



AGENDA
TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2026
4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 E MAIN STREET, TAVARES

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1 Pastor Shane Harbrave, Compass Life Church

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO RECORD

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(City Clerk)

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Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Grant for Drone Purchase
for Police Department (Finance)

Tab 5 Resolution 2026-06 - Authorize Acceptance of SRF DW350981
Amendment Two to Extend Project Timeline. (Finance)

Tab 6 Resolution 2026-07 - Authoring Application for SRF Project
DW3509A, Identifying 100% Principal Forgiveness Funding
Provided Through SRF Supplemental Appropriation for Helene

Milton and Hawaii Wildfires (SAHMW)

IX. ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

Second Reading

X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

F.S. 286.0105 If a person decides to appeal any decision or recommendation made by Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he will need record of the proceedings, and that for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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**AGENDA SUMMARY
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AGENDA TAB NO.: 1

SUBJECT TITLE: Pastor Shane Harbrave, Compass Life Church

OBJECTIVE:

Pastor Shane Harbrave, Compass Life Church, will provide the invocation and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUMMARY:

Pastor Shane Harbrave, Compass Life Church, will provide the invocation and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPTIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 2

SUBJECT TITLE: Proclamation - Irish American Heritage Month (Mayor)

OBJECTIVE:

For the Mayor to read and the Council to adopt a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month.

SUMMARY:

Greg Sean Canning, Florida Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, requested the City Council adopt a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month in recognition of the long history of Irish American contributions in the State of Florida. Irish Americans in Florida have provided leadership and service to their state, counties, and local communities. The Irish forebears have contributed to education, business, sports, literature, science, engineering, medicine, science, and the arts.

OPTIONS:

1. For the Mayor to read, and the Council to adopt a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month.
2. Do not adopt the Proclamation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1. For the Mayor to read, and the Council to adopt a Proclamation declaring March 2026 as Irish American Heritage Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yes.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Irish American Heritage Month Proclamation
2. Proclamation Request

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by 1776 nearly 300,000 Irish nationals had immigrated to the American colonies and played a crucial role in America's War for Independence; and,

WHEREAS, five signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish decent, and three signers were Irish born; and,

WHEREAS, twenty-two Presidents have proudly proclaimed their Irish American heritage; and,

WHEREAS, the Irish first came to Spanish "La Florida" in the 1500s – first as missionaries and mercenary soldiers and then as planters, traders, businessmen, doctors, and administrators; and,

WHEREAS, three Spanish Governors of "La Florida" were Irish military officers, and Andrew Jackson, who came from County Antrim, served as Florida's military governor following its acquisition by the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Irish Americans, since America's inception, have provided and continue to provide leadership and service to this nation's political, business, and religious establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Tavares Council celebrates the rich cultural heritage and many valuable contributions of Irish Americans by proclaiming March 2026 as

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, by the Tavares City Council on this 18th day of February 2026.

Lori A. Pfister, Mayor

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 3

SUBJECT TITLE: Approval of the February 4, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes (City Clerk)

OBJECTIVE:

For the Council to consider approval of the February 4, 2026, City Council meeting minutes.

SUMMARY:

Attached are the February 4, 2026, City Council meeting minutes as submitted by the City Clerk.

OPTIONS:

1. Move to approve the meeting minutes under the Consent Agenda.
2. Move to approve the meeting minutes with corrections.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

For the Council's consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yes.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. 02-04-2026 CC Minutes

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.



**TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2026 – 4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Lori Pfister, Mayor
Bob Grenier, Vice Mayor
Sandy Gamble, Council Member
Doug Keown, Council Member
Walter Price, Council Member**

STAFF PRESENT

**John Drury, City Administrator
Lindsay Holt, City Attorney
Susie Novack, City Clerk
Antonio Fabre, Community Development Director
Scott Aldrich, Community Services Director
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Richard Keith, Fire Chief
Crissy Bublitz, Human Resources Director
Sarah Coursey, Police Chief
James Dillon, Public Works Director
Mark O'Keefe, Support Services Director
Brian Dykes, Utilities Director**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pfister called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. She asked those who wished to speak on an agenda item to complete and submit a Request to Speak form.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gamble provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Drury said the staff had no changes.

MOTION

Doug Keown moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Holt stated there were no quasi-judicial matters before the Council for consideration.

VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Ms. Novack read the following ordinance at Second Reading by title only:

ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT, ARTICLE V, FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAVARES; AMENDING SECTION 15-128, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EXTENSION OF DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. There were no requests.

