



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

**City of Bonita Springs  
City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2026  
5:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Invocation** - Provided by Rev. Brad Rogers of First 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. **Ceremonial Proclamations and Presentations:**

- A. **Proclamation designating the week of May 10-16, 2026 as National Police Week in the City of Bonita Springs.** (Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Purdon)

*The proclamation was read aloud by Deputy Mayor Purdon and accepted by members of the Bonita Springs Community Policing Unit.*

- B. **Proclamation designating the week of May 16-22, 2026 as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Bonita Springs.** (Sponsored by Mayor Gibson)

*The proclamation was read aloud by Mayor Gibson and accepted by representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Wiggins Pass Flotilla 96 and the Lee County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit.*

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

- A. Continued From 04/15/26 at Applicant's Request (SECOND 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 26-05-068)

*The City Clerk read the title block into the record, and the City Attorney administered the oath to those individuals providing testimony. Mike Fiigon, Senior Planner with Community Development, introduced the item noting the First Reading was held on April 1, during which time the applicant provided a full presentation. He further stated that the Planning and Zoning Board voted 6-0 to approve the request.*

*Mayor Gibson called for public comments. The City Clerk called forth the registered speakers:*

- *Don Huprich - General Manager at Hunter's Ridge, spoke in support, citing the majority of the membership (273 members) voted in favor of the cell tower.*
- *Kevin Keane - Spoke in opposition, citing concerns about potential negative impacts on property values.*

*Following the public comments, the applicant's representative, Mattaniah Jahn, provided rebuttal and addressed questions raised by Council Members.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve; Seconded by Council Member Carr. **The motion carried unanimously. Zoning Ordinance 26-06 adopted.***

## **8. Consent Agenda Items:**

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Council Member Carr. **The motion carried unanimously.***

- A.** Approve Minutes from the City Council Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2026.
- B.** Approval of the State submitted funding agreement for "Bonita Beach Road/US41 Quadrant" in the amount of \$700,000. (Green Sheet 26-05-070)
- C.** Continue an Urban County Cooperation Agreement with Lee County regarding annual U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Entitlement Funds allocation and authorize the Mayor to execute a Joint Resolution with Lee County for CDBG Entitlement Funds for FY2026-2028. (Green Sheet 26-05-071)
- D.** Approve a Resolution awarding the River Park Boardwalks Hurricane Ian Repairs Project RFB 26-05 to Lee Marine Services. (Green Sheet 26-05-072)
- E.** Approve a purchase agreement to acquire a property in the Quinn/Downs/Dean neighborhood utilizing FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Project-Covid Neighborhood Acquisition/Demolition funding. (Green Sheet 26-05-073)
- F.** Approve a Special Assemblage Master Plan, located in the Downtown Innovation District (SD-DID) of the Downtown District, at 27950 Industrial Street. (Green Sheet 26-05-074)
- G.** Approve a proposal submitted by American StructurePoint for Old 41 Crosswalk between Tennessee Street and Packinghouse Lane. (Green Sheet 26-05-075)
- H.** Approve a Resolution authorizing staff to sign a Construction Agreement on behalf of the City with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a project on Northwest Quadrant Road. (Green Sheet 26-05-076)
- I.** Approve a Resolution authorizing the Café of Life to install artificial turf within the Leitner Neighborhood Park playground field, with the project fully funded and all required permits obtained by the Café of Life. (Green Sheet 26-05-077)
- J.** Approve a Resolution awarding Disaster Recovery Services for Bonita Springs RFP 25-25 to CrowderGulf Joint Venture as the primary vendor and DRC Emergency Services as the secondary vendor. (Green Sheet 26-05-078)
- K.** Approve a Resolution awarding Disaster Recovery Services - Waterways for Bonita Springs RFP 25-27 to CrowderGulf Joint Venture as the primary vendor and DRC Emergency Services as the secondary vendor. (Green Sheet 26-05-079)

## 9. Public Hearings:

- A. (FIRST READING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE BONITA SPRINGS CODE; CREATING A NEW ARTICLE V - REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND PERSONAL ELECTRIC POWERED DEVICES ON STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND SIDEWALK AREAS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERM "ELECTRIC BICYCLE," "MOTORCYCLE," "MICROMOBILITY DEVICE," AND OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC POWERED DEVICES ON TRAILS, GREENWAYS, GREENBELTS, AND EASEMENTS IN THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet 26-05-080)

*The City Clerk read the title block into the record. City Attorney Rooney introduced the item, stating that the proposed ordinance focuses primarily on driver behavior, in alignment with State law. He also noted that, due to concerns regarding the designation and regulation of no-pedal zones, such provisions were not included.*

*A discussion ensued among Council Members that included enforceability, speed limits, use on sidewalks, and speed limit/speed indicator signage. City Manager Hunter stated that Commander Bonora and Lieutenant Garcia have reviewed the draft ordinance and offered recommendations. Commander Bonora will attend the Second Reading. City Attorney Rooney will incorporate Council Member comments into the next draft prior to Second Reading, which will be at a June Council Meeting.*

*Mayor Gibson called for public comments:*

- *Ron George - In support, emphasizing the ordinance must be enforceable and centered on safety.*
- *Rachel Brown - In support, noting the appropriateness of a 15-mph speed limit and benefits of speed indicator signs.*
- *James Anderst - In support, emphasizing the importance of clearly-placed speed limit signage.*
- *Ben Hersonson - In support, noting that safety should remain the primary focus.*

*Mayor Gibson announced that Second Reading will be held at a June Council Meeting.*

## 10. City Attorney Items:

## 11. City Manager Items:

- A. **Presentation of Community Development Activity Reports.** (Green Sheet 26-05-081)

*Community Development Director John Dulmer presented the reports (on file in the City Clerk's office).*

### Additional City Manager Items/Announcements

- *The Florida Legislature will reconvene on May 12. The City has four projects still moving through the appropriations process, making this an opportune time for Council Members to reach out to the City's legislative delegation.*
- *Staff received a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development confirming that the City will receive a \$2 million grant agreement for the Rosemary Drive Stormwater Drainage and Pedestrian Safety Project.*
- *City Manager Hunter also provided an update on the Planning and Zoning Board meeting held the previous day. The Board voted to approve the demolition of the old restaurant building at the Wonder Gardens but*

*denied the request to demolish the Good Bread Building. She asked for direction from Council. After hearing input from City Attorney Rooney, Council reached consensus to direct staff to proceