



**CITY OF CLEWISTON**  
**115 West Ventura Avenue**  
**Clewiston, Florida 33440**

**REVISED AGENDA**

**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Friday, February 13, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.**

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**Commission:**

James Pittman, Mayor  
Hilary Hyslope, Vice Mayor  
Mali Gardner, Commissioner  
Barbara Edmonds, commissioner  
Jason Williams II, Commissioner

**Administration:**

City Manager, Danny Williams  
City Attorney, Kaylee Tuck  
City Clerk, Fransheska Berrios, CMC

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## **CITY COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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### **DISCUSSION**

1. Housing Authority
2. City of Clewiston 100 years celebration
3. US Highway 27

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

4. City of Clewiston Surplus Auction February 20-21, 2026
5. City of Clewiston Pickleball Tournament 2.20.2026

### **CITY STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Staff

### **CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barbara Edmonds  
Commissioner Mali Gardner  
Commissioner Jason Williams II  
Vice Mayor Hilary Hyslope  
Mayor James Pittman

### **Adjournment**

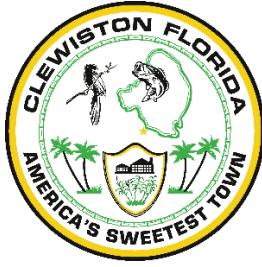
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I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Clewiston is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I have posted a true and correct copy on the city's official website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov), a location convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

**\*Revised on February 12, 2026 to correct meeting designation.**



## **Agenda Item Memorandum**

**TO:** City Commission of the City of Clewiston

**FROM:** Fransheska Berrios, City Clerk

**VIA:** Danny Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 13, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Hwy 27 Corridor Plan and Traffic/Emergency Access Concerns

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### **Background:**

In 2021, the City approved a resolution supporting the Hwy 27 Corridor Plan based on conceptual renderings that included landscaped medians and decorative intersection treatments. Recent 2025–2026 plans presented by FDOT differ from the original concept and do not include several of the aesthetic or traffic-calming elements previously shown.

Additionally, the updated design relies heavily on U-turn movements at intersections. It has been indicated that most intersections do not meet state radius requirements for safe U-turns. Concerns have also been raised regarding the absence of left-turn signals and the lack of funding for signal pole upgrades.

The City has also experienced a noticeable increase in traffic, particularly on Fridays and Sundays, resulting in significant congestion through town. With curbing on both sides of the roadway and no shoulders, emergency vehicles are often required to use the center lane to navigate through traffic, raising public safety concerns.

### **Attachment:**

Resolution No. 2021-23

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (FDOT) *US 27/STATE ROAD 80 CORRIDOR VISION & ACTION PLAN* AND ESTABLISHING PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING BY THE FDOT AND THE HEARTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (HRTPO); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the revitalization of the primary commercial corridor of the City of Clewiston has been a major focus and objective of the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clewiston, based on current trends, envisions the US 27/State Road 80 commercial corridor and downtown area supporting connections with increased walking, biking, and other multimodal transportation uses and tourism related travel interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clewiston 2025 Comprehensive Plan Traffic Circulation Element identifies a series of goals, objectives, and policies to promote safe, convenient, and efficient multimodal transportation alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clewiston is committed to collaborating closely with its partners in Hendry County, the HRTPO and FDOT to pursue future planning for portions of the *US 27/State Road 80* corridor west of the City particularly in the vicinity of the Airglades International Airport to determine needs and set priorities for multimodal transportation networks; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, FDOT commenced the *US 27/State Road 80 Corridor Vision & Action Plan* to develop an integrated land use and transportation 50 year vision for the US 27/State Road 80 Corridor in the vicinity of the City of Clewiston and to further examine opportunities for evaluating the needs and safety of all users through transportation network connectivity, roadway and intersection improvements, multimodal and streetscape enhancements, supportive land use, and traffic calming measures; and