MOTION

Walter Price moved to approve the Consent Agenda¹ [Tab 1. Approval of the January 21, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes], seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 1. Approval of the January 21, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

Second Reading

Tab 2. Ordinance 2026-02 – Extend Deferred Retirement Option from 60 months to 96 months for Tavares Firefighters’ Pension Plan – Second Reading

Ms. Houghton made the following presentation:

Ordinance 2026-02 provides changes to the Firefighters’ Pension Plan to allow eligible plan members to extend the Deferred Retirement Option from 60 months to 96 months,

The Pension Plan Board Attorney Pedro Herrera of Sugarman, Susskind, Braswell & Herrera, has prepared Ordinance 2026-02 to provide changes to Section 15-128 of the Firefighters’ Pension Plan that sets for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan for eligible Firefighters’ Pension Plan participants.

- *Amends: Section 15-128 (b) (3) and provides that any member shall be eligible to participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 96 months.*
- *Amends: Section 15-128 (b) (3) to add section (a) which provides that a member who entered DROP prior 2-4-2026 and has not reached their maximum DROP participation period of 60 months may elect to extend their maximum DROP participation to 96 months and sets forth conditions.*
- *Amends: Section 15-128(c)(2) to add language setting forth conditions should a DROP participant fail to terminate employment at the expiration of 96 months.*

The Plan Actuaries, Foster and Foster, have provided a letter of “no-impact” to the Firefighters’ Pension Plan stating that no formal Actuarial Impact Statement is required to support adoption. A copy of their letter detailing the Plan changes, and the actuary opinion is attached.

Staff recommends Option 1, for the Council to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 amending Chapter 15-128 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Tavares Firefighters’ Pension Plan to extend Maximum DROP participation from 60 months to 96 months.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

MOTION

Sandy Gamble moved to approve Ordinance 2026-02, amending Chapter 15-128 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Tavares Firefighters' Pension Plan, seconded by Doug Keown.

Council Member Price asked how many firefighters would be affected by the proposed change to the Deferred Retirement Option Program. Ms. Houghton responded that approximately 13 active firefighters were currently eligible under the plan. She said the amendment would extend the allowable DROP participation period as firefighters moved closer to retirement age, increasing the maximum participation from 60 months to 96 months for those who chose to enter the program.

Ms. Houghton noted that a similar ordinance had previously been approved by the City Council for the Police Department, extending police DROP participation to 96 months. She said that the proposed amendment would place the Fire Department pension plan on the same footing as the Police Department plan.

Council Member Gamble commented that the additional 36 months would provide the City with an extra three years of service from experienced firefighters. He stated that retaining current personnel for that extended period would reduce the need to recruit and train new firefighters, resulting in cost efficiencies.

Ms. Houghton stated that the amendment mirrored recent changes to the Florida Retirement System. She noted that recruitment and retention in public safety positions had become increasingly challenging, and the state had extended DROP participation to 96 months and, in some cases, up to 120 months. She stated that the proposed change aligned the City's Fire Department pension plan with those state-level adjustments.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 3. Board Appointment – Lake County Library Advisory Board

Mayor Pfister made the following presentation:

Two terms on the Lake County Library Advisory Board representing the City of Tavares are set to expire in February 2026. The positions include one (1) City Representative seat and one (1) Alternate City Representative seat. Appointments to these seats are for four-year terms beginning in February 2026 and expiring in February 2030.

The expiring seats were advertised in the Daily Commercial. The City received one (1) new application and two (2) requests for reappointment from the following individuals (see attachments):

- *Tamara Watkins-Small (new application)*
- *Lawrence Ross (request for reappointment - current City Representative)*
- *Debi Weinert (request for reappointment - current City Alternate)*

Staff recommends Option 1, for the Mayor to appoint one (1) City Representative and one (1) Alternate City Representative to the Lake County Library Advisory Board for four-year terms expiring in February 2030.

Mayor Pfister said she would like to reappoint Lawrence Ross to the Lake County Library Advisory Board as the City's representative and invited him to address the Council.

Mr. Ross stated that he was relatively new to Tavares and enjoyed the City, the local library, and Lake County. He said that he served as a vice president at a local church and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Pfister thanked Mr. Ross for his willingness to continue serving the City.

Mayor Pfister also said she would like to appoint Tamara Watkins-Small as the alternate City representative to the Lake County Library Advisory Board and invited her to address the Council.

Ms. Watkins-Small thanked the Council for the opportunity and stated that she enjoyed serving the City of Tavares through community events and assisting the community in various ways.

Mayor Pfister thanked Ms. Watkins-Small for her willingness to serve.

Vice Mayor Grenier noted his support for the appointments.

MOTION

Bob Grenier moved to approve [Option 1] the Mayor's appointments of Lawrence Ross as the City Representative, and Tamera Watkins-Small as the Alternate City Representative for terms expiring February 2030, seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 4. Appointment of Code Enforcement Special Master

Mr. Drury made the following presentation:

The City of Tavares currently has a vacancy in the position of Code Enforcement Special Master. The Special Master is responsible for presiding over quasi-judicial code enforcement hearings, ensuring due process, and issuing findings, orders, and penalties in accordance with Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and the City's Code of Ordinances and Land Development Regulations.

