

City Commission Meeting
April 28, 2026
6:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Scott Tate, Mayor
Karen Marriott, Commissioner, District 1
Lisa Robinson, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 2
Al Causey, Commissioner, District 3
Jon Maldonado, Commissioner, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Frances Robustelli, City Manager | Adam Poirrier, Assistant City Manager |
| Ralf Brookes, City Attorney | Mandy Edmunds, Resident Services Director |
| Renee Rose, City Clerk | Devon Schmidt, Finance Director |
| Camden Mills, Public Services Director | Brandon Berry, Senior Planner |

Mayor Tate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice Mayor Robinson requested to add a discussion item about code enforcement as item 7a. City Clerk Rose added 2c as a proclamation recognizing the 75th anniversary of the St. Pete Beach Library and moving the CIP demo to 2d.

Motion: **Commissioner Marriott moved, Vice Mayor Robinson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 28, 2026 City Commission Agenda, as amended.**

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. St. Pete Beach Afterschool Program Good Citizens Awards

Director of Childcare Andria Nicholson recognized Vivian Clark and Jeremiah Neel as this year's afterschool program Explorers Club Good Citizens. The program serves up to 75 children, and honorees were chosen based on positive attitude, willingness to help others, and respect for equipment and materials. The recognition promotes goodwill and showcases outstanding youth within the community.

b. Recognition of the Employees of the 2nd Quarter

City Manager Frances Robustelli recognized five employees for outstanding service and dedication to the community. Each employee was commended for going above and beyond in their roles, demonstrating professionalism, strong work ethic, teamwork, and commitment to service. The Employees of the 2nd Quarter, as selected by their peers, are: Ken Kosbab, Public Services; Autumn Kelso, Fire Department; Kristin Coman, Community Development; Angela Pietras, Residential Services; and Michelle Curtis, Internal Services.

c. Proclamation Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the St. Pete Beach Public Library

Mayor Tate read a proclamation celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the St. Pete Beach Public Library into the record.

d. Capital Improvement Plan Public Dashboard Demo

Public Services Director Camden Mills provided an update on the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and introduced a new public dashboard designed to improve transparency and public access to project information. His presentation is part of the meeting record. As of Quarter 2 (January–March 2026), the City is managing 53 CIP projects, with the majority in the design or procurement phase, 11 in active construction, and four completed since the previous quarter. One project remains on hold pending grant funding, and another is delayed due to coordination with external utility work. He highlighted progress on several key infrastructure initiatives, including the wastewater pump station rehabilitation, which is currently under construction with anticipated completion later this year, and ongoing wastewater and stormwater system cleaning and inspection projects. These efforts are

generating system-wide condition data to guide future repairs and capital planning, with additional contracts and repairs underway to address priority needs. His presentation also included a demonstration of the new public-facing dashboard, which will allow users to view project locations, status, timelines, funding sources, and alignment with the City's strategic priorities. The platform is designed as a regularly updated, interactive tool to enhance transparency and community engagement, with public access expected to be available on the City's website by the end of the week.

Discussion focused on the scope and functionality of the CIP public dashboard. Mr. Mills confirmed the dashboard currently reflects active projects for Fiscal Year 2026, with potential to expand to multi-year views in the future. Additional features were requested, including mapping of completed and ongoing stormwater work to better track progress. Clarification was provided on project metrics, including updated stormwater inspection progress, which increased from approximately 23% to 38%. There was concern about the pace of progress given the approaching hurricane season and it was encouraged to accelerate work where possible. There were questions about the extent of the wastewater force main project, with confirmation that City responsibility includes work extending off-island along the existing alignment. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the dashboard initiative and Mr. Mills recognized the collaborative efforts of staff, including IT and GIS, in developing the tool.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Lauren Mones, Pass-a-Grille, alleged misuse of law enforcement to intimidate her and her husband, disputed claims of threats and excessive contact, and requested correction of the record and accountability for alleged false reporting.

Ron Vigneault, Pass-a-Grille, noted frustration with City leadership, alleging misrepresentation, lack of responsiveness, and inappropriate involvement of law enforcement, and called for renewed dialogue, adherence to prior Commission direction, and review of the City Attorney's role.

