



# City of Edgewater

104 N. Riverside Drive  
Edgewater, FL 32132

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Monday, February 2, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

*Mayor Depew called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.*

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Diezel DePew, Councilwoman Charlotte Gillis, Councilman Mike Thomas, Councilwoman Debbie Dolbow, and Councilman Eric Rainbird

**Also Present:** 4 - Assistant to the City Clerk Monique Toupin, City Manager Joe Mahoney, City Attorney Gavin Rollins, and Sara Geiger

### 2. APPROVAL OR CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

*No changes at this time.*

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*None at this time.*

### 4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PLAQUES/CERTIFICATES/DONATIONS

#### a. Office of Will Roberts - Tax Collector - Kids Tag Art Program

*Holly Smith, from the Office of Will Roberts, gave a brief presentation and overview of the Kids Tag Art Program.*

*Mayor Depew thanked Ms. Smith for all that the Tax Collectors office does for the community.*

### 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

*City Manager Mahoney provided an update on the budgeted hydrology monitoring devices for the City Canals (one of which has been installed) and had attended the stormwater mitigation and Flooding Subcommittee meeting.*

*City Manager Mahoney presented Amanda Wheeler and Sheri Meyer from the Police Department as the Edgewater Team Members of the month for going above and beyond facilitating the Edgewater Police Department's Holiday Heroes Toy Drive.*

### 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*Kim Long, 3312 Mango Tree Drive, expressed her concern over the former deed to the City Hall Municipal Complex and boat ramp and asked Council to consider reinstating provisions that would no longer allow the property to be sold.*

*Donna McDavid, 1201 Bond Street, expressed concerns regarding ethical matters involving Councilwoman Gillis and her opponent in the upcoming election; Councilwoman Gillis's involvement with Mayor Depew and misuse of City resources.*

*Mandi Bullard, 1417 Needle Palm Drive, asked Council for a letter of support for Volusia Forever.*

*Ken Cartisano, 3312 Mango Tree Drive, provided information to Council regarding the Volusia Forever Conservation program and requested that a consensus letter to be sent to the Volusia County Council supporting perpetuity and partnerships with the Volusia Forever program.*

*Chuck Martin, 205 Cherrywood Lane, provided updates on his efforts regarding flooding and thanked various staff for their work.*

*Cody Wilson, expressed concerns over personal attacks on his spouse, Councilwoman Gillis, and troubling behavior from her opponent including speaking about their children and stalking.*

## **7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilman Thomas stated that Council should direct someone to draft Resolutions to change the deed regarding the City Hall property so that it cannot be sold and expressing support for Volusia Forever.*

*In regards to the deed, City Manager Mahoney asked for time to do adequate research concerning the legalities with the help of the City Attorney.*

*Mayor Depew spoke in favor of a letter of support for Volusia Forever, stating he had spoken to quite a few residents and Councilman Danny Roberts about it. City Attorney Rollins received guidance from Mayor Depew on drafting a Resolution supporting Volusia Forever or a letter. Council reached a consensus to draft a letter of support.*

*Councilwoman Dolbow thanked Ms. Long for bringing up the deed issue and is glad that they are looking into the matter legally to see what can be done.*

*Councilman Rainbird expressed his support for Volusia Forever and for prohibiting the sale of City Hall.*

*Councilwoman Gillis reported attending the following events: a Habitat for Humanity Vision Unveiling for the Sheldon Street Project; a Central Florida Safety meeting; the Wastewater Master Plan meeting; a tour of Rock City Boxing; the Lineman Rodeo; the Blue Line Automotive groundbreaking ceremony; three (3) town hall meetings; a Volusia League of Cities meeting; the Friends of the Edgewater Library meeting; Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee; several Kiwanis meetings; a Rotary Club meeting regarding oysters in the lagoon; and a prayer event at Community Coffee House for the Mazza family. She has been working with Edgewater Union Church for their cold weather shelter through Colors of Hunger, they have gotten at least 10 people each night out of*

*the cold.*

*She also announced that the Rotary Club's Angie Sharon Memorial Heart Walk is upcoming and that Upward Trend Academy will host its Small Town Stars event.*

*Councilwoman Gillis discussed her ongoing issues with a political opponent; citing harassment, stalking and false accusations that have attacked her integrity.*

