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CITY OF FORT MYERS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026
4:30 PM

Oscar M. Corbin, Jr.
City Hall
2200 Second Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901
AGENDA

Amber P. Ware
Mayor
Teresa Watkins Brown
Ward 1
Diana Giraldo
Ward 2
Terolyn P. Watson
Ward 3
Liston D. Bochette III
Ward 4
Fred Burson
Ward 5
Darla Bonk
Ward 6

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY
We will be respectful of one another even when we disagree. We will direct all comments to the Issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

ROLL CALL

1. PROCLAMATIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Presentation by Dunbar High School, a world-class IB STEM school (Councilperson Diana Giraldo)

2. APPROVAL OF WALK-ON AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC INPUT - NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
Speakers that wish to provide input may submit a Request to Speak Form to the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

3. CONSENT AGENDA
(Any Councilperson may remove an Item from the Consent Agenda and place it on the Regular agenda for discussion following the Consent Agenda)

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 19, 2026 (Lilliana Baker, City Clerk)

3.2 Write-Offs for fiscal year 2026 in the total amount of $23,499.97 including $3,358.60 for the Cemetery and $20,141.37 for the Fire Department Hazmat Grant (Melinda Pensinger, Financial Services)

3.3 Recognize the reappointment of City resident Jeff DiPascale to the Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees, term effective upon confirmation and expiring

October 31, 2028 (Chief Jason Fields, Police)

3.4 Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement requesting rescission of an unexpended grant award (Chief Jason Fields, Police)

3.5 Continuation of an Intergovernmental Service Provider Agreement between Lee County Board of County Commissioners, Human and Veteran Services, and the City of Fort Myers Police Department to fund two full-time Officers for the Housing, Outreach, and Treatment (HOT) Team for a total amount not to exceed $150,000.00 (Chief Jason Fields, Police)

3.6 2026-2027 5-Year Interlocal Agreement between Lee County and the City of Fort Myers, in the amount of $850,000.00, for Stray Animal Control Services (Chief Jason Fields, Police Department)

3.7 Purchase Order, in the amount of $118,507.00, for the purchase of 1 vertical electric motors for the South Wastewater treatment plant, with Carter and Verplanck (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

3.8 Purchase Order, in the amount of $200,000.00, for Sodium Bisulfite, for use at the City of Fort Myers Central and South Wastewater Treatment Facilities, piggybacking off of Lee County contract, with Thatcher Chemical (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

3.9 Purchase Order, in the amount of $120,516.00, to provide corrosion inhibitor/dispersant for the Water Treatment Plant, piggybacking on the City of Port St. Lucie contract, with Amaya Solutions dba American Water Chemicals (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

3.10 Piggyback Agreement, not to exceed $76,000.00 (Pubic Utilities) and $39,100.00 (Public Works) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the agreement is to purchase asphalt material utilizing the City of Punta Gorda agreement with Ajax Paving Industries of Florida LLC, agreement No. Q2025117 (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities) and (Peter Bieniek, Public Works)

3.11 Piggyback Agreement, not to exceed $62,000.00 (Public Utilities) and $36,100.00 (Public Works) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the agreement is to purchase rock, aggregate, screening, sand and other related materials utilizing a Lee County agreement with Grippo Pavement Maintenance Inc. No. B240104KCW (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities) and (Peter Bieniek, Public Works)

3.12 Amendment No. 1 to Supplemental Task Authorization No. 7, in the amount of $20,100.00, increasing the contract amount from $51,900.00 to $72,000.00, and an additional 90 calendar days, for Environmental Engineering Services Continuing Contract RFQ No. 0012-19 for the continuation of the Stormwater Quality Monitoring Program, as required by Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit Number FLS000035-004, with GHD Services Inc. (Nicole Setzer, Public Works)

3.13 Supplemental Task Authorization No. 1, in the amount of $40,960.00, to Transportation Planning and Traffic, RSQ No. 25-064, for post design and construction phase services on the SR 82 and Benchmark Avenue Traffic Signal project, with Bowman (Ward 2) (Nicole Setzer, Public Works)

3.14 Accept a cash donation of $20.00 from Allan Makau to the City of Fort Myers Fire Department in memory of William Todd Stevenson (Chief Tracy McMillion, Fire)

3.15 Memorandum of Agreement between the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the City of Fort Myers for the installation and use of WeatherSTEM stations at Fire Station 11 and Fire Station 16 (Ward 4 and Ward 5) (Chief Tracy McMillion, Fire)

3.16 Supplemental Task Authorization No. 2, in the amount of $9,500.00, RFQ No. 25-054 Material Testing Services, for post design Geotechnical Engineering Services of the City of Fort Myers Police Headquarters, with Ardaman & Associates, Inc. (Ward 4) (Nicole Setzer, Public Works)

