

CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 3, 2024

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation by Keith Capizzi, Pastor, Club Zion Community Church
3. Roll Call

Commission members present:

Keith Capizzi - Mayor seat 1
Jeremy Hutcherson - Vice Mayor seat 5
Joshua Jackson - Commissioner seat 2
Karalyn Woulas - Commissioner seat 3
Skip Williams - Commissioner seat 4

Administrative members present:

Wayne Carragino - City Manager
Becky Vose - City Attorney
Karin Grooms - City Clerk
Michael Bryan - Assistant to the City Clerk
Devan Taly - Project/Grant Coordinator CRA Administrator
Scott Maxim - Project Manager
Morgan Zuhlke - Stormwater Utilities Manager
Brad Kalsow - Water Reclamation Director
Loren Wiltse Principal Planner
Jessica Hope - Deputy Human Resources Director
Ron Munn - IT Manager
Justin Grimes - Fire Chief
Jay Castillo - Chief Building Official
Patrisha Draycott – CFO

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.)

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Amend the FY25 Annual Budget to remove the \$75k budget item for the Marina Feasibility Study and remove the \$450k Capital budget item for 2026 and any other budget items related to the Marina Project. - Added 9/30/24

Representative: Dave Netterstrom - Cocoa Beach Resident

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Mr. Dave Netterstrom stated that he has been in the commissioner's position before and showed understanding. He spoke on the Marina and the budget.

Commissioner Williams commented on the 2026 budget and stated that it is not solidified, and it will be up to the next commission to determine that budget.

Mayor Capizzi confirmed that it is not in the budget. He mentioned that the feasibility study is in the budget and that the decision should be the residents voting on the marina.

Commissioner Woulas stated that we should continue with what's in the feasibility study.

Vice Mayor Hutcherson stated there was some confusion with what was in and out of the budget.

Commissioner Williams asked to have more details about the marina contract for the next meeting and added that it could be a great revenue generator.

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.

Mr. Rick Anderson commented on the marina project and how he is for it and shared concerns about the special presentation and public comment.

Mr. John Dillon mentioned survey vehicles on the beach after the storm regarding sea turtles.

Mr. Keith Capizzi stated his love for Cocoa Beach and for the commission over the years.

E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO REPORTS

F. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO REPORTS

G. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Hutcherson shared images of Cape Canaveral walkways and bike routes for the roads.

Commissioner Williams suggested changes to the stencils on the pathways.

Commissioner Jackson stated that it's easy to do.

Vice Mayor Hutcherson shared a presentation about the deficit and will have more at the next agenda meeting on October 24th.

Commissioner Williams mentioned the NKF surf fest for the weekend.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

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Ordinance 1689 is a request to implement changes to the Land Development Code (LDC) Chapter I and Chapter VII. These changes were determined to be necessary to maintain or improve the City's Community Rating System (CRS) Class 8 rating under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Ordinance 1689 reflects FDEP recommended changes needed to satisfy the prerequisite requirements of the NFIP, and those necessary for the City of Cocoa Beach to maintain or improve its current CRS 8 rating. Without these changes, the city was informed it could be retrograded to a CRS Class 9 rating.

Staff Representative: Loren Wiltse - Principal Planner, John Castillo-Chief Building Official, Randy Stevenson - Development Services Director

MOTION BY WOULAS/JACKSON
I MOVE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Williams stated that the ordinance doesn't state what the changes would be. Between now and the 2nd reading they could reach out to national flood insurance to ask if there would be an increase for citizens.

Mr. Jay Castillo, Chief Building Official, stated that we were at 8 in prior years. The ordinance would change it to a 9 and there could be a 5% or 10% discount.

They discussed the changes of words in the ordinance.

Ms. Becky Vose, City Attorney, stated that changing words is required by the government.

Ms. Vose stated a 3rd reading was not needed if the title of the item did not change.

1. Port Waste Water Agreement Update.

This item was pulled 10/3/24. It has been placed on the 12/5/24 Commission Meeting.

This item was moved to 12/5/24

L. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Anegla Cobb mentioned an organized trash pickup at 10am on Sunday.

Vice Mayor Hutcherson mentioned the first and second reading of the budget inquired about changes.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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X 
Karin Grooms
City Clerk

X 
Keith Capizzi
Mayor