



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

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

March 4, 2026
9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order** - *Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.*
2. **Invocation** - *Provided by Pastor Patrick Womack of Bay Presbyterian Church.*
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** - *None*
6. **Proclamations and Presentations:**
 - A. **Add-on Item:** *Mayor Gibson announced that Andy Koebel, Executive Director of Bonita Springs Utilities, is present to provide an update on current draught conditions. Mr. Koebel reported that BSU's drinking water supply remains stable at this time. He noted that BSU continues to coordinate closely with the South Florida Water Management District. Although the SFWMD has issued a water shortage warning for several counties, including Lee County, there are no watering restrictions currently in place for the City of Bonita Springs. Any future restrictions, if needed, would be issued directly by the SFWMD.*
 - B. **Proclamation designating the week of March 9-15, 2026 as Flood Awareness Week in the City of Bonita Springs.**
 - The proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Gibson and accepted by staff members Ayita Lonergan, Chris Campbell, and Jason Albert.*
7. **Consent Agenda Items:** *Council Member Carr motioned to approve the items on the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Council Member Corrie. **The motion carried unanimously.***
 - A. Approve Minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2026.
 - B. Authorize staff to submit a funding application and approve funding agreement with the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) for funds to promote safe navigation and water-based activities. (Green Sheet 26-03-030)
 - C. Approve Joint Project Agreement between the City and Bonita Springs Utilities for stormwater and utility improvements for the East Terry Street Stormwater and Multi-Use Pathway Project. (Green Sheet 26-03-031)
 - D. Approve a contract between the City and Kisinger Campo & Associates for Construction, Engineering and Inspection (CEI) Services for the Quinn/Downs/Dean Infrastructure Project. (Green Sheet 26-03-032)

- E. Approve a contract between the City and Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, LLC for Construction, Engineering and Inspection Services for the East Terry Street Stormwater and Multi-Use Pathway Project. (Green Sheet 26-03-033)
- F. Approve proposals submitted by Tech Tronics for lighting and sound for the upcoming Celebrate Bonita Stroll and event. (Green Sheet 26-03-037)

8. Public Hearings:

- A. **(SECOND READING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING DIVISION 2 “PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD” OF ARTICLE II, “ADMINISTRATION,” CHAPTER 4, “ZONING,” DIVISION 2 “HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD” OF ARTICLE II “ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT,” CHAPTER 5 “HISTORIC PRESERVATION,” AND, DIVISION 6 “OPEN SPACE, BUFFERING AND LANDSCAPING,” ARTICLE III “DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS,” CHAPTER 3 “DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; EXPANDING THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND PROCEDURES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR OTHER NECESSARY CLARIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS OF CODE; AND, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** (Green Sheet 26-03-035)

The City Clerk read the ordinance title block into the record. City Attorney Rooney introduced the item, noting that the first reading occurred on February 18. He summarized the key components of the proposed ordinance, explaining that it does not eliminate the Historic Preservation Board but transfers its duties to the Planning and Zoning Board. He added that a resolution will be placed on the next meeting agenda to formally conclude the terms of the Historic Preservation Board members. Mr. Rooney further noted that the ordinance raises the age threshold for mandatory demolition-permit delays requiring historic review to 80 years or older. He also explained that the ordinance transfers the heritage-preservation responsibilities of the Tree Advisory Board to the Planning and Zoning Board, while the Tree Advisory Board will continue to carry out its remaining duties. He also pointed out that the Business Impact Statement, which he filed with the City Clerk, reflects a positive economic impact. City Manager Hunter added that staff will present an overview of these newly acquired duties to the Planning and Zoning Board at the training session scheduled for the following day.

*Mayor Gibson called for public comment; with none coming forth, Council Member Corrie motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Carr. **The motion carried unanimously. Ordinance 26-04 adopted.***

9. Mayor and Council Member Items:

- A. **Discussion of crosswalk placement on Old 41 Road.** (Fullick, Green Sheet 26-03-034)

*Council Member Fullick introduced the item, stating residents have asked him about the possibility of adding a crosswalk on Old 41 Road, between Tennessee Street and Packinghouse Lane. After meeting onsite with Assistant City Manager Feeney, he observed that pedestrians appeared to have difficulty crossing the street. Assistant City Manager Feeney added that a crosswalk at this location would likely provide a public benefit, but emphasized that a study is required. He confirmed that funding is available for this initiative. Member Corrie motioned to proceed with the study, Seconded by Council Member Bogacz. **The motion carried unanimously.***

10. City Attorney Items:

City Attorney Rooney informed Council of an issue with the contractor for the Fiesta Bonita event, Zap and Co. Despite the event being scheduled to take place this weekend, the contractor has not provided all the required contract documents and does not appear prepared to proceed. As a result, Council may see an item on an upcoming agenda to amend the agreement and set a new event date.

11. City Manager Items:

A. Authorize staff to submit community projects for Congressman Byron Donalds FY 2027 Appropriation Request funding. (Green Sheet 26-03-036)

*Elly McKuen, Senior Project Manager, briefed Council on the FY 2027 federal appropriation request process and presented three staff-recommended projects. She noted that Council must prioritize them because Congressman Donalds’ office will advance only a limited number. Mayor Gibson recommended the following priority order: 1) Public Safety Emergency Response Center; 2) Community Aquatic Facility Expansion; 3) Paradise Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvements. Council Member Carr motioned to approve the submission of projects as prioritized by Mayor Gibson; Seconded by Mayor Gibson. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Additional City Manager Discussion Items:

City Manager Hunter reviewed proposed adjustments to the upcoming City Council meeting schedule. After discussion, Council reached consensus on the following changes:

- *March 2’nd Meeting: Move the March 18 meeting to **Wed., March 25 at 9:00 a.m.**, to align with railway acquisition discussions.*
- *April 1 Meeting: Adjust the start time to **9:00 a.m.**, in observance of Passover.*
- *April 15 Meeting: Adjust the start time to **5:30 p.m.**, to meet zoning public hearing requirements.*

12. Mayor and Council Member Reports

*Council Member Bogacz: Requested Council support and authorization to work with staff and our county commissioner to explore reduced-rate annual beach parking passes for City residents. Council Member Corrie motioned to approve; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Purdon. **The motion carried unanimously.***

Deputy Mayor Purdon: Proposed exploring the purchase of the McSwain House, and raised the concept of exploring potential revenue streams for the City.

Council Member Corrie: Announced the retirement of Neil Anderson, Executive Director of the Wonder Gardens, and recognized his contributions.

Council Member Fullick: Encouraged residents and business owners to consider alternative venues to Riverside Park due to the high demand. He also noted the strong turnout and support at the Aquatic Center Community Workshop.

Council Member Fitzpatrick: Thanked participants in the Community Clean-up Event, and reminded residents that those who received a new or updated driver license must update their voter registration information accordingly.

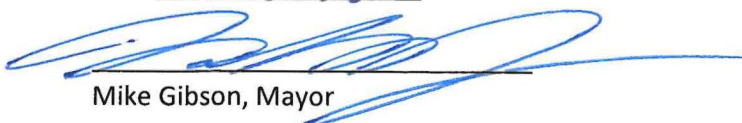
13. Public Comment

Ron George - Thanked the City for the recent culvert work completed on Hickory Blvd.

14. Adjournment: *There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.*

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 3/25/26


Mike Gibson, Mayor

PREPARED AND ATTESTED BY:


Michael J. Sheffield, City Clerk