

Mayor Ray Nyhuis
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COUNCIL MEETING

SUNSERVE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

2312 Wilton Manors Dr., Wilton Manors, FL.

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 6:30 PM

TO PARTICIPATE VIA TELEPHONE:

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**The Mayor will recognize people who wish to speak during
the open public comment portion of the meeting.**

MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Nyhuis, Councilmember Aliff, Councilmember Daugherty, Councilmember Grenell, Councilmember Kaufman, and Councilmember Merrill. A quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. **Revised** – February 5, 2026, Village Council Meeting Minutes
- b. March 12, 2026, Village Council Meeting Minutes
- c. Ratification of payments made for the following invoices:
 - Invoices paid electronically from March 12, 2026 – Present Day

Motion: Councilmember Aliff made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Merrill, which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

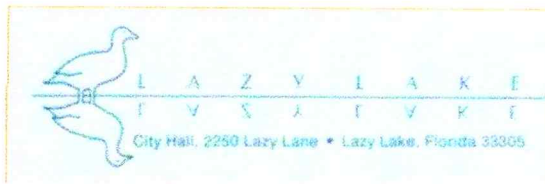
- a. Suggestion letter to the State regarding the elimination of Property Taxes – (Councilmember Merrill)

Council Member Dana Merrill initiated a discussion about drafting a formal letter to State officials addressing the elimination of property taxes in Florida.

Key points of discussion included:

- Potential fiscal impact on small municipalities such as the Village of Lazy Lake
- Dependence of municipal operations on ad valorem revenue
- Whether the Village should take an official position or remain neutral
- The appropriateness of sending a collective Council letter versus individual commentary

Council Members expressed varying perspectives on whether the Village should engage in State-level policy advocacy. The Council discussed the importance of maintaining financial stability and ensuring that any State-level tax reform would not adversely affect essential municipal services. There was no action taken.



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b. Comprehensive Plan – (Council Member Merrill)

Council Member Merrill provided an update and initiated discussion regarding the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion included:

- Current status of the Comprehensive Plan and required updates
- State compliance requirements and periodic review obligations
- Whether the Village should engage a consultant or planning professional
- Budget considerations for plan review and updates

The Council discussed the importance of ensuring the Comprehensive Plan remains current and consistent with State requirements, particularly given the Village's small administrative structure.

c. Deferment of Surtax monies from FY26 – (Council Member Aliff)

Council Member Arnie Aliff provided an update regarding transportation surtax funding allocated to the Village for Fiscal Year 2026.

Discussion included:

- Timing of anticipated surtax disbursements
- Potential deferment of funds and impact on project scheduling
- Planned roadway resurfacing and pavement improvements
- Installation of new or upgraded street lighting within Village limits
- Coordination with Broward County and applicable funding agencies

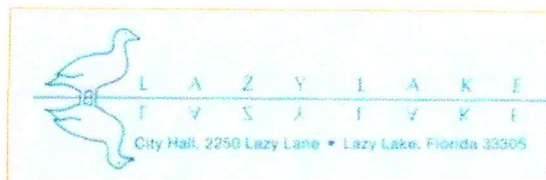
The Council discussed prioritization of infrastructure improvements and the importance of aligning project timelines with available funding streams.

d. List of upcoming ethics classes and reminder to file Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interest by July 1, 2026.

The Council reviewed State ethics training requirements applicable to elected officials.

Key points included:

- Requirement for annual ethics training compliance
- Reminder that **Form 1 Financial Disclosure is due July 1, 2026**
- Acceptable training providers, including the Florida League of Cities and other State-approved programs
- Importance of maintaining documentation of completed training for audit and compliance purposes



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Council Members acknowledged the requirement and discussed scheduling completion of training before the deadline.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

- a. Ordinance on trees/maintenance for the entirety of Lazy Lake – (Mayor Nyhuis/Council Member Merrill)

The Council continued discussion regarding accumulation of trees, limbs, vegetation, and debris entering Village lakes from adjacent private properties.

Discussion included:

- Ongoing maintenance challenges related to lake cleanliness and drainage
- Responsibility of private property owners for vegetation management
- Potential enforcement mechanisms and code language clarity
- Public safety and environmental considerations

- b. Code Compliance on 40 NE 24 Street (Final recommendation/assessment)

An update was provided regarding the code compliance case at **40 NE 24 Street**.

Discussion included:

- Status of compliance actions and final recommendations
- Assessment of fines or enforcement actions, if applicable
- Administrative follow-up required to close the case

The Council requested continued monitoring and final resolution reporting.