Pursuant to Section 2-62 of the City Code of Ordinances, the City Attorney has solicited interest in filling this vacancy and has recommended a qualified candidate to the City Administrator, Police Chief and Community Development Director for review and consideration to recommend to the City Council (See attached resume). The City Administrator, Police Chief, and Community Development Director have reviewed the applicant's credentials and recommend David M. Langley to the City Council for consideration of this appointment.

David M. Langley, Esquire, is a Florida attorney with substantial experience in local government and code enforcement matters. His professional background includes prosecuting and advising on code enforcement cases, regulatory compliance, and participation in quasi-judicial proceedings for Florida local governments.

Mr. Langley currently serves as a Code Enforcement Magistrate for another Florida municipality and holds additional local government legal roles. His experience demonstrates familiarity with Florida's code enforcement processes, evidentiary standards, and procedural requirements applicable to Special Master hearings.

Staff recommends Option 1, that the City Council appoint David M. Langley, Esquire, as the City of Tavares Code Enforcement Special Master and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate a contract and bring it back for Council approval.

Mr. Drury asked Attorney Holt if she had any additional comments.

Attorney Holt stated that she knew Mr. Langley as a friend and as a trusted and respected attorney within the community. She said that she had worked briefly with him years earlier and noted that he had served for several years as an associate county attorney, where he worked extensively with code enforcement hearings. She further stated that since entering private practice, he had served as the hearing master for the Town of Montverde. Attorney Holt remarked that his credentials and experience would allow him to step into the role seamlessly and assist the City in serving as its Special Magistrate. She stated that she was available to answer any additional questions from the Council.

MOTION

Sandy Gamble moved to approve the selection of David Langley as the City's Special Master, seconded by Doug Keown. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pfister invited Gary Santoro to address the Council and congratulated him on his reappointment as Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mr. Santoro, of Royal Harbor, addressed the Council and stated that he wished to congratulate Brian Dykes on his appointment as Utilities Director. He remarked that Mr. Drury's confidence in Mr. Dykes spoke highly of his qualifications and stated that the Council and community should share that confidence. He welcomed Mr. Dykes to the team and stated that he looked forward to working with him.

Mayor Pfister thanked Mr. Santoro for his comments.

Mayor Pfister then asked if there were any additional members of the public who wished to speak. There were none.

XIV. REPORTS

Tab 5. City Administrator Report

Mr. Drury stated that he wanted to follow up on Mr. Santoro's comments by thanking Mr. Dykes and the Utilities Department staff for their efforts during the recent three-day freeze event. He remarked that while the City was not technically responsible for private water lines serving homes, staff responded to approximately 80 calls over the three-day period to assist residents in restoring and repairing frozen lines and to refer them to appropriate service providers. He stated that Tavares was one of only a few cities in Lake County to provide that level of assistance and said he was proud of the City's response. He commented that the efforts reflected strong leadership within the Utilities Department and thanked the staff for their dedication to the residents.

Mr. Aldrich stated that on Friday, February 6, the City would host the African American Heritage Festival concert at the Tavares Library. He said the event would feature Willie Green and the Soul Therapy Band and would begin at 6:30 p.m. He invited the Council and the public to attend.

Tab 6. City Council Member Reports

Vice Mayor Grenier invited Mayor's Youth Council Member Mary Louise Gabriel Sarno to say a few words, noting that she was shadowing him at the dais during the meeting.

Ms. Sarno stated that she was a senior at Tavares High School and was participating in the Mayor's Youth Council program. She shared that the experience had been educational and interesting and said that she was enjoying the opportunity to learn more about local government.

Council Member Keown reported on the recent trip to Tallahassee and stated that it had been a successful and productive visit. He remarked that the City was well received and said the City's government relations team was well respected and effective in arranging meetings to advance the City's legislative priorities. He commended Mr. Dykes and Utilities staff for their efforts during the recent freeze event, stating that their actions demonstrated why Tavares was a great place to live. He also reminded the public that his office hours would be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month in the conference room.

Council Member Gamble stated that the Tallahassee trip had been a positive experience and noted that meetings were held with representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation, including the Secretary. He stated that the City was well received by legislators and state officials during the visit and expressed hope that the meetings would lead to future funding assistance. He stated that he would defer further discussion on transportation matters to Council Member Price. He then commented on the City's response during the recent freeze and stated that he was proud of the staff who went above and beyond to assist residents, including helping an elderly resident in need. He remarked that he continued to receive positive feedback from citizens about City departments, which reflected well on City leadership and staff. He encouraged the public to attend the African American Heritage events scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Price thanked all Department Directors for their outstanding professionalism and dedication, stating that they were essential to the City's success. He stated that the Tallahassee trip was productive and noted that the City's government relations firm was respected and had successfully secured meetings with the Lake County legislative delegation, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Senate Appropriations Chair. He stated that three City projects were discussed and that the City was well received throughout the visit. He also reported on a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation, during which State Road 19 was discussed. The Secretary of Transportation indicated that it was time for District 5 to review the corridor and explore potential assistance.

