



TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He asked for a moment of silence and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Riffle confirmed a quorum with all elected officials present.

Elected Officials Present:

John Dowless, Mayor
Richard A. Horn, Council President
Susan Lomas, Council President Pro-Tem
Casey McElroy, Councilmember
Ryan Santurri, Councilmember
Beth Steele, Councilmember

Staff Present:

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk
Miguel Garcia, Deputy Police Chief
Scott Arellano-Zane, Officer
Ellen Hardgrove, City Planner
Drew Smith, City Attorney

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Audit

Carr, Riggs and Ingram Partner Lindsay Aviles introduced herself and Senior Associate Jennifer Polk. Ms. Aviles then gave a review of the fiscal year 2024/2025 financial audit. Ms. Aviles said this was a clean audit.

Council President Horn moved to accept the 2024-25 fiscal year financial audit as presented. Seconded by Councilmember McElroy. The motion was approved by voice vote (5/0).

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 21, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Riffle noted changes to the minutes made by Planner Hardgrove.

Councilmember Lomas moved to approve the April 21, 2026, meeting minutes with changes. Seconded by Councilmember Santurri. The motion was approved by voice vote (5/0).

E. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)**1. Ordinance 2026-02: Noise Violation**

City Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-02 by title only.

City Attorney Smith stated that the included table was cleaned up to eliminate confusion and that the “clearly audible” language was also added.

In response to Council President Horn, City Attorney Smith stated that a decibel reading could be taken if an officer were present to measure the noise level.

Deputy Chief Garcia told the City Council that the department has distance devices. Council President Horn noted that a cell phone can access Google Maps to measure distance.

City Attorney Smith explained that responses to complaints remain within the jurisdictional boundaries. Edgewood officers do not respond to Edgewood complaints about noise originating in Orange County; residents would have to call an Orange County deputy sheriff to collect evidence.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Santurri made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 upon first reading; seconded by Councilmember McElroy. The motion was approved (5/0) by roll call vote.

Councilmember	Vote
Councilmember Lomas	Approve
Councilmember McElroy	Approve
Councilmember Santurri	Approve
Councilmember Steele	Approve
Council President Horn	Approve

2. Ordinance 2026-03: Parking Regulations

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-03 in title only.

City Planner Hardgrove stated that the proposed ordinance is the product of many months of work by the Planning and Zoning Board and reflects the standards of Edgewood, providing clearer and more practical guidelines for developers, businesses, and staff.

Councilmember Lomas noted that the report should list the Edgewood Central District (ECD) as the Chris Rader Edgewood Central District (CRECD). City Planner Hardgrove confirmed that this will be corrected. City Attorney Smith noted that while the CRECD was originally established by resolution, all references to the ECD in the code will be universally updated to CRECD upon the formal passage of a renaming ordinance.

Mayor Dowless reviewed the report thoroughly, raising questions and offering suggestions. He expressed concern that some requirements for a professional report, such as utilizing an engineer to document parking operations, may not be needed for all projects. City Planner Hardgrove suggested requiring such reports when justified.

Related to unpaved parking for temporary events, City Planner Hardgrove clarified that while such parking is limited to twice per year, businesses are not restricted from hosting additional special events, provided those events use only paved parking areas.

City Attorney Smith added that this ordinance only addresses parking, not special event timing. He stated that businesses hosting special events would be subject to code enforcement if they park on the grass more than the allotted two times, with a violation issued for each vehicle.

Discussion ensued about whether to require certified flaggers versus volunteer flaggers. Councilmember Steele remarked that not all flaggers are certified for all events. City Planner Hardgrove clarified that the use of certified flaggers was intended for maintenance of traffic within the right-of-way and the ordinance would be amended to reflect this intent.

In response to Council President Horn related to his question whether a mobile food truck can be located in a parking space, City Attorney Smith stated that a mobile food truck can park in a parking space if that space is greater than the amount of parking required for that property.

Mayor Dowless voiced his concern about regulations that are over-burdensome.

Regarding parking lot conditions, City Planner Hardgrove explained that if a parking lot is currently deficient, it must be brought up to code. The ordinance proposes that all potholes must be repaired within 12 months from the effective date. Restriping landscape would be required to meet code within 24 months only if it does not meet the maintenance requirements of Code Section 134-162.

Mayor Dowless reminded the Council that staff will take the brunt of responding to these requirements.

