

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 8, 2026**

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Nidy at 7:00p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Attending:	Russ Nidy	Mayor
	Marion Chateau-Flagg	Vice Mayor/Council Seat #1
	Kathleen Hoock	Council Member Seat #2
	Alexandra Powell-Sardinas	Council Member Seat #3
	Dorothy Gravelin	Town Clerk
	William P. Doney	Town Attorney
	D/S Jason Ekstrom	PBSO
	Battalion 10 Chief Ronald Martinez	PBCFR
Absent:	John Tyson	Council Member, Seat #4

Also attending: Kenia & Richard Castiglia, 107 E Chandler Road; Ginny Jantz, 112 E Chandler Road; Virginia Standish, 1305 W Chandler Road and Bernice Raymond, 107 Shannondale Road

2. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (1) Virginia Standish commented the Christmas Party was very nice and mentioned someone from the County came several meetings ago and mentioned about the Town allowing a PSA (Public Service Announcement) on the billboard about Human Trafficking in January 2026 and told Town would encourage it. She would like the Trafficking ad on the billboard. Also, use the billboard for topics relevant to the community. Mayor responded that individual is no longer with the County, but he will check into it. (2) Bernice Raymond reported Plantwell vehicles constantly blocking her driveways. One day she was unable to enter yard from either driveway because of the trucks. Mayor Nidy added Jared would like the date, time and photos with tag number of these incidents sent to him so that he can handle it. He needs to identify who the offender is. The Town will also contact him. (3) Ginny Jantz offered their portable generator to the Town since they now have a whole house generator. Mayor Nidy thanked her for the offer, but we have no place to store it and plan to get a whole house one for the Town Hall in the future.

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Council Member Hoock, seconded by Council Member Powell-Sardinas approving the December 11, 2025 Council meeting minutes, accepting the January 8, 2026 Clerk's Report, and December 2025 Financial Reports passed on a 4-0 vote with Council Member Tyson absent.

5. MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS:

A. PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: D/S Ekstrom reported 13 calls: residential checks, couple of domestic calls, and only crime was a fraud case

B. PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE: Battalion Chief Martinez reported no calls, crews enjoyed the Christmas party (see photo with minutes), and new Station at Lyons Road south of Lake Worth Road opening January 29th. Will have a 6-minute video next month showing what they do.

C. MAYOR: No report. Thanked those that helped with the Christmas party and all those that attended.

C. BUILDING OFFICIAL: No report

D. CODE ENFORCEMENT: No report

6. AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:

A. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORD. 165 AMENDING CHAPTER 28 ZONING ARTICLE I, SECTION 28-10 TO CREATE NEW SUBSECTION (13) VACANT LOT MAINTENANCE, SUBSECTION (14) CAMPING PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA FOR MAINTENANCE OF VACANT LOTS IN TOWN.:

The Ordinance was read by title only by the Attorney. This Ordinance is in response to the illegal camping on a vacant lot in Town and the difficulty to have the inhabitants removed. Virginia Standish mentioned the County indicates her one parcel as unit A and unit B because there are 2 water meters. She previously had 2 units on the property, one since removed. The attorney responded it is platted as one parcel and has one property control number so it would be one parcel. Additionally, a RV cannot be parked on a vacant lot but on a developed lot can park next to or behind the residence. **Motion** by Council Member Powell-Sardinas and seconded by Council Member Hooch to adopt Ord. No. 165 amending Chapter 28 Zoning, by creating new subsection (13) vacant lot maintenance, subsection (14) camping prohibited and providing requirements and criteria for maintenance of vacant lots in Town. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote with Council Member Tyson absent.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. TOWN HALL INTERIOR RENOVATION: Primarily finished, waiting for bathroom approval and kitchenette installation.

