



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING & FINAL BUDGET HEARING

City Hall – Council Chamber  
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Richard A. Horn  
Council President

Chris Rader  
Council President Pro-Tem

Susan Lomas  
Councilmember

Casey McElroy  
Councilmember

Beth Steele  
Councilmember

## MINUTES

*These minutes provide a summary of the key discussions and decisions made during the November 18, 2025 City Council Meeting. A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for public review for one year. After one year, the City will dispose of the recording in accordance with applicable regulations. To access the recording, please contact Edgewood City Hall at 407-851-2920.*

## CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Administrative Project Manager Sollazzo confirmed a quorum with all five (5) Councilmembers and Mayor Dowless present.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

## STAFF PRESENT

Brett Sollazzo, Administrative Project Manager  
Dean DeSchryver, Police Chief  
Miguel Garcia, Deputy Police Chief  
Scott Zane, Code Compliance Officer  
Drew Smith, City Attorney  
Ellen Hardgrove, City Planner  
Allen Lane, City Engineer

## FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Both the ordinance and the resolution were brought back for public hearing and final approval after errors were identified in the previous final budget hearing proceedings, resulting in a violation/infracton. As required by the State of Florida, the City must re-advertise and conduct a new Final Hearing for the FY 2025–2026 budget. All advertisements for this hearing, including the budget summary, were submitted to TRIM and approved.

### 1. Ordinance 2025-10: Set Millage Rate Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2025-10 by title only. A brief discussion occurred among Councilmembers and Mayor Dowless. There was no public comment.

## MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Rader made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-10 as presented, setting the City of Edgewood's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 at 5.250 mills, representing a 7.760 percent increase over the roll-back rate of 4.872 mills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McElroy and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## 2. Resolution Ordinance 2025-04: Approved Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Attorney Smith read Resolution 2025-04 by title only. A brief discussion occurred among Councilmembers and Mayor Dowless. There was no public comment.

### MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Rader made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-04 as presented, approving the City of Edgewood's budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lomas and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. October 21, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve the October 21, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steele and approved by a voice vote of 5-0.

## BOARDS & COMMITTEES

### 1. Variance 2025-05: After-the-Fact Variance Requests – 4045, 4053 & 4061 Forrestal Ave

Council President Horn directed that this agenda item be heard earlier in the meeting to accommodate the applicant and avoid an extended wait for their presentation.

Planner Hardgrove presented the request for several after-the-fact variances for the three warehouse/flex buildings at 4045, 4053, and 4061 Forrestal Avenue. The variances are needed to establish legal conforming status after a 2025 survey identified long-standing nonconformities involving building setbacks, building length, parking layout and landscaping, open space, and the road buffer. Planner Hardgrove reviewed the site history, noting that the City approved the original site plan in 1985 and accepted the 1986 as-built drawings, which appeared to match the plan even though actual field conditions did not.

Council President Horn asked about the site's early development and whether the 1986 as-built was a true signed survey. Planner Hardgrove confirmed that it was, and that while it matched the approved plan, the current survey revealed discrepancies. Council President Horn noted the differences between the 1985 plan and actual construction but acknowledged that the origins of those discrepancies are unknown.

Councilmember Rader asked whether staff evaluated alternatives to reduce the number of variances. Planner Hardgrove explained that the buildings cannot be moved, so only limited changes—such as landscaping or parking adjustments—could be considered, and those would likely create new compliance issues. She emphasized that most nonconformities date to original construction and the City's acceptance of the as-built drawings. Councilmember Steele asked about building size, and Planner Hardgrove described the building lengths and noted that both end buildings were constructed longer than approved. Attorney Smith added that the issue surfaced only because the buyer's title company identified the discrepancies.

Planner Hardgrove summarized the setback issues:

- The west setback may be a surveying inconsistency.
- The north setback is six inches short of the minimum requirement.



- The east setback is affected by an undocumented  $\pm 7$ -foot loss of property depth tied to a historic railroad right-of-way reservation.

For parking, Planner Hardgrove explained that the landscape islands shown on the approved 1985 site plan were never installed, and the City accepted the as-built layout. Retrofitting islands now would be impractical. She also described the request to allow 8.4-foot-wide parking spaces next to the warehouse bay doors, where the building configuration prevents meeting the standard 9-foot width without losing required parking. The reduced width would apply only in constrained areas; all other spaces must meet current code.