John Kurzman, Bahia Honda Way, provided information on the use of mothballs in wildlife protection, noting that such actions are intended to protect nests, and requested additional public workshops on proposed beach ordinance changes due to their scope and complexity.

4. CONSENT

- a. Approval of the April 14, 2026 City Commission Meeting Minutes
- b. ~~Authorize the City Manager to execute a Services Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with WSP USA, Inc. for the Don CeSar & Boca Ciega Area Resiliency Adaptation capital improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00~~
- c. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Services Agreement with BeKlear Solutions for Financial Services Consultant not to Exceed \$60,000

Vice Mayor Robinson requested to pull item b for further discussion.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robinson moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the April 28, 2026 City Commission Consent Agenda, as amended.

- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Services Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with WSP USA, Inc. for the Don CeSar & Boca Ciega Area Resiliency Adaptation capital improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00

Discussion highlighted the proposed \$800,000 agreement, noting it represents an initial design and planning phase of a much larger long-term effort. Mr. Mills explained that the project area was previously identified in a 2021 study, which estimated approximately \$123 million in total improvements across multiple neighborhoods and drainage basins to address flooding and stormwater challenges. This current effort will advance those

concepts into preliminary design, evaluate alternatives, and establish a framework for future implementation, including identifying funding sources and permitting requirements. This phase is intended to develop a scalable approach that can be applied to other areas of the City. The importance of pursuing state, federal, and other funding opportunities was highlighted, along with the need for community input to determine desired levels of service and resilience.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robinson moved, Commissioner Causey seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Consent Item b, Authorize the City Manager to execute a Services Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with WSP USA, Inc. for the Don CeSar & Boca Ciega Area Resiliency Adaptation capital improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00.

5. ORDINANCES

a. Final Reading Ordinance 2026-08: Amending Chapter 66 of the Police Officers' Retirement System
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT; ARTICLE III, POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 66-230 SHARE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Brookes read Ordinance 2026-08 in title only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robinson moved, Commissioner Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt the final reading of Ordinance 2026-08.

b. Emergency Ordinance 2026-10: Amending Land Development Code Division 26 – Signs
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.11 OF THE CITY'S CHARTER, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO SIGNS BY CREATING SUBSECTION 26.14.(w) TO PROHIBIT SIGNS, POSTS, AND POLES WITHIN FIFTY (50) FEET LANDWARD OF THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF THE GULF; PROVIDING FOR RECITALS AND FINDING OF EMERGENCY, CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND AN EXPIRATION DATE.

Attorney Brookes read Emergency Ordinance 2026-10 in title only.

City Manager Robustelli presented a brief report on a proposed emergency ordinance addressing signage on the beach, specifically focusing on single-post signs located within 50 feet landward of the mean high water line. She explained that most structures are prohibited on the beach under the City's Land Development Code and state regulations; however, certain warning signs are permitted if they meet size and placement standards. The proposed ordinance is structured to address safety concerns related to poles being placed near the waterline. She highlighted two modifications based on public feedback: allowing entities working in partnership with or serving a public function, such as Turtle Trackers, to place signs, and clarifying that existing provisions for permitted beach businesses' A-frame signs would remain. If approved, the emergency ordinance would take effect immediately, with a first reading of a permanent ordinance and a 60-day period to evaluate effectiveness and gather additional community input.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dominic Isgro, spoke in support of the emergency ordinance. He highlighted the importance of clearly defining the mean high water line (MHWL), noting it is a legally established boundary based on long-term data and not

the visible shoreline at a given time. The effectiveness of the ordinance depends on accurate determination of this boundary. He suggested the City consider expanding prohibited items to avoid potential loopholes and encouraged pursuing a long-term solution by establishing customary use of the beach through ordinance.

Jack Martynow, Gulf Blvd., shared concerns regarding enforcement and requested clear identification of the 50-foot setback from the mean high water line to ensure consistency. He encouraged public education on public versus private beach areas and noted that existing signage helps define property boundaries and support safety and enforcement efforts.

Alesya Gagnon, Weber, Crabb & Wein, PA, shared concerns that the ordinance may be unconstitutional, citing potential First and Fifth Amendment issues, including unequal treatment of government versus private signage and overly broad language. She noted possible conflicts with state law, particularly regarding trespass notice requirements, and raised concerns about practical enforcement due to unclear property boundaries.

Robert Czyszczon, Gulf Blvd., shared concerns about enforceability, noting the mean high water line is not visibly marked, making the 50-foot setback difficult to measure. He highlighted private property rights to the mean high water line, described prior efforts to mark boundaries, and asked the City to collaborate with property owners on clear boundary identification before adopting the ordinance.

John Kurzman, Bahia Honda Way, questioned the 50-foot setback standard and its reliance on the mean high water line, noting variability and legal complexity. He shared concerns regarding property boundaries, deed interpretations, and public beach rights, and questioned whether private property extends to the shoreline in all cases.

Commission discussion focused on balancing public safety, enforceability, and property rights related to signage near the shoreline. Concerns were raised regarding the practicality of using the mean high water line as a reference point due to its variability and difficulty for property owners and enforcement staff to identify. The primary intent of the ordinance is to address safety hazards, particularly posts and rebar near or in the water. Discussion included whether to reference the mean high water line, the visible water line, or both, with some support for inclusion of both for flexibility, while there were some questions about enforceability and potential vagueness. Staff and legal counsel explained that the mean high water line provides a legally recognized, measurable standard, while enforcement would focus on clear and obvious violations, with voluntary compliance prioritized before formal action. Additional considerations included potential legal defensibility, existing agreements affecting certain properties, and coordination with state regulations. There was general support for addressing immediate safety concerns through an emergency ordinance, while acknowledging the need for further discussion, stakeholder input, and possible refinement through a community meeting before adopting a long-term solution. There was consensus to proceed with the emergency ordinance as an interim measure, including a seven calendar day compliance period, with the understanding that additional review and potential revisions would follow within the ordinance's 60-day timeframe.

Motion: Commissioner Marriott moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2026-10 as amended to read (w) Any temporary, portable, or permanent sign, or any post or pole regardless of whether it contains a sign that is installed, placed or otherwise caused or allowed to exist within 50 feet landward of the mean high water line (MHWL) of the Gulf as measured at a 90 degree angle perpendicular to the MWHL, unless the sign is an official sign installed and required by the State of Florida, the United States, or another government entity having jurisdiction, or installed by a marine turtle permit holder, a nesting shorebird permit holder, or an individual group or agency acting in partnership with or authorized to act on behalf of a government agency with jurisdiction, where such sign serves a public safety, law enforcement, emergency management, regulatory, navigation, beach access management, or environmental or natural resource protection purpose. Existing beachfront watercraft

operators are allowed one portable A-frame sign within 40 feet of the visible water line if placed after dawn and removed at sunset. Any sign, post or pole in conflict with this prohibition must be removed within 7 calendar days of adoption of Ordinance 2026-10. This requirement is cumulative of, and not in lieu of all other applicable provisions of this code. To the extent of a conflict, this requirement controls for property within the area within 50 feet of the mean high water line. Commissioner Causey voted no.

c. First Reading Ordinance 2026-11: Amending Land Development Code Division 26 – Signs

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO SIGNS BY CREATING SUBSECTION 26.14.(w) TO PROHIBIT SIGNS, POSTS, AND POLES WITHIN FIFTY (50) FEET LANDWARD OF THE MEAN HIGH WATER LINE OF THE GULF; PROVIDING FOR RECITALS, CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONSTRUCTION, PUBLICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Brookes read Emergency Ordinance 2026-11 in title only.

Discussion included the ordinance adoption process, including timing requirements for first and second readings within the 60-day emergency period. It was clarified that approving the first reading would allow the process to move forward, while the ordinance would not become effective unless adopted on second reading. Delaying the first reading could require restarting the process. There was support for proceeding with the first reading using language consistent with the emergency ordinance, including compliance timelines. There was interest in refining the ordinance prior to second reading, highlighting potential gaps and the need for additional input. Discussion included holding a community meeting to allow for open dialogue with residents and stakeholders. The goal would be to gather feedback, address concerns, and work toward a more balanced and practical long-term solution before final adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Kurzman, Bahia Honda Way, questioned the placement of posts/fencing in beach areas, raised concerns about permitting consistency and property boundaries, and suggested using a more stable reference point than the mean high water line for regulation.

Motion: Commissioner Maldonado moved, Vice Mayor Robinson seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 2026-11, as amended to include the language approved in Emergency Ordinance 2026-10. Commissioner Causey voted no.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution 2026-10 (Conditional Use Permit No. 25127): 9555 Blind Pass Rd and adjacent submerged land. This is a companion to Variance 26046.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PLAYING OF OUTDOOR MUSIC IN AN OUTDOOR DINING AND DRINKING AREA PURSUANT TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 15.4.(n) AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL DOCK FACILITY CONTAINING MARINA USES AND “CLASS A” TRANSIENT SLIPS PURSUANT TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 15.4.(m)&(r), AT PROPERTY WITH ADDRESS OF 9555 BLIND PASS ROAD AND ADJACENT SUBMERGED LAND; INCORPORATING THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED HEREIN; AND PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER’S ERROR AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Brookes read Resolution 2026-10 in title only. City Clerk Rose swore in anyone speaking or testifying before the Commission.

Ex-parte disclosure:

Commissioner Marriott reviewed emails, conducted site visits, held discussions with neighboring residents and with applicant representatives.

Vice Mayor Robinson read comments, reviewed the packet and codes, familiar with area, knows an employee of rentals.

Mayor Tate read correspondence and materials in the packet and is familiar with property.

Commissioner Causey conducted a site visit.

Commissioner Maldonado reviewed the material in the packet and reviewed emails.

Senior Planner Brandon Berry presented a request for a Conditional Use Permit and associated variances for redevelopment of the Blind Pass Marina property located at 9555 Blind Pass Road. His presentation is part of the meeting record. The request includes two components: (1) redevelopment of the existing restaurant into an open-air eating and drinking establishment with outdoor music, which requires conditional use approval; and (2) reconstruction of the existing commercial dock facility to support marina operations, including liveaboards and transient slips, which also requires conditional use approval due to current code requirements and 4 unnecessary and undue hardship variances. Mr. Berry explained that while the restaurant use itself is permitted, the addition of outdoor music requires Commission approval. The proposed design shifts from a largely enclosed structure to an open-air concept, raising potential concerns related to noise and compatibility with nearby residential uses. The dock component involves redevelopment of an existing, legally established facility that predates current regulations. Because the proposal does not fully conform to current dimensional standards, four variances are requested related to dock width, length, and required setbacks. Mr. Berry noted that the redesign reduces some impacts, including reorientation of slips away from adjacent residential properties, but still requires relief from current code standards. Planning staff found the requests generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including policies supporting commercial redevelopment and marina uses, while highlighting the need to mitigate potential impacts such as noise, water quality, and compatibility with surrounding properties. Staff recommended conditions including limitations on outdoor music hours and location, decibel restrictions with a sound governor, orientation of speakers, and provisions for enforcement and review. Additional conditions address dock operations, boating safety education, and restrictions on future expansion or additional marina-related uses without further approval.

