MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council

May 12, 2026

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hearn provided the invocation, and the Cocoa Police Department led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Michael C. Blake	Mayor
	Alex Goins	Deputy Mayor (arrived 6:05pm)
	Lavander Hearn	Councilmember
	Patricia Weeks	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	City Clerk
ABSENT:	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Abigail Morgan, Public Works Director; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Evander Collier, Police Chief; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Lorne Stinnett, HR Director; Mary Humbert, Director of Business Systems and Innovation; Samantha Senger, Communications & Economic Development Director; Jen Webster, Planner;

Luci Ribeiro, Planner; Mitch Lawyer, Interim Chief Technology Officer; and David Grissom, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026. (2026-329).

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Weeks to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove Consent item V.9.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Minutes: Special Meeting of February 17, 2026. (2026-381).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Hearn; Seconded by Councilmember Weeks to approve the February 17, 2026 meeting minutes as written.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn,

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Minutes: Special Emergency Meeting of February 23, 2026. (2026-330).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn to approve the February 23, 2026 meeting minutes as written.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

III. Awards and Presentations:

1. National Public Works Appreciation Week Proclamation (2026-351). (Public Works Director)

A proclamation was read into the record.

2. Council approval for a Proclamation declaring May 11–17, 2026 as National Police Week. (2026-371). (Police Chief)

A proclamation was read into the record.

IV. Delegations:

V. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Change Order #1 in the amount of $40,000 to the existing Purchase Order (84226) of $65,000 to Stewart Electric Motor Works, Inc piggybacking Brevard County contract 22-23-154-AG for a total amount of $105,000. (2026-232). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute, the First Amendment to Purchase Agreement to RFQ-23-13-COC, Continuing Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., for Engineering Services for Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Disposal Systems. (2026-355). (Utilities Director)

3. Approve a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, BAF# 26-059-A, through the use of Interest revenues in the Building Fund to Building Code Enforcement Operating to purchase equipment for the Code Enforcement Officers. (2026-358). (Community Services Director)

4. Approve Change Order #2 to Purchase Order 84840 with 2W Construction Corp DBA 2W Solutions in the amount of $35,000 for the State Housing Initiative Project (SHIP) Rehabilitation Project at 1917 Furman Court bringing the total project cost to $101,618. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Change Order, exceeding the City Manager's signing authority. (2026-360). (Community Services Director)

5. Fourth Amendment to the Existing Interlocal Agreement for Stormwater Education and Outreach between the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, and the City of Cocoa. (2026-363). (Public Works Director)

6. Approval of Resolution 2026-034 to adopt the Executive Management Team Benefits Policy. (2026-380). (HR Director)

7. Approve a multi-year agreement with Atlantic Pipe Services for stormwater pipe inspections, cleaning, and repairs through piggybacking of the Village Center Community Development District Contract No. RFP #24P-007, through its current remaining term which expires September 30, 2026. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, including any amendments and a two-year renewal term upon mutual written consent. Authorize the City Manager to issue purchase orders and change orders within his established signing authority. (2026-364). (Public Works Director)

8. Approve a request from Lennar Homes for a 60-Day Deadline Extension for Substantial Completion of Common Horizontal Infrastructure for the Michael C. Blake Subdivision Project. (2026-390). (Planner/City Manager)

9. ~~Authorize Councilmember Hearn to attend the Elected Officials Dinner at the 2026 Florida's Training for Emergency Management Symposium. (2026-391). (Councilmember Hearn)~~

* **MOTION by Councilmember Hearn; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins to approve the Consent agenda.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VI. Public Hearings:

1. 603 Brevard Ave Hotel Development Agreement and Concept Plan. (2026-367). (Planner)

Ms. Webster provided a presentation[1]. Ms. Webster shared the location of the project and reviewed the project's history. Additionally, she shared the conceptual site plan and the following requested enhancements:

1. Provide roadway, drainage, and sidewalk improvements to John Garren Lane and Factory Street, creating angled parking spaces for public use on John Garren.
2. Contribute $500,000 to the City to construct additional off-site parking in the Central Business District, to ensure that the Project will provide enhanced parking availability for both hotel guests and the public.
3. Construct utilities that will serve Property, including but not limited to electric, cable, phone and fiber optic, underground.
4. Incorporate the use of energy efficient building methods and materials in the new hotel.

She reviewed the variances and waivers being requested by the applicant in regards to parking and landscaping.