3.17 Rank the Request for Proposal No. 26-097, Asphalt Roadway Resurfacing and Rehabilitation, and authorize staff to negotiate for a contract with Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC, the number one ranked firm, and if unsuccessful, negotiate with the number two firm. (Nicole Setzer, Public Works)

4. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Distribution of Ward 2 discretionary funds, in the amount of $500.00, to the Black History Society Annual Holiday in The Park Community Celebration (Councilperson Diana Giraldo)

4.2 Reappoint Mildred Bryson to the Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, term effective November 16, 2026, through November 15, 2029, representing qualification (4) One citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing (Councilperson Teresa Watkins Brown)

4.3 Appoint CynCere Blanden to the Teen Advisory Council, term effective November 16, 2026, through November 15, 2028 (Councilperson Terolyn Watson)

4.4 Appoint David Malt to the Local Affordable Housing Advisory Committee as the Ward 5 representative for a three-year term beginning November 16, 2026, and ending November 15, 2029 (Councilperson Fred Burson)

4.5 Appoint David Hempleman, currently an alternate member, to the Environmental Advisory Board as a regular member to fill the Ward 5 vacancy, term effective from November 16, 2026, through November 15, 2028 (Councilperson Fred Burson)

4.6 Update on the Horizon Council and Amendment 3 Task Force, Ward 6 (Councilperson Darla Bonk)

4.7 Appoint Tamia J Hernandez to the Teen Advisory Council, term effective November 16, 2026, through November 15, 2028 (Councilperson Liston D. Bochette)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(Will be heard about 5:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard). Speakers that wish to provide input on any Public Hearing Item may submit a Request to Speak Form to the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

5.1 Quit-Claim Deed for the disposition of 3571 Martin Court, a 0.28 +/- acre surplus parcel

located in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), to Lisa A. Cathey PA, Inc. and Thomas V. Cochrane, adjacent owners, for the current just value of $6,700.00, pursuant to Sec. 163.380, Fla. Stat. and City Code 2-39 (Ward 2) (Steven Belden, Community Development)

6. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE

6.1 Permission to advertise Ordinance No. 4104 for a public hearing on December 7, 2026, amending the Future Land Use Map to change 8.12 acres, more or less, located at 1455 Lockwood Drive from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Residential Medium Density (RMD) Future Land Use designation (Quasi-Judicial) (Ward 1) (Steven Belden, Community Development)

6.2 Permission to advertise Ordinance No. 4109 for a public hearing on December 7, 2026, establishing the Billy Creek Apartments Planned Unit Development (PUD), located at 1455 Lockwood Drive (Quasi-Judicial) (Ward 1) (Steven Belden, Community Development)

6.3 Permission to advertise Ordinance No. 4110 for a public hearing on December 7, 2026, rezoning 8.88 +/- acres located at 1751 Ortiz Ave., from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Commercial Intensive (CI) zoning designation (Ward 1) (Quasi-Judicial) (Steven Belden, Community Development)

6.4 Permission to advertise Ordinance No. 4116 for a Public Hearing on December 7, 2026, to Consider an Ordinance Amending Chapter 62, Article III, Section 62-73 of the City of Fort Myers Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Police Officers' Retirement System, to Extend the Terms of the Board of Trustees from Two Years to Four Years; Providing for Severability, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, and an Effective Date (John Lege, Assistant City Manager)

6.5 Permission to advertise Ordinance No. 4096 for a public hearing on December 7, 2026, An Ordinance of the City Council of The City of Fort Myers, Florida, rescinding City Code, Sub-Part A. Administrative Code, Sub-Part A. Administrative Code, Chapter 38 Finance, Article V, Minority Business Enterprise Program, Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date (Johnny Trevino, Procurement)

6.6 Permission to advertise Ordinance No. 4117 for a public hearing on December 7, 2026, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Fort Myers, Florida, Repealing And Replacing City Code, Sub-Part A, Administrative Code, Chapter 38, Finance, Article III, Purchasing, Division 1 Generally; Repealing City Code, Sub-Part A, Administrative Code, Chapter 38, Finance, Article III, Purchasing, Division 2 Local Vendor Preference; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date (Johnny Trevino, Procurement)

7. CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS

7.1 Resolution No. 2026-102 establishing a budget in the amount of $531,607.00 for the State FY 26/27 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters for the funding installment from the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program (Steven Belden, Community Development)

7.2 Resolution No. 2026-111 authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Landscape Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for maintenance of landscaping and irrigation and mowing within the US 41/State Road 45 medians from Winkler Avenue to Crawford Street, within the corporate limits of the city, and approving the Landscape Maintenance Agreement associated with Highway Landscaping Permit No. 2025-L-192-00002 (Ward 4) (Michele Hylton-Terry, Community Redevelopment Agency)

7.3 Resolution No. 2026-112 amending the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027 increasing the budget for the Parks and Recreation Facility Relocation project in the amount of $168,607.89, from $5,765.800.70 to $5,934,408.59 with funding from the General Line of Credit (Ward 1) (Nicole Setzer, Public Works).