Applicant Representative Brian Aungst testified on behalf of Ping Pong Partners and presented a proposal to redevelop the Blind Pass Marina property, highlighting an owner-operated, high-quality, and family-friendly project intended to revitalize a storm-damaged and underutilized site. The project includes redevelopment of the existing restaurant into an open-air dining concept with outdoor music and reconstruction of the marina facilities. Mr. Aungst noted the property has historically operated as a restaurant and marina with liveaboards for decades, and the proposal maintains those uses while improving quality and operations. The marina redesign reduces overall intensity by decreasing the number of slips, increasing slip size, and reconfiguring docking to minimize impacts on neighboring properties, including shifting to parallel docking along the northern edge and eliminating some encroachments. Anthony Pidala, J Foster Consulting, said the dock footprint remains largely consistent with the existing lease area and that requested variances are necessary due to prior nonconforming conditions and substantial hurricane damage. He noted design improvements to increase resilience, including upgraded dock materials and configurations intended to better withstand storm conditions. Testimony also addressed regulatory coordination, noting that state agencies have reviewed the project. Regarding the restaurant component, Mr. Aungst stated that outdoor music would be limited in scope and controlled through agreed-upon conditions, including use of a sound governor, speaker orientation away from residential areas, and restricted hours. He noted a commitment to being a good neighbor and complying with all conditions, acknowledging that any violations could result in review or revocation of the approval. The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, comparable to similar marina redevelopments, and represents a significant improvement over existing conditions while maintaining compatibility with the surrounding community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Bloom, Blind Pass Rd., requested clarification on whether a traffic study will be conducted for Blind Pass Road and Gulf Boulevard, noting concerns about increased congestion, parking, and safety impacts from the proposed development.

William Webster, Blind Pass Rd., raised concerns about waterway congestion and navigation safety due to oversized boats and proposed dock plans, suggesting removal of docks on the north to improve maneuverability and reduce risks.

Aron Zions, Blind Pass Rd., noted previous discussions with the developer, outlining conditions related to sound, dock use, building height, drainage, parking, and access, and stated general support for the project if those items are addressed.

Steven Bono, Blind Pass Rd., expressed general support for the project following discussions with the developer, while noting concerns about noise and short-term rentals, and emphasized the importance of maintaining a good neighborhood environment.

Karen Strykowski, Blind Pass Rd., raised concerns about limited notice, lack of a traffic study, sightline safety, environmental issues, and access, and requested clarification on the submerged land lease, noise impacts, and protection of an osprey nest.

Discussion established support for the proposed redevelopment, noting the opportunity to revitalize a blighted property and introduce a higher-quality, family-oriented use. There was reference to positive community feedback, while acknowledging concerns raised by nearby residents. Questions to staff and the applicant focused on infrastructure and operational details, including stormwater management, traffic impacts, marina operations, and regulatory approvals. Mr. Berry clarified that stormwater and traffic analyses would be addressed during the site plan and permitting stages, with coordination required through FDOT and other agencies. Discussion also addressed marina-specific components, including liveaboard regulations, pump out requirements, and compliance with state and county permitting processes. Mr. Aungst confirmed that required facilities and plans would be implemented and that additional approvals are needed before final development. Concerns were raised regarding noise, particularly related to outdoor music and liveaboard activity, as well as potential impacts to adjacent properties and neighboring communities. Mr. Aungst reiterated proposed mitigation measures, including sound controls, operational limitations, and active management, and acknowledged that violations could result in enforcement actions or review of the conditional use. Additional discussion included marina layout and navigation, particularly the placement of transient slips and potential impacts on neighboring docks, as well as overall traffic and parking considerations. These issues will be addressed through the permit process. Conditions of approval were discussed, including whether the conditional use should run with the property or operator, and the use of “periodic review” to maintain oversight and flexibility for future enforcement or evaluation.

Motion: Commissioner Marriott moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2026-10.

b. Variance No. 26046: 9555 Blind Pass Rd and adjacent submerged land. This is a companion to Conditional Use Permit 25127.

Attorney Brookes read the Variance Request in title only, noting it is a companion to Resolution 2026-10.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward.

Motion: Commissioner Marriott moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve Variance 26046.

c. Resolution 2026-11: Amending the Parking Fee Schedule to Include Electric Vehicle Charging Fees

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PARKING FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN UPDATED EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Brookes read Resolution 2026-11 in title only.

Finance Director Devon Schmidt presented Resolution 2026-11, amending the City's parking fee schedule to include fees for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Her presentation is part of the meeting record. The City currently operates four public EV charging stations, which are free to use; however, the City absorbs all electricity, maintenance, and replacement costs. This resolution will transition to a fee-based model to ensure long-term financial sustainability. Cost analysis showed annual electricity usage of approximately 30,797 kWh, totaling about \$7,800, with additional service fees bringing total annual operating costs to approximately \$11,500. The proposed fee structure includes a tiered rate of \$0.47 per kWh for the first four hours and \$0.94 per kWh thereafter to encourage turnover. Enforcement measures would include ticketing or towing for non-EVs occupying charging spaces and for EVs not actively charging. Clear signage will be installed at each location outlining rates and rules. Projected annual revenue is approximately \$17,253, resulting in an estimated net surplus of \$5,600, which would be used for maintenance and future infrastructure needs, including equipment replacement.

There were questions regarding the proposed EV charging program, including confirmation that charging spaces are reserved for EV use at all times and clarification of the tiered rate structure. Discussion addressed maintenance and replacement costs, with Assistant City Manager Poirrier clarifying that the previously cited \$6,000 expense reflected storm-related repairs across multiple units rather than the cost of a single replacement. Ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be lower, and the proposed fee structure is intended to build a reserve for future repairs and replacements. There were additional questions about usage coordination with the City's microtransit provider and potential future infrastructure needs. Mr. Poirrier indicated that existing charging locations are separate and that future changes may depend on the direction of the microtransit program. Further discussion focused on rate comparisons with other communities and how pricing was determined. Mr. Poirrier noted that rates are generally in line with regional benchmarks, though exact comparisons vary due to demand-based pricing models used elsewhere. Discussion also touched on insurance coverage and whether EV charging infrastructure is included under existing policies, with Mr. Poirrier indicating further review may be needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robinson moved, Commissioner Marriott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2026-11.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Discussion on Code Enforcement (Added)

Vice Mayor Robinson raised concerns regarding the consistency and accuracy of noise enforcement related to outdoor music. Current practices are not consistently following procedures, leading to incomplete or unreliable data when responding to complaints. Issues raised included instances where decibel readings were not taken, lack of documented compliance or violations, and limited availability of trained personnel or equipment during after-hours enforcement. Concerns were also expressed about ensuring fairness to both residents and businesses through accurate and documented enforcement. Assistant City Manager Poirrier explained that enforcement involves coordination with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, with deputies using City-provided sound meters and prioritizing compliance over citations. While data is collected and tracked in many cases, operational

challenges such as staffing limitations, call prioritization, and variability in complaint types can impact response and documentation. Discussion focused on potential improvements, including evaluating whether additional resources, on-call personnel, or process adjustments may be needed.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robinson moved, Commissioner Maldonado seconded, and the motion carried 4-1 to extend the meeting to 10:15pm. Commissioner Marriott voted no.

It was also suggested that concerns could be reviewed further through data analysis and potentially addressed during the budget process. City Manager Robustelli encouraged Commissioners to share specific locations of concern to allow for follow-up and proactive compliance efforts. There was agreement to further review enforcement practices and data to determine whether additional action is warranted.

9. CITY CLERK, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, AND CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

Renee Rose, City Clerk – She reported that the City Clerk’s Office is still seeking applications for vacancies on the Board of Adjustment and the Police Pension Board.

Frances Robustelli, City Manager – She provided a reminder that sea turtle nesting season begins May 1. Code Enforcement will conduct proactive compliance audits and outreach prior to the season, followed by enforcement during the nesting period. The public and beachfront property owners were encouraged to comply with turtle lighting requirements and to remove beach items after use to support conservation efforts.

City Attorney Brookes – He introduced Chloe Berryman with Vose Law. She will be sitting in on May 12.

Commissioner Maldonado – nothing to report

Commissioner Causey – nothing to report

Vice Mayor Robinson – She provided a reminder that the Library offers tech help services by appointment on Saturdays and walk-ins on Mondays.

Commissioner Marriott – nothing to report

Mayor Tate – He reported that, as a matter of practice, resident communications will be routed to the appropriate district commissioner and relevant staff to ensure coordination and transparency. He also highlighted ongoing outreach to neighboring communities to share best practices and identify opportunities for improvement.

Mayor Tate adjourned the meeting at 10:07pm.

MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 12, 2026



RENEE ROSE
CITY CLERK



SCOTT TATE
MAYOR