**WHEREAS**, the *US 27/State Road 80 Corridor Vision & Action Plan* was guided by and developed with public input from a local project team consisting of representatives from the City of Clewiston, Hendry County, residents, business interests and other local community stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the *US 27/State Road 80 Corridor Vision & Action Plan* recommended a series of improvement actions and strategies along the US 27/State Road 80 Corridor extending from the vicinity of County Road 720, to the Hendry/Palm Beach County line through the entirety of the City of Clewiston.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The current and future transportation needs within the City of Clewiston require both a street network plan and multimodal solutions to ensure a safe and functional system that serves all users, improves the quality of life, supports economic development by enhancing connections to and within the commercial highway corridor and downtown area, and allows for expected growth to occur in a more efficient urban form and development pattern. The visioning effort concluded that the main priorities are:

- Make US 27/State Road 80 safer by reducing the speed of traffic and upgrading the roadway and intersections to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Protect the character of the City of Clewiston, especially as it expands to the west
- Study the possibility of establishing an alternative route to reduce the amount of heavy trucks driving through the City
- Highlight the presence of the Waterfront and regionally significant Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (L.O.S.T.) by providing clear access and wayfinding from US 27/State Road 80
- Define the City's east and west gateways
- Revitalize the City core into a vibrant downtown

**SECTION 2.** The *US 27/State Road 80 Corridor Vision & Action Plan* contains the following multimodal transportation and land use strategies for the City of Clewiston and adjacent areas:

Reconfigure roadway cross sections:

- Modify US 27/SR 80 through the corridor and downtown commercial areas of Clewiston to create reconfigured multimodal friendly travel lanes and intersection design features including designated left and right-turn lane locations and movement alterations.
- Redesign/reconfigure the US 27/SR 80 corridor (***US 27/SR 80 Commercial Corridor District***) and the parallel downtown portion of the Ventura Avenue corridor (***Downtown Commercial District***) to optimize safety features while providing traffic calming, improved lighting and overall aesthetic enhancements.

Conduct traffic operational and safety studies and pursue available funding opportunities for approved priority project improvements:

- Evaluate and implement traffic operational and safety studies at key US 27/SR 80 intersections currently located within the city limits, including (from west to east): **Berner Road**; the **aligned intersection between shopping center entrances** (located between the Berner Road & Lopez Street intersections); **Lopez Street**; **West Circle Drive/Olympia Street**; and, the **Francisco Street/Esperanza Avenue (East Gateway)**.
- Evaluate and implement traffic operational and safety studies at key US 27/SR 80 intersections currently located outside the city limits, within Hendry County, including (from west to east): **County Road**

**720; a future intersection (West Gateway) east of the CR 720 intersection & west of the current developed portion of the city limits (coordinated with development plans for this segment & potentially aligned with an existing US 27/SR 80 crossover); and Evercane Road.**

Provide pedestrian, bicycle and other multimodal enhancements:

- Provide pedestrian and bicycle enhancements along the entire corridor and at key US 27/SR 80 intersections and connector streets.
- Provide designated golf cart crossings at appropriately designed and approved intersections

Expand pedestrian and bicycle networks:

- Provide a multi-use trail opportunity along the US 27/SR 80 corridor and within the City along designated collector street sections with identified connectivity routes to neighborhoods, recreational and cultural facilities, the Waterfront, L.O.S.T. and other community attractions & amenities.

Add transit amenities:

- In collaboration with Hendry County, identify and prioritize transit amenities such as real-time County Public Transportation System access locations, arrival times, route information, shelters, benches, and trash receptacles to encourage ridership.

Enhance the public realm with streetscaping and landscaping:

- Incorporate complete streets elements particularly along designated “**City Core**” sections of the corridor and on identified connector street and parallel routes specifically including portions of (east) **Ventura Avenue** and (north) **Francisco Street**.

Implement gateway treatments:

- Implement primary gateway treatments and design characteristics on the corridor at the **East Gateway** (Francisco Street/Esperanza Avenue vicinity) and the **West Gateway** (at a location to be determined east of County Road 720).

Update land use policies:

- Update and coordinate zoning, future land use, and land development regulations along the corridor with particular focus in the commercial downtown areas to reflect the corridor vision and facilitate a preferred development pattern and character for the City of Clewiston.