*Mayor Depew had attended the Habitat for Humanity event; the Florida League of Cities and Florida League of Mayors Conference in Tallahassee; the U.S. League of Mayors conference in Washington D.C.; and had dinner with the Minority Speaker of the House in Tallahassee. He congratulated Blue Line Automotive for breaking ground at their new facility and promoted the Rotary Clubs upcoming events.*

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve the Consent Agenda. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- a. Request to award and to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Vortex Services LLC in the amount of \$725,601.00 for the Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Lines and Manholes, Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) project (ITB 26-PW-01).
- b. Edgewater Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan
- c. Lift Station #28 Rehabilitation and Cleaning Project
- d. Request to Utilize Police Impact Fees for Purchase of (8) Law Enforcement Radios
- e. Lift Station #29 Rehabilitation and Cleaning Project
- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Preventive Maintenance
- f. Contract with Engineered Spraying Solutions, LLC for the purpose of lining sewer manholes, lift stations, and sewer pipes, as needed.
- g. FL Dept of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Diesel Emission Mitigation Program (DEMP) Grant

## 9. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 2026-R-06 Adopting the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan

*City Attorney Rollins read the Resolution into the record.*

*City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.*

*Mayor Depew stated that this was approving the master plan, not the Wastewater facility itself. City Manager Mahoney clarified that this was approving staff to take the steps to go out and bid for design, allowing identification of the real cost to then go out and seek grant funding. This also allows staff to increase impact fees to ensure the growth pays for growth.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve Resolution No. 2026-R-06; adopting the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

## **10. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- a.** Recreation & Cultural Services Board - Councilman Rainbird's Appointment due to the term expiration of Glenn Powers.

*City Attorney Rollins advised that in the Land Development Regulation; there are seven (7) members authorized to be on the board while there are currently only five (5) appointed. City Council will get two (2) additional appointments at a later date.*

*Mayor Depew stated that Mr. Powers is a tremendous individual who really cares about the community.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Rainbird, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to reappoint Mr. Powers. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- b.** AR-2025-0570: Mayor Depew's appointment to fill the vacated seat of Albert Amalfitano of the Planning and Zoning Board.

*Mayor Depew had reviewed the applications and recommended Dwight Cunningham, citing how long he has resided in Edgewater.*

*City Clerk Geiger advised that one of the applicants, Duncan Graham, no longer wishes to be considered for the board.*

*Councilwoman Dolbow felt that both applicants were impressive but noted that Ms. Rodriguez had recently served on the Planning & Zoning board in Sanford and had degrees geared towards engineering and construction.*

*Mayor Depew agreed that Ms. Rodriguez had an impressive resume, he just feels that someone*

*should live in the City for more than a year before they apply to sit on a board.*

*Further discussion ensued regarding resident involvement on the board.*

*Councilman Rainbird brought up another resident that had been interested in the board but had gotten overlooked due to a clerical issue; Councilwoman Dolbow noted that she was in the running for the Recreation and Cultural Services board. City Clerk Geiger informed Council that she had applied during the former Clerks tenure.*

*Council discussed tabling the appointment with City Attorney Rollins.*

*Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.*

*Marangely Rodriguez, 2717 Golden Trout Lane, thanked Council for their consideration and said she had applied because she believes in the City and she hears the community.*

*Mayor Depew thanked her for applying and advised her to stay involved and consider applying in the future if she wasn't chosen.*

*Dwight Cunningham, 3044 Travelers Palm Drive, discussed his resume and his involvement with the community over the years.*

*Council agreed that with their experience and education, both were great candidates.*

**A motion was made by Mayor DePew, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to appoint Mr. Cunningham to the Planning and Zoning board to fill the vacated seat of Mr. Albert Amalfitano. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- c.** AR-2025-0572: Councilman Thomas' appointment due to the expired term of Robert Andrejkovic; who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board.

