



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

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

April 1, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

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1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
  2. **Invocation** – Provided by Rev. Diane Scribner of Unity of Bonita Springs
  3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  4. **Roll Call**
    - Present: 7 *Council Member Bogacz, Deputy Mayor Purdon, Council Member Carr, Mayor Gibson, Council Member Corrie, Council Member Fullick, Council Member Fitzpatrick*
    - Absent: 0
  5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
    - Kyle Moran – In favor of Bond Referendum. Suggests not overreaching, Feels the 30/30 option is appropriate*
    - Deb Orton – In favor of Bond Referendum, agrees with the 30/30 option*
    - Carrie Bloomers – In favor of YMCA agreement*
  6. **Public Hearings - Zoning and Land Use:**
    - A. **(FIRST READING) 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 26-04-052)**
      - Mike Fiigon with Community Development discussed the amendment and introduced Mattaniah Jahns representing Diamond Communications.*
      - Ms. Johns presentation discussed the location of the 149ft monopine pole near the Maintenance Building, proximity to existing residences, the street views and coverage area. Planning and Zoning Board recommended adding a maintenance condition for foliage replacement. Ms. Johns also answered questions from Council.*
      - Public Comment:**
        - Dan Humprich – Better coverage is needed*

- *Moved to second reading*

7. **Consent Agenda Items:** *Council Member Carr motioned to approve the items on the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Council Member Bogacz. **The Motion carried unanimously.***

A. Approve the Partnership Agreement between the City of Bonita Springs and the YMCA of Southwest Florida for the 2026 Summer Camp program and the 2026-27 afterschool program, to be held at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center. (Green Sheet 26-04-053)

B. Approve a Resolution awarding the East Terry Street Stormwater and Multi-Use Pathway Project (RFB 25-31) to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Quality Enterprises USA, Inc. (Green Sheet 26-04-054)

- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda  
*Deputy Mayor Purdon is happy with the YMCA partnership*

8. **Public Hearings:**

A. **(TRANSMITTAL HEARING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 02-16, AS AMENDED; SO AS TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND ELEMENT, TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, HOUSING ELEMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION ELEMENT, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, MONITORING, UPDATING AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES, TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE EXISTING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES, AND DATA AND ANALYSIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY, PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** (Green Sheet 26-04-055)

*Dr. Margaret Banyan gave presentation and went over the EAR Comp Plan Review. Ms. Banyan stated the review was completed in 2023, discussed the analysis and amendments and stated the City has plenty of capacity until 2050, and gave a brief update on the agenda packet report.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve transmittal to State; Seconded by Council Member Carr. **The Motion carried unanimously.***

B. **(FIRST READING) 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 26-04-056)

*City Attorney Derek Rooney stated he is looking for guidance on the amount and the term of the bond.*

*Each Council Member stated their opinion:*

*Council Member Carr - suggested \$30 mil for 30 yrs (made a motion but no second)*

*Mayor Gibson suggested \$35 mil for 30 yrs*

*Council Member Fitzpatrick - \$35 mil but feels construction costs should be included*

*Council Member Fullick - \$35 mil for 30 yrs*

*Council Member Bogacz – \$35 mil for 30 yrs*

*Deputy Mayor Purdon - \$35 mil for 30 yrs*

*Deputy Mayor Purdon motioned for \$35million for 30 years and move to second reading; Seconded by Council Member Fullick. **The Motion carried unanimously.***

## 9. City Attorney Items:

## 10. City Manager Items:

### A. Presentation and discussion on Transportation Impact Fees, and direction to staff. (Green Sheet 26-04-057)

*Dr. Margaret Banyan discussed options regarding a Mobility Fee or Multi-Modal Fee and gave a brief overview of case studies from Tampa, Cape Coral etc. Performing a Mobility Study is required by the State for review.*

*City Council discussed their preference for more information relating to the Mobility Fee option.*

### B. Update regarding the City's opportunity to participate in the Lee County Opportunity Zone Incentive Program and direction to staff on providing a letter of support to Lee County regarding the designation. (Green Sheet 26-04-058)

*City Manager Hunter gave overview of the program and recommends sending a letter of support to be signed by the Mayor.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to send letter of support; Seconded by Council Member Carr. **The Motion carried unanimously.***

## 11. Mayor and Council Member Reports

*Council Member Bogacz: Attended the Ritz Carlton Residencies grand opening on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Chief DeWitt stated they have hired 11 new firefighters and purchased a new truck for Station 7, Celebrate Bonita was a huge success.*

*Council Member Purdon: Congratulated Staff and Sheriff's Department for all their pre-work for Celebrate Bonita, he would like to re-visit additional revenue streams as well as opening discussions regarding the flagpole and suggests a height of 177.6ft.*

*Council Member Carr: Celebrate Bonita Stroll success and attending the Horizon Council's meeting, which she gave a presentation on the North Tower of the Ritz Carlton and Downtown Bonita.*

*Mayor Gibson: Laura Carr gave a great presentation at the Horizon Council Meeting and Celebrate Bonita Stroll.*

*Council Member Fullick: Update on Bonita Elementary School Construction, Lee County's ROTC high school program is #1 in Country, Reminder the Memorial Day Services will be held at the Liles Hotel, New location for TDC Murial at County's cost and would like to send letter of support for Lt. Lewis to be appointed as new ROTC head to School Board.*

*Council Member Fitzpatrick: Celebrate Bonita and Arts Bonita's "Off the Wall" Event.*

*Condolences to City Clerk Sheffield and family were offered by all Council Members*

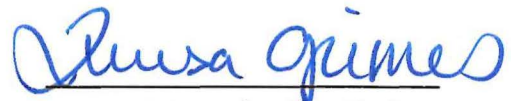
**12. Public Comment**

*David Jaye – Opposed to tax increase for bond referendum, suggested purchasing our Library from Lee County*

*Kyle Moran – Happy with referendum vote, feels it is "a good deal"*

**13. Adjournment:** *There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.*

Prepared and attested by:



Teresa Grimes for City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 4/15/26



Mike Gibson, Mayor