B. DRAINAGE, THE PRESERVE and LAKES: (1) Vice Mayor Chateau-Flagg reported she is continually having to pick up garbage from Kyle who is still camping on FDOT right-of-way, even though FDOT said they would be removed, it fills both of Town's cans each trash day. Clerk authorized to contact PBC Commissioner Flores for assistance in having the tent inhabitants removed from FDOT property. (2) Vice Mayor Chateau-Flagg displayed a photo of the Atala caterpillars and butterflies on the plants in the gardens in front of Town Hall. It is only found in South Florida, Cuba, the Bahamas and Cayman Islands and is one the most endangered Florida butterfly, with the larvae needing serious conservation.

C. TOM LISI dba CASA MIA PROPOSAL FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT TOWN HALL & THE NATURE PRESERVE: They were at \$3,500 annually/\$291.67 monthly last year and requesting \$4,200 annually/\$350 monthly for the Town Hall landscape maintenance for FY2025-26. At The Preserve, they were at \$7,000 annually/\$583.34 monthly last year and are requesting \$9,000 annually/\$750 monthly this year. Previously the Mayor asked for more time to review the proposal, recommending accepting this through December 31st with review in January for the remainder of the fiscal year. There are sufficient funds budgeted for the Town Hall proposal but not for The Preserve, \$8,000 budgeted. After further discussion, **Motion** by Council Member Powell-Sardinas to counter the proposal for The Preserve to \$650 per month and accept the proposal of \$350 per month for The Town Hall, seconded by Council Member Hooch and passed 4-0 with Council Member Tyson absent.

D. TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th AT TOWN HALL BEGINNING AT 4PM: Great success, came in under budget at \$2,859.58 for food, crafts, prizes, tent and table rental. Leaving \$2,140.42 in the Special Events budget for possibly a Pancake Breakfast in the Preserve in late spring.

E. WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPLAINTS ABOUT CLAM SHELL TRASH PICK-UP: Waste Management finally filled the holes January 6th at several parcels damaged by clam shell truck picking up vegetation. Correspondence received yesterday from Jeff Sabin, Manager – Public Sector Solutions for Waste Management for a meeting with Mayor and Clerk so they can be more familiar with the issue and any other challenges, plus opportunities. Mayor Nidy waiting a few weeks before scheduling a meeting to see how the fill works, thinks

more fill should have been added. Richard Castiglia recommended adding layers of pebbles atop the dirt to prevent so much dirt being removed with the vegetation. The road has stress cracks that will need to be addressed in a couple of years.

F. CONSIDER A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR ABATEMENT OF EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY OUTDOOR LIGHTING: In response to a request last meeting concerning outdoor lighting, the attorney submitted an Outdoor Lighting Ordinance from another municipality for guidance. The Vice Mayor said her problem is the lights are 30 feet in the air shining right into her yard, keep their lighting in their yard, can have as many as they want as long as they don't shine into someone else's yard. Mr. Doney will prepare an ordinance for Council to look at next meeting and can make changes from there. Mayor Nidy will meet with the Property Manager and invited the Vice Mayor to meet with them, offer declined.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: **(1)** Vice Mayor would like an ordinance that addresses trash cans sitting on the street for days. The attorney offered can have an ordinance stating can only put cans out at a certain time the day before and remove them same day after pick up and can only place vegetation out a specified time before pick up. Want cans placed back in the yard not left on the street. **(2)** Vulnerability assessment Outreach Program will be held at 7pm on February 19th jointly with Glen Ridge at the Cloud Lake Town Hall. The representatives will be at the March 7th Council meeting to make a final summary/power point presentation to the Council before presenting the final product to the Board of County Commissioners. **(3)** Our new signs (Preserve hours, No Parking, Dead End) are ready to be picked up, just need a vehicle that can carry 10' signposts. **(4)** STOP sign on Wilson at Shannondale Road needs to be set back up. **(5)** Received notice from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection based on results of the NPDES MS4 Audit conducted August 5, 2025 our facilities were determined to be **in compliance** with the Department rules and regulations. The Town prepares an annual report that is submitted as part of the countywide report and a site visit by the Department is conducted every 5 years.

10. ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING: Motion by Council Hoock seconded by Council Member Powell-Sardinas to adjourn the meeting at 8:00m passed 4-0 with Council Member Tyson absent.

Dorothy Gravelin
Dorothy Gravelin, Town Clerk

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