



City of Edgewater

104 N. Riverside Drive
Edgewater, FL 32132

Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, December 1, 2025

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 6pm.

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

Also Present: 3 - City Attorney Aaron Wolfe, Interim City Manager Joe Mahoney, and Assistant to the City Clerk Monique Toupin

2. APPROVAL OR CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Mahoney requested that item 9d be moved before 9c as the comprehensive plan needs to be heard first. The Council approved this modification.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None at this time.

4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/PLAQUES/CERTIFICATES/DONATIONS

a. Mayors Special Award - Outstanding Business of the Year - Cubb-Cooling and Heating.

Mayor Depew presented Ben Cubbedge of Cubb-Cooling and Heating with the Outstanding Business of the Year award, recognizing his extraordinary contributions to the Edgewater community.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mahoney attended the new Edgewater pickleball court ribbon cutting; the Volusia County Elected Officials Roundtable meeting; the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) meeting, the Southeast Volusia Chamber's annual meeting, and the Volusia County Economic Development meeting. He has begun meeting one-on-one with city employees and advised that following the recent stormwater master plan presentation, he is considering seeking a federal lobbyist to help secure funds for stormwater projects.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Wendy Helms, 405 Wildwood Drive, thanked the Council for acknowledging their neighborhood's infrastructure and flooding concerns. She expressed appreciation for the upcoming collaboration to address these issues.

Chuck Martin, 205 Cherrywood Lane, expressed concerns over the lack of updated stormwater infrastructure in the Wildwood subdivision and suggested solutions.

Tanya Plaut, 403 Wildwood Drive, expressed concerns over insufficient drainage in the Wildwood subdivision and questioned the stormwater fees issued by the City.

John Joaquin, Chair of the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce's Advocacy and Economic Development Committee, began to speak about the Deering Park development but was informed by Mayor Depew to wait until that matter is before Council later in the meeting.

Linda Mojer, 319 Leaning Oak Drive and President of the Majestic Oaks Phase 1 & 2 HOA, expressed frustration over her multiple appearances before Council regarding concerns about the First Business Park and urged Council to follow the original plan rather than take "the path of least resistance through Majestic Oaks."

Karen Townes, 11 Wildwood Drive, noted that the back of her property borders the canal with Rotary Park on the other side and that during the last hurricane, water rose to the top of the canal for the first time in her 45 years of living there, emphasizing the need for canal cleaning.

7. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Thomas had nothing at this time.

Councilwoman Dolbow had nothing at this time.

Councilman Rainbird attended the Veterans Day event at AmVets, toured the city's water plant, and visited the animal shelter. He described the impressive efficiency of the water treatment system and the excellent care provided at the animal shelter, which houses approximately 120 cats. He encouraged donations to the shelter, particularly cat litter, laundry detergent, and fabric softener. He also mentioned attending the stormwater master plan meeting, holding a town hall at the library about the Deering Park development, and the Light the Night event at Hawks Park.

Councilwoman Gillis reported attending the Volusia Flagler TPO meeting, Edgewater's pickleball court grand opening, a Kiwanis Club meeting, several Habitat for Humanity home dedications, Veterans Day events, a FIND event, the Deering Park presentation, the Wilders Warriors blood drive, the Friends of the Edgewater Library meeting, a stormwater master plan briefing, meetings with local businesses, the Southeast Volusia Chamber Annual Meeting, Burns-Sci Tech Literacy Night, the Volusia County Economic Development Quarterly Breakfast, and the Margarita Society fundraiser, which brought in over 4,100 toys. She thanked city employees, especially public works and parks and recreation, for their often unseen work, and encouraged holiday giving through EPD's Holiday Heroes program, local food pantries, and the animal shelter.