Council Member Gamble added that during the Tallahassee trip, the group also had the opportunity to see Council Member Price's son, who was running for a seat in the Florida House of Representatives. He noted that he was also a firefighter and a former resident and graduate of Tavares High School.

Vice Mayor Grenier asked about the remaining activities for the Mayor's Youth Council program. Ms. Novack provided a list of remaining items for the Mayor's Youth Council to complete as part of the program syllabus.

Vice Mayor Grenier commented that the City had a strong history of leadership continuity and stated that staff continued to step up when challenges arose. He commended Mr. Dykes and the Utilities staff for their performance during the freeze event. He also noted that Mr. Dillon was absent from the meeting because he was accompanying the America in Bloom leadership team during a scouting visit related to a potential future conference in Tavares.

Mayor Pfister thanked the Department Directors and Utilities staff for their efforts during the cold weather event. She reported that she and Vice Mayor Grenier attended Literacy Week activities at Seminole Springs Elementary School, where they read to students and participated in a Liberty Tree planting ceremony. She stated that she was pleased to represent the City at the event. She also noted that she was unable to attend the Rhythm on Ruby event due to work commitments, but stated that she had heard it was a successful event, as always.

Council Member Gamble recognized Mayor Pfister's daughter, who served as principal at Seminole Springs Elementary School, and stated that she was well-regarded and doing outstanding work. Vice Mayor Grenier concurred and stated that she was a respected and effective principal.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and Mayor Pfister adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully,

Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

**AGENDA SUMMARY
TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
2/18/2026**

AGENDA TAB NO.: 4

SUBJECT TITLE: Resolution 2026-05 - Authorizing the Acceptance of a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Grant for Drone Purchase for Police Department (Finance)

OBJECTIVE:

Consider approval of Resolution 2026-05 authorizing the acceptance of a Florida Department of Law Enforcement Grant for up to \$25,000 to purchase a drone for the Police Department.

SUMMARY:

The Tavares Police Department has been awarded an FDLE grant of up to \$25,000 to purchase an unmanned aerial system (UAS), commonly referred to as a drone. This equipment will significantly enhance the department's operational capabilities and improve community safety.

Acceptance of this grant will allow the department to purchase a drone that meets all necessary specifications for police service operations. There is no matching fund requirement associated with this grant.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Move to approve resolution 2026-05 authorizing the acceptance of a FDLE grant for up to \$25,000 to purchase a drone for the Police Department.

Option 2: Do not approve resolution 2026-05.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: Move to approve resolution 2026-05 authorizing the acceptance of a FDLE grant for up to \$25,000 to purchase a drone for the Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2026 grant fund budget will be increased by \$25,000 for this grant.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Legally Sufficient.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Resolution 2026-05
2. Award Agreement

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (FDLE) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$25,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (UAS/DRONE) FOR THE TAVARES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has awarded the City of Tavares, Florida, a grant in the amount of up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for the purchase of an unmanned aerial system (UAS), commonly referred to as a drone; and

WHEREAS, the Tavares Police Department recognizes the substantial public safety benefits of a drone program,

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant carries no matching fund requirement, ensuring no financial burden to the City of Tavares; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that accepting this grant and authorizing the drone purchase serve a vital public purpose by strengthening the operational capabilities of the Tavares Police Department and enhancing community safety.

□NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. The City of Tavares hereby accepts the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) grant award of up to \$25,000 to purchase an unmanned aerial system (drone). The City Administrator, or his designees, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to complete the purchase of a drone meeting operational specifications for the Tavares Police Department. Elements of the award include:

1. Agreement Number: 3X274
2. CSFA: 71.092
3. Pass-through Entity: N/A.
4. Awarding Entity: Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
5. Recipient: City of Tavares.
6. Grant Award: \$25,000.
7. No grant match is required unless the drone's price exceeds the award amount of \$25,000.

8. Award Period: 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026.

SECTION II. If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION III. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of February 2026, by the City Council of the City of Tavares, Florida.

Lori Pfister, Mayor
Tavares City Council

ATTEST:

Susie Novack
City Clerk

Approved as to form:
Lindsey Holt
City Attorney

**AGENDA SUMMARY
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AGENDA TAB NO.: 5

SUBJECT TITLE: Resolution 2026-06 - Authorize Acceptance of SRF DW350981 Amendment Two to Extend Project Timeline. (Finance)

OBJECTIVE:

Request Council to approve Resolution 2026-06 and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment Two (2) for State Revolving Loan 350981 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Lake Hermosa Booster Pump Project and Water Treatment Plant Expansion Construction Activities.