*Councilman Thomas advised that he had done a little research on Mr. Andrejkovics and found him to be a stellar community leader.*

*Bob Andrejkovics, 331 Admiralty Court, asked City Council for their support and approval of his application, citing his 12 years serving on the Planning & Zoning board where he always strives to serve with integrity and willingness to be fair and unbiased to all parties.*

*Mayor Depew noted that Mr. Andrejkovics is very passionate about Edgewater and is really involved in the community but would like to see more collaboration between Planning & Zoning and Council, citing tension in the past. He discussed term limits and felt that when someone new was appointed, it provided fresh perspectives.*

*Councilwoman Dolbow appreciated Mr. Andrejkovics commitment to the City and his efforts to be well informed regarding what he's voting on. She feels the board interacts well and that Mr. Andrejkovics does a wonderful job.*

*Councilman Rainbird spoke of his time on the Planning & Zoning board with Mr. Andrejkovics and believes he sets the standard and does a great job.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Thomas, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to re-nominate Robert Andrejkovics to serve on this board. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- d.** AR-2025-0573: Councilwoman Gillis' appointment due to the expired term of Chris Hatcher; who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three-year term on the Planning and Zoning Board.

*Councilwoman Dolbow felt that Mr. Hatcher does a wonderful job on the Planning and Zoning board, acknowledging that his background gives him knowledge that not everyone has. She feels that he is an asset.*

*Councilman Rainbird advised that Mr. Hatcher has caught discrepancies from builders before, that he knows codes and he is definitely an asset. Mayor Depew stated that he is the only one on the board with construction experience.*

*Councilwoman Gillis said despite not always agreeing with him, she knows that Mr. Hatcher fully researches everything and puts his heart into what he does.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Gillis, second by Councilman Rainbird, to reappoint Chris Hatcher who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three year term on the Planning and Zoning board. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- e.** AR-2025-0574: Councilwoman Gillis' appointment due to the expired term of Bliss Jamison; who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three-year term on the Economic Development Board.

*Councilwoman Gillis expressed her appreciation for having Ms. Jamison on the Economic Development board and is comfortable reappointing her.*

*Councilwoman Dolbow felt Ms. Jamison is a great asset to Edgewater and is happy to see her seeking reappointment.*

*Mayor Depew agreed, stating that Ms. Jamison is tremendous and always informs him of what is*

*happening with the Economic Development board.*

*Bliss Jamison, thanked Council for all their support and comments then spoke about her passion for Edgewater and its economic growth, job and the education pipeline.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Gillis, second by Councilman Thomas, to reappoint Bliss Jamison who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three year term on the Economic Development board. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- f. AR-2025-0575: Councilwoman Dolbow's appointment due to the expired term of Rebecca Crews; who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three-year term on the Economic Development Board.

*Councilwoman Dolbow had served with both Ms. Jamison and Ms. Crews on the Economic Development board and she is happy to be able to make the reappointment. She provided further details on Ms. Crews' background.*

*Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.*

*Rebecca Crews, 2139 S Riverside Drive, thanked Council for their words and expressed pride over serving on the board.*

*At Councilman Thomas' urging; Ms. Crews gave a brief overview of Boston Whalers history in the City as she had retired from the company after 29 years.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Rainbird, to reappoint Rebecca Crews to another 3 year term on the Economic Development board. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

- g. AR-2025-0576: Councilman Thomas' appointment due to the expired term of Michael Kelley; who is seeking reappointment to serve a new three-year term on the Economic Development Board.

*Mayor Depew opened and closed the public hearing.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Thomas, second by Councilman Rainbird, to nominate Mr. Kelley to serve a new three year term on the Economic Development board. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Councilwoman Dolbow, Councilman Rainbird, Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis and Councilman Thomas

- h. Councilman Thomas' appointment due to the expired term of James Daly; who is seeking reappointment to serve a new two-year term on the Fire Fighter's Pension

Board.

*Mayor Depew opened and closed the public hearing.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Thomas, second by Councilman Rainbird, to appoint Mr. Daly to serve his new term. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

## 11. OTHER BUSINESS

### b. City of Edgewater City Attorney Contract - Sabatini Law Firm

*City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.*

*Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.*

*Mayor Depew said that Attorney Rollins communication had been strong so far; Mr. Rollins thanked him and advised Council that the contract allows for a 30 day termination from either party.*

*Councilman Thomas and Councilwoman Gillis both stated they were impressed and happy with the level of service received so far.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Rainbird, to approve the City of Edgewater City Attorney Contract - Sabatini Law Firm. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

### c. Request to Enter into a contract with Southern Group of Florida for Lobbying Services

*City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.*

*City Manager Mahoney informed Council that this is for federal lobbying and that the City has never had one before.*

*Mayor Depew felt that they had great success with their state lobbyist and that having a federal one will certainly help.*

*Councilwoman Dolbow stated that she was excited and thankful that this was brought before them with all the projects coming up.*