Mayor Depew reported attending a career day at Indian River School, noting a student impressively

knew the city's 1951 incorporation date. He highlighted widespread ADA-related lawsuits affecting local restaurants and urged business owners to review information shared on Taco Shack's Facebook page. He also attended the Blue Shield elected roundtable on flooding concerns, supported Habitat for Humanity events, and met with County Chairman Jeff Brower to discuss flooding issues. The Mayor expressed satisfaction with the stormwater master plan and anticipated working with a federal lobbyist. He suggested creating an employee-of-the-month program and having Council members visit departments to serve lunch. He concluded by thanking Dustin's Barbecue for donating a \$20,000 food trailer to the police department and acknowledging Buddy Davenport for securing funding for the boat ramp facility and police boat.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Depew noted item 8D as evidence that the City was working on the issues raised by residents in Wildwood.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, 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. Ammonium Sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant
- b. Addendum to Contractor Services Agreement for Green Waste Disposal (19-ES-001)
- c. Request to award and to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Masci General Contractor, Inc., in the amount of \$2,999,717.18 for the G2-G11 Canal Improvement Project Construction of Group A project (ITB 25-PW-05).
- d. AR-2025-0505: Request for the acceptance of a stormwater easement abutting the Wildwood subdivision.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- a. 1st Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-O-14: Request for a rezoning from Light Industrial (I-1) to Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD) for the property located at 2945 W Park Avenue.

City Attorney Wolfe read the Ordinance into the record.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing for Citizens comments and received none.

City Attorney Wolfe advised that this was a quasi-judicial hearing and if any of Council had ex parte communications with the applicant or anyone else regarding the matter, they should disclose it presently. The Council advised who they had spoken to.

Council members discussed traffic concerns, stormwater standards, and the potential benefits of the project.

Mayor Depew expressed concern about traffic safety at the intersection but acknowledged the project would be better than industrial development.

Councilwoman Gillis voiced reservations about adding impervious surfaces given recent stormwater issues, Mayor Depew agreed with her concern but felt the project was preferred over potential industrial uses and could be a positive for the community.

Mr. Solstice addressed concerns by noting traffic calming measures would be incorporated, a corner cut was reserved for a potential future traffic light, and stormwater would be managed to the current code with additional modeling through the new stormwater master plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-O-14. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor DePew, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

No: 1 - Councilwoman Gillis

b. 2nd Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-O-15: Amending Chapter 5 (Animal Services), of the Code of Ordinances.

City Attorney Wolfe read the Ordinance into the record.

City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.

Chuck Martin, 205 Cherrywood Lane, advised that the previous item should be reheard as there were no citizens comments. Mayor Depew advised him that he had in fact asked for citizens comments.

Councilwoman Gillis asked for clarification on the verbiage change; City Manager advised that they were simply bringing the Ordinance into alignment with Florida State Statute. Police Chief Geiger explained that the state statute updates would increase penalties, making misdemeanors felonies and third-degree felonies second-degree felonies.

Mayor Depew closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilwoman Gillis, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-O-15. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

c. 1st Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-O-16:: Request for approval of a rezoning from B-3 Highway Commercial to R-4 Single Family Residential for Parcel IDs: 8402-44-00-0011 & 8402-00-00-0200.

Item 9c failed as it was reliant on the passing of 9d.

d. 1st Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-O-17: Request to amend the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Element for two parcels located on the east side of Ridgewood Avenue, north of Pelican Drive from Commercial to Medium Density Residential (Parcel IDs: 8402-44-00-0011 & 8402-00-00-0200).

City Attorney Wolfe read the Ordinance into the record.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing and did not receive any citizens comments.

Mayor Depew stated that he is not in favor of the rezoning; Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird agreed with the concern about losing commercial property along US1. They noted the surrounding commercial context, including Newman's, AA Armstrong, and a strip mall.

Mayor Depew passed the gavel to make the motion.

A motion was made by Mayor DePew, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to deny 9d. First Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-O-17. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

e. 2nd Reading - Ordinance No. 2025-O-18: An ordinance amending Chapter 11 (Business Tax Receipts and Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances to reduce the Business Tax Receipt fees to no cost.

