

# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 – 5:15 PM



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## MINUTES

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Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – **Mayor Johnson**

Roll Call

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Matt Johnson, Vice Mayor Connie Butler, Council Member Ed Gaw (via Teams), Council Member Steven Kelley, Council Member Thomas Smith

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney, Steve Kennedy, City Manager, Mike Null, Assistant City Manager, Erin West, City Clerk

Mayor to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda. No comments.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. City Council discussion and direction regarding modification to schedule and budget for current general fund CIP projects. **Mike Null**  
Assistant City Manager Mike Null updates the Council on the projects.  
City Manager Steve Kennedy speaks concerning funding and the cost of projects.  
Council discussion followed concerning timelines and funding sources.  
Van Royal speaks about the architecture supporting the stormwater and increasing the fees to help cover deficit in the general fund CIP. Mr. Royal also speaks about bonding the projects.  
Mr. Kennedy speaks more concerning funding and asks Finance Director, Dorothy Abbott to speak on fund balances.  
Ms. Abbott speaks concerning fund balances and the funding of projects. Currently there are no issues with the fund balances.
2. City Council discussion and direction regarding modification to schedule and budget for current stormwater fund CIP projects and stormwater fees for the FY 24 budget cycle. **Mike Null**  
Assistant City Manager Mike Null updates the Council on the stormwater projects.  
Council discussion followed concerning stormwater fees and projects.  
City Manager Steve Kennedy speaks about other sources of funding and advises can be decreased in the future if the need is there.  
Van Royal speaks about construction costs and interest rates.  
Mr. Null speaks about the stormwater fees.  
Council discussion followed concerning the stormwater fees.  
Mr. Royal speaks in favor of an increase in the stormwater fees.  
Council directs staff to input 25 in the first reading of the ordinance for the stormwater fees.
3. City Council discussion and direction regarding Solid Waste rates for the FY 24 budget cycle. **Mike Null**  
Assistant City Manager Mike Null updates the Council on the projects.  
Council discussion followed concerning the projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

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Erin West, City Clerk