



1ST BUDGET HEARING AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM

DRAFT 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

Clerk Riffle confirmed a quorum with all elected officials present.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

City Clerk Sandra Riffle
Chief Dean DeSchryver
Deputy Chief Miguel Garcia
City Attorney Drew Smith
City Planner Ellen Hardgrove

C. FIRST BUDGET HEARING

1. Ordinance 2026-11: Adopt Final Levy FY 2026/2027

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-11 in title only.

Clerk Riffle reviewed changes to the proposed budget and said that since the budget workshop, Police Department HRA reimbursements increased, and City Hall insurance costs decreased slightly. Chief DeSchryver further discussed the increase in FRS and the 25% increase in health insurance premium costs.

There was no public comment.

Council President Lomas moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-11, setting the City of Edgewood's millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 at 5.250 mills, which represents a 6.97 percent increase over the roll-back rate of 4.9077 mills. Seconded by Councilmember McElroy. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

2. Resolution 2026-07: Tentative Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Attorney Smith read Resolution 2026-07 in title only.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Santurri moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-07, a Resolution adopting the tentative budget and confirming the date of the second public hearing for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Tuesday, August 11, 2026 City Council Draft Meeting Minutes

Council President Horn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by voice vote (5/0).

E. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)

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

1. Ordinance 2026-05: Fence Scrivener's Error

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-05 in title only. He said there were no changes to the ordinance for the 2nd reading.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-05. Seconded by Councilmember Santurri. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

2. Ordinance 2026-06: Smoke Shop & Convenience Store Definitions

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-06 in title only. He noted that at first reading, lighters were removed from the paraphernalia items list.

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-06. Seconded by Councilmember Santurri. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

3. Ordinance 2026-07: Fire Assessment

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-07 in title only. He explained the ordinance created the "shell" within the code. It does not actually create the assessment. He confirmed to Mayor Dowless that this is the statutory process.

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-07. Seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

4. Ordinance 2026-08: CBA Adoption

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2026-08 in title only.

There were no changes since the first reading. There was no public comment.

Councilmember Santurri made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-08. Seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-04: Amend Live Scan Fingerprinting Fees

Attorney Smith read Resolution 2026-04 in title only.

Clerk Riffle explained the resolution changed fees affected by changes in the FBI price standards.

Councilmember McElroy made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04. Seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

2. Resolution 2026-06: Equipment Lease

Attorney Smith read Resolution 2026-06 in title only. He said this formally approves the police fleet purchase.

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Santurri made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-06. Seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

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

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS**K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES****L. STAFF REPORTS**

City Attorney Smith - No report.

Police Chief DeSchryver

1. Chief's Report August 2026

Chief DeSchryver discussed LPR cameras, including the brand name "Flock." He said cities and states have used LPR cameras for decades. Audits are done monthly, and any abuse leads to disciplinary action. The City had one camera, which was removed.

In response to Council President Horn, Chief DeSchryver said the cameras have aided in some hit-and-run investigations and were able to capture a description of a vehicle and tag. Cameras are also part of data sharing with other agencies.

One officer finished field training and is now on solo patrol. The department could benefit from having another Spanish-speaking officer and a female officer.

City Clerk Riffle

1. Clerk's Report September 2026

Clerk Riffle reported that the pipe repair on The Oaks Circle was completed. The road area where the work was performed will be repaired soon.

City Hall and the Police Department have begun the groundwork for the 2025/2026 financial audit.

Code Compliance Officer Zane

1. Code Compliance Report September 2026

M. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Dowless

Mayor Dowless reminded the Council that the Tri-County League of Cities luncheon meeting will discuss AI use and public records request requirements. He recommended attending the meeting.

He said he requested a "Do Not Block" box at Harbor Island Road and Orange Avenue, but FDOT denied it.

He asked for yellow lines to be painted at the end of Jessamine Lane and expected that would happen by the end of the week.

Councilmember Lomas - No report.

Councilmember McElroy - No report.

Councilmember Santurri - No report.

Councilmember Steele - No report.

Council President Horn - No report.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk