

CITY OF COCOA BEACH
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 4, 2026

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation by Troy Stanley, Pastor, First Christian Church of Cocoa Beach
3. Roll Call

Commission Members Present:

Vice-Mayor Skip Williams
Commissioner Joshua Jackson
Commissioner Tim Tumulty

Commission Members Absent:

Mayor Keith Capizzi
Commissioner Jeremy Hutcherson

Administrative Members Present:

City Attorney Becky Vose
City Manager Wes Mullins
City Clerk Karin Grooms
Development Services Dave Dickey
Development Deputy Services Director Brian Palmer
Development Services Code Enforcement, Brooke Oxrieder
Engineer, Gary Basham
Executive Assistant City Manager Carrie Lombardo
Finance Director Hana Juman
Finance Deputy Director Devan Taly
Fire Chief Justin Grimes
Information Technology, Michael Lesdema
Leisure Services Director, Andi Segarra
Leisure Services Deputy Director, Carolyn Potter
Police Chief Kris Kuehn
Police, Deputy Chief Todd Hutchinson
Stormwater Manager, Morgan Zuhlke
Water Rec/ Public Works Director Brad Kalsow

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Note: Members of the public, Commission and Staff may remove items from the Consent Agendas if they wish to discuss them. Requests for removal need to be made known to the City Commission under the Approval of the Order of Business, at the beginning of the meeting.)

MOTION BY JACKSON/TUMULTY
I MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice Mayor Williams clarified that, with only three Commissioners present, a unanimous vote was required for any motion to pass.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Check Presentation: Bicentennial Park
Representative: Tom Morgan, FIND Commissioner for Brevard County

Brevard County FIND Commissioner Tom Morgan presented a ceremonial check to the City of Cocoa Beach in the amount of \$875,000 for the Bicentennial Park Improvements Project. Mr. Morgan highlighted the City's long-standing partnership with the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) and noted previous projects supported through FIND funding, including channel marker replacement, police vessels, the pool pavilion, kayak launches, channel dredging, and spoil island development. He emphasized that these projects enhance access to and enjoyment of the waterways for both residents and visitors.

Vice Mayor Williams commented on the successful improvements made to Bicentennial Park, including the enhanced drainage system. He also invited Mr. Morgan to share information regarding an upcoming FIND public meeting and meet-and-greet event scheduled for June 19.

2. Recognition of Lifesaving Actions at the Tennis Facility
Staff Representatives: Andi Segarra, Leisure Services Director, Justin Grimes, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Justin Grimes and Leisure Services Director Andi Segarra presented life-saving awards to several individuals in recognition of their actions during a medical emergency at the City's tennis facility. They explained that Dr. Don Cork suffered a sudden cardiac event while playing tennis and emphasized the critical role that the quick actions of fellow players, tennis staff, and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) played in saving his life. They noted that survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests are low, making Dr. Cork's recovery particularly remarkable. Ms. Segarra spoke about the strength of the Cocoa Beach community and the care residents show for one another, describing the outcome as a miracle.

Dr. Bill Quinter discussed the importance of cardiac screenings and EKG's for children and highlighted the significance of community members looking out for one another. Dr. Cork expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in the response to his medical emergency. He specifically thanked the City for providing the AED that helped save his life and shared that he was thankful for the opportunity to spend more time with his wife and to have returned to his normal activities.

3. Presentation recognizing and memorializing a distinguished athlete's respect and admiration for the City of Cocoa Beach.

Representative: Rusty Buchanan, Retired President and CEO of the Amateur Athletic Union - Added 6/2/26

Mr. Rusty Buchanan addressed the Commission and provided background information regarding his history and involvement with youth basketball programs that have visited the Cocoa Beach area. He discussed the impact these programs have had on the community and referenced several notable athletes who participated over the years, including NBA superstar LeBron James.

Mr. Buchanan spoke about the Arkansas Shooting Stars basketball team and noted that Cocoa Beach hosted the team, providing many players with their first opportunity to visit and experience the ocean. He shared a photograph of LeBron James taken at Cocoa Beach High School and remarked that the visit marked the first time Mr. Lebron had seen the beach.

Mr. Buchanan also presented the City with a commemorative Nike shoe associated with Cocoa Beach and read the inscription accompanying the item before formally presenting it to the City.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments will be heard on items that do not appear on the agenda of this meeting. Citizens will limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Per Commission Procedures, the City Commission will not take any action or discuss items brought up under the "Public Comment" section of the agenda. The City Commission may schedule such items as regular agenda items and act upon them in the future.