7.4 Resolution No. 2026-113 amending the budget for the year ended September 30, 2026, recognizing capital lease proceeds in the amount of $1,737,265.79, increasing the Fire Department equipment expense by like amount; AND recognizing additional revenue in General Fund in the amount of $3,112,500.00, increasing the Police Department Expenses by like amount. (Melinda Pensinger, Financial Services)

7.5 Piggyback with the Lee County Agreement, CN250266KLB for purchase order requisition, in the amount of $150,000.00, for Building Permit and Plan Review Services with Universal Engineering Services (UES) (Steven Belden, Community Development)

7.6 Amended and Restated Service Agreement, Micro-Mobility RFP No. 0002-24, to expand the program, increase fleet size, extend operating hours and adopt the FY 2027 Fee Schedule with Pheenix USH LLC dba SPIN (Ward 4) (Steve Weathers, Economic Development)

7.7 Consolidation of PFM Asset Management LLC Accounts, the City's current Investment Manager, with Piggyback on the City of Pembroke Pines FL contract RFP No. FN-18-02 Investment Management Services with U.S. Bancorp Asset Management, Inc. for continued Investment Management Services for the City (Melinda Pensinger, Financial Services)

7.8 Amendment No. 2, in the amount of $5,000,000.00, from $106,740,594.00 to $111,740,594.00 to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Drinking Water Program under loan agreement DW360481, increasing the loan amount for construction costs of the Water Plant Expansion Project with the first semi-annual loan payment in the amount of $3,090,852.00 shall be due March 15, 2029 (Melinda Pensinger, Financial Services)

7.9 Cooperative Agreement, in the amount not to exceed $133,362.27, for the purchase of golf course equipment for FY 2027 Eastwood Golf Courses (Ward 2), utilizing the City of Mesa AZ contract, #2023261 (Elgin Hicks, Parks & Recreation)

7.10 Purchase Order, in the amount of $217,303.71 with Wesco Turf, Inc. for the purchase of new golf course equipment for FY 2027 Fort Myers Country Club (Ward 4) (Elgin Hicks, Parks & Recreation)

7.11 Purchase Order, in the amount of $179,184.00, for Roadway Landscape Maintenance

Services under RFP No. 26-015, utilizing Piggyback Agreement with Lee County, with P & T Landscaping (Elgin Hicks, Parks & Recreation)

7.12 Acceptance of a grant funding with Lee County Natural Resources Division/WCIND Waterway Development Program, in the amount of $94,280.00 for the 2026-2027 WCIND Waterway Development Program for the Police Department Marine Unit, with an in-kind match of $165,734.00 for a total project cost of $260,014.00 (Chief Jason Fields, Police)

7.13 Purchase Order, in the amount of $460,261.00, for 13 FLYGT pumps, in the amount of $310,261.00, plus $150,000.00, for additional pump repairs that may be needed throughout the 2027 fiscal year with sole-source distributor, Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

7.14 Purchase Order, in the amount of $257,238.00, for the purchase of 3 Peerless Pumps for the Central Wastewater treatment plant and the South Wastewater treatment plant, with Hydra Services Inc (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

7.15 Purchase Order, in the amount of $1,832,918.00, for sodium hypochlorite - bleach, for the Water Treatment Plant & Central and South Wastewater Treatment Facilities, with Allied Universal, Piggybacking off of Peace River, Contract # Bid 2025-2-2025RK (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

7.16 Amendment No. 4 to Contract, in the amount of $1,562,456.00, increasing the contract amount from $3,141,631.27 to $4,704,087.27, and an additional 365 calendar days, Request for Proposal No. 0075-23, for next phase of the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey, with McKim & Creed, Inc. (Jason Sciandra, Public Utilities)

7.17 Piggyback Agreement, in the not-to-exceed amount of $700,000.00, for an annual spend for Construction and Demolitions (C&D) solid waste disposal fees with Coastal Waste Services LLC utilizing the City of Naples Agreement, #2025-15710 (Pete Bieniek, Public Works)

7.18 Resolution No. 2026-114 authorizing Mayor and City Manager to submit a grant application, in the amount of $800,000.00, for the Class 8 Emergency Service Truck Project to the Florida Department Department of Environmental Protection for the replacement of an outdated Class 8 diesel truck (Jessica McElwee, Grants Administration)

7.19 Amendment No. 7 to the Operating Lease Agreement for the Thomas Edison & Henry Ford Winter Estates (Marty K. Lawing, City Manager)

7.20 Confirm next work session; time to be determined (Marty K. Lawing, City Manager)

8. CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Speakers that wish to provide input on subject matters not listed on the agenda, provided the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the City Council, may submit a Request to Speak Form to the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she 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.