Council President Horn expressed concern that Code Enforcement officers would find it difficult to visually determine whether a parking lot has adequate space during an event. City Planner Hardgrove confirmed to Councilmember McElroy that the burden of proof rests on the property owner to demonstrate compliance.

Regarding the dumpster requirements, Mayor Dowless stated there is a new steel-framed dumpster system that is less expensive than masonry dumpsters and looks good. City Planner Hardgrove stated she would look into it.

"City Planner Hardgrove noted that several commercial properties had previously been subdivided without City approval, creating an imbalance in required parking across the resulting parcels. City Attorney Smith explained that the Orange County Property Appraiser (OCPA) establishes tax parcels regardless of municipal zoning approval, and title companies

typically do not verify local city codes. City Planner Hardgrove added that while the OCPA now requires municipal sign-off before creating new tax parcels, this administrative step does not completely prevent unauthorized land divisions.

Councilmember Steele suggested adding "beer, or wine" to clarify applications where generic alcohol terms are used.

In response to Mayor Dowless, City Planner Hardgrove explained that the proposed Operational Parking Plan (OPP) requires the property owner to sign an affidavit that establishes an explicit administrative right for the City to inspect commercial properties for compliance, whereas current regulations limit the City's authority to enter private property.

Related to the time to bring a parking lots into compliance with the maintenance requirements, City Planner Hardgrove told Councilmember McElroy that a hardship clause could be added. City Attorney Smith stated that a variance would not address affordability but noted that this is where allowing more time to come into compliance would be relevant.

Related to the allowable reduction in parking quantity, City Attorney Smith stated that the three tiers are an opt-in mechanism. By setting time thresholds, people are invited to do provide more improvements to achieve a longer time for using a parking lot with substandard parking quantity.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Lomas moved to approve Ordinance 2026-03 on 1st reading, incorporating the items discussed by the City Council; seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved (5/0) by roll call vote.

Councilmember	Vote
Councilmember Steele	Approve
Councilmember Santurri	Approve
Councilmember McElroy	Approve
Councilmember Lomas	Approve
Council President Horn	Approve

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-03: Budget Amendments

City Clerk Riffle briefly reviewed the exhibits relating to the proposed amendment. She stated the proposed amendments have a net-zero effect on the overall budget of the City. The adjustments primarily reflect the recognition of grant funds, rewards, and pass-through fees, with revenue received covering the associated costs.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Santurri made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved (5/0) by roll call vote.

Councilmember	Vote
Councilmember Steele	Approve
Councilmember Santurri	Approve
Councilmember McElroy	Approve
Councilmember Lomas	Approve
Council President Horn	Approve

2. FY 2026/2027 TRIM Calendar

City Council reviewed the Truth in Millage (TRIM) calendar submitted by City Clerk Riffle. The first budget workshop date was changed from July 7, 2026, to July 9, 2026. There were no other changes at that time.

3. Review of City Contracts

City Clerk Riffle reviewed the list of City contractors and provided a positive review for each. The City Council reached a consensus to keep the contracted vendors the same.

There were no public comments

Council President Horn made a motion to extend current contractor agreements; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved (5/0) by voice vote.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS

K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

L. STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney Smith

Police Chief DeSchryver

1. Chief's Report April 2026

- Deputy Chief Garcia told the City Council that Chief DeSchryver was absent to attend an FBI National Command Course conference for training and networking. He stated that there was no charge to the City for the Chief's attendance.

- He stated that one of the officers of Edgewood confirmed he was transitioning to the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and two more are planning to leave. He stated they are working on recruiting.
- In response to Councilmember Lomas, Mayor Dowless stated they are looking into securing reserve officers but noted it is difficult for a small agency to maintain.
- The perception on Stratemeyer Drive is that there is not enough traffic enforcement, so officers made a number of traffic stops and stop-sign enforcement stops in that neighborhood.
- In response to Council President Horn, Deputy Chief Garcia stated other agencies are driving with their red and blue cruise lights active to show presence. Edgewood does not do that because it confuses residents, but as people get used to it, it will become less confusing.

City Clerk Riffle – no report

Code Compliance Officer Zane – no report

M. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Mayor Dowless**
Mayor Dowless updated City Council that PBA negotiations are still ongoing.
- **Council Member Lomas**
Councilmember Lomas, the liaison for the Orange County Community Action Board (CAB), stated the CAB has launched a new reporting system making it easier to see where they are spending money.
- Council Member McElroy – no report
- Council Member Santurri – no report
- Council Member Steele – no report
- Council President Horn – no report

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:



Sandra Riffle, City Clerk