



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Regular Commission Meeting

City Commission

Mayor Avila
Vice Mayor Avila-Vazquez
Commissioner Colwell
Commissioner Heriot
Commissioner Howington
Commissioner Nabicht
Commissioner Santiago

Monday, July 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Deltona Commission Chambers

REVISED 07-16-2026

PUBLIC FORUM: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

A. [Invocation Presented by District #1 Commissioner.](#)

4. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. [Proclamation - Parks and Recreation Month](#)

Background:

This is a Proclamation recognizing City of Deltona Parks and Recreation.

6. DELTONA COMMUNITY EVENTS:

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-55 - Establishing the Maximum Lake McGarity Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2026-27.](#)

Background:

The Lake McGarity Special Assessment District was established to provide aquatic weed control services for the Lake. The cost of those services is apportioned to properties that will benefit from those services and will be levied to the property owners.

Section 54-16 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the City Commission adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption.

The attached Resolution suspends the annual assessment per assessed parcel for FY2026/2027 for the Lake McGarity Assessments as part of the annual Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) per F.S. 197.3632.

City Commission as part of the TRIM process will set the final Annual Assessment at the September 9 Commission meeting.

B. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-56 - Establishing the Maximum Solid Waste Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2026-27.](#)

Background:

The Solid Waste (Trash) Collection System is based on operational and capital needs and is funded by fees levied to the property owners in the City. Section 54-56 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the City Commission adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption process for each fiscal year.

The attached Resolution only establishes the maximum solid waste annual assessment of \$287.76 per residential unit for FY2026/2027 for Solid Waste (Trash) Collection Assessments to be included as part of the annual Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) per F.S. 197.3632.

City Commission as part of the TRIM process will set the final Annual Assessment at the September 9 Commission meeting.

C. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-57 - Establishing the Maximum Stormwater Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2026-27.](#)

Background:

The Stormwater Utility System is funded by fees levied to the property owners to fund operation and capital needs. The current rate of \$970 was adopted last year as part of a five-year phase to not support the Stormwater Utility System for operating and capital projects.

The attached Resolution only establishes the maximum stormwater annual assessment of \$210.00 per equivalent residential unit for FY2026/2027 for Stormwater Assessments to be included as part of the annual Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) per F.S. 197.3632.

City Commission as part of the TRIM process will set the final Annual Assessment at the September 9 Commission meeting.

D. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-58 - Establishing the Maximum Streetlighting Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2026-27.](#)

Background:

The Streetlighting Services System is based on operational and capital needs and is funded by fees levied to the property owners in the City for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 of \$177,861.

Section 54-253 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the City Commission adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption process for each fiscal year.

The attached Resolution only establishes the maximum streetlighting annual assessment per parcel for FY2026/2027 for Streetlight Assessments to be included as part of the annual Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) per F.S. 197.3632.

City Commission as part of the TRIM process will set the final Annual Assessment at the September 9 Commission meeting.

E. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-59 - Establishing the Maximum Nuisance Abatement Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2026-27.](#)

Background:

The Nuisance Abatement Assessment was established in 2018 for the collection of unpaid costs and expenses incurred by the City for nuisance and lot clean-up. This is an effort for the City to recoup the costs associated with the abatement of the three (3) properties for clean-up that is a nuisance and a threat to public health, safety, and welfare per Section 54 of the Code of Ordinances.

The attached Resolution only establishes the maximum annual assessment of each applicable parcel for FY2026/2027 for the Nuisance Abatement Services Assessments to be included as part of the annual Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) per F.S. 197.3632.

City Commission as part of the TRIM process will set the final Annual Assessment at the September 9 Commission meeting.

F. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-63 - Award ITB# 26023, Lawn and Landscaping Services to Quality By Design to provide Citywide Lawn and Landscaping Services for various Stormwater, Water and Wastewater Plants, Facility Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, and Fire Department locations.](#)

Background:

ITB# 26023 was posted on Demandstar and notification went out to

683 companies and there were 31 plan holders. Ten (10) bids were received in response to ITB# 26023 for Lawn and Landscaping Services. This bid will provide Citywide Lawn and Landscaping services to multiple divisions to include Stormwater, Water Plant Operations, Wastewater Plant Operations, City Hall, Parks and Recreation and various Fire Stations. Staff reviewed bids and is recommending award to Quality By Design.