SUMMARY:

Previously, the City Council authorized acceptance of a State Revolving Loan for the design of the Lake Hermosa Booster Pump Project, SRF Loan DW350980. The loan document was executed on July 15, 2021. The disburseable amount of the loan was \$247,416. Three amendments were approved. Amendment One (1) was executed on April 28, 2022, which provided additional time for design activities. Amendment Two (2) was executed on March 23, 2023, which also extended the time for design activities. Amendment Three (3) increased loan funding to \$327,059 and changed the first loan repayment date to February 15, 2025. On May 21, 2025, the City Council approved Amendment 4 which finalized and closed out the design loan.

On February 28, 2023, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection provided notice to the City of Tavares that the City had been included on the funding list with FDEP for an SRF Loan for the Lake Hermosa Booster Pump Project.

On April 19, 2023, the City Council discussed the Construction Phase of the Project, and authorized application to the FDEP for an SRF Construction Loan for the Lake Hermosa Booster Pump project, and the Water Treatment Plan Expansion.

On June 21, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-08, authorizing loan application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for a State Revolving Loan for construction activities for the Lake Hermosa Booster Pump project.

On October 4, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 2023-21 authorizing SRF Loan Agreement DW350981 which provided financing for Lake Hermosa Region Booster Pump Station construction activities in the amount of \$7,235,190 with \$5,788,152 designated for loan repayment and \$1,447,038 designated for principal loan forgiveness. The Loan was executed on October 6, 2023.

On June 18, 2024, State Revolving Loan Fund Program Fund Management approved the low bid from L7 Construction for the Lake Hermosa Booster Pump Project in the amount of \$10,357,000 and authorized the City of Tavares to award the contract.

On July 17, 2024, the City Council authorized awarding the Construction contract to L7 Construction in the amount of \$10,357,000 contingent upon receiving additional SRF financing for the project (loan

amendment).

On November 20, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution 2024-25 authorizing Amendment One (1) to the City's State Revolving Fund loan agreement for the Project. The Amendment provided additional funding in the amount of \$4,030,835 for the project.

On February 4, 2026, the Florida Department of Environment Protection Services provided Amendment Two for the loan which extends the project timeline for the project to February 15, 2027. Details of the changes identified in Amendment Two (2) for the loan are provided below:

- Construction and Demolition - \$10,357,000
- Contingencies - \$517,850
- Technical Services After Bid Opening -\$391,175
- Disbursable Amount: \$11,266,025
- Principal Forgiveness \$1,447,038
- Loan Amount: \$9,818,987
- Capitalized Interest \$112,700
- Projected Completion is scheduled for ~~April 15, 2026~~ **February 15, 2027**
- Monthly Loan Debt Service Account with Monthly Deposits to be established no later than ~~April 15, 2026~~ **February 15, 2027**
- First Semiannual Loan Payment in the amount of \$283,854 shall be due ~~October 15, 2026~~ **April 15, 2027**
- Loan Interest Rate 1.11 per Annum
- Loan Term is 20 years
- Section 10.08 Special Conditions: Certified Copy of the Adopted Resolution, Legal Opinion, and completed Federal Funding Accountability

Staff have reviewed the loan document and recommend approval.

OPTIONS:

1. **Move to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 which authorizes** the Mayor to execute State Revolving Loan 350981 Amendment Two (2) with FDEP to extend the timeline for construction activities for Lake Hermosa Booster Pump Project Construction Funding.

2. **Do not approve**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. **Move to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 which authorizes** the Mayor to execute State Revolving Loan 350981 Amendment Two (2) with FDEP to extend the timeline for construction activities for Lake Hermosa Booster Pump Project Construction Funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Loan Repayments will not impact Fiscal Year 2026 as Loan Repayment deposits do not begin until Fiscal Year 2027

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Res 2026-06_Lake Hermosa Construction Loan SRF DW350981 Amendment 2__02-18-2026
2. SRF DW350981 Loan Amendment 2_recd 02-04-26

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TWO TO THE SRF LOAN DW350981 FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR THE LAKE HERMOSA REGION BOOSTER PUMP STATION AND WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LOAN; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING ASSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provide for loans to local government agencies to finance the construction of water pollution control facilities; and

WHEREAS, Florida Administrative Code rules require authorization to apply for loans, to establish pledged revenues, to designate an authorized representative; to provide assurances of compliance with loan program requirements; and to enter into a loan agreement; and

WHEREAS, the State Revolving Fund loan priority list designated Project Number DW350981 for the Lake Hermosa Region Booster Pump Station project construction activities as eligible for available funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tavares City Council executed SRF Loan Agreement DW350981 on October 6, 2024 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection under the State Revolving Fund program for project construction financing with a loan funding amount of \$7,235,190 with \$5,788,152 designated for loan repayment, and \$1,447,038 designated for loan principal forgiveness.

WHEREAS, the City of Tavares Council executed SRF Loan DW350981, Amendment One, to increase the loan amount for construction costs for the project in the amount of \$4,030,835, excluding Capitalized Interest.

