would like to see harmony between the residents and the businesses. He reiterated that his issue is not with the business itself, but with the noise.

Ms. Jackson made her closing comments and reiterated her earlier statements.

Mr. Minot asked to play a series of videos from various dates and late-night hours to show how loud the music is.

The Mayor allowed Mr. Ferro to come up to the podium to share his call log to the police department over the noise.

Deputy Mayor Weeks shared that she feels the restrictions that have been placed on the Aqua Lounge are sufficient and will stop the loud music from being played outside after 10pm.

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MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to affirm the Board of Adjustment's decision approving the expansion of the bar/lounge Special Exception at 226 King Street to include outdoor seating adjacent to Unit

120 and a portion of Unit 116, subject to those same conditions and adopt the written findings of staff as follows, for discussion:

1. The Special Exception shall not be effective until the applicant has secured all the permits and approvals necessary for any development related to the Special Exception. Such permits, including building permits and appropriate liquor licenses from the State of Florida, shall be obtained within twelve (12) months of the Board's approval. Failure to meet this deadline shall render the Special Exception null and void unless an extension is granted by the Board for good cause.
2. The Special Exception use of an outdoor bar/lounge shall be restricted to the 21' x 41' outdoor seating area, which has an outdoor seating maximum capacity of 20 seats, as depicted on the conceptual site plan in Exhibit B. If the use is extended, enlarged, or expanded, additional special exception approval shall be required. The conceptual site plan included as Exhibit B shall be binding upon the applicant, except that minor modifications may be made during the site plan review process to conform to the City Code or life safety requirements.
3. The applicant shall conform to the City of Cocoa noise ordinances. The maximum permissible sound level in a commercial area is 65 dBA between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 60 dBA between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sixty (60) dBA is the volume of normal conversation. There shall be no amplified music permitted in the outdoor seating area after 10:00 p.m.
4. The applicant shall install a barricade, screen, or temporary fencing to clearly delineate the outdoor seating area. This may include decorative planters, railings, or low fencing.
5. A minimum clear width of four (4) feet shall be maintained at all times for unobstructed pedestrian access across the frontage of the property.
6. Hours of operation shall be limited to Sunday thru Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
7. Signage shall be posted at all exit points of the outdoor area. These signs must be clearly visible, legible in English, and must state that it is unlawful to remove alcoholic beverages in open or unsealed containers from the licensed premises.

8. Special events, as defined in City Code Section 2-401, shall not be hosted in the outdoor seating area.

Councilmember Goins wished to remind everyone that a hotel and a new condominium is coming to Cocoa Village. There are big changes coming and the Cocoa CRA will be having a meeting to discuss nightlife in Cocoa Village. He encouraged everyone to come out for that.

Councilmember Koss added that she would like to see Council re-address the issue surrounding city-wide music after 10pm at a future meeting.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. Council Business:

1. Consider the Appointment of Gloria Weatherspoon, Jodi Hatcher or Thomas Zimmerman to Fill a Regular member vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board. (2025-631). (City Clerk)

The City Clerk distributed nomination forms to the Council for a vote.

- * **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Koss to appoint Gloria Weatherspoon as a Regular member to the Code Enforcement Board through June, 2028.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to appoint Thomas Zimmerman as an Alternate member to the Code Enforcement Board.**

2. Consider the Reappointment of Vincent Knowles on the General pension Board through September 2028. (2025-730). (City Clerk)

- * **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Mayor Blake to reappoint Vincent Knowles to the General Pension Board through September 2028.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. UpStart Cocoa Small Business Program Revision. (2025-810). (Comm. & Economic Development Director)

- * **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weeks to approve Resolution 2025-051, revising the UpStart Cocoa Small Business Program.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. City Business:

IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Informational Only - The City of Cocoa's Open Board Vacancies. (2025-816). (City Clerk)
2. Bi-Weekly Report for July 18, 2025 - August 6, 2025. (2025-817). (City Manager)

X. Reports:

City Manager Whitten shared that the City's Chief Technology Officer, Robert Beach, is now the President of Florida Local Government Information Systems Association.

Additionally, he is excited to announce that the St. Johns River Water Management released the City's conservation easement.

Councilmember Hearn asked Council to excuse his absence this evening as he is attending a certification course on the west coast of Florida.

Mayor Blake shared photos from several events he recently attended, including one at the Boys and Girls club, former Councilman Clarence Whipple's birthday party, and photos with Cocoa High School's mascot.

Councilmember Goins talked about events he recently attended as well.

Deputy Mayor Weeks shared photos from events she recently attended including a Brevard Public Schools event, and a beach cleanup event with the Space Coast Association of Realtors.

Additionally, she shared a photo of a pothole near Adamson Creek. Someone has stuck a cone in it and it has been there for two weeks. People are asking who is in charge of fixing the pothole.

Deputy Mayor Weeks talked about an item from the last meeting. Statements were made and while she understands that her pain may be different from other people, she wished to share a story about her family being affected by a drunk driver. She does not want to pull the rug out from businesses and wants people to take a chance on Cocoa.

Deputy Mayor Weeks also wished to address Councilmember Koss's interview. She shared that she watched it and felt that Councilmember Koss did not call anyone out by name and that she is entitled to her own thoughts and feelings just as everyone else is.

Councilmember Koss thanked Deputy Mayor Weeks for her comments and reiterated that her interview was not personal and was not intended to attack anyone. She is unsure of how to move forward as a team when she feels that she is not being included as a team player.

Additionally, Councilmember Koss shared that she went away for a few days and shared several photos from her trip.

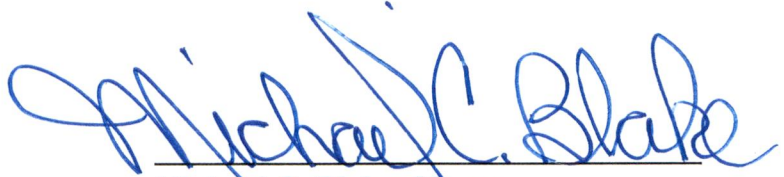
XI. Adjournment:

*** MOTION by Deputy Mayor Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to adjourn the Regular meeting of August 12, 2025.**

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:



Monica Arsenault, CMC, City Clerk