[1] Exhibit A: 603 Brevard Ave Hotel DA & Concept Plan 05-12-26

Ms. Webster shared that prior action was taken on May 6, 2026, when the Planning and Zoning Board recommended that City Council approve the Development Agreement.

Ultimately, staff concludes that adoption of the Development Agreement:

- Supports the City's and Cocoa Redevelopment Agency's long-standing goals while remaining consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and zoning policies.
- Contributes to the economic and social vitality of the City and Community Redevelopment Agency and enhance the aesthetic character of Cocoa Village.
- Hotel's scale and massing are compatible with surrounding buildings and the distinctive character of Cocoa Waterfront Overlay Districts and its subdistricts.

Therefore, staff requests the City Council approve the Development Agreement and Concept Plan for the 603 Brevard Avenue Hotel, affecting approximately .87 acres of property owned by the Cocoa Redevelopment Agency, calling for the development of a seven (7) story, approximately 68,310 square-foot, 104-room hotel with associated amenities and parking and establishes building elevations, floor plan, and related development regulation waivers for the future hotel.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing for public comment.

The applicant, 360 Hospitality Group, provided their presentation[2]. They explained why this hotel would be best for this local market. There will be one hundred five rooms, seven floors, a rooftop bar, and a ground floor coffee shop. They are anticipating construction to be complete in about thirty months.

They showed the conceptual plan with photos and explained that Marriott is working with the City and 360 Hospitality Group to custom tailor the hotel to the needs of the community, meaning that this hotel will be unique and not a standard Fairfield Inn.

They are proud to support the community and will be hiring locally for about sixty positions. Additionally, they will be donating any unused, uneaten food to local food banks in an effort to give back.

They also provided further information about the project in comparison to other local hotels and the market.

Lastly, they addressed common, direct questions and provided a timeline from the start of the project to the ribbon cutting.

[2] Exhibit B: 603 Brevard - 360HospitalityGroup Presentation

* **MOTION by Councilmember Hearn; Seconded by Councilmember Weeks to approve a Conceptual Plan and Development Agreement for the 603 Brevard Avenue Hotel, affecting approximately .87 acres of property owned by the Cocoa Redevelopment Agency. The agreement calls for the development of an approximately seven (7) story, 68,310 square foot, 104-room hotel with associated amenities and parking and establishes building elevations, floor plan, and related development regulation waivers for the future hotel. Generally located on Brevard Avenue and John Garren Lane, south of Factory Street, and is identified by Parcel IDs: 24-36-33-75-*-2 and 24-36-33-75-*-3, for discussion.**

There being no questions or comments from the public, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Approval of a plan to develop a low-impact development surface parking area on approximately 0.9 acres of City-owned property located at 216 and 218 Oleander Street in Cocoa to support public parking needs in Cocoa Village and the surrounding area. Planned improvements include approximately 80 parking spaces, of which 4 spaces are accessible, designated vehicle charging stations, decorative street lighting, street trees, sidewalks, decorative fencing, interior landscape areas, minimum 5-feet perimeter landscape buffers, minimum two-way aisle widths of 20-feet, pervious pavement, and related site enhancements. The project includes tax account numbers: 2425841, 2425949, 2461829, 2425950, 2425951, and 2425843. (2026-369). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Neuterman provided a presentation[3] and gave a summary of the request. In 2021, the City purchased the six (6) lots on Oleander Street, west of Hughlett Avenue in the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Area, Heart of Cocoa Subdistrict. The intent of these lots was to increase parking opportunities in and around Cocoa Village. The City enlisted the expertise of a Traffic Engineering consultant to assist with the design and engineering of the site. Through the work with the consultant, a thoughtful design using Low-Impact Development (LID) techniques is being presented before the Board this evening.

The planned improvements include approximately 80 new parking spaces, 4 of which are handicap accessible. Additionally, the design includes vehicle charging stations,

[3] Exhibit C: Oleander Parking Lot Presentation

decorative street lighting, street trees, sidewalks, decorative fencing, interior landscape areas, minimum 5-feet perimeter landscape buffers, minimum two-way aisle widths of 20-feet, pervious pavement, and related site enhancements.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Weeks to approve a plan to develop a low-impact development surface parking area on approximately 0.9 acres of City-owned property located at 216 and 218 Oleander Street in Cocoa to support public parking needs in Cocoa Village and the surrounding area. Planned improvements include approximately 80 parking spaces, of which 4 spaces are accessible, designated vehicle charging stations, decorative street lighting, street trees, sidewalks, decorative fencing, interior landscape areas, minimum 5-feet perimeter landscape buffers, minimum two-way aisle widths of 20-feet, pervious pavement, and related site enhancements. The project includes tax account numbers: 2425841, 2425949, 2461829, 2425950, 2425951, and 2425843, for discussion.**

Deputy Mayor Goins asked if he could make one small suggestion to use the white LED lights and not the yellow ones. In response, Ms. Neuterman stated that she would share this suggestion with the appropriate parties.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing for public comment. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Sanctuary at Cocoa Townhomes Development Agreement, Preliminary Plat, and Large-Scale Site Plan. (2026-374). (Planner)

Erica Hughes, RVi Consultant, provided a presentation[4]. She shared the project's location, its zoning and future land use, and the overall site plan and preliminary plat.