Study future alternative route options in collaboration with Hendry County:

- The feasibility of establishing an alternative heavy truck route
- The possibility of developing an east/west service road connection to CR 720 in the vicinity of the Hendry/Glades county line north of the US 27/SR 80 for undeveloped frontage properties on a parallel route to the corridor.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Clewiston requests that the FDOT coordinate with the City and the HRTPO to prepare a comprehensive funding strategy for the recommended improvements in the *US 27/State Road 80 Corridor Vision and Action Plan*.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall be recorded in the public records of the City of Clewiston, Florida.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Clewiston this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA**

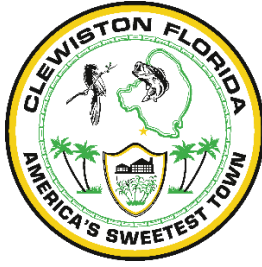
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Mary K. Combass, City Clerk

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Kristine Petersen, Mayor

(MUNICIPAL SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary M. Brandenburg, City Attorney



## **Agenda Item Memorandum**

**TO:** City Commission of the City of Clewiston  
**FROM:** Lynne Mila, Director of Operations  
**VIA:** Danny Williams, City Manager  
**DATE:** February 13, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization of Surplus Property Auction – February 20–21, 2026

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### **Background:**

City departments have identified various vehicles, equipment, and miscellaneous items that are no longer needed for municipal purposes, are obsolete, or are no longer cost-effective to maintain. In accordance with City policy and Florida Statutes, these items must be declared surplus prior to disposal.

The proposed surplus items will be sold at a public auction scheduled for February 20–21, 2026, to ensure transparency and maximize return to the City.

### **Attachment:**

Authorization of Surplus Property Auction List



EXHIBIT A  
Surplus Equipment Schedule

Column1	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column7
Department	Unit Number	Description	Reason	Vehicle Identificaiton Number
Police	1405	2014 Dodge Charger	repair cost exceeds market value	2C3CDXAT1EH367659
Wastewater	131	TS100 New Holland swing arm mower	"	N/A
Golf Course		Toro sidewinder mower	"	N/A
Golf Course		Toro Workman utility vehicle	"	N/A
Golf Course		Toro Workman utility vehicle	"	N/A
Golf Course		Toro 5510 fairway mower	"	N/A



## **Agenda Item Memorandum**

**TO:** City Commission of the City of Clewiston

**FROM:** Edward Gomez, Recreation & Leisure Services Assistant

**VIA:** Danny Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** February 13, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of approval of the Pickleball Tournament Special Event

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### **Background:**

The city of Clewiston Recreation & Leisure Services Department is requesting approval to host a Pickleball Tournament Special Event on February 20, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM located at 110 W. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, Florida

### **Attachments:**

**Special Event application**

### **Recommendation:**

Motion to approve the Pickleball Tournament Special Event scheduled for February 20, 2026, at 110 W Osceola Avenue



# EVENT APPLICATION

## City of Clewiston

115 W. Ventura Ave.  
Clewiston, FL 33440

Telephone: (863) 983-1484  
Fax: (863) 983-4055

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant to submit Event Application and required fee to the City of Clewiston no less than four weeks before the event.

Date of Event: <b>2/20/26</b>	Applicant's Name: <b>Edward Gomez</b>	Event: <b>Clewiston Pickleball Tournament</b>
Mailing Address: <b>110 W Osceola Ave</b>	City: <b>Clewiston</b>	State/Zip Code: <b>FL 33440</b>
Telephone No. <b>863-599-8115</b>	Email Address: <b>Edward.gomez@Clewiston-Fl.gov</b>	Fax No.
Representative to Contact:	Telephone No:	
Site/Facility for Event: <b>Pickleball Court</b>	Time Event Starts: <b>4:00 pm</b>	a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated No. of Attendance:	Time Event Ends: <b>9:00 pm</b>	a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description of Event:	Will Street be Closed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will Food be Served?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will Alcohol be Served?*
Is Electricity Needed?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Any other City Service/Equipment Needed? If Yes, explain:	Minimum of (2) officers required*	Are Dumpsters Needed?
	Officers x \$35/\$50 =	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Mandatory Cleaning Fee (Determined by type of Event):
		\$
		City Supervisors Needed?
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Supervisors @\$20 per hour =
		\$

The premises shall not be used for any illegal, improper, or immoral purpose. Renter will promptly and fully observe and comply with requirements, rules, laws, and ordinances of all lawfully constituted governmental authorities in any manner affecting the premises herein and hereby rented. Two weeks cancellation notice is required. Facility and/or site plan to be attached to form.

Applicant's Signature: **[Signature]** Date: **1/30/2026**

### Fees (to be completed by City representative):

Bldg/Site Rental:	Cleaning:	Security:	Supervisors:	Other:	Subtotal:	25% Deposit if applicable	<b>TOTAL:</b>
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Remarks:

Date submitted to the City: Date considered by City: Approved?

Remarks:

## FIRE SAFETY PERMIT APPLICATION

Title of Event: Clewiston Pickleball Tournament

Date(s) of Event: 2/20/26 Estimated Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ per day

Times of Event: 4p.m to 9p.m Set-up: 3p.m Breakdown: 10:30p.m

Event Location: Pickleball Court  
(Attach Site Diagram: Set-up sketch, staging items, food vendors, parking area, security, etc.)

### SPECIFIC TYPE OF EVENT (Check all that apply):

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrations    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert/Band              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair/Carnival  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Opening             | <input type="checkbox"/> Parade         | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Place of Worship           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____    |  |   |

Description of Event: Tournament for the community

Will Vendors be cooking or heating food? (Please read fire watch requirements for cooking.)

☒ Gas ☒ Electric ☐ Charcoal ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any of the following event staging items be used?

<input type="checkbox"/> Canopy(ies)	Quantity: _____	Sizes(s) LxWxH: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Stage(s)	Quantity: _____	Sizes(s) LxWxH: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent(s)	Quantity: _____	Sizes(s) LxWxH: _____

Please attach:

- 1) Structural information, anchoring details, flame certificates, etc.
- 2) A floor plan including seating arrangements, locations of means of egress, extinguishers and exit signs.

Producing Organization/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: Edward Gomez

Phone: 863-599-5115 Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include a letter of permission from the property management/owner for this event if the applicant is not the responsible entity for the property at the location this event is scheduled. Events taking place on city or county property may require permission from the City Commission.)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name (Please Print): Edward Gomez Signature: E.6

Mailing Address: 110 Osceola Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440

Phone: 863-943-1492 Cell: 863-599-5115

Email: Edward.Gomez@Clewiston-FL.gov



**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT  
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I/We the undersigned, being of lawful age, by affixing my/our signatures hereto, do hereby agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the City of Clewiston, its officers, employees, elected officials and agents, from and against any and all liability claims, actions, causes of action, demands, rights, damages, cost, loss of service, expenses, and compensation for all negligence whether active or passive arising out of or in any way connected or related to \_\_\_\_\_

Clewiston Football Tournament to be held on 2/20/26  
(Name of Event) (Date of Event)

City of Clewiston / Youth Center, Edward Gomez  
Name of sponsoring Individual(s) or Organization Group

110 W. Osceola Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440  
Address

863-599-6115  
Phone No. (include Area Code)

edward.gomez@clewiston-fl.gov  
Email Address

I understand by affixing my signature to this release, that I do assume all risks and waive defendant's negligence, including a release of heirs.

Furthermore, the undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Special Event Permit Application and willingness to adhere to its provisions.

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

(To be completed by individuals representing an Organization or Group)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, warrant that I have authority to bind \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of individual) (Name of Organization Group)  
\_\_\_\_\_ to this Hold Harmless Agreement and by my signature hereon do so bind this individual/organization. By executing this waiver as an authorized representative you are hereby binding all of your organization/group's individuals participating in this event to this waiver and hereby assume responsibility for these individuals.

E.G.  
Signature

1/30/26  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For Minors:** (required for participants under the age of 18 at the time of the event)

This is to certify that I, as parent or legal guardian, have legal responsibility for this participant. I have read and understand the significance of this waiver and release and do consent and agree to his/her waiver, release and assumption of the risk as provided above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Parent Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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