



City Hall Council Chambers  
9101 Bonita Beach Road SE  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

**City of Bonita Springs  
City Council Meeting  
Minutes**

April 15, 2026  
5:30 p.m.

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**1. Call to Order** – *Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**2. Invocation** – *Provided by Pastor Russ Winn of the Springs of Bonita Outdoor Church*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Council Member Corrie motioned to allow Council Member Fitzpatrick to participate via zoom;  
Seconded by Council Member Fullick. **The Motion passed 6-0.***

**4. Roll Call**

Present: 6     *Council Member Bogacz, Deputy Mayor Purdon, Mayor Gibson, Council Member Corrie, Council Member Fullick, Council Member Fitzpatrick via zoom*  
Absent: 1     *Council Member Carr excused*

**5. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*Dwight Esmon – Spoke on item #8E, commented on rent and future expansion*

*Dave Jaye – Spoke against agenda Item #9A*

*Dan Cornellie – Spoke on Item #9A, has traffic concerns and feels it should be an FDOT Project*

**6. Ceremonial Presentations and Proclamations:**

A. Proclamation recognizing April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Bonita Springs.  
*Accepted by Jack Brown, Chair of the Tree Advisory Board*

**7. Public Hearings - Zoning and Land Use:**

A. **(SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING) A ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; AN AMENDMENT TO A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW A 149 FOOT MONOPOLE WIRELESS FACILITY AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; LOCATED AT 12760 FOX RIDGE DRIVE, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet 26-04-059)**

*Mike Fiigon stated the applicant requests a continuance until May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

**8. Consent Agenda Items:** *Deputy Mayor Purdon motioned to approve the items on the consent agenda; Seconded by Council Member Bogacz. **The motion passed 6-0.***

- A. Approve Minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2026.
- B. Approve Minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on April 1, 2026.
- C. Approve renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment Agreement with SHI International Corporation. (Green Sheet 26-04-060)
- D. Approve contract agreement with Quality Enterprises USA, Inc., for the East Terry Street Stormwater and Multi-Use Pathway Project. (Green Sheet 26-04-061)
- E. Approve proposal from Gilbane Building Company for design and preconstruction services for the new public safety facility. (Green Sheet 26-04-062)
- F. Approve proposal from Weston & Sampson for design and preconstruction services for renovations and improvements at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. (Green Sheet 26-04-063)
- G. Approve the second amendment for Zap & Co contract for the production and management of the Fiesta Bonita event at Liles Hotel Plaza and allow a date change to September 19, 2026. (Green Sheet 26-04-064)

- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

**9. Public Hearings:**

- A. **(SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING) AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AND CALLING FOR A BOND REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2026, IN THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA TO DETERMINE IF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE CITY APPROVE THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON SUCH BONDS ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF INACTIVE RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THERETO FOR THE BONITA ESTERO RAIL TRAIL; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** (Green Sheet 26-04-065)

*City Manager Hunter discussed two options; first option was discussed at the April 1st Council Meeting, and second option has a revision from TPL.*

*Council Member Corrie recommends the option with TPL's additional language regarding pedestrian safety.*

*Council Member Fitzpatrick questioned the "acquire land and build" language, does it cover construction down payment.*

*Deputy Mayor Purdon commented on the public speaker who stated this was a tax increase, it is not a tax hike.*

*Council Member Fullick is concerned with the untrue narrative going around*

*Council Member Corrie commented on Public Speaker Dave Jaye's comments and corrected issues he brought up.*

*Council Member Bogacz commented on posts and comments that she feels are untrue and upsetting.*

*Council Member Fullick expressed how much thought and work has been put into this and the benefit to nearby schools.*

*Deputy Mayor Purdon stated the Mayor is the most ethical person he knows and does not feel there is a conflict of interest.*

*Acting City Attorney Kaylee Tuck stated that the City Attorney's Office had conducted significant research and determined that the Mayor does not have a conflict of interest in this matter. (Acting Attorney Tuck's Memorandum on file in the City Clerk's office).*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve TPL's version with additional language regarding pedestrians; Seconded by Council Member Fullick. **Motion passed 6-0.***

#### **10. Mayor and Council Member Items:**

- A. Discussion regarding making a formal request to the West Coast Inland Navigation District to conduct a survey of the Imperial River. (Corrie, Green Sheet 26-04-067)

*Council Member Corrie stated this is a request by Representative Adam Botana for dredging on the Imperial River near Brandon Cove*

*City Manager Hunter recommends staff send a letter of support to be signed by the Mayor.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to make a formal request by letter of support; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Purdon. **Motion passed 6-0.***

#### **11. City Attorney Items:**

*Nothing to report*

#### **12. City Manager Items:**

- A. Presentation of the February Financial Report and accept Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of Bonita Springs. (Green Sheet 26-04-066)

*Lisa Riggs Roth, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, presented the February financial report and went over Budget Calendar for September. (Presentation on file in the Clerk's office).*

#### **13. Mayor and Council Member Reports**

*Council Member Fitzpatrick commented on the Financial Award the City received. He would also like to revisit the E-Bike discussion.*

*Council Member Fullick – Memorial Day Service on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Liles Plaza with Ray Sandelli Speaking. Veterans Monument should be installed by next year. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival is tomorrow night, April 16.*

*Council Member Corrie – Ditch fire behind the Wonder Gardens, feels TPL & Seminole Railways should remove dead plants along the tracks. Supporting Not-for-Profits. Acknowledging Jason Sheffield's service and eulogy, would like to organize help for the family.*

*Deputy Mayor Purdon – Open to discuss Not-for-Profit help, possible fees. Spoke on Jason Sheffield's service*

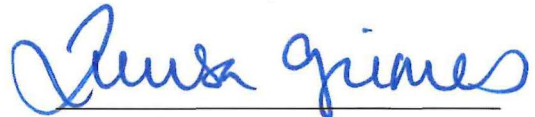
*Mayor Gibson – Attended the Hope City Church groundbreaking on Bonita Grande. Attended BERT membership meeting on April 16th. Spoke on Jason Sheffield's service and family.*

**14. Public Comment**

*Dwight Esmon – Criticism of City Council is uncalled for, disagrees with the misinformation going around, discussed the future of downtown.*

**15. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

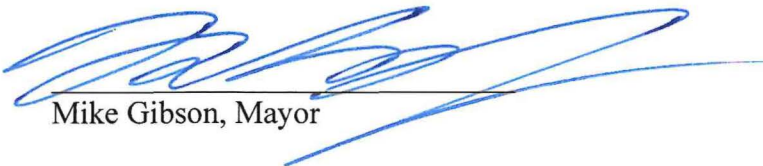
Prepared and attested by:



Teresa Grimes for City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 5/6/26



Mike Gibson, Mayor