This is a two-phase development with two hundred forty-nine townhome lots. There will be two access points to Cox Road, three stormwater management areas and 46.12 acres of preservation conveyed to the City.

She addressed traffic concerns, stating that Kimley-Horn's February 2025 Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) evaluated existing traffic conditions, future growth, and development-generated trips.

[4] Exhibit D: RVi Sanctuary at Cocoa

The City Comprehensive Plan and Space Coast TPO designate Cox Road with a minimum Level of Service (LOS) E standard. Furthermore, Cox Road, from SR 520 to SR 524, was analyzed and is currently operating at LOS C. The analysis found that all study intersections and roadway segments currently operate within acceptable capacity levels and can accommodate projected traffic growth.

Ms. Hughes also discussed the wetlands and tree mitigation. She reviewed the highlights of the Development Agreement, noting that staff is recommending approval to the City Council, including the conditions outlined in the Development Agreement, as listed of the Large-Scale Site Plan and the Preliminary Plat for Sanctuary at Cocoa. The proposed Site Plan and Preliminary Plat review has determined that the application generally meets the minimum requirements of all applicable City Code requirements and is consistent with Appendix A, Article XIII, Section 1(D).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve the item, for discussion, with the following conditions as outlined in the Sanctuary at Cocoa Development Agreement:**

1. **The Developer shall receive building permits and substantially commence vertical construction of buildings, which shall at minimum include building foundations, for Phase I of the Project within two (2) years of the Effective Date of the Development Agreement.**

2. **The portion of the approved Final Engineering/Site Plan for Phase II shall be valid only for a period of five (5) years from the Effective Date of the Development Agreement. The Developer shall be required to obtain building permits and substantially commence vertical construction of buildings within Phase II, which shall at minimum include building foundations, prior to the termination of the five-year period following the Effective Date of the Development Agreement.**

3. **Prior to the issuance of the fiftieth (50th) certificate of occupancy for Phase I of the Project, the developer shall complete or cause to completed the off-site 5' sidewalk extending from the northern boundary of the Property to the entrance of the Cocoa Conservation Area, located at the City of Cocoa's property with Tax Parcel ID No. 24-35-24-00-3.**

4. **The Developer shall dedicate to the City, via approval of the Phase I final plat, a 25-foot right-of-way easement along the southern boundary of the Property for purposes of future right-of-way expansion. Until the City of Cocoa opens and improves such right-of-way, the dedicated easement area shall be maintained by the Developer or successor Homeowner's Association.**

5. **All required tree replacements in Phase I common area tracts shall be planted prior to the issuance of the 100th certificate of occupancy for any building or structure in Phase I.**

6. **The Developer and the City agree that the Developer shall pay to the City, prior to the commencement of any tree removal on the Property, $550,000.00 as the Arbor Mitigation Fund Contribution for the tree removals on the Property that will not be replaced.**

Ms. Kim Rezanka, Lacey Rezanka Law, spoke briefly about the project and introduced her team that has been working with the City on this.

Jeff Alexander, Meritage Homes, spoke about the landscape buffer and their recent community meeting where they received a lot of good feedback and had a good turnout.

Mr. Alexander also provided a presentation[5] to talk about Meritage Homes. He shared that they are a national homebuilder and take pride in energy and water efficiency. He shared some of the awards they have received as well.

Lastly, a location map, site plan and site plan data were shared, highlighting that the total development area is 43.42 acres with two hundred forty-nine units being proposed.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked if they could amend the motion to run the PVC fence on the south side of the property, behind the townhomes. In response, Councilmember Weeks agreed to amend her motion.

Clayton Castetter, a resident of Cocoa, shared that he has traffic concerns and doesn't believe the road infrastructure can support all the new incoming traffic. He also has an issue with the donation of the land because taxes won't have to be paid on it.