Ms. Samantha Senger addressed the Commission regarding Project Graduation and explained the purpose of the program and its benefits for graduating seniors. She thanked the City Manager for the City's sponsorship and discussed how the funds raised support the graduating class. Ms. Senger also expressed appreciation to the Leisure Services staff, Country Club staff, and golf teams for their assistance and support in making the event a success. She reported that the event was well attended and provided a memorable experience for the students.

Ms. Penny Cossich, a manager of a local beach resort, addressed the Commission regarding the recently installed Rotary life-saving stations located near existing Drown Zero life ring stations. She discussed beach conditions and rip current safety and expressed concerns about the placement of the new devices adjacent to the existing life ring stations. Ms. Cossich stated that traditional life rings are a widely recognized rescue device that can be thrown to a swimmer in distress. She expressed her belief that the newly installed devices could create confusion for beachgoers during emergency situations and requested that the City consider removing the newly installed station located near the beach access adjacent to her property.

E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Wes Mullins provided the following updates:

- Phase One of the public sewer crossover project has been completed, and Phase Two is underway. Traffic impacts are expected.
- Weatherproofing repairs at the downtown parking garage have been completed, and the garage has reopened.

- The McNabb Parkway project is scheduled to begin on June 8.
- Mobilization for the muck capping project has begun. Increased traffic along Minutemen Causeway is anticipated during the project.
- Construction of the Roosevelt Elementary bus loop is underway and is expected to be completed before the start of the school year.
- Fire Chief Grimes and City staff attended the County Hurricane Conference and participated in a City hurricane preparedness exercise. Hurricane season began June 1.
- The City is monitoring proposed state legislation related to property taxes, including increases to homestead exemptions and restrictions on municipal use of ad valorem revenues. The proposed changes would require voter approval and could have a significant fiscal impact on the City. Additional discussion is anticipated during upcoming budget workshops.

F. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Attorney had no report.

G. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jackson echoed Ms. Senger's comments regarding Project Graduation and congratulated the graduating seniors.

Commissioner Tumulty also spoke on Project Graduation, noting the importance of the event and recalling when his own children participated. He described the gifts and resources provided to graduates as they transition beyond high school. Commissioner Tumulty also commented on the recent fire at Tiny Turtle, noting that while there was exterior damage, the interior sustained minimal impact. He expressed hope that the business would return to normal operations within a few weeks. He thanked the Fire Department, emergency services, and all responding personnel for their efforts in containing the fire and protecting surrounding businesses.

Vice Mayor Williams also commended the quick response by the Fire Department and emergency responders, noting their actions helped protect nearby businesses and limit interior damage. He commented on newer fire-resistant building materials and expressed hope that such materials continue to be utilized to reduce future fire impacts. Vice Mayor Williams also provided an update on AJ Hutson, stating that he had recently spoken with him and that he was in good spirits.

H. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

City Commission will temporarily recess, and then convene as the Cocoa Beach Downtown Community Redevelopment Agency for the following item(s):

1. Approve the proposal from All In One Electric in the amount of \$159,453.50 for the Parking Garage electrical conduit replacement project. This is a budgeted CRA Capital item.

Staff Representative: Brad Kalsow Public Works/Water Rec Director, Devan Taly Deputy Finance Director/CRA

Recommendation: Approve

Commission will reconvene for the remaining items.

Vice- Mayor Williams recessed the City Commission and convened the Community Redevelopment Agency.

MOTION BY TUMULTY/JACKSON

I MOVE TO APPROVE

VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice Mayor Williams noted his professional background and commented on the challenges associated with conduit installation in relation to environmental conditions. Mentioning the cost now to repair it.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY TUMULTY/JACKSON

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Approve the May 7, 2026, Commission Minutes
Staff Representative: City Clerk Department
2. Approve the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Local Infrastructure Surtax Renewal Interlocal Agreement.
Staff Representative: Morgan Zuhlke, Stormwater Manager
Recommendation: Approve
3. Cancel the July 2nd City Commission Meeting
Staff Representative: Wes Mullins, City Manager
Recommendation: Approve

J. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Adopt Ordinance 1718 on second reading - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING Article IV, "In General", of Chapter 5, "Beaches, Fills and Public Waterways" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cocoa Beach; AMENDING SECTION 5-50 (DEFINITIONS) TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 5-52, RETITLING AND REVISING SAID SECTION TO ADDRESS AUTHORIZED BEACH SIGNAGE AND RESCUE DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Staff Representative: David Dickey, Development Services Director
Recommendation: Adopt on second reading

MOTION BY TUMULTY/JACKSON

I MOVE TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 1718

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 3

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 2 - CAPIZZI/HUTCHERSON

L. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(Only if not accommodated in the 30-minute Public Comment period earlier)

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 06:39 PM.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]