WHEREAS, SRF Loan DW350981, Amendment Two, amends the loan DW350981 and extends the project timeline for construction activities, and sets for the following changes for the loan.

- Construction and Demolition - \$10,357,000
- Contingencies - \$517,850
- Technical Services After Bid Opening --\$391,175
- Disbursable Amount: \$11,266,025
- Principal Forgiveness \$1,447,038
- Loan Amount: \$9,818,987
- Capitalized Interest \$112,700
- Projected Completion is scheduled for ~~April 15, 2026~~ **February 15, 2027**
- Monthly Loan Debt Service Account with Monthly Deposits to be established no later than ~~April 15, 2026~~ **February 15, 2027**

- First Semiannual Loan Payment in the amount of \$283,854 shall be due ~~October 15, 2026~~ **April 15, 2027**
- Loan Interest Rate 1.11 per Annum
- Loan Term is 20 years
- Section 10.08 Special Conditions: Certified Copy of the Adopted Resolution, Legal Opinion, and completed Federal Funding Accountability

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. The City of Tavares, Florida is authorized to execute SRF Loan DW350981 Amendment Two (2) to extend the project timeline for the Lake Hermosa Region Booster Pump Station project construction activities.

SECTION 3. The revenues pledged for the repayment of the loan are water, sewer, reclaimed, and stormwater utility system revenues.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative to provide the assurances and commitments required by the loan application.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative to execute the SRF Loan DW350981 Amendment Two (2). The Mayor is authorized to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the loan. The Mayor is authorized to delegate responsibility to appropriate City staff to carry out technical, financial, and administrative activities associated with the loan.

SECTION 6. The legal authority for borrowing monies to construct this Project is by, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 7. Conflicts. All Resolutions or part of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND RESOLVED this 18th day of February 2026, by the City Council of the City of Tavares, Florida.

Mayor Lori Pfister
Tavares City Council

ATTEST:

Susie Novack
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:
Lindsay Holt, City Attorney

**AGENDA SUMMARY
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2/18/2026**

AGENDA TAB NO.: 6

SUBJECT TITLE: Resolution 2026-07 - Authoring Application for SRF Project DW3509A, Identifying 100% Principal Forgiveness Funding Provided Through SRF Supplemental Appropriation for Helene Milton and Hawaii Wildfires (SAHMW)

OBJECTIVE:

Request Council approval and Adoption for Resolution 2026-07 for State Revolving Loan Fund SAHMW Funding (Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricanes Helene Milton and Hawaii Wildfires) Loan Application to fund the cost to plan, design, and construct for enhancement of the resilience, reliability, and redundancy of the City's drinking water system.

SUMMARY:

Previously, on January 21, 2026, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2026-02 authorizing a State Revolving Loan Application with Loan Forgiveness through SAHM Funding (Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricanes Helene and Milton) to fund the cost to plan, design, and construct enhancements for the resilience, reliability, and redundancy of the City's drinking water System – Project DWs3509A.

The Project cost for planning, design, and construction is estimated at \$21,450,000. The DEP SAHM Funding listed amount is \$21,450,000 with a principal forgiveness amount of \$21,450,000.

Florida FDEP included the project on the Florida DEP Funding List. The City will enter into a loan with loan forgiveness as indicated on the State DEP Division of Water Restoration Assistance Funding List provided in Notice ID# FA-SRF-202511.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has requested an updated resolution to provide amended language regarding the 100% Principal Forgiveness for the SAHMW Loan Applications. Resolution 2026-07 provides the requested language.

OPTIONS:

1. **Move to Approve** Resolution 2026-07 authorizing the Mayor to execute loan documents for application and acceptance for SRF SAHMW project DW3509A provided through 100% Principal Forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund Supplemental Appropriations for Helene Milton and Hawaii Wildfires

2. Do not Approve Resolution 2026-07

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. **Move to Approve** Resolution 2026-07 authorizing the Mayor to execute loan documents for application and acceptance for SRF SAHMW project DW3509A provided through 100% Principal Forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund Supplemental Appropriations for Helene Milton and Hawaii Wildfires.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As the loan will provide forgiveness there will be no fiscal impact.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

This Resolution has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Resolution 2026-07_DW3509A revision for FDEP SAHMW 100% Funding Language request

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

RESOLUTION 2026-07

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING PLEDGED REVENUES; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING ASSURANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provide for loans to local government agencies to finance the pre-construction and construction of drinking water infrastructure and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Florida Administrative Code rules require authorization to apply for loans, to establish pledged revenues, to designate an authorized representative; to provide assurances of compliance with loan program requirements; and to enter into a loan agreement; and

WHEREAS, the State Revolving Fund loan priority list designates Project No. DW3509A as eligible for available funding; and

WHEREAS; the City of Tavares, Florida, intends to enter into a loan agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection under the State Revolving Fund for project financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION II. The City of Tavares, Florida, is authorized to apply for a loan to finance the Project.

SECTION III. The repayment of the loan is provided through 100% Principal Forgiveness from the State Revolving Fund Supplemental Appropriation for Helene Milton and Hawaii Wildfires (SAHMW).

SECTION IV. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative to provide the assurances and commitments required by the loan application.

SECTION V. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative to execute the loan agreement which will become a binding obligation in accordance with its terms when signed by both parties. The Mayor is authorized to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the loan agreement. The Mayor is authorized to delegate responsibility to appropriate City staff to carry out technical, financial, and administrative activities associated with the loan agreement.

SECTION VI. The legal authority for borrowing money to construct this Project is 166.111, Florida Statutes.

SECTION VII. All resolutions or part of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION VIII. If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION IX. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Tavares, Florida, at a regular meeting, this ___ day of _____, 2026.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
TAVARES, FLORIDA

Lori Pfister, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAVARES,
FLORIDA:

Susie Novack, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

Lindsay Holt, Esq., City Attorney

**AGENDA SUMMARY
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AGENDA TAB NO.: 7

SUBJECT TITLE: Broad Budget Priorities (City Administrator)

OBJECTIVE:

To develop Council's FY 2027 Broad Budget Priorities

SUMMARY:

Annually, the Council develops its top budget priorities for the ensuing year. Attached are the previously adopted Council budget priorities for the current FY 2026 fiscal year. An opportunity is provided for Council to adopt its FY 2027 budget priorities. Once adopted, they will be incorporated into the FY 2027 budget, as funding permits, for Council consideration during Council's budget deliberations this coming summer. The FY 2027 budget covers the period commencing October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

Below are the Draft FY 27 Budget Goals from Council members for discussion and adoption consideration:

Council Member Gamble

1. Continue to pay off debt and fund projects with grants and/or pay as we go.
2. Maintain current service levels.
3. Provide reasonable pay increases for employees.
4. Budget for Woodlea Sports Park.
5. Continue to invest in and upgrade West Main Street.
6. Budget for quality community events and celebrations.

Vice Mayor Grenier

1. Plan the new Tavares frontier along SR19/561/448 corridor well with no sprawl and be mindful of infrastructure, type of businesses, type of residential development, and land conservation for recreational pathways, natural resources, and wildlife.
2. Continue to make sure the Parks and Recreation Department, Tavares Public Library and the Tavares History Museum and have the resources needed to maintain and exceed, a high level of service to patrons and guests. Do not forget the citizens' vision of "Building on a Historic Foundation."
3. Provide the Public Works, Water, Communications, and IT departments with the proper, updated, and safe tools and equipment to exceed their already high level of service.
4. Keep streets, alleyways, stormwater, solid waste, infrastructure improvements moving forward with the proper resources to provide a high level of service.
5. Provide the resources and modern equipment to the Police and Fire Departments to ensure they continue to exceed a high level of service.
6. Budget for signage to identify the five (5) themed areas of the Waterfront.

7. Budget for improvements to the St. Clair Abrams gateway and entrance roadway.

Council member Keown:

1. Keep mileage rate at current rate or lower it
2. Employee raises
3. Continue to pursue grants
4. Have the proper staffing in all departments
5. Golden Triangle West project
6. Continue to improve streets and sidewalks

Mayor Pfister:

1. Funding for Regional Park for complete build out of all designated inclusions.
2. Funding for Rails to Trails project.
3. Funding for a downtown parking garage
4. Funding for a complete streetscape project of St. Clair Abrams Road.
5. Compensate employees justly and fairly.
6. Pontoon Promenade signage at waterfront and gateways.

Council Member Price

1. Continue to lower millage rate, while keeping up at least the same level of services to residents that are currently provided.
2. Continue to attract new commercial development to Tavares, both in Downtown and along State Road 19, especially national chain retailers/restaurants.
3. Continue to pursue grants, especially for rails to trails project.
4. Continue to rejuvenate West Main Street area.
5. Continue to pay down city debt.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Develop the FY 2027 Budget Priorities
- 2) Table to next meeting

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1

FISCAL IMPACT:

None to develop the priorities

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

yes

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Council Member FY 26 Budget Goals Approved 02-05-2025

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

FY 2026 Broad Budget Goals

Council Member Gamble FY 26 Budget Goals

1. Maintain Pay As We Go and not go further in debt.
2. Maintain present or better level of service.
3. Budget for Employee Raises.
4. Set new Impact Fees.
5. West End of Main Street Improvement.
6. Woodlea Sports Park Improvements.