City Attorney Wolfe read the Ordinance into the record.

City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew asked for citizens comments.

Scott Stager, 725 W Canal Street, the incoming president of the Board of Realtors, expressed support for the Ordinance.

Linda Mojer, 319 Leaning Oak Drive, as a small business owner, questioned the value of losing approximately \$70,000 in revenue when the fee is not burdensome to businesses.

Mayor Depew advised that Volusia County had already eliminated this fee with positive results and felt eliminating the hurdle would make Edgewater more business-friendly. Councilwoman Gillis stated that she had received calls of support for the measure.

Councilwoman Dolbow confirmed the city would still maintain the certificate of use process.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gillis, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-O-18: amending Chapter 11 (Business Tax Receipts and Business Regulations) of the Code of Ordinances to reduce the Business Tax Receipt fees to 0 cost. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

f. Resolution 2025-R-35: Request to not exempt properties from Ad Valorem taxation under the Live Local Act.

City Attorney Wolfe read the Resolution into the record.

Ryan Solstice, provided a staff report and recommendation,

Mayor Depew asked for citizens comments.

Ashton Musgrove with the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors, 725 Canal Street, spoke in favor of the tax incentives for affordable housing, noting that despite some surplus of units at certain AMI levels, there remained significant deficits of 10,000-13,000 units for households earning below 80% AMI, including teachers, restaurant workers, and service employees.

Mayor Depew asked for Council comments and received none.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilwoman Gillis, to approve Resolution No. 2025-R-35. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

g. Resolution No. 2025-R-38; December Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

City Attorney Wolfe read the Resolution into the record.

Bridgette Vaissiere, Finance Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.

Councilwoman Gillis expressed her strong support for the VAC truck purchase, noting it was something she had advocated for and was very happy to see moving forward.

Mayor Depew asked for citizens comments and upon receiving none, asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve Resolution No. 2025-R-38: December Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

h. Resolution 2025-R-39: Request to support the widening of Old Mission Road.

City Attorney Wolfe read the Resolution into the record.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew asked for Citizens comments and received none.

Mayor Depew and Council expressed a desire for more details about the stormwater implications of the widening, particularly given the area's flooding issues. Councilman Rainbird and Thomas discussed the dangerous conditions on the road, including the deep retention ponds and hazardous curves. Councilwoman Gillis questioned the potential impact on private property and how the widening would be accomplished.

City Manager Mahoney advised that there are no current designs for the widening but felt those concerns would be taken into account. This is just giving support for the widening that may take place in the future.

Mr. Solstice advised that the County had already purchased some of the right of way on Old Mission and said that any design the County does, they will typically send it to City staff for review. The City will extend the offer to run the design through the stormwater master plan model.

The Council agreed that they supported the concept but wanted more information about the specific plans and to ensure the city would be part of the planning process; City Attorney Wolfe confirmed that he would rewrite the Resolution and have it heard at the following meeting.

Mayor Depew passed the gavel to make the motion; Mr. Solstice asked that they mention the intent of the rewrite is for public health, safety and stormwater support. Council agreed.

A motion was made by Mayor DePew, second by Councilwoman Dolbow, to table item 9h - Resolution No. 2025-R-39 Request to support the widening of Old Mission Road to the next Council meeting which is the date as followed of January 5th, Monday at 6pm. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

10. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

None at this time.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

a. SD-2401: Request for Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan Approval for Deering Park Center Active Adult Single Family Phase 1a located south of Indian River Boulevard within Deering Park Center.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

The applicant team, represented by Glenn Storch, Ernie Cox, and Shaun Steffens, gave a comprehensive presentation covering multiple aspects of the overall Deering Park development. They described the 4,000 acres already placed in conservation, the construction of Indian River Boulevard, drainage improvements, stormwater systems, welcome center, wetland park, and Sun Trail bicycle trail.

