

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 9, 2025

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Adair and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were thirty-three (33) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to dispense with the reading of the May council minutes and approve them as submitted. Approval for the motion was unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The City Secretary presented the monthly financial report with the following bank balances as of May 31, 2025, which were accepted and filed for audit:

| | <u>CHECKING</u> | <u>CD'S</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND | \$547,704.57 | \$283,179.58 | \$830,884.15 |
| UTILITY FUND | \$ 50,857.03 | \$117,894.01 | \$168,751.04 |
| TOTAL: | \$598,561.60 | \$401,073.59 | \$999,635.19 |

A motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$4076.49. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Residents were reminded of the details of the city's dog ordinance. Further information may be obtained at City Hall.
- Refuse conversion information/details are posted on the city's website, City Hall bulletin board, city's Facebook page and in the monthly newsletter. Please make yourself aware of the new requirements.
- Property owners are encouraged to check your property for any possible infiltration of water into your sewer system. During heavy rains the city's lift stations are overloaded which may cause multiple issues.
- The Jupiter Road drainage project is scheduled to begin next week, and drainage efforts continue by city staff.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INTENTION OF ISSUING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION:

A presentation was made by Jack McLiney of SAMCO Capital pertaining to the process of financing for street improvements. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Hedge, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to approve the Resolution which in no way obligates the city at this time. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

HENDERSON COUNTY TAX OFFICE COLLECTIONS CONTRACT:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to approve the contract for the next fiscal year beginning October 2025 for services related to tax preparation and collection. The vote was unanimous for approval.

PICKLEBALL COURT:

After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Morrison, seconded by Councilman Sherman, to proceed with the construction of a pickleball court after the project is fully funded through private donations and when the funds have been deposited into a designated account. The vote was approved with Councilwoman Martin abstaining.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Lt. Meyers reported seventy-nine (79) total calls for service in May with two (2) welfare concerns, one (1) traffic control, three (3) special assignments, two (2) alarm calls and one (1) fireworks call.

BUILDING & ZONING – Whitney Paschal reported that there are currently nineteen (19) active permits.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported on the twilight Sunday evening scrambles which began June 8th and invites the public to come join in the fun. A July 5th breakfast is planned at City Hall hosted by the Golf Committee, so be watching for details. Golf marshals have reported abuse regarding non-payment of daily golf fees. The Golf Committee is planning on exploring options for up-front payments for golf from STR permit holders in the city and other possibilities.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Rhonda Nelson thanked the council for their efforts and asked for more enforcement of the dog ordinance.
- Don Ellis asked that the Pickleball Court Task Force reconsider the location of the project.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **BOAT RAMP** - Councilman Hedge reported recent abuses of sharing of codes with non-property owners at the city's boat ramp and reminded residents that the committee recommended privatizing the area to help protect their investment. His committee will look into possible penalties if the abuse continues.

2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no additional report
3. **STREETS** – In order to curtail speeding in the city Councilman Morrison reported that larger speed bumps are being purchased for the city's entrance and in the future, they will be installed further down Sunset Blvd.
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman thanked city staff for their recent efforts.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

