



## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2026 6:00 P.M.

The City of Madeira Beach Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026, in the Patricia Shontz Commission Chambers at City Hall, located at 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, Florida.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor  
Ray Kerr, Vice Mayor/Commissioner District 2  
David Tagliarini, Commissioner District 1  
Eddie McGeehen, Commissioner District 3  
Housh Ghovae, Commissioner District 4

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CHARTER OFFICERS PRESENT:** Clint Belk, Acting City Manager  
Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk  
Andrew Laflin, Finance Director Consultant  
Thomas Trask, City Attorney

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Tom Trask gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan called the roll. All were present.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Kerr motioned to approve the Agenda as written. Commissioner Tagliarini seconded the motion.

#### ROLL CALL:

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| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "YES" |
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |

Commissioner Ghovae "YES"  
Mayor Brooks "YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

## 5. PROCLAMATIONS

### A. Proclamation: Flood Awareness Week; March 9 – 15, 2026

Mayor Brooks read a Proclamation declaring March 9 -15, 2026, as Flood Awareness Week.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Dillon, 529 Lillian Drive, thanked the Commission and staff for quickly opening the four parking stalls. He also emphasized that everyone in the City votes for each commissioner regardless of district and encouraged everyone to come out and vote on March 10th.

Tom Edwards, District 1, spoke about flooding concerns, noting the proclamation was very appropriate with hurricane season approaching. He discussed his observations of City buildings and flood-proofing measures. Mr. Edwards mentioned that the library had about 6 inches of water during the 2024 hurricanes and now has a barrier system, but he was concerned that the barriers, at 3-4 feet tall, were not tall enough to prevent water from accumulating behind them. He noted the Recreation Department had rain intrusion through doors with 100 mph winds and suggested better door sealing solutions. Mr. Edwards also mentioned that the Community Development and Building Departments downstairs were flooded and asked whether they could be waterproofed for future use.

Mr. Edwards suggested the City consider amphibious duck vehicles that could serve as both tourist attractions and high-water rescue vehicles. He described how these vehicles operate in other cities as tour vehicles that tell the city's history on land and water, noting they always have lines of people waiting to use them. He suggested they could be stationed at the newly purchased property and serve a dual purpose during flood events.

## 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 2026-01-28, BOC Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes
- B. 2026-02-24, BOC Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. 2026-02-11, BOC Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes

Vice Mayor Kerr noted a change to January 28, 2026, BOC Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes. On page three of the minutes, under public comments, he added Richard's last name as "Leblanc."

Vice Mayor Kerr motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the change. Commissioner McGeehen seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "YES" |
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Commissioner Ghovae     | "YES" |
| Mayor Brooks            | "YES" |

The motion carried 5-0.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. DSK Law – Engagement Letter Renewal**
- B. Area 9 Roadway and Drainage Improvement Project Engineering Scope Approval**
- C. Authorization of the Mayor’s Signature on FEMA Category A Final Inspection Report**

Mayor Brooks read the listed Consent Agenda Items.

Vice Mayor Kerr asked if approval of the Consent Agenda would authorize the contract with Advanced Engineering for Item 9.B. Public Works Director Megan Wepfer said they had a contract with them and did not understand his question. The Vice Mayor requested that Item 9.B. be pulled for discussion.

Vice Mayor Kerr motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items A and C. Commissioner Ghovae seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "YES" |
| Commissioner Ghovae     | "YES" |
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Mayor Brooks            | "YES" |

The motion carried 5-0.

**B. Area 9 Roadway and Drainage Improvement Project Engineering Scope Approval**

Vice Mayor Kerr said he was not comfortable with the presentation given at the workshop on raising the road six inches. It was described as an elevation of two feet at the east end and four feet at the west end. He suggested having an elevation goal of four feet. If they did not substantially increase the elevation, he felt they would be throwing their money away with a contract of about

\$450,000. He asked that another engineering firm review it or that Advanced Engineering explain how it would raise the road when there are properties below the center line of the road.

Director Wepfer said you cannot make a promise to elevate a road to a certain height without conducting a survey and the proper work required. Elevating a roadway affects the elevation of every home. They know the road can be raised 6” without negatively impacting the residents. They cannot elevate it by four feet right away; they would need to do it gradually. They would not have the budget to restore the impacted homes.

Director Wepfer said they know they can elevate 6” from the Watershed Management Plan that was completed. When they get the survey back, they will know what they can do from there. They cannot make any promises. The City would be liable for any negative impact on homes. Vice Mayor Kerr said that is why he wanted a second opinion. He believed there were ways to do it.

Community Development Director Marci Forbes said that with the more detailed engineering survey work, they will be able to optimize as best as possible at this stage. Projects that involve elevation take about 80-100 years, so when the road needs to be replaced after 20 years, they re-elevate it. It is a process.

Vice Mayor Kerr said he still would like to have a second opinion. He is afraid they would not get the maximum benefit from the elevation. He has an issue if the road is always the lowest point of every house on the street. Director Wepfer said Advanced Engineering is very familiar with the City and barrier islands. They have completed the Watershed Management Plan, which went through all flooding scenarios.

Acting City Manager Clint Belk suggested they table the item until Advanced Engineering can make their presentation and answer any questions. Vice Mayor Kerr agreed.

Commissioner Ghovae said he was concerned about the cost rather than the design. He asked if they got any competitive bids. Director Wepfer said they do not need to bid because they have continuing contracts. City Attorney Trask said they could put it out for a competitive bid, but the purpose of the continuing contracts is to avoid it. If they cannot negotiate a contract, then they can negotiate with the next firm that has a continuing contract with the City. Commissioner Ghovae thought they were being charged too much in design fees and suggested they get a quote from the second company in line.

Mayor Brooks asked for a breakdown of what they would be getting for half a million dollars. Director Wepfer said the following:

- Redesign the storm drains
- Replacing the curb and asphalt
- Elevating and rebuilding the roadway
- Permitting through SWFMD and the Army Corps
- Neighborhood meetings for further surveying
- 60% design plans
- Redesign the driveways

- Final preparation
- Bidding services
- Construction administration services
- Data collection, which includes surveying

Director Forbes said they will need to adjust all the utilities to match what was done with the roadway. It is a more design intense data-driven process. Director Wepfer said the project also includes Baypoint Causeway.

Mayor Brooks said the cost is \$439,494.44, which is a big difference from half a million dollars. She felt they should move forward with the work, get the survey, and then decide how much to elevate. She asked if there was grant money. Director Wepfer said they are going for implementation for Resilient Florida, which is due in September.

Commissioner Tagliarini made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation to proceed with the surveying, preliminary engineering, public outreach, environmental evaluation, and permitting for the Area 9 Roadway and Drainage Project using Advanced Engineering as the design consultant. Commissioner McGeehen seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |
| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "NO"  |
| Commissioner Ghovae     | "NO"  |
| Mayor Brooks            | "YES" |

The motion carried 3-2.

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Ordinance 2026-02, Nonconforming Time Limitations – 2nd Reading and Public Hearing**

City Attorney Tom Trask read Ordinance 2026-02 by title only:

**ORDINANCE 2026-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III (NONCONFORMANCES) OF CHAPTER 110 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY WHEN SUCH SECTIONS APPLY; TO CLARIFY THE DEADLINE FOR NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES TO BE REPAIRED; TO EXTEND SUCH DEADLINE FOR HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON RELATED DAMAGE; TO CLARIFY THAT SECTION 110-95 AND SECTION 110-96 DO NOT HAVE TIME LIMITATIONS; PROVIDING**

**FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Joe Petraglia, Planner II, said the current ordinance requires that any structure damaged by less than 50% must be repaired within 18 months for Hurricanes Helene and Milton, which is this month. Passing the ordinance would allow for an additional six months until September 25th for people to repair non-conforming pre-firm structures. If they are rebuilding, there is no time limitation, assuming other code provisions are met. Staff have been working on proactive ways to inform the public of the approaching deadline.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Tagliarini asked if it would change the permit fee policy. Mr. Petraglia said there is no impact on permit fees.

Commissioner McGeehen asked if there would be a fiscal impact. Mr. Petraglia said they had not anticipated one. Commissioner McGeehen suggested they contact property owners to make sure they clean up their pools. Mr. Petraglia said the ordinance would not directly help; it would be covered under a different section of the Code for failing to maintain property.

Commissioner Ghovae asked if another executive order given would affect the limitation on extensions after the Governor's State of Emergency expires. Mr. Petraglia said he did not think so.

Bruce McKendree, 100 140th Avenue, expressed his appreciation for the extension but suggested the City should give residents further consideration beyond what they feel is appropriate, noting the difficulty of getting life back together after such events and that the City often goes beyond requirements for developers and special interests.

Commissioner Tagliarini motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-02, Nonconforming Time Limitations, after second reading and public hearing. Commissioner Ghovae seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Commissioner Ghovae     | "YES" |
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |
| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "YES" |
| Mayor Brooks            | "YES" |

The motion carried 5-0.

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Special Magistrate Lien at 703 Sunset Cove, Madeira Beach – Case No. 24-233 (Baker-Cianciulli)**

Attorney Trask explained that the item was discussed at a couple of workshop meetings. It is a request to reduce the lien on the property. City staff recommended reducing the lien from \$8,854.22 to \$2,000 if paid within 30 days.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment.

Mayor Brooks asked if the contractor had been reported. Director Forbes said they will be going through the process.

Vice Mayor Kerr motioned to reduce the fine to \$2,000 on the lien for 703 Sunset Cove, Madeira Beach, Case No. 24-233 if the fine is paid within 30 days. Commissioner McGeehen seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "YES" |
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |
| Commissioner Ghovae     | "YES" |
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Mayor Brooks            | "YES" |

The motion carried 5-0.

**B. Special Application for Mobile Food Vending at Archibald Park**

Director Forbes explained that staff reviewed the process for mobile food vending at Archibald Park while the Snack Shack is being repaired. The recommendation applied section 50-83, which allows the Board of Commissioners to permit outdoor sales during appropriate times through special application.

The approval would allow the Recreation Department and applicable supporting departments to facilitate weekly reserved vendor applications until the Snack Shack reopens. Vendors would need to provide food equivalent to what the Snack Shack historically offered. Staff anticipates one food truck during reserved periods, unless otherwise discussed. Requirements include self-contained operations and leave-no-trace practices, adherence to state and local requirements, NFPA fire safety guidelines, insurance, state licensing, and specified operating hours.

Fiscal impact includes vendor costs of \$25 for up to 2 parking spaces per day, \$50 for 3-5 spaces per day, and a required \$100 annual fire inspection fee.

City Staff recommended discussion and approval of the application, including any requested changes or clarifications that the Board may have.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Tagliarini asked about the application process and whether there was already someone in mind. Director Forbes explained that they would use the special event application

process and that they do not have anyone lined up yet. They discussed doing weekly reservations rather than daily tracking, and the possibility of varying vendors week to week with the same Snack Shack-style food to maintain service levels.

Commissioner McGeehan suggested prioritizing local restaurants, specifically mentioning Fruit Floats, a company a resident had emailed about.

Commissioner Ghovae asked about grease and solid waste management, and Acting City Manager Belk confirmed that it would be self-contained within the trucks as part of the standard process. Director Forbes said there would be guidelines in place. Mayor Brooks said the Recreation Department is qualified to manage it.

Vice Mayor Kerr noted that when the Snack Shack resumes operations, this arrangement will end.

Commissioner McGeehen motioned to approve the special Application for Mobile Food Vending at Archibald Park. Commissioner Ghovae seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Commissioner McGeehen   | "YES" |
| Commissioner Ghovae     | "YES" |
| Commissioner Tagliarini | "YES" |
| Vice Mayor Kerr         | "YES" |
| Mayor Brooks            | "YES" |

The motion carried 5-0.

**C. Public Works Building/Zoning**

Vice Mayor Kerr began by explaining his opposition to locating the public works building at the marina, noting that this was his requested agenda item. He researched the zoning differences between C-3 and C-4, finding that public works would not be allowed at the marina property under either classification. He referenced the Madeira Beach Town Center Special Area Plan from 2014, questioning whether this was submitted to Pinellas County or was just an internal document like the Master Plan.

Vice Mayor Kerr noted that public works is not mentioned in either the 2002 Duany Plan or the current 2025 Master Plan. He questioned whether the public works building would be allowed to violate C-4 zoning due to the outdated Special Area Plan.

Vice Mayor Kerr explained he posted on social media after consulting with Attorney Trask about Sunshine Law compliance, asking residents whether they supported the marina location. He received 22 comments over 48 hours that were overwhelmingly opposed to having public works at the marina property. He compared this to the Madeira Cove opposition when the Kava Shack location was considered, noting how public pressure quickly turned the Board against that idea.

Vice Mayor Kerr argued against the marina location based on zoning, public opinion, and revenue concerns. He stated that placing public works there would take approximately one acre from the largely undeveloped 10 acres (combining the marina property and newly acquired Holton property). He advocated for having a marina planning company designing the entire 10 acres, believing they would not recommend public works there due to lost revenue potential and property taxes.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment.

Jim Russell, 150 131st Avenue East, concurred with Vice Mayor Kerr, questioning why they would build a public works building on such valuable property when less expensive alternatives exist. He noted it is a potential revenue-producing property and could not understand why waterfront would be needed for public works.

Ruth Henry, 502 Lillian Drive, supported the previous speaker, referencing the appraisal concept of "highest and best use" and encouraged consideration of what would be the highest and best use of waterfront property rather than storage facilities.

Chuck Dillon, 529 Lillian Drive, attempted to clarify the confusion, stating he believed the public works building would return to the existing property where it has always been, not to the new \$18 million property. He noted confusion in the community and suggested people were thinking about the wrong property.

Pat Solakian, 580 Johns Pass Avenue, acknowledged understanding both the existing and new properties, expressing concern about revenue losses due to the new hotel development, parking problems, and the lack of tax revenue. She suggested the property could be better used for revenue generation, such as parking, rather than for public works.

Tom Edwards, District 1, agreed with Vice Mayor Kerr, noting they had eight trucks with trailers parked on the public right-of-way on 150th Ave. over the weekend, demonstrating the need for parking and revenue. He questioned whether the marina meets current landscaping requirements and suggested looking at off-island options or land lease arrangements for 50-100 years.

Mayor Brooks provided extensive historical research, noting the commission voted twice on the building - February 12, 2025 (4-1 vote approving design concept and location) and April 2, 2025 (3-2 vote to amend design money). She explained the October 22nd workshop, in which Public Works Director Wepfer clarified that the building would not be moved to the new property but would remain in the existing public works area.

Mayor Brooks detailed her research into why the original building was torn down, tracing it back to roof issues starting in 1986, emergency repairs, and, ultimately, a 2011 need for a new roof membrane, when they had a new public works director who was also the marina director. She found that only 1,000 square feet of a 5,700-square-foot roof was damaged, but the decision was made to tear down the entire building.

Mayor Brooks traced subsequent discussions about high-and-dry storage, including a \$58,500 study in 2020 that found the land could not support the proposed development and that costs were

too high for public-private partnerships due to deed restrictions. The discussion was that they needed to get the public works building back.

Mayor Brooks argued that public works has been grandfathered at that location since the early 1950's and that removing public works from the island would require larger trucks, trailers, and additional labor time for daily equipment transport, creating injury risks and inefficient use of staff. She supported moving forward with public works.

Vice Mayor Kerr rebutted several points, clarifying that he understood both properties totaling 10 acres and emphasizing his belief that a professional marina planning consultant should design the entire area. The marina has been found to have seven parcels, some of which are restricted. The City failed to send a letter last year to lift some of the restrictions, and he is calling on the City to do so. He provided specific solutions, including office space across the street at Kava Shack, storage on the ground floors of the proposed parking garage, and off-island service and maintenance facilities.

Commissioner Tagliarini asked staff several clarifying questions. Community Development Director Marci confirmed that both C-3 and C-4 zoning would allow public works through different paths, and that the area has been used historically since the 1950s without interruption. The new building would not be in the exact footprint of the previous building but would be in the same approximate area.

Public Works Director Megan Wepfer answered detailed questions about daily operations, explaining that public works handles street, beach, and facility maintenance throughout the City. She noted the daily use of beach tractors that cannot be driven on roads outside City limits if housed off-island, and the inefficiency of the travel time required to access equipment stored elsewhere. She clarified that sanitation trucks sometimes sit in their yard, but it's not typically noticeable and is not problematic.

Director Wepfer explained that there are no waterfront views from the public works area due to 20+ foot-tall mangroves, and that the main sewer station for Madeira Beach is directly in front of their yard, creating ongoing odor issues. She detailed the historical relationship between the marina and the public works department, noting periods of merger and separation, and confirmed there was no friction with marina operations.

Acting City Manager Belk confirmed no other city-owned property was available for public works relocation, referencing previous discussions about the church on 150th and the Town Center zoning requirements for retail on first floors.

Commissioner Tagliarini said he is in favor of leaving public works where it has been since the 1950's.

After extensive discussion about the public works building location, Commissioner Ghovae stated he was on the same page as Vice Mayor Kerr, initially voting against the project, but respected the Board's 3-2 decision and believed they needed to move forward with the approved location.

Mayor Brooks concluded the discussion, stating it was not an action item and expressing frustration with the continued discussion after multiple votes. She emphasized that the marina is already revenue-producing and profitable, and noted that staff time spent repeatedly defending approved decisions was disrespectful to their work and the democratic process. She would like the subject put to bed so they can move on.

Vice Mayor Kerr responded that he believed they were being disrespectful of residents' wishes, reiterating his solutions for off-site storage and suggesting that if public opinion required a petition, that might be necessary for the Commission to listen.

#### **E. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

There were no contracts or agreements.

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **G. AGENDA SETTING (March 18, 2026, BOC Regular Workshop; 4:00 PM)**

- A. Samples of Recognition and Appreciation Forms and an Explanation Form of why the person was chosen to receive Recognition**
- B. GrantWorks Piggyback Contract with Texas Standard**
- C. John's Pass Parking Garage Discussion**
- D. 555 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue Rezoning to C-4, Marine Commercial**
- E. ITB #26-01 City Hall Elevator**
- F. RFP #26-02 Holiday Decorations throughout the City**
- G. Lot Mowing Lien and Special Magistrate Liens – 13225 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, Madeira Beach – Case Nos. 14-68, 08.04, 08.24, 08.07, and 09.39 (Simonetta and Discount Properties of Florida, LLC)**
- H. Gulf Beaches Public Library, Inc. – Audited Financial Statements, September 30, 2025**

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment. There were no public comments.

#### **H. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A. Board of Commissioners – Reports/Correspondence**

Vice Mayor Kerr noted this might be his last board meeting with the election on March 10th. He expressed appreciation to the Board and Mayor, acknowledging that while they can be contentious and disagree, their voting record shows they are largely unified except on passionate issues. He planned to do everything possible to get reelected but appreciated working with City staff, and if not reelected, would continue attending meetings as he did before being elected.

Mayor Brooks responded that it had been a pleasure serving with him and that she would expect to see him in the audience regardless of the election outcome, as he was there before he was elected.

Mayor Brooks referenced the Big-C meeting packet, included for commissioners to review, which included Pinellas County's Critical Infrastructure Flood Vulnerability Assessment presentation, noting it was good information, though not all of it was relevant to Madeira Beach since they are not included in everything county-wide.

Commissioner Ghovae raised several items:

- Requesting more attention to website maintenance and keeping it up to date
- Expressing concern about high costs for services, contracts, design, and construction fees, suggesting a workshop to address cost reduction
- Questioning whether election dates could be moved from March to November to reduce the approximately \$10,000 cost and increase voter turnout
- He mentioned meeting with Bay News 9 reporter Josh Rojas about Kitty Stuart Park and requested a neighborhood meeting to gather resident input and find solutions satisfactory to 90% of people

Mayor Brooks responded extensively to the Kitty Stuart Park discussion, noting exhaustive prior commission conversations and Director Wepfer's plans for a permanent restroom structure, landscaping, and picnic table additions. She expressed frustration with community dissension over a park that is functioning as intended, particularly post-storm, as staff works to build back better. She noted the park's previous safety issues, when women could not walk through because of pavilion occupants.

Mayor Brooks emphasized the commission's commitment to listening and accessibility through multiple avenues - five-minute public comments, phone availability, and monthly "Conversations with the Mayor" sessions that are well-attended by people bringing ideas rather than complaints. She expressed disappointment that some community voices choose to tear down rather than build up the City and the Commission, while emphasizing her consistent message of kindness and respect among commissioners, even when they disagree.

Commissioner Ghovae agreed to work with staff to schedule a town hall meeting in the commission chambers with at least 30 days' notice. City Attorney Trask advised against holding it at the park due to Sunshine Law requirements for proper noticing, public access, and minute-taking.

Vice Mayor Kerr suggested meeting individually with interested parties first to understand their solutions, noting that the parking lot would remain a parking lot regardless of meetings. Commissioner Ghovae commended staff for quickly implementing the four resident-only parking spaces and confirmed the meeting would be in chambers, likely on a Saturday morning.

Commissioner McGeehan noted Kitty Stuart Park's progress and expressed that the past three years working alongside Vice Mayor Kerr had been a pleasure, noting they may not always agree but leave meetings shaking hands, which was positive for the City through catastrophic events.

## **B. Board of Commissioners – 2026 Meetings Report (Jan. – Feb.) - Informational**

### **C. City Clerk Report**

City Clerk VanBlargan reminded all registered voters to vote on March 10, 2026.

**D. City Attorney**

City Attorney Trask had nothing to add.

**E. Acting City Manager**

Acting City Manager Belk had nothing to add.

**I. RESPOND TO PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

1. Mr. Dillon thanked the City for opening the parking spots and mentioned that everyone can vote in the election regardless of the district they live in.

Mayor Brooks said Mr. Dillon’s comments about voting did not require any discussion.

2. What the City is doing to prepare for hurricane season.

Mayor Brooks said the City is not moving downstairs, and the library has done its own floodproofing. It had nothing to do with the City. The downstairs can only be used for storage. She was not sure if the Recreation Department sealed their windows and doors but would be interested to know. The Acting City Manager said the Fire Department is 13 feet above the elevation, and if they flood, they would be in bad shape. The wind-driven rain still gets through, even if they replace the doors.

Mayor Brooks was interested in the amphibious duck. The Acting City Manager said he researched a similar vehicle, the MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle). It looks like it would work, but the water is flowing, and the vehicle travels at 7 miles per hour.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brooks adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor

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Clara VanBlargan, MMC, MSM, City Clerk