Planner Hardgrove also addressed the open space deficit, noting that the site now has about 10% open space rather than the required 15–20%, largely due to the missing landscape islands and longer buildings. Because these conditions have existed for decades, she recommended allowing the variance but prohibiting any additional impervious area unless full redevelopment occurs. Regarding the road buffer, she explained that the City's landscape architect approved the existing turf and palms in 2021 and recommended formalizing that approval through a variance, with the condition that palms be replaced with understory trees if they die.

Attorney Charlie Martin, representing the property owner, stated that the site has operated successfully since 1986 and that the applicant was seeking recognition of conditions they inherited and cannot realistically change.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Demostene, an Edgewood resident expressed concern that no engineering report was provided and questioned stormwater capacity given the additional impervious surface. She suggested limited mitigation such as added landscape islands or drainage review. Planner Hardgrove responded that the site has functioned in this condition for almost forty years without flooding issues and is supported by a large regional retention pond to the south. She cautioned that removing pavement could also remove required parking.

Councilmember Rader agreed with staff, noting that any flooding issues would have shown themselves by now and that variances are not intended to redesign a site "on the fly." He stated a preference for addressing parking issues rather than open-space issues but emphasized that mistakes made decades ago, possibly by staff, should not penalize today's owner. He asked whether parking-based solutions were explored, for which Planner Hardgrove replied that reducing parking would create new deficiencies. She did explain that the parking variances would only apply to where the building elevations have bay doors. Furthermore, she stated that the parking lot will require re-striping for those parking spaces that are not between the bay doors and that handicapped spaces would need to be ADA compliant. The restriping will result in a loss of a few parking spaces, but the minimum will still be able to be met.

Council President Horn asked what would occur if the variances were denied. Attorney Smith explained that the buildings would remain, but any future redevelopment would trigger full code compliance. Council concluded that the conditions are long-standing, appear to have been accepted by the City at the time, and cannot realistically be corrected without major demolition or loss of required parking. Councilmembers generally agreed that the requested variances represent the minimum necessary to acknowledge existing conditions while ensuring any future construction complies with current code.

## MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Variance 2025-05, which was seconded by Councilmember McElroy. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0. The approvals and associated conditions are as follows:

- **Front Yard Setback:** Approval of 24.2 feet in lieu of 25 feet. Condition: Any new construction must meet the Code-required minimum setbacks.
- **Rear Yard Setback:** Approval of 6'7" in lieu of 15 feet. Condition: Any new construction must meet the Code-required minimum setbacks.
- **North Side Yard Setback:** Approval of 4'6" in lieu of 5 feet. Condition: Any new construction must meet the Code-required minimum setbacks.

- **Parking and Landscaping:** Approval to allow continuous parking spaces without a landscape break and no landscaping within the interior of the vehicular use area. Condition: The vehicular use area shall not be expanded unless in conformance with Code requirements.
- **Parking Space Width:** Approval to allow standard parking spaces a minimum width of 8.4 feet adjacent to the north and south buildings, where bay door configurations limit space width. Condition: All other parking spaces must meet Code requirements. All handicapped spaces, including adjacent aisles, must comply with ADA requirements and City Code.
- **Minimum Open Space:** Approval to allow 10% open space in lieu of 14%. Condition: No additional impervious area shall be approved. Redevelopment must comply with Code.
- **Road Buffer Landscaping:** Approval to allow turf as ground cover and palms instead of shade trees. Condition: Any palms that become diseased or die must be replaced with understory trees from the City's approved tree list.

**The Planner noted that** the hedge in the road buffer is not healthy. To avoid a code enforcement action, several plants need to be replaced, and irrigation should be checked to ensure proper function.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)

### 1. Ordinance 2025-12: Certified Recovery Residences

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2025-12 by title only and explained the purpose behind its adoption. He stated that the ordinance establishes a required process, in accordance with Florida Statute 397.487, for reviewing and approving reasonable accommodation requests for certified recovery residences.

The ordinance creates a new section in the Land Development Code outlining how individuals with disabilities—or the providers who serve them—may request accommodations from zoning or land-use regulations when such accommodations are necessary for a certified recovery residence to operate. He further explained that the ordinance outlines application requirements, review procedures, timelines, an appeal process, and standards consistent with the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Adoption of this ordinance ensures the City complies with state mandates and provides a clear and lawful framework for handling these requests.