*Mayor Depew stressed the importance of the City receiving funding and noted that any help is greatly appreciated. City Manager Mahoney advised that while the lobbyist is for federal funding, it could help at the state level as well.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Gillis, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to approve item 11b. request to enter into a contract with Southern Group of Florida for Lobbying Services. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mayor DePew, Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

**d. All-Florida Plumbing & Electrical Supply Co. Settlement Agreement**

*City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.*

*Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.*

*Councilman Rainbird asked if this was a clean slate for all parties involved; City Manager Mahoney said it would not prevent future complaints but that everything is settled currently.*

*Councilman Rainbird felt that All Florida Plumbing was making generous offers and they are responding to complaints from residents accordingly; Councilman Thomas agreed that it was a good compromise for everyone and praised All Florida Plumbing for being a positive small business in the City.*

*Mayor Depew said that it shouldn't have gotten to the point that it did and discussed the previous issues relating to Planning & Zoning and the business. He expressed remaining concerns regarding All Florida Plumbing and the impact it could have on other businesses in the City.*

*City Attorney Rollins explained that All Florida Plumbing had requested a variance and were denied; if the City enters into the settlement, they would essentially be approving a variance via the settlement. He clarified that variances cannot set a precedent. Other businesses would have to present their variances through the Planning & Zoning board on a case-by-case basis.*

*City Manager Mahoney advised that Staff is looking to clarify details via Ordinance or the Land Development Code to create parameters for on street parking as it may be needed throughout the City in certain locations.*

*Mayor Depew reiterated his concerns and asked about 18-wheelers going down the residential street; City Manager Mahoney stated that the Ordinance does allow trucks to deviate from their truck route. He had spoken to All Florida Plumbing, they have tried to change deliver times but no one can guarantee that it's never going to happen.*

*City Attorney Rollins assured that it is a well written contract with protections for the City.*

*Councilwoman Dolbow felt that All Florida Plumbing had done everything they were supposed to do and that they had put the business through the gamut because of a feud. She hopes that in the future, they don't target businesses or people over a couple complaints and that a lesson is learned going forward. Councilwoman Dolbow noted that this had cost tax payers \$50,000 and the business*

*\$60,000 and she felt it was wasted money.*

*Councilman Rainbird urged residents to attend Planning & Zoning meetings as that is where the decisions are made.*

*Further discussion ensued over the importance of attending Planning & Zoning meetings and whether or not All Florida Plumbing complied with requests made by the City.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Rainbird, to approve All-Florida Plumbing & Electrical Supply Co. Settlement Agreement. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Councilwoman Gillis, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

**No:** 1 - Mayor DePew

## **12. OFFICER REPORTS**

a. City Clerk

*City Clerk Geiger had nothing at this time.*

b. City Attorney

*City Attorney Rollins thanked Council for their approval of his firms contract; he advised that he would begin looking into the issues regarding the deed to the City Hall complex and would work with staff on the letter of support.*

## **13. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Judy Bourdeau, 2916 Oak Trail, had attended a town hall for County Council candidates and learned some notable things about Volusia Forever, low impact development, the County's strict guidelines that are not being followed, issues with infrastructure in the County and the drinking water problems.*

*Chuck Martin, 205 Cherrywood Lane, discussed the All-Florida Plumbing litigation; the parking issues in the new subdivisions and the amount of large trucks that travel all over the City for different businesses and reasons.*

*Renee Sortman, Umbrella Tree Drive, stated that she was not behind anonymous pages on Facebook and made claims regarding Councilwoman Gillis recording private conversations and using Snapchat to track the Mayor.*

*Sara Howake, Edgewater, discussed troubling behavior and actions she had seen from Chuck Martin towards Councilwoman Gillis and asked if there was anything that could be done to protect people from personal attacks. Mayor Depew said that an Ordinance regarding decorum and speaking at public meetings was repealed because it was deemed unconstitutional.*

*Mayor Depew announced that the Kiwanis Club is looking for sponsorship for their Strike it Rich event.*

*Councilman Rainbird clarified that he never had an issue with the color of All Florida Plumbing's building.*

#### **14. ADJOURN**

*There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Depew adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.*

*Pursuant to Chapter 286, F.S., if an individual decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that individual will need a record of the proceedings and will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. The City does not prepare or provide such record.*

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