

# MINUTES



## REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING Tuesday, April 14, 2026 7:00 PM – COMMISSION CHAMBERS

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Chris Caputo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Mike Bracchi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All present observed a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Nora Powell.

### ROLL CALL

City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford called the roll. Present were Vice Mayor Chris Caputo, Commissioner Mike Bracchi, Commissioner Don D'Arminio, and Commissioner Paul Rolli. Mayor Scott Newton was absent. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson and City Attorney Kerry Ezrol.

### ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS

Commissioner Bracchi requested that a discussion of School Resource Officers be added to tonight's Agenda.

Vice Mayor Caputo requested that discussions of distance separations and the upcoming Love Wins 5K race be added as well.

### PROCLAMATIONS

#### **Landscape Architecture Month and Professional Architecture (PLA) Day**

Vice Mayor Caputo read a Proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Landscape Architecture Month and April 1, 2026, as Professional Architecture (PLA) Day in Wilton Manors. Jordan

Chiang, Broward Chair of the American Society of Landscape Architects (Florida Chapter), accepted the Proclamation on behalf of that organization.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Introduction of the 12<sup>th</sup> Graduating Class of the 2026 Wilton Manors Citizens Police Academy**

Police Chief Gary Blocker advised that the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is hosted annually by the Wilton Manors Police Department. The program is supported by Community Policing Officer Gary Grande, Office Manager Laurel Sheley, the City Clerk's Office, and professional maintenance staff from the Leisure Services Department.

Chief Blocker introduced the following graduates of this program: Mark Beigay, Orville Bradley, Jose Guzzardi, Michel Adum John Hayden, Tom Miller, Rebecca Muzychka, Daniel Rodriguez, Julissa Rodriguez, Clive Salmon, Renee Vasquez, and Bob Betz.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

At this time Vice Mayor Caputo opened public comment.

Mark Beigay, 605 NE 28 Street, described his experience with the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) and the positive benefits of this community program, including a greater understanding of a broad range of Police Department operations. He thanked Chief Blocker and Officer Gary Grande for their leadership in arranging the Academy and recognized his fellow graduates.

Shawn Walsh, 601 NW 27 Street, president of the Westside Association, reported that the Association will host a neighborhood social on Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mickel Park. Elected officials, City staff, and all Wilton Manors residents are invited. A suggested donation for the event is \$5 for Westside Association members and \$15 for future or potential members.

Mr. Walsh concluded that the Association would hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, with refreshments preceding the meeting.

With no other individuals wishing to speak at this time, Vice Mayor Caputo closed public comment.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Rolli made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bracchi seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

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## Invoices

- Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.

## Consent Resolutions

### **Resolution No. 2026-017:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION FOR APPROXIMATELY \$75,000 (52nd YEAR ALLOCATION) IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SPLASH PAD AT MICKEL PARK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **Resolution No. 2026-018:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS TO EXECUTE THE SURTAX FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY RELATED TO THE FY 2026 FORMULA-BASED FUNDING ALLOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY'S ROADWAY RESURFACING PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **Resolution No. 2026-019:** *(Emergency Management / Utilities)*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FILING OF THE CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT RELATED TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION V. CITY OF WILTON MANORS, 17TH CIRCUIT COURT OF BROWARD COUNTY, CASE NO. CACE25-002946, LITIGATION MATTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **Resolution No. 2026-020:** *(Emergency Management / Utilities)*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DAVID MANCINI & SONS, INC. TO CONSTRUCT STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF NE CORAL GARDENS DRIVE AND NE 27TH DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **Resolution No. 2026-022:** *(Information Technology)*

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS OF THE

CITY OF WILTON MANORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AN ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Motion to Approve the purchase of a new virtual server environment system.**

### **End of Consent Agenda**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance No. 2026-005:** *(Community Development Services) (Second Reading)*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (“ULDR”); AMENDING SECTION 010-030 “TERMS DEFINED”; AMENDING SECTION 020-70 “RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USE”; AMENDING SECTION 020-120 “MIXED-USE AND PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC DISTRICT PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES”; AND AMENDING SECTION 175-030 “RESPONSE TO REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUEST”, PROVIDING FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES AND RECOVERY RESIDENCES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Garcia-Beckford read the Ordinance by title only.

Commissioner D'Arminio made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-005. Commissioner Rolli seconded the motion.

At this time Vice Mayor Caputo opened the public hearing, which he closed upon receiving no input.

The motion prevailed by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

**Ordinance 2026-007:** *(Community Development Services) (Police) First Reading)*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED “ANIMALS,” SECTIONS 4-14 “DANGEROUS DOGS,” 4-15 “DANGEROUS DOG PENALTIES,” AND 4-16 “RESPONSIBILITIES;” AND 4-21 “ENFORCEMENT; FINES FOR VIOLATION”; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Garcia-Beckford read the Ordinance by title only.

Community Development Services Director Roberta Moore explained that this Ordinance amends Chapter 4, “Animals,” of City Code. It provides amendments based on amendments in Florida Statutes which were adopted by the State Legislature and took effect on July 1, 2025.

The proposed revisions update Sections 4-14 through 4-16 to ensure consistency with state definitions, procedures, and enforcement standards. Key changes include:

- Clarification of the definition of a dangerous dog
- Establishing updated procedures for investigation
- Designation following an incident
- Outlining the responsibilities of dog owners once a dog has been classified as dangerous

The Ordinance provides penalty provisions and revises owner’s requirements. The amendments are intended to modernize the City's animal control regulations, reduce legal risk, and provide clear guidance to staff, residents, and enforcement personnel.

Chief Blocker clarified that there has been a total of eight dangerous dog declarations since 2023.

Commissioner D'Arminio made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-007. Commissioner Bracchi seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 2026-021; (Police)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM AND MVB3X MODULAR VEHICLE BARRIER SYSTEM PRICE QUOTE WITH ADVANCED SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Rolli made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-021. Commissioner Bracchi seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS**

### **City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson reported that the City continues to monitor activity by the Florida Legislature regarding property tax reform. Thus far they have not announced that a special session will be called for tax reform or adoption of a state budget. The Legislature will meet next week in a special session to address Congressional redistricting.

The City has begun receiving signs for the wayfinding project, and installation is expected during the summer, particularly on City and state roadways, which have already been permitted.

Vice Mayor Caputo asked if the Wilton Manors Business Association (WMBA) still plans to provide the City with additional wayfinding signage in celebration of the City's anniversary. This signage will complement the City's signs and includes an LED message board at NE 6 Avenue and Wilton Drive.

### **City Attorney's Report**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Request to Fill Full-time Groundskeeper Vacancy (Parking and Mobility)**

City Manager Henderson advised that this is a single position which is completely funded by the City's Transportation and Mobility Fund. It was created after the City completed a major improvement project on Wilton Drive which provided enhanced landscaping in medians, right-of-way, and planter areas. The position maintains these areas and removes litter from those and other public spaces on Wilton Drive. It also maintains the City's irrigation system in the subject area. She characterized the project as high-profile.

Leisure Services Director Michelle Parks stated that Leisure Services provide limited litter pickup and limited landscaping/irrigation checks. Daily maintenance and checks on the area are not currently being performed. The position maintains all City parking lots and rights-of-way on roadways in addition to Wilton Drive. No detailed manual weeding is being done at present, as there is not sufficient staff capacity on a regular basis.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to support filling the position.

#### **School Resource Officers** *(requested by Commissioner Mike Bracchi)*

Commissioner Bracchi explained that a recent article in the *Sun-Sentinel* reported that the Broward County School District has begun to use its own district staff to fill School Resource Officer positions rather than having them filled by local Police Departments. He recalled that in the past, it has been difficult for Wilton Manors to staff this position and asked if the Commission wished to have the City Manager send a letter to the Broward County School District to request that they consider expediting this change for Wilton Manors.

City Manager Henderson noted that for many years, municipalities have provided School Resource Officers by negotiating agreements with the School Board for the funding of a portion of that staff position. More recently, the School Board has hired guardians that meet security requirements to be present in schools. This is the position currently provided in Wilton Manors Elementary School. There is no need for the Wilton Manors Police Department to serve as

future meeting. He recalled that a recent discussion of the City's Transit-Oriented Corridors (TOCs) had touched on the distance requirement for those locations.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to revisit distance separations.

**Love Wins 5K Race** (*requested by Vice Mayor Chris Caputo*)

Vice Mayor Caputo advised that Front Runners Fort Lauderdale will hold a 5K run/walk event in May 2026 and noted that one of the Commission's stated goals is to partner with other agencies to bring events to the Wilton Manors community. Because it will take place on a state roadway, some state expenses related to security are higher than anticipated, and the event holder is seeking to secure additional sponsorships. He asked if the Commission wished to support the event with a small sponsorship to cover City labor related to public safety.

City Manager Henderson estimated that the budget gap for the event is approximately \$2,500, which Vice Mayor Caputo noted would be his maximum recommendation. It was clarified that the funding gap is related to City costs, including water barricades and staffing.

Commissioner Bracchi made a motion to provide the 5K run/walk with a \$2,500 credit toward the staff invoice for associated costs. Commissioner Rolli seconded the motion, which prevailed by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026.

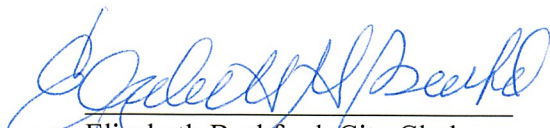
**REQUESTS FOR PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Commissioner Rolli requested that a discussion on Planned Unit Development (PUD) be placed on a future Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

These Minutes were approved by the City Commission on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

  
Elizabeth Beckford, City Clerk

  
Date Signed