



**City Council
Approved Minutes
September 8, 2025
Council Chambers
6:30 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Councilmember Vance Guthrie, Councilmember Stephen Schoene, Councilmember Scot French, Councilmember Bill Randolph, Mayor John Lowndes.

Absent: 0 -

Mayor Lowndes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2025. Staff in attendance included: City Manager Reggentin, Assistant City Manager Lewis, City Clerk Hollingsworth, City Attorney Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Conn, Finance Director Gray, Deputy Public Works Director Kennedy, Fire Chief Morton, Police Chief Manuel, Community Development Director Daniels, Public Information Officer Sargent, and IT Director Bentley.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Lowndes offered a moment of silence.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lowndes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. RETIREMENT SERVICE AWARD: RICK MCCARTHY

Mayor Lowndes read a brief biography highlighting Rick McCarthy's career and presented him with a 27-year service award. Mayor Lowndes expressed appreciation for his dedicated public service and extended best wishes for his continued health and happiness.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. RESOLUTION NO. 16-2025: ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 TAX YEAR 2025

City Manager Reggentin stated that City Council held the General Fund budget workshop on July 15, 2025. The rolled-back rate and proposed operating and voted debt service millage rates for the 2025 tax year were set by Council on July 22, 2025. The proposed operating and voted debt millage and the date and time of the tentative budget public hearing were included in the proposed tax bills sent out by the Orange County Property Appraiser in August.

The proposed tax rate set at the July 22, 2025, Council meeting was 5.0465. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget draft was developed based on Council adopting the same rate as the 2025 operating millage rate of

5.0465 or \$5.0465 per thousand dollars of taxable value, which is 3.55% higher than the rolled-back rate of 4.8737. The FY 2026 tentative budget is \$42,205,000.

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period.

There being no one who wished to speak, Mayor Lowndes closed the public comment period.

A brief discussion ensued.

Move to adopt Resolution 16-2025 setting the tentative operating millage for FY 2026 as 5.0465, which is 3.55% higher than the rolled-back rate of 4.8737.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Guthrie
SECONDER:	Councilmember Schoene
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

Move to adopt the proposed voted debt millage rate for FY 2026 as 0.1960 for a combined total of 5.2425 mills, as presented in Resolution 16-2025.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Guthrie
SECONDER:	Councilmember Schoene
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

Move to adopt the tentative budget for the General Fund in the amount of \$42,205.00.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Guthrie
SECONDER:	Councilmember Randolph
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes

NAYS: None

Move to set date, time, and place for the public hearing on the Final Resolution to adopt the FY 2026 budget for Monday September 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at City of Maitland Council Chambers.

RESULT: Approve

MOVER: Councilmember Guthrie

SECONDER: Councilmember Randolph

AYES: Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes

NAYS: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT: Approve

MOVER: Councilmember Randolph

SECONDER: Councilmember French

AYES: Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes

NAYS: None

1. **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2025.**
Approve the City Council meeting minutes of August 25, 2025.
2. **CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED MEETINGS: NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 22, 2025.**
Cancel the regular scheduled City Council meetings of Monday, November 24 and Monday, December 22, 2025.
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025: CHAPTER 196.1978 LIVE LOCAL ACT OPT OUT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION.**
Adopt Resolution No. 15-2025 enacting the opt-out provision of Chapter 196.1978, as presented.
4. **FLORIDA STATE REVOLVING FUND: LOAN AGREEMENT WW480280 AMENDMENT 3**
Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment 3 to the State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement for the Construction of Dommerich Hills Ph 2-4 Project, as approved February 13, 2023.
5. **3RD QUARTER FY 2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Receive the 3rd Quarter FY 2025 Financial Summary and Investment Schedule, as presented.

6. FY25 LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION: GRAYROBINSON

Approve FY25 legislative representation expenditures with GrayRobinson.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 17-2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Approve Resolution 17-2025 increasing the FY 2025 General Fund budget by \$455,178 from Emergency Fund Balance Designation.

VIII. PUBLIC PERIOD

Mayor Lowndes opened the Public Period.

There being no one who wished to speak, the Public Period was closed.

IX. DECISIONS

1. FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 1448 CHAPTER 196.1978 LIVE LOCAL ACT OPT OUT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION.

City Clerk Hollingsworth, read aloud, by title Ordinance No. 1448.

Assistant City Manager Lewis presented Ordinance No. 1448 and provided an overview.

Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period. There being no one who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 1448, Chapter 196.1978 Live Local Act Opt Out Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Guthrie
SECONDER:	Councilmember Randolph
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

2. FIRST READING: ORDINANCE NO. 1449 NON-EXCLUSIVE C&D FRANCHISE AGREEMENT COASTAL WASTE & RECYCLING, INC.

City Clerk Hollingsworth, read aloud, by title Ordinance No. 1449.

Assistant City Manager Lewis presented Ordinance No. 1449 and provided an overview.

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period. There being no one who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 1449, Non-Exclusive C&D Franchise Agreement Coastal Waste & Recycling, Inc.

RESULT:	Adopt
MOVER:	Councilmember Randolph
SECONDER:	Councilmember French
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Vance Guthrie, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/CITY ATTORNEY/COUNCIL REPORTS

Assistant City Manager Lewis reported that the 2025 Mid-Decennial Redistricting Advisory Committee met and recommended two maps to be presented to the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on September 16, 2025, with a tentative public hearing scheduled for October 14, 2025. She noted that Map 1A is a slightly amended version of the map previously recommended and supported by the City Council.

By consensus, City Council agreed that an updated letter be transmitted to the Orange County BCC affirming Maitland's recommendation of Map 1A. Mayor Lowndes will draft the letter to be sent on behalf of the City Council.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.