* **MOTION AMENDED by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve the item, with the conditions as outlined in the Sanctuary at Cocoa Development Agreement and to add a condition to install a PVC fence along the south side of the property, behind the townhomes.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

[5] Exhibit E: Applicant - Sanctuary Cocoa City Council Presentation

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

4. Cirrus PUD Amendment, Plat, and Development Agreement. (2026-375). (Planner)

City Attorney Garganese announced that this is the First Reading of Ordinance 10-2026 and read the title into the record as follows:

Ordinance 10-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING A PORTION OF THE CIRRUS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED VIA ORDINANCE NO. 03-2021 TO INCLUDE THE PHASE TWO COMMERCIAL OUTPARCELS, FOR TWO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY, TOTALING 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON STATE ROAD 524, SOUTH OF STATE ROAD 528 AND WEST OF EAST INDUSTRY ROAD, IN COCOA, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DEPICTED AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Ribeiro provided a presentation[6], explaining that this item is to consider a Final PUD Amendment for the Cirrus Mixed-Use commercial phase, including a replat of Lot 1B, a Development Agreement addendum, and approval of a site plan for a quick-service restaurant and dental office.

Ms. Ribeiro shared the property's location and photos of the elevations. She spoke about the Addendum to the Development Agreement and stated that staff recommends approval of Ordinance 10-2026, Final Development Plan, First Addendum to the Development Agreement, and Cirrus Lot 1B Replat, subject to the following conditions:

- The Developer shall address and incorporate all outstanding staff comments identified in the final site plan review, as attached as Exhibit "D," prior to issuance of any development order or building permit. Revised plans shall be subject to review and approval by staff.

[6] Exhibit F: Cirrus PUD Presentation

- No building permits shall be issued until the Cirrus Lot 1B Replat has been approved by the City Council and recorded in the Public Records of Brevard County.
- The Developer shall obtain all required permits and approvals from applicable local, state, and federal agencies prior to construction.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve the PUD Amendment, Final Development Plan, First Addendum to the Development Agreement, and Cirrus Lot 1B Replat, for discussion, subject to the following conditions:**

1. **The Developer shall address and incorporate all outstanding staff comments identified in the final site plan review, as attached as Exhibit "D," prior to issuance of any development order or building permit. Revised plans shall be subject to review and approval by the staff.**
2. **No building permits shall be issued until the Cirrus Lot 1B Replat has been approved by the City Council and recorded in the Public Records of Brevard County.**
3. **The Developer shall obtain all required permits and approvals from applicable local, state, and federal agencies prior to construction.**

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing for public comment. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

5. 3600 Grissom Pkway Comp Plan Amendment (POSTPONED). (2026-376). (Planner)

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing for public comment. There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn to postpone to a date certain of June 9, 2026, at Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone St., Cocoa, FL beginning at 6pm, to consider approval of a small-scale comprehensive plan amendment for the property located at 3600 Grissom Parkway.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VII. Council Business:

1. Consider the application of Candace Rogers to fulfill a Regular member vacancy on the Cocoa CRA through April 30, 2030. (2026-379). (City Clerk)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins to approve Candace Rogers to fulfill a Regular member seat on the Cocoa CRA Board through April 30, 2030.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Approval of Assigned Fund Balance for FY2025 (2026-378). (Finance Director)

City Manager Whitten shared that the City's Fund Balance Policy as adopted by City Council via Resolution 2023-080 which requires the City Manager to present a list of assigned fund balance items for the current year to City Council concurrent with the issuance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The Finance Department is working with the City's auditors to issue the financial statements, so the presentation of the assigned fund balance list is necessary at this time. Assigned fund balance earmarks the General Fund fund balance and can be changed by City Council at any time after the issuance of the financial statements.

City Manager Whitten reviewed the following:

Increased Road Capacity (TIFT)	*10,058*
Brightline	*5,000,000*
ERP Software	*3,000,000*
Additional Brightline Costs	*1,000,000*
Road Resurfacing	*500,000*
Sustainability Plan	*37,500*
Economic Incentives	*600,000*
Cocoa Village Parking	*575,000*

Capital Equipment	*5,273,624*
Employee Recruitment Programs	*600,000*
Debt Repayment	*---*
Property Acquisition	*200,000*
Affordable Housing	*1,245,029*
Total FY25 Assigned Fund Balance	*18,041,211*

Mayor Blake requested that the City put the $150,000 dollars allocated for the band shell rehab at Cocoa High and apply it to their athletic programs and stadium improvements instead.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn to approve the Assigned Fund Balance for FY2025, to include Mayor Blake's request.**

Deputy Mayor Goins shared that he is in support of the high school, but he would like to see the Brevard County School Board step up to support the high school as well.

