

**CITY OF STAR HARBOR
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

MARCH 9, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Tom Sherman, Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge and John Adair. Councilman Tony Morrison was absent. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Sherman and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were twenty-two (22) 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 February 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 February 28, 2026, which were accepted and filed for audit:

	<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>CD'S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$626,922.13	\$232,020.43	\$858,942.56
UTILITY FUND	\$ 8,193.33	\$ 88,346.30	\$ 96,539.63
TOTAL:	\$635,115.46	\$320,366.73	\$955,482.19

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Hedge, to approve payment of the current Account Payable in the amount of \$14,344.52. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Mayor Watson gave an update on progress of the city's drainage project and stated that the bidding process should begin near the end of March.
- Thanks to resident Patti Tucker for planning the recent Carter Blood Drive. The next event is scheduled for April 25th.
- The Star Harbor Watercolor Group hosted a successful Art Show on February 22nd.
- Be looking for your 2026-2027 golf membership packet to arrive in the mail soon.

CANCELLATION OF MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION:

Due to there being no contested races, the need for an election is not necessary. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Adair, seconded by Councilman Sherman to cancel the election scheduled for May 2, 2026 and approval was unanimous.

SPI ENGINEERING FIRM

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilwoman Martin, to hire the engineering firm of Schaumburg and Polk, Inc. to conduct the city's drainage project bidding process at a cost of \$9500. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

LIFT STATION GENERATORS:

A motion was made by Councilman Sherman, seconded by Councilman Adair, to postpone action on this item till the April meeting. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE DEPT. –Lt. Meyers reported fifty-three (53) total calls for service in February with two (2) suspicious persons, one (1) welfare concern, one (1) disturbance, two (2) animal complaints, two (2) special assignments and one (1) alarm call.

BUILDING & ZONING – In the absence of B&Z Administrator, Whitney Paschal, the City Secretary reported nine (9) current active permits with one (1) new permit issued in February for a water well at #30 Sunset Blvd.

GOLF COMMITTEE – Committee Chairman, Gary Robertson, reported that six (6) donated crepe myrtle trees were recently planted on the golf course and encouraged golfers to sign up for one of the new golf year's membership options.

UTILITY OPERATIONS – Eric Hendrix gave a monthly maintenance activity report and stated that drainage work continues throughout the city.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Tom Sherman commented on the funding progress of the Pickleball Project and that plans are underway for a construction timeline.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS:

1. **REVENUE** – Councilman Adair – no report
2. **BOAT RAMP** – Councilman Hedge – no report
3. **GOLF COURSE** – Councilwoman Martin reported that changes were made to golf course rules as previously discussed.
4. **STREETS** – Councilman Morrison – no report
5. **DRAINAGE** – Councilman Sherman - no report

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ADABETH ROUTT-SHUMATE
City Secretary

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

MARCH 10, 2026

6:00pm

CITY HALL

PRESENT: Mayor Watson, Councilmembers Kathy Martin, Bobby Hedge, John Adair and Tony Morrison. Councilman Tom Sherman was absent. There being a quorum present, Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The invocation was given by Councilman Morrison and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Watson. There were five (5) in attendance at the meeting.

The council entered Executive Session for the purpose of consultation with the city attorney and discussion of water and sewer rates, and related contractual and regulatory matters.

The council reconvened into Open Session at 6:38pm, and there being no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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