- c. Update on the grant/proposal for road pavement and new lights for Lazy Lake

The Council received an update on infrastructure planning related to roadway pavement and lighting improvements.

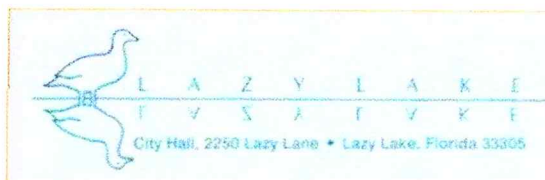
Discussion included:

- Eligibility for grant funding and surtax allocations
- Coordination with County and State funding programs
- Prioritization of roadway resurfacing needs
- Potential installation of energy-efficient lighting options

The Council emphasized aligning improvements with available funding cycles.

- d. Accounting Services

The Council discussed the status of securing professional accounting services for the Village.



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Discussion included:

- Need for consistent financial reporting and bookkeeping support
- Outreach to potential accounting firms or independent professionals
- Budget considerations for contracted services
- Ensuring compliance with municipal financial reporting requirements

5. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution 26-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LAZY LAKE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT (THE FACILITIES AMENDMENT) TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS PROCESSING AUTHORITY OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ASSISTANT TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE EXECUTED FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Council considered Resolution No. 26-01, approving an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County regarding solid waste disposal and recyclable materials processing facilities.

Discussion included:

- Continued participation in County-managed solid waste systems
- Operational impacts of the amendment
- Long-term waste management obligations

Motion: Councilmember Kaufman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-01. Seconded by Councilmember Aliff, which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

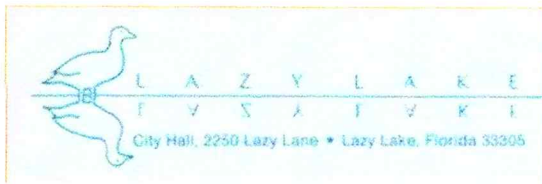
b. Resolution 26-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF LAZY LAKE, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR ETHICS TRAINING AND FILING STATE AND COUNTY FORMS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Council considered Resolution No. 26-02 establishing formal policy requirements for ethics training and required financial disclosure forms for elected officials.

Discussion included:

- Standardization of compliance procedures
- Documentation requirements for training completion



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- Reinforcement of State ethics obligations

Motion: Councilmember Aliff made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-02. Seconded by Councilmember Daugherty, which passed by a unanimous roll call vote. (5-0)

6. ORDINANCE ON 1ST READING

Ordinance 26-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LAZY LAKE, FLORIDA, REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO REMOVE TREES, LIMBS, AND RELATED DEBRIS THAT FALL INTO VILLAGE LAKES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Council considered Ordinance No. 26-01 relating to vegetation management and requiring removal of trees, limbs, vegetation, and debris originating from private property that enter Village lakes.

Discussion included:

- Defining property owner responsibility for debris removal
- Enforcement mechanisms and compliance procedures
- Environmental protection of Village waterways
- Maintenance responsibilities and cost implications

The Council discussed the need for clear enforcement language and practical implementation procedures.

Motion: Councilmember Aliff made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-01 as amended on 1st reading. Seconded by Councilmember Daugherty, which prevailed by a unanimous roll vote. (5-0)

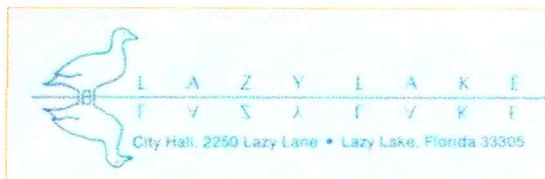
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Public comments, if any, included general remarks regarding Village operations and agenda items. Specific speakers and topics are to be verified against the recording.

8. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

The Village Attorney provided comments regarding legal and procedural matters affecting the Village, including guidance on agenda items and compliance considerations.



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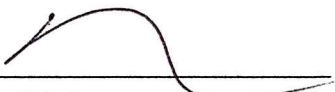
9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

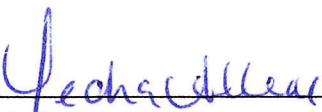
During the meeting, it was announced that Council Member Jeff Grenell and Council Member Dana Merrill submitted their resignations from the Village Council, effective immediately.

The Mayor acknowledged the resignations and noted that the Village would proceed in accordance with applicable Village procedures and Florida law regarding the resulting vacancies.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ray Nyhuis
Mayor

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Tedra Allen
Village Administrative Assistant