Mr. Cox detailed several funding sources they had secured, including \$7.1 million from DEP for the wetland park, \$1.5 million for water quality improvements, \$1.4 million for widening SR 442, and \$1 million from FDOT for the Sun Trail expansion. He announced plans to submit an application in January for a K-8 charter school focused on STEM education.

The team addressed stormwater management, explaining their system would decrease runoff from the property by 24% after development and that their de-watering operations during construction kept all water on-site, not allowing it to impact surrounding areas.

Mayor Depew opened for Council Comments.

Councilwoman Dolbow felt excitement for the first phase of the project and discussed the positive tax values to the City.

Councilwoman Gillis expressed concern about voting on the plats immediately after receiving the stormwater master plan, suggesting they table the decision until January to allow more time for review. Councilwoman Dolbow pointed out that Deering Park had been included in the stormwater master plan and that it decreased the flow of water, exceeding expectations.

Mayor Depew respected that Mr. Storch had waited to present on Deering Park until after the stormwater master plan was completed and acknowledged Councilwoman Gillis' concern but noted the land would be developed regardless and that the developers were working cooperatively with the City. He advised all the positives that this development would bring to the community.

Councilwoman Dolbow felt that the developers had been very transparent and had shown what they were capable of. She asked City Manager Mahoney how he felt about tabling the items; Mr. Mahoney advised that he would prefer a vote and asked Mr. Wolfe about the legal repercussions of tabling.

City Attorney Wolfe clarified that the Land Development Code didn't speak to tabling, and once the applicant met their burden of showing compliance with requirements, the burden shifted to the city to demonstrate non-compliance.

Councilman Rainbird praised the developers for their transparency and listening to suggestions but noted he had submitted questions from residents that had only been answered that morning. Mr. Cox said they were happy to answer any questions but the questions asked did not pertain to the criteria set forth in the PUD and in the code related to the preliminary plats. The developers assured Council they would address any issues that arose and emphasized their commitment to being good partners with the city.

Mayor Depew asked if there was a motion to table and a second, upon receiving none, he went back to Council comments.

Councilman Thomas stated that he had been involved with this project since 2005 and the developers had always compromised and tried to work with him whenever he had any issues.

Further discussion ensued over the statute regarding approval, the de-watering process and how the development would handle water during a major rain event. Mayor Depew received confirmation that they would be consistently monitoring the stormwater runoff.

Mayor Depew asked for citizens comments.

Jim Cameron, Jim Cameron Consulting, discussed his history with the Chamber and gave his support for the project, asking Council to do the same.

Agnes Whitter, 223 Flagler Avenue, inquired over the plans for construction, the sewer lines and the financial burden to Edgewater. City Manager Mahoney clarified that there are no current financial obligations to the City.

Tim London, 2632 Woodland Drive, expressed concern over who was liable if something goes wrong. Mayor Depew advised that the City has bonds in place.

Linda Mojer, 319 Leaning Oak Drive, felt that there was no harm in tabling the items and voting in January.

Wayne McCloskey, 509 Wildwood Drive, had toured the project property and was impressed by what he had seen. He felt the developers had addressed every concern.

Mr. Storch cited Florida Statute 177.071 which requires approval, approval with conditions, or denial with specific citations of requirements not met.

Mayor Depew felt as though all the concerns had been met.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve SD-2401 Request for Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan Approving for Deering Park Center Active Adult Single Family Phase 1a located south of Indian River Boulevard within the Deering Park center. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor DePew, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

No: 1 - Councilwoman Gillis

b. SD-2402: Request for Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan Approval for Deering Park Center Active Adult Single Family Phase 1b located south of Indian River Boulevard within Deering Park Center.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve SD-2402: request for preliminary plat and construction plan approval for Deering park center activity active adult single family, Phase 1B located south of the New River Boulevard within the Deering Park center. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

c. SD-2403: Request for Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan Approval for Deering Park Center Townhomes Phase 1 located south of Indian River Boulevard within Deering Park Center.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve SD-2403: request for preliminary approval for Deering Park Center Phase 1 located south of Indian River Boulevard within the Deering Park center. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor DePew, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

No: 1 - Councilwoman Gillis

d. SD-2405: Request for Preliminary Plat and Construction Plan Approval for Deering Park Center Single Family Phase 1 located south of Indian River Boulevard within Deering Park Center.