Council Member Grenier FY 26 Budget Goals

1. Plan the new Tavares frontier along SR19/561/448 corridor well with no sprawl and be mindful of infrastructure, type of businesses, type of residential development, and land conservation for recreational pathways, natural resources, and wildlife.
2. Continue to make sure the Parks and Recreation Department, Tavares Public Library and the Tavares History Museum and have the resources needed to maintain and exceed, a high level of service to patrons and guests. Do not forget the citizens' vision of "Building on a Historic Foundation."
3. Provide the Public Works, Water, Communications, and IT departments with the proper, updated, and safe tools and equipment to exceed their already high level of service.
4. Keep streets, alleyways, stormwater, solid waste, infrastructure improvements moving forward with the proper resources to provide a high level of service.
5. Provide the resources and modern equipment to the Police and Fire Departments to ensure they continue to exceed a high level of service.

Vice Mayor Pfister FY 26 Budget Goals

1. Funding for GOLDEN TRIANGLE REGIONAL PARK design and construction
2. Continued funding for GOVERNMENTAL ADVOCACY REPRESENTATION for RAILS TO TRAILS
3. Funding if needed to secure golf cart crossing at hospital
4. 365 blue/ silver lighting at memorial fountain / 441 gateway
5. Funding for design of parking garage at East Main / Pavilion

Mayor Price FY 26 Budget Goals

1. Continue to lower millage rate, while keeping up at least the same level of service to residents that are currently provided.
2. Review and adopt new impact fees where and if needed.

3. Continue to attract new commercial development to Tavares, especially national chain retailers.
4. Continue to pursue grants, especially for rails to trails project.
5. Start West Main Street gateway project and rejuvenate area.
6. Convert old public works complex into surface parking.
7. Implement official Tavares flower project and start planting in public spaces.
8. Have traffic signal installed at 19/561, especially left turn signal.

Council Member Singer FY 26 Budget Goals

1. Continue to invest in infrastructure improvements.
2. Reduce the millage rate.
3. Sustain recommended reserve levels.
4. Pursue additional grant opportunities
5. Ensure adequate staffing and fair compensation across all departments.
6. Enhance the aesthetics of key corridors into our city.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 8

SUBJECT TITLE:

Approval of Negotiated Contract with David Michael Langley, Esq. to Serve as Code Enforcement Special Master (City Administrator)

OBJECTIVE:

To obtain City Council approval of a negotiated professional services contract with David Michael Langley, Esq. to serve as the City of Tavares Code Enforcement Special Master.

SUMMARY:

The City utilizes a Code Enforcement Special Master to conduct code enforcement hearings and issue orders in accordance with Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and the City's Code of Ordinances. The Special Master serves in a quasi-judicial capacity and is responsible for hearing testimony, reviewing evidence, and issuing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and compliance orders.

Previously Council authorized staff to negotiate a professional services contract (attached) with David Michael Langley, Esq. to serve in this role and replace Special Magistrate Ben Boylston, who has been appointed by the Governor to fill a judgeship. Mr. Langley is a licensed Florida attorney with experience in local government law and code enforcement matters. His background includes service as an Assistant County Attorney for Lake County handling code enforcement and related cases, Code Enforcement Magistrate for the Town of Montverde, and municipal attorney experience. The City Attorney, City Administrator, Police Chief and Community Development Director recommend this appointment.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the negotiated contract with David Michael Langley, Esq., to serve as Code Enforcement Special Master.
2. Deny approval and direct staff accordingly.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Option 1, for the Council to approve the negotiated contract with David Michael

Langley, Esq. to serve as Code Enforcement Special Master.

FISCAL IMPACT:

These services are currently budgeted in Code Enforcement budget. The contract reflects a \$200 per hour rate and a minimum of 2 hours per meeting.

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Yes.

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. Tavares Special Magistrate Contract_Langley

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 9

SUBJECT TITLE: City Administrator Report

OBJECTIVE:

The City Administrator will inform the City Council on city-related matters.

SUMMARY:

The City Administrator will provide a summary at the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

City Council Meeting	March 4, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers March 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers
Planning and Zoning Board Meeting	February 19, 2026, 3:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers
Library Board Meeting	March 11, 2026, 4:00 p.m., Tavares Library Expansion Room
Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing	To Be Announced, 4:00 p.m., Tavares City Council Chambers

OUTSIDE AGENCY MEETINGS:

Heartland League of Cities Meeting	March 13, 2026, 12:00 noon, Location to be Determined
Lake Sumter MPO Governing Board Meeting	February 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Suite 175, 1300 Citizens Boulevard, Leesburg
Tavares Chamber of Commerce Business Meeting	To Be Announced, 11:30 a.m., Tavares Civic Center

Attached is the current 2026 Event Calendar.

OPTIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

1. 2026_Tavares_EventCalendar_Rvsd 2.11.2026

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.

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AGENDA TAB NO.: 10

SUBJECT TITLE: City Council Member Reports

OBJECTIVE:

To inform the Council on city-related items.

SUMMARY:

The Council will be offered an opportunity to provide a report at the meeting.

OPTIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST:

Attachments not provided are available to the public upon request to the City Clerk.