

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

AUGUST 10, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Hedge, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, David Pyke, John Adair and Tony Morrison. There being a quorum present, Mayor Hedge called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Sherman and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hedge. There were nineteen (19) in attendance at the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Adair, to dispense with the reading of the July 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 July 31, 2026 which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$393,347.40	\$236,074.99	\$629,422.39
UTILITY FUND	\$ 25,171.40	\$ 89,717.12	\$114,888.52
TOTAL:	\$418,518.80	\$325,792.11	\$744,310.91

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve payment of the current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$12,406.97. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Martin asked that the Social Committee Funds be reported on the Treasurer's Report Summary instead of on the monthly Income Statement.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Hedge gave an update on the city's drainage project, reported that the pavilion project should be completed by Labor Day, thanked resident Patti Tucker for arranging a successful blood drive with Carter BloodCare at City Hall recently, commented that the two new lift station generators should arrive mid-September and that Precinct #1 staff will assist with unloading, and reminded attendees that August 15th & 16th are the dates for the city's next Clean-Up Weekend.

REPUBLIC SERVICES:

Anthony Macias with Republic Services was in attendance. After discussion with the city council he stated that the automated truck will begin service in Star Harbor next week. Residents were reminded that all trash must be in bags and placed in the refuse cart in order to be picked up. Trash not in the cart will not be picked up. Per the city's contract, an annual CPI increase of \$.71 will appear on your August utility billing statement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The council convened into an Executive Session at 6:20pm for purposes of discussion of real property and personnel matters. The council reconvened into Open Session at 7:05pm.

PICKLEBALL PROJECT MEMBERSHIP RULES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martin, seconded by Councilman Pyke, to approve the membership rules as presented by the committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

2026/2027 TAX RATE/PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilman Pyke, seconded by Councilman Morrison to schedule a public budget hearing for Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5pm. The vote was unanimous for approval. After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Pyke, seconded by Councilman Adair, to approve the "No New Revenue" tax rate of \$0.238190/\$100 and a bond tax rate of \$0.076491, which motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026:

No action was taken.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. – Asst. Chief Amy Meyers reported sixty-four (64) total calls for service in July with three (3) citations issued, one (1) warning issued, one (1) suspicious vehicle, two (2) welfare concerns, two (2) follow-up investigations, one (1) damaged property, one (1) alarm call and one (1) fraud report.

BUILDING & ZONING REVIEW BOARD– Whitney Paschal reported that there are currently eleven (11) active permits with two new permits in July: sidewalk permit at #24 Crescent Drive and a driveway extension permit at #194 Shoreline Drive.

GOLF COMMITTEE - Committee member, Kathy Martin, reported that the Committee is working on their by-laws.

PICKLEBALL GROUP - Committee member, Russell Nelson, gave an update on the project.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Mark Smith inquired about Halloween traffic plans.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **BOAT RAMP** - Mayor Hedge – no report
2. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin - no report
3. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no report
4. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman – no report
5. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