Council President Horn asked for clarification on what “reasonable” means and questioned who determines reasonableness. Also inquired why the city is being compelled by the state to implement this process. Attorney Smith explained that “reasonable accommodation” originates from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and that Florida legislation is aiming to streamline the process. Council President Horn then asked what would happen if the city chooses to not adopt the process, with Attorney Smith stating that while there is no immediate penalty, failure to adopt could lead to potential lawsuits.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Demostene, an Edgewood resident, inquired whether the legislation requires the city to waive fees for reasonable accommodation requests. Attorney Smith explained that the legislation minimizes fees rather than eliminating them entirely. Ms. Demostene sought further clarification, asking whether fees would be reduced or fully waived. Attorney Smith noted that implementing the process would necessitate additional staff analysis and could entail additional funding.

Ms. Demostene also questioned the scope of the process, citing examples from Orange County, such as zoning accommodations for tiny houses on large lots. Attorney Smith clarified that the reasonable accommodation process applies exclusively to certified recovery residences.

Finally, Ms. Demostene asked why the city could not rely on existing code policies for approvals. Attorney Smith explained that, while the city does have a policy for approving multi-bedroom units in public areas, the current code does not address ADA reasonable accommodations. The new legislation establishes a formal process that must be followed for certified recovery residences.

Following public comment, there was a brief discussion amongst Councilmembers prior to a motion and roll call vote.

## **MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE**

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-12 on first reading as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steele and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## **2. Ordinance 2025-13: Street Repaving Gated Communities**

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2025-13 by title only. Planner Hardgrove provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, which updates the City's maintenance standards for private streets in gated communities. The amendment replaces the strict 15-year repaving requirement with a condition-based assessment system. While the baseline requirement to repave every 15 years remains, HOAs may now request a waiver by submitting a professional engineer's assessment to the City Engineer confirming that the roads are still in acceptable condition.

The purpose of the amendment is to align maintenance requirements with actual infrastructure needs and to provide HOAs and property owners with greater financial flexibility. If the roads are deemed sufficient, the engineer may recommend delaying the next mandatory review for up to five years, subject to the City Engineer's approval. Communities may submit updated engineering reports with the timeline based on the City Engineer's direction, but not to exceed five years, to extend the repaving timeline, based on the actual condition of the roads rather than an arbitrary timetable.

The planner states that at their November 10, 2025 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended the ordinance would apply to all private roads, not just gated communities. After that meeting, staff concluded that inclusion of all private roads would require creating a new section of code since the proposed ordinance related to the gated community part of the subdivision regulations.

Council President Horn inquired whether HOAs are adequately funding repaving over the proposed 15-year cycle. Planner Hardgrove explained that the Legacy community approval did not specifically address repaving and repaving would be a code compliant issue, while Haven Oaks' Development Agreement specifically addresses the repaving and the funding requirements.

Councilmember Rader noted that repaving is more cosmetic than a safety concern for private roads and that the proposed ordinance allows communities to delay repaving based on an engineer's report. Council President Horn emphasized that the City's primary concern is ensuring adequate funding exists for future repaving, rather than dictating specific timing. Attorney Smith added that communities could be asked to certify adequate financial reserves for repaving, but cautioned against the City becoming involved in HOA finances. Councilmember Rader suggested including a requirement for updated cost projections and reserve estimates if a delay in paving is requested. Mayor Dowless asked Engineer Lane why city roads are expected to last 20 years while HOA roads are on a 15-year cycle. Lane explained that city roads are typically paved with thicker asphalt (2 inches versus 1–1.5 inches for private roads), which wears more slowly. A core bore test can confirm pavement thickness and overall condition. Councilmember McElroy added that a pavement engineer can evaluate a private road's useful life based on standard guidelines, assessing depressions, potholes, patches, and cracks.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Caleb Castro, an Edgewood resident and President of the Lake Harbor HOA, stated that his community recently repaved all roads and expressed concern about differing standards for city roads versus HOA roads. He emphasized that private roads should be repaved based on need rather than adhering to a fixed 15-year timeline.

Following public comment, discussion continued among Councilmembers, staff, and Mayor Dowless. The Mayor suggested offering HOAs the opportunity to piggyback on city road repaving projects to save costs and expressed support for extending the repaving schedule to 20 years rather than 15. Councilmember Rader indicated support for the five-year review extension but did not support changing the repaving cycle from 15 years to 20 years. Planner Hardgrove recommended adding wording to the proposed ordinance for the second reading clarifying that the ordinance should account for both the cost of repaving and the status of community reserves.

## MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13 on first reading as presented, with a change to the ordinance that would require that, when considering a delay in repaving, HOAs must provide certification of adequate financial reserves, and that the City take into account both the projected cost of repaving and the status of the community's reserve funds.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lomas and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. Ordinance 2025-08: ECD Mixed Use

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2025-08 by title only. Planner Hardgrove began by stating that this is a continuation of the second reading of the ECD Mixed Use Ordinance. The Council's direction from the previous meeting was to incorporate all recommended changes and provide a clean ordinance for review. Planner Hardgrove confirmed the following key revisions made based on prior Council discussions:

#### Key Revisions:

- **Plaza Requirements:** A minimum size requirement was added for plazas situated in non-activity node Mixed Use developments.
- **Live/Work Units:** The regulation specifying required hours per week for live/work units was eliminated.
- **Signage:** The master sign plan required for Activity Node bonus applications must now include references to temporary signs.
- **Parking Configuration:** For Internal Commercial Streets, the number of parallel parking spaces allowed in a row was increased from three to four. Additionally, the size of the islands separating these parking stacks was increased from five feet to eight feet.

Planner Hardgrove noted that although public comments suggested changes in the amount of plaza seating, the seating requirement remains unchanged. The report notes that the current requirement provides a reasonable amount of seating; a minimum plaza size of 0.30 acre would require approximately 75 linear feet of seating, or roughly 12 standard benches.

Planner Hardgrove then presented AI generated site plans of the Bell Rental property as examples of potential redevelopment outcomes under the proposed ordinance. The Council held a brief discussion among themselves prior to proceeding with a motion and roll call vote. There was no public comment.

## MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-08 as presented on second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lomas and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Resolution 2025-06: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

Attorney Smith read Resolution 2025-06 by title only. Council reviewed the proposed budget amendments and memo from Clerk Riffle, and had no questions. There was no public comment.

## MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 as presented, adopting the final budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steele and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

### 2. Orange County Interlocal Agreement: Fire Prevention and Rescue Services

Council reviewed the proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Edgewood and Orange County, Florida, regarding the County's provision of fire prevention and rescue services. The amendment was initiated following the Orange County Board of County Commissioners' approval of an increase to the Urban Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services municipal service taxing unit (Fire MSTU) rate during its Fiscal Year 2025 budget process, which had a significant impact on the City's annual budget.

The Mayor confirmed that the County approached the City with this proposal. The intent of the amendment is to mitigate the budgetary impact by modifying the payment provisions of the original 2018 Agreement. Under the new formula, the City's obligation is calculated based on the lesser of the County's or the City's current year property value increase, a provision noted by the Mayor as ensuring the bill reflects "whatever is cheaper." This change is projected to save the City approximately \$35,000. The Mayor then voiced his support for approving the amendment.

During review, Council noted that the address listed in the agreement was incorrect, showing City Hall as Larue Avenue instead of Bagshaw Way. The address correction will be included as part of the motion.

There was no public comment.

## MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Edgewood and Orange County, Florida, regarding the County's provision of fire prevention and rescue services, as presented, with the correction of the City Hall address.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steele and approved by a roll call vote of 5-0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ryan Pierson, property owner of 5515 S. Orange Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the current zoning and allowable use of his property. He explained that the property, originally classified as C-1, was constructed and approved by the City as a 5,000-square-foot office warehouse. The Orange County Tax Collector recognizes the property as an industrial warehouse for taxation purposes.

On July 15, 2022, the use of a gym within the building was approved by the City, and parking was not considered an issue. Mr. Pierson stated that he understands the property must comply with City zoning but expressed concern that the previous property owner was not notified of the rezoning to the Edgewood Commercial District (ECD) in 2018, nor was he notified of any restrictions prior to purchasing the property. He further stated that he requested meeting minutes and documentation from City staff regarding the ECD but was told he could not have them.

Administrative Project Manager Sollazzo responded, apologizing for any confusion regarding the meeting minutes and documents request, and clarified that staff would not deny such a request. He confirmed that the following business day he would provide all relevant documents to Mr. Pierson.

Councilmember Rader explained that zoning specifies defined uses in the City Code. He noted that during the ECD approval process, which lasted two to three years and included public input, the allowable uses for each property were carefully vetted. He noted that prior to the property being zoned ECD, the property was classified as C-1, which does not permit industrial uses. While a parking variance could potentially ease related burdens, changing the use to warehouse would be contrary to the ECD vision.

Mr. Pierson emphasized that the building is currently designed as a warehouse, with an office in the front and storage in the rear. He noted that his request to have a HVAC installation business there was denied, limiting his ability to fully utilize the property. Councilmember Rader acknowledged that the building may be underutilized but stated that the Council is not interested in introducing warehousing in this corridor, as it would alter the intended pattern of development.

