



**City Council
Approved Minutes
July 27, 2026
Council Chambers
6:30 PM**



I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Councilmember Stephen Schoene, Councilmember Keith Givens, Councilmember Scot French, Councilmember Bill Randolph, Mayor John Lowndes

Absent: 0 -

Mayor Lowndes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 27, 2026. Staff in attendance included City Manager Reggentin, Assistant City Manager Lewis, City Clerk Hollingsworth, City Attorney Smith, Finance Director Gray, Public Works Director Tracy, Parks & Recreation Director Conn, Fire Chief Morton, Police Chief Manuel, Community Development Director Daniels, and Public Information Officer Sargent.

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 RECOGNITION: DEBBIE ZARAVELIS.

Mayor Lowndes read a brief biography highlighting Ms. Zaravelis's 33-years of dedicated service to the City of Maitland and presented her with a service award in recognition of her career. He expressed his appreciation for her commitment to public service and extended his best wishes for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Ms. Zaravelis thanked the Mayor, City Council, and staff for their many years of support and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the City of Maitland.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. RESOLUTION NO. 8-2026: CLEAN WATER PROJECT FACILITY PLAN.

Public Works Director Tracy presented Resolution 8-2026, adopting the Clean Water Project Facility Plan for the Keller Road Gravity Sewer Replacement Project, and provided an overview of the project.

Mayor Lowndes opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 8-2026, approving the Clean Water Project Facility Plan for the Keller Road Gravity Sewer Replacement Project, as presented.

RESULT:	Approve
MOVER:	Councilmember Randolph
SECONDER:	Councilmember Givens
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Keith Givens, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period for Consent Agenda Items No. 4 through No. 8. There being no individuals who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

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

RESULT:	Approve
MOVER:	Councilmember Randolph
SECONDER:	Councilmember Schoene
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Keith Givens, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

- 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2026.**
Approve the City Council meeting minutes of July 13, 2026, as presented.
- 2. CITY COUNCIL FY 2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026.**
Approve the City Council FY 2027 Budget Workshop meeting minutes of July 20, 2026, as presented.
- 3. CITY COUNCIL FY 2027 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2026.**
Approve the City Council workshop minutes of July 21, 2026, as presented.
- 4. RESOLUTION NO. 11-2026: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SFGA GRANT 457000-1-54-01 TRAFFIC SIGNAL HARDENING.**

Approve and adopt Resolution No. 11-2026, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State-Funded Grant Agreement (SFGA) for the Horatio Avenue and Maitland Avenue Traffic Signal Hardening Project, accept the grant award in the amount of \$331,557 and approve the associated fiscal impact, as presented.

5. AMENDMENT 1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT POST-DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES INDEPENDENCE LANE NORTH: CPH, INC.

Approve Amendment 1 to the agreement with CPH, Inc. for post-design engineering services for the Independence Lane North project in an amount not to exceed \$22,760.

6. THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY URBAN COUNTY RESTATED INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT: HUD PROGRAMS.

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Third Amendment to the Restated Interlocal Agreement with Orange County, as presented.

7. SANITARY SEWER LATERAL INSTALLATION: CATHCART CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Approve an expenditure to Cathcart Construction Company in the amount of \$54,175 for the installation of a sanitary sewer lateral at 1740 E. Adams Drive, as presented.

8. FISCAL YEAR 2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET REQUEST: ART & HISTORY MUSEUMS OF MAITLAND.

Approve a mid-year budget request from Art & History Museums of Maitland in the amount of \$27,880 due to impacts from construction of the library and Quinn Strong Park.

VIII. PUBLIC PERIOD

Mayor Lowndes opened the Public Period.

Public comment was received from the following individuals:

- Carol Behar, 1562 Indian Dance Court.
- Justin Harvey, 1025 Hamlet Drive.
- Dylan Benson, 1084 Hamlet Drive.
- Nyeisha Clemons, 1008 Hamlet Drive.
- Danielle Thomas, Executive Director Art & History Museums Maitland, 231 Packwood Avenue.
- Vance Guthrie, 1504 Druid Isle.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Lowndes closed the Public Period.

IX. DECISIONS

1. PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE.

City Manager Reggentin outlined the Truth in Millage (TRIM) requirements of Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, noting that the City Council was required to set the rolled-back millage rate, set the proposed operating and the voted debt millage rates, and establish the date, time and place for the tentative budget hearing. He further noted that Florida law requires separate public comment period and roll call vote for each of the five required TRIM actions.

City Manager Reggentin presented the rolled-back rate of 4.8685 mills, the operating millage rate of 5.0465 mills, the 2004 Voted Debt Millage rate of 0.1890 mills, and the 2026 Voted Debt millage rate of 0.2890 mills, for a combined total millage rate of 5.5245 mills. He advised that the increase over the prior years' combined millage rate was attributable to the additional debt service required for construction of the new library. He also reviewed the estimated tax impact on residential property and the maximum millage rate voting thresholds established by Florida law.

The maximum millage rate voting thresholds for Fiscal Year 2026 -2027 are as follows:

Maximum Millage Rate Voting Options	Maximum Millage Rate
Majority Vote of Governing Board (rolled-back rate per state formula)	Up to 4.8685
2/3 Vote of Governing Board (110% of the rolled-back rate)	Up to 5.3554
Unanimous Vote of Governing Board or Referendum	Any rate up to statutory limits

A discussion ensued. Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period regarding the proposed rolled-back millage rate. There being no individuals who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to set the rolled-back millage rate for the 2026 tax year as 4.8685 mills.

RESULT: Adopt

MOVER: Councilmember Schoene

SECONDER: Councilmember French

AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Keith Givens, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period regarding the proposed operating millage rate. There being no individuals who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to set the proposed operating millage rate for the 2026 tax year at 5.0465 mills.

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

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period regarding the proposed 2004 Voted Debt millage rate. There being no individuals who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to set the proposed 2004 Voted Debt millage rate for the 2026 tax year at 0.1890 mills.

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

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period regarding the proposed 2026 Voted Debt millage rate. There being no individuals who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to set the proposed 2026 Voted Debt millage rate for

the 2026 tax year at 0.2890 mills, for a combined total millage rate of 5.5245 mills.

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

Mayor Lowndes opened the public comment period regarding the public hearing for the tentative budget. There being no individuals who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

A motion was made to set the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the tentative budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

RESULT:	Approve
MOVER:	Councilmember Randolph
SECONDER:	Councilmember French
AYES:	Stephen Schoene, Keith Givens, Scot French, Bill Randolph, John Lowndes
NAYS:	None

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

City Manager Reggentin provided an update on current City projects.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.