Additionally, Deputy Mayor Goins would like to move the $37,500 dollars left for the Sustainability Plan and put it towards property acquisition to allow for a little flexibility in negotiating land acquisition.

He'd also like to ask Council to consent to directing the City Manager to hold a meeting with the Brevard County School Board to discuss its partnership with the City and to request further support for Cocoa High School.

* **MOTION AMENDED by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn to approve the Assigned Fund Balance for FY2025, to include Mayor Blake's request, Deputy Mayor Goins' request and to direct the City Manager to have a discussion with the School Board to request further support from them for Cocoa High School.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Request for Approval of Invoice Payment for Community Movie Night Support Services. (2026-388). (Deputy Mayor Goins)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins to approve payment of the invoice.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VIII. City Business:

1. Review of new business directory and way finding signs in the Cocoa Village Business District and approval of revised Municipal Services Agreement with Historic Cocoa Village Main Street. (2026-366). (Communications & Economic Development Director)

Ms. Senger explained that the Cocoa Village business district has a wide array of signage that is currently located in the City right-of-way and that does not conform to the City's sign code. Many of the signs are leaning and are unsafe. Historic Cocoa Village Main Street (HCVMS) in conjunction with the City of Cocoa has been working on a project over the past year to find a solution to ensure consistency, compliance, visual integrity and safety throughout the Village.

She provided specs for the new signs, noting that the updated and consistent signage in the Village is addressed in the City Council Planning and Priorities focus area of Investment in Public Infrastructure to support a safe, accessible, well-maintained network of parks, facilities and green space. This project is also consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan objectives to maintain and update its vision for the City's urban form as needed, where the City shall examine the feasibility of establishing form-based design guidelines for City-wide as well as for specific areas in the City including CRAs, major corridors and waterfront.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins to approve the new business directory and way finding signs for the Cocoa Village Business District and approval of the revised Municipal Services Agreement with Historic Cocoa Village Main Street.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Florida Commerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant. (2026-385). (Planner)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Weeks to approve the application for the Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant through Florida Commerce.**

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Informational Only - The City of Cocoa's Open Board Vacancies. (2026-383). (City Clerk)

X. Reports:

Chief Lamm shared a QR graphic and explained that the QR code links to a voting site so that people can vote for the new Cocoa Tigers firetruck in a Fire and Rescue Vehicle Graphics Contest that the Fire Department has entered into. He appreciates any and all support.

Ms. Senger shared that the annual Memorial Day event will be on Monday, May 29th at Riverfront Park. The parade will begin at 4pm and presentations will begin at 5pm.

City Manager Whitten spoke in furtherance of the Assigned Fund Balance and strategic direction. He commended Council on their hard work and for the things they've done to build the community through parks.

Councilmember Hearn shared photos of events he recently attended including an event at Kennedy Space Center with the Space Coast Black Chamber of Commerce, and an event at Eastern Florida State College.

He announced that he, along with Mayor Blake, were selected to serve on the Florida Black Caucus's Board of Directors.

He also visited a new business in District 2 that opened for Kick Boxing.

He attended a Florida Space Coast's Legacy awards ceremony as well.

Councilmember Hearn talked about his Town Hall meeting and shared that it was a great event and thanked staff for their help in putting it together.

Deputy Mayor Goins shared photos from events he recently attended. He thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for having staff at the community movie night cooking hotdogs and burgers for the families. He noted that they were very helpful and ready to assist in any way possible.

He shared photos from a fashion show fundraiser that he participated in, the community movie night that was held at the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center.

Councilmember Weeks shared photos from events she recently attended, including an event at the Brevard Adult and Education Center, a District 2 Conference for the Realtor's Association, Councilmember Hearn's Town Hall meeting, and the National Day of Prayer event held at City Hall.

Mayor Blake shared photos from events he recently attended as well, including the National Day of Prayer, a NAACP event, an event held at Tequila Veintiuno with the Cocoa Police Department, a graduation ceremony, and the most recent Space Coast League of Cities dinner.

Deputy Mayor Goins shared that the Championship game for the girls flag football team will be held this Sunday at Provost Park from 2-6pm for anyone that wants to come out and support.

XI. Adjournment:

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Mayor Blake to adjourn the Regular meeting of May 12, 2026.**

AYES: Blake, Weeks, Goins, Hearn

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monica Arsenault, CMC, City Clerk

SEAL