Attorney Smith clarified for the Council and the record that Mr. Pierson appears to be seeking formal direction from Council on next steps to allow certain uses at the site, such as office-warehouse operations. Planner Hardgrove added that the ECD regulations contain very specific permitted uses, many of which allow a retail or office in the front of a building, and the rear used for storage associated with the front use. But the type of retail and office uses that would be allowed are specifically those listed in the ECD regulation. The purpose of the listed uses is to support the residential component of Edgewood. She noted that HVAC installations are specifically prohibited in the ECD, though some specialized uses, such as medical equipment storage, may be allowed. She noted that the original use in the building (office/warehouse) should never have been approved as such is contrary to the C-1 zoning district. Furthermore, she noted that the parking ratio that was used for that original approval was for industrial use (1 space per 1,000 square feet) another anomaly since industrial uses have never been allowed in the C-1 zoning district.



Administrative Project Manager Sollazzo noted the quantity of parking on the property significantly limits the type of uses that can occupy the building. He presented two potential options for consideration; the owner could pursue a parking variance to allow one space per 1,000 square feet and explore whether Council would consider adding certain uses to the ECD list through a Special Exception, allowing uses that may be appropriate for this site.

Councilmember Rader inquired about interest from prospective buyers. Mr. Pierson stated that offers have been made, but only for less than the outstanding mortgage on the property. The Mayor noted that potential future changes to the parking code could help increase the potential uses of the property.

No formal action was taken during this discussion.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Police Chief DeSchryver**

The City recently hosted its Annual Trunk-or-Treat event, which drew a large crowd and was a great success thanks to the efforts of City Hall and Police Department staff. The Edgewood Police Department welcomed Christopher Camerer as its newest probationary officer, who is currently in “Week Zero.” The department also took delivery of a new patrol vehicle, with roughly 25% of the cost covered by a grant. Additionally, Melanie Judy has been hired as the new Evidence/Property & Records Clerk, with her official start date set for November.

### **2. Clerk Riffle**

Clerk Riffle was not in attendance, so Council reviewed her report, and Administrative Project Manager Sollazzo provided a brief overview. The City is managing multiple initiatives, including ongoing FY 2024/2025 Workers’ Compensation and Financial Audits. Council President Horn highlighted the upcoming March 10, 2026, municipal election, noting that Council seats held by Susan Lomas and Chris Rader are up for reelection, with candidate qualifying beginning January 5 and resources to be posted on the City website in December.

Administrative Project Manager Sollazzo brought up the Holiday Appreciation Luncheon and asked the Chief if he and Sandy had set a date; the Chief indicated it could possibly be Friday, December 12 or 19. Recent and upcoming events include a successful Truck-or-Treat and the Santa Fly-in on December 5, for which volunteers are being recruited.

### **3. Attorney Smith**

No report was provided by Attorney Smith this month.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **1. Mayor Dowless**

Mayor Dowless and Councilmember Steele met with representatives from the Florida League of Cities and South State Bank to review strategies for allocating city funds across various account types to maximize investment returns. Attorney Smith noted that while a formal resolution is not required, a formal vote by the Council is necessary to authorize the transfer of funds.

The Mayor reported ongoing discussions with Retail Strategies, a firm that assists with marketing city properties for redevelopment. Feedback from references has been mixed—some positive, some negative—and additional references are being contacted to gather further input.

Mayor Dowless will attend a meeting on November 19 with Orange County Mayor Demings to discuss the transportation tax. The Mayor also highlighted the city’s Christmas light display, praising its appearance and thanking Administrative Project Manager Sollazzo for securing the vendor and raising funds to cover 100% of the project costs. He noted that the

city could receive a 10% discount if a three-year agreement is signed with the vendor. After discussion, the Council approved entering into the three-year agreement.

## 2. Councilmember Rader

Councilmember Rader inquired about the forms and mandatory reporting required for his potential upcoming reelection. Attorney Smith confirmed that, at this time, the required form remains Form 1.

## 3. Councilmember Steele

Councilmember Steele wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

## 4. Councilmember Lomas

No report was provided by Councilmember Lomas this month.

## 5. Councilmember McElroy

No report was provided by Councilmember McElroy this month.

## 6. Council President Horn

No report was provided by Council President Horn this month.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rader. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

  
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Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:

  
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Brett Sollazzo, Administrative Project Manager