Ryan Solstice, Development Services Director, provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to approve Item No. SD-2405: request for preliminary plat and construction plan approval for Deering Park center single Family Phase 1. Located south of Indian River Boulevard within Deering Park center. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor DePew, Councilman Thomas, Councilwoman Dolbow and Councilman Rainbird

No: 1 - Councilwoman Gillis

e. City Clerk Employment Agreement

City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.

Mayor Depew complimented Ms. Geiger's performance so far.

City Manager Mahoney informed Council that Ms. Geiger's beginning salary would be \$93,000; without benefits.

Mayor Depew closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Rainbird, to approve the City Clerk Employment agreement and waive the residency requirement. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

f. Chief of Police Residency Requirement

City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.

City Manager Mahoney noted that Chief Geiger currently resides in unincorporated Volusia County within Edgewater's boundaries.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Thomas, to waive the Chief of Police residency requirement. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

g. Wreaths Across America Fee Waiver Request

City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.

Interim City Clerk Toupin advised that the event was taking place on the 13th.

Mayor Depew thanked Gary Snider for all he does regarding the event.

Mayor Depew closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gillis, second by Councilman Rainbird, to approve the Wreaths Across America Fee Waiver request. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

h. YMCA Lease

City Manager Mahoney explained that at the May 19th meeting, Council had approved extending the YMCA lease with the understanding that monthly payments of \$3,779.17 would continue. However, the lease extension was never executed by the then-interim city manager. The YMCA now maintains they have satisfied all required lease payments under the previous agreement and the unexecuted extension doesn't obligate them to make future payments. Mr. Mahoney requested Council reconsider the prior vote and authorize him to negotiate a more beneficial lease extension.

Mayor Depew opened the public hearing.

Councilman Rainbird expressed concern that the YMCA would continue collecting fees from children while the City maintains the building and fields. City Manager Mahoney clarified he just wanted the opportunity to recall the extension so he wouldn't have to execute it and could instead renegotiate.

Mayor Depew clarified that they did support the YMCA.

Mayor Depew asked for citizens comments and received none.

A motion was made by Councilman Rainbird, second by Councilman Thomas, to reconsider the prior vote. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rainbird, second by Councilman Thomas, to rescind the prior vote, approving the addendum and direct the City Manager to either renegotiate or terminate the contract. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

i. Amendment to Assistance to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) Grant from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management to enhance the safety and durability of Fire Station 57

City Manager Mahoney provided a staff report and recommendation.

Mayor Depew opened and closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dolbow, second by Councilman Rainbird, to approve amendment to Assist to the Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Grant from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management to enhance the safety and durability of Fire Station 57. The MOTION was APPROVED by the following vote:

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

12. OFFICER REPORTS

a. City Clerk

Interim City Clerk Toupin had nothing to report but congratulated Sara Geiger on her new position and apologized for PowerPoint issues.

b. City Attorney

City Attorney Wolfe provided litigation updates on a lawsuit filed by Mr. Patel against the City and former employee Asher Bell regarding an auto accident; the Paul and Deborah Kemp vs. the City; and the SB 180 litigation.

13. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chuck Martin, 205 Cherrywood Lane, expressed concern about water flow from the Park Avenue development.

Mayor Depew suggested implementing comment cards for citizen comments, noting Edgewater was the only municipality in Volusia County not using them. Council gave consensus for this change.

Mayor Depew proposed naming the wetland park after Councilman Mike Thomas, who had advocated for the project since at least 2016 and has served the City since 2005. The Council agreed to bring a resolution forward for this purpose in March.

14. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Depew adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Monique Toupin, Assistant to the City Clerk.

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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