



TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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

CP Horn called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. He asked for a moment of silence and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was confirmed. Councilmember Santurri was absent and requested to be excused.

Councilmember Steele made a motion to excuse Councilmember Santurri's absence; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by voice vote (4/0).

Elected Officials Present:	Staff Present
Mayor John Dowless	Police Chief Dean DeSchryver
Council President Richard A. Horn	Deputy Chief Miguel Garcia
Council President Pro-Tem Susan Lomas	Corporal Chris Meade
Councilmember Casey McElroy	Code Enforcement Officer Scott Zane
Councilmember Beth Steele	
Absent:	Absent
Councilmember Ryan Santurri	City Clerk Sandra Riffle

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilmember Steele moved to accept the consent agenda as presented; Councilmember Lomas seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote (4/0).

E. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)

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

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Fleet Vehicle Purchase Program

Chief DeSchryver spoke regarding the fleet replacement plan program for the upcoming fiscal year

Chris Meade then provided council with an updated presentation on the fleet replacement program.

Council President Horn made a motion to approve the proposed fleet vehicle purchase program; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (4/0).

Council President Horn	Approve
Council President Pro-Tem Lomas	Approve
Council President Steele	Approve
Councilmember McElroy	Approve
Councilmember Santurri	Absent

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-05: FDOT ROW Maintenance Agreement

Attorney Smith read Resolution 2026-05 by title only. Attorney Smith stated that the resolution refers to a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) maintenance agreement.

Vegetation along the corridor has become overgrown in recent summers, generating numerous resident complaints. City Hall staff have coordinated with adjacent businesses to voluntarily mow and maintain portions of the medians, which has helped in the interim but is not a permanent solution. This agreement would give the City direct authority to address these conditions proactively. The agreement covers rights-of-way, medians, landscaped areas, and certain stormwater infrastructure on Orange and Hansel Avenues. In response to Councilmember McElroy, Attorney Smith stated that the potential liability for right-of-way (ROW) is lower than with traffic signals and would be more like a potential trip and fall.

There was no public comment.

Council President Horn moved to approve Resolution 2026-05; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (4/0).

Council President Horn	Approve
Council President Pro-Tem Lomas	Approve
Council President Steele	Approve
Councilmember McElroy	Approve
Councilmember Santurri	Absent

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS

K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

L. STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney Smith

City Attorney Smith reported that the judge's ruling for Amendment 3 was only to change some of the language. Mayor Dowless said there are other lawsuits regarding the amendment.

Police Chief DeSchryver

1. Chief's Report July 2026

Chief DeSchryver stated that, along with the new fleet, the department is moving to MobileDEX 4 to handle service and simplify invoicing.

He stated that all traffic stops that officers call in count as calls for service. If officers make more than 4,000 calls for service within the year, the City pays approximately \$19 per call under the agreement. The department made more traffic stops this year due to increased vigilance.

City Clerk Riffle - Absent

Code Compliance Officer Zane

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Zane responded to Council President Horn's inquiry regarding what is being done at the Low Life Projects property on Orange Avenue, as it is garnering comments about its unsightliness. He stated that there is no site plan available to show the approved parking for that parcel. Patrol responds to vehicles on or near the right-of-way to have them moved.

M. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Dowless

Mayor Dowless provided an update on The Waterfront. He stated that they will need variances and waivers if they wish to retain the same footprint. They are arranging a meeting to discuss what the City will allow. Among the primary concerns are stormwater management and parking. Planner Hardgrove communicated to them that they should tear the building down as soon as possible. Officer Zane stated that the unsightliness of the site has been brought to the owner's attention.

Tri County League will have a meeting in September or October regarding AI and he thinks it will be helpful should anyone wish to attend.

Council Member Lomas – no report

Council Member McElroy – no report

Council Member Santurri - Absent

Council Member Steele – no report

Council President Horn

Council President Horn provided an update on re-zoning at Oak Ridge and Orange at the former Correct Craft site, moving from planned development commercial to industrial zoning. There is a meeting scheduled for August 25th at 2:00 PM for anyone interested in attending.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:


Sandra Riffle, City Clerk