



CITY COMMISSION AND CRA BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

Monday, June 01, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Historic City Hall, Commission Chambers – 225 East Main Street, Suite 105

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INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Nadaskay called the workshop to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Anne Miller
Mayor Pro Tem Russell Smith
Mayor Keith Nadaskay
Commissioner Sherri Albritton
Commissioner Gary Smith

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Olivia Minshew
Deputy City Manager John Eason
Assistant City Manager Sandee Braxton
City Clerk Stephanie Camacho
Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens
CRA Director Jessica Newman
Community Development Director Kyle Long
Director of Project Management and Procurement Ward Grimes
Chief of Police Ron Curtis

OPEN COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Nadaskay opened the City Commission workshop.

1. WPD Swearing In - Officer Maria Quinones

Curtis introduced Officer Maria Quinones and swore her in to office.

2. Code Enforcement Updates

Bergens reviewed the open and closed code enforcement cases since the last update.

3. Discussion re Flooring at the Depot

Kaylee Webb - Hardee County Chamber of Commerce

Webb addressed the Commission and presented a flooring concept, modified from May's meeting. A representative from the flooring company was present to answer

questions. He stated the new concept was a concrete overlay and had a variety of color options. Webb explained the safety issues with the current floor and stated this new floor would eliminate those concerns.

The Commission request Long present the concept to the Historic Preservation Board at their 6/22/26 meeting to get their recommendation and bring the item back at the July workshop.

4. Ordinance 2026-10 PUD for Sheriff's Office Complex & Detention Facility

Marisa Barmby - Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Barmby presented the staff report for the zoning request from the Hardee County BOCC. The request was to zone the property as Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Agriculture (AG). Barmby reviewed the applicant's master development plan, noting the concept was only a draft due to timeline constraints and changes were expected to be made.

Bo Conerly - Kimley Horn

Conerly answered questions from the Commission.

Barmby stated the Planning & Zoning Board would hear the ordinance at their 6/15/26 meeting and confirmed changes to the master development plan could be made between first and second reading.

Mark Gilliard - 932 Heardbridge Rd

Gilliard addressed the Commission and asked them to consider the buffer between the detention facility and the residential area on Heardbridge Rd. He also asked for consideration on potential drainage issues and dumpster locations.

5. RFI 26-01 Potential Sites for Senior Center

Long addressed the Commission, explaining the grant funds received and the constraints with the current location. He stated staff felt it would be best to look for a different location. Long presented the document and reviewed the criteria proposed by staff.

6. ITB 26-02 Award Recommendation

Long presented the recommendation to award the bid to Excavation Point. Long pointed out that the engineer did note there were some insurance inconsistencies in the auto coverage however, after reviewing with the City attorney, it was determined the overall insurance limits would cover any potential issues.

7. Resolution 2026-12 Wauchula Deepwell Potable Water and Fire Safety Improvements

Eason presented the resolution for the grant agreement with FDEP in the amount of \$1,332,938.00.

8. Discussion re Red Light Cameras

Curtis provided information to the Commission regarding the topic. Curtis stated the cost for these cameras is very expensive and shared some concerns regarding not being able to recoup enough fees to cover the rental of the equipment. Curtis stated there is a current traffic study being conducted to see if there may be a need however, a previous study did not support the program.

9. Discussion to Reserve July 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm for Budget Workshop

Minshaw requested to reserve the date and time for budget workshop and also advertise for a regular workshop if needed.

10. September Workshop Consideration - Labor Day

The Commission preferred to cancel the regular workshop for September.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

No report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Report given.

CITY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No report.

CLOSE COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Nadaskay closed the City Commission workshop.

OPEN CRA WORKSHOP

Nadaskay opened the CRA workshop.

11. CRA RFP 26-02 Permanent Outdoor Sound System

Newman presented the document to receive bids for the design and installation of a permanent outdoor sound system at the Heritage Park pavilion.

REMINDERS**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the workshop at 7:22 pm.