G. [Request for approval of the Second Quarter 2026 Reports of City Advisory Boards/Committees.](#)

Background:

April through June 2026 Quarterly Reports of City Advisory Boards/Committees:

1. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
2. Firefighter Pension Board
3. Ordinance Review Committee
4. Planning and Zoning Board
5. Team Volusia

H. [Request for recognition\(s\):](#)

[The following recognition\(s\) has been requested:](#)

1. [Proclamation - Faith & Freedom 250](#)

Background:

N/A

8. ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. [Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 14-2026, Amending and Updating the City's Special Assessments and Creating a Fire Rescue Services Assessment based on the 2026 Fire Assessment Study Prepared by Benesch Financial Consultants, Inc., at First Reading.](#)

Background:

The City retained Benesch Consultants, Inc. to prepare the 2026 Fire Rescue Services Assessment Fee Study to evaluate the City's creation of a fire rescue services assessment program and determine whether the creation adequately addresses the costs associated with the fire rescue services growth.

Fire rescue assessments are a type of non-ad valorem special assessments used to fund the operating and capital costs associated with providing fire protection and basic life support services. They are a common funding source used by many Florida cities and counties. A fire rescue assessment is an annual charge applied to each property in the city that, typically, is collected through the property owners' tax bill

under Florida's Uniform Property Tax and Assessment Collection Act.

In conjunction with the study, the City completed a publicly noticed budget workshop on June 22, 2026, to provide the public with the opportunity to evaluate the needs of the fire rescue services.

Ordinance No. 14-2026 amends Chapter 54, "Special Assessments," of the Code of Ordinances to implement the recommendations of the 2026 Fire Rescue Services study and establish the assessment fees for the next five fiscal years. Staff recommends approval at first reading.

- B. [Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 02-2026 Amending Chapter 66 "Traffic and Vehicles" establishing regulation regarding Micromobility devices, at second and final reading.](#)

Background:

During the 2025 Legislative Session, State Legislature adopted SB 462, codified in Chapter 2025-149, Laws of Florida, which allows local governments to establish regulations regarding micromobility devices, defined as a "motorized transportation device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes both a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as a bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, or any other device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet." At August 18, 2025, Regular City Commission Meeting, the City Commission provided direction to adopt an ordinance regulating micromobility devices pursuant to the authorization in Florida Statutes.

- C. [Public Hearing- Ordinance No. 15-2026, Animal Abandonment with Enhanced Penalties, at first reading.](#)

Background:

HB 559 (2026), codified as Chapter 2026-78, Laws of Florida, authorizes the governing body of a municipality to enact ordinances relating to animal control or cruelty and increases the maximum available civil penalty effective October 1, 2026. The City of Deltona Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, "Animals" establishes rules and regulations as to the keeping of animals within the City providing for the public health, safety, and welfare of both animals and the residents. The abandonment of animals constitutes a serious threat to animal welfare and creates concerns for public health and safety, including the risk of injury, disease, and nuisance conditions within the City of Deltona.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-54 - Establishing the Maximum Fire Rescue Services Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2026-27](#)

Background:

The Fire Rescue Services Special Assessment was established to provide fire rescue services for the City. The cost of those services is apportioned to properties that will benefit from those services and will be levied to the property owners.

Section 54-16 of the Code of Ordinances requires that the City Commission adopt an Annual Rate Resolution during its budget adoption.

The Maximum Fire Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefitted parcels to generate the estimated Fire Assessment Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2026, and all ensuing fiscal years, subject to annual indexing as authorized by Ordinance 14-2026 are hereby established as attached in the Preliminary Rate Resolution for the maximum annual assessment per Exhibit "A" per assessed parcel for FY2026/2027 for the Fire Rescue Services Assessments to be included as part of the annual Truth in Millage Notice (TRIM) per F.S. 197.3632.

City Commission as part of the TRIM process will set the final Annual Assessment at the September 9 Commission meeting.

B. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-60 - Maximum Millage Rate for Fiscal 2026-27.](#)

Background:

This is a request for the City Council to establish the tentative maximum fiscal year FY 2026-27 millage rate and schedule the public hearings for the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget. The maximum millage and budget hearing dates require public notifications under the Florida Truth in Millage (TRIM) statutes.

The property appraiser will use the maximum millage rate voted on during this meeting in the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes and mail it to all property owners in August. The City Council may reduce the tentative millage rate below the maximum millage rate; however, the City Council cannot increase the tentative millage rate above the maximum millage rate without another public notification to all City property owners. For practical purposes, the rate approved at this meeting will establish the maximum property tax millage rate for the next fiscal year.

The current year's operating millage rate is \$6.7000 per \$1,000 assessed taxable value; the current year's total taxable value for

operating purposes is \$5,920,885,741 as certified by the Volusia County Property Appraiser. The current years rolled-back millage rate is \$6.4948 per \$1,000 assessed value.

Staff recommended maximum millage rate is \$6.7000 per \$1,000 were assessed, this would be an increase of 3.16% above the roll-back millage rate Per Florida Statutes and the Truth in Millage (TRIM) Timetable, staff must recommend certain dates for the required public hearings. The recommended dates and times are as follows:

1. Tentative Hearing - Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Final Hearing - Monday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m.

C. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-61 Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Identify Properties Suitable for Conservation and Pursue Grant and Other Funding Opportunities for the Acquisition of Property for Conservation Purposes.](#)

Background:

The City Commission has expressed an interest in preserving environmentally sensitive lands and open space within the City. Resolution No. 2026-61 authorizes the City Manager or his designee to identify properties for potential conservation and pursue grant and other funding opportunities to assist with their acquisition.

The resolution applies citywide. The initial areas identified for evaluation, as shown on the attached map, include the Reed Ellis area, Collins Road area, and Fish Hawk area. Additional areas may be identified by the Mayor and City Commission or recommended by staff for future evaluation.

Approval of this resolution does not authorize the acquisition of any property or the expenditure of City funds. Any future property acquisition or acceptance of grant funding will require separate City Commission approval.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS, REQUESTS & REPORTS:

13. ADJOURNMENT:

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC FORUM

**This is only for individuals who submitted a request to speak form during the 6:00 p.m. Public Forum and were not afforded the opportunity to speak.*

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).

Individuals with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Manager in writing at CityManager@deltonafl.gov or to Deltona City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, FL 32725 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which the person wishes to attend. The City is not permitted to provide the use of human physical assistance to physically handicapped persons in lieu of the construction or use of ramps or other mechanical devices in order to comply with Florida law. If proper accommodations for handicapped access cannot be made at a particular public meeting venue pursuant to a timely written request under Section 286.26 F.S., the City Manager shall change the venue of that meeting to a location where those accommodations can be provided.

DECORUM POLICY: The City of Deltona has a significant interest in conducting orderly and efficient public meetings, which includes preventing disruption, promoting civility, and preserving decorum. To that end, behavior which disrupts or impedes the efficient and orderly conduct of any public meeting, as determined by the Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, is not permitted. The Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, may interrupt, warn, or terminate a speaker's statement when that statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, irrelevant, or otherwise reasonably perceived to be a disruption to the fair and orderly progress of the discussion at hand. The Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, may also interrupt any part of the meeting to warn any individual that they are being disruptive or otherwise impeding the efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. The Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, may require any individual to leave a public meeting for its duration if that individual is unable to observe this Policy after being warned. Should an individual be required to leave a meeting for violating this Policy, that person shall be escorted from Commission Chambers by a Volusia Sheriff's Deputy.

PUBLIC FORUM: Public Forum will begin at 6:00 PM at the start of each regular meeting and will conclude after 30 minutes. Prior to addressing the City Commission on any topic during a meeting, members of the public shall fill out and submit a "Request To Speak" form provided by the City Clerk. A form must be filled out for each item that the speaker wants to speak about. Members of the public shall speak only when recognized by the presiding officer and once at the podium, shall identify themselves by name, city of residence, and/or organizational affiliation of people addressing the City Commission. Public comments shall only be directed to the Chair of the meeting, and not toward any specific Commissioners, staff members, or another member of the public. Members of the public shall be limited to speaking only during "Public Forum" for issues not on the meeting agenda which is limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker. Public comments for items on the agenda may be commented on only after there is a motion and second by the City Commission and is limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker. Please be courteous and respectful of the views of others. Members of the City Commission shall not enter into discussion or respond to a citizen's comments other than to give directions or to ask for clarification. However, individual Commissioners may choose to respond under the "City Commissioner Comments" portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda contains items that have been determined to be routine and non-controversial. If discussion is desired by any member of the City Commission, that item must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. All other matters included under the Consent Agenda will be approved by one motion. Citizens with concerns should address those concerns by filling out a "Request To Speak" form provided by the City Clerk prior to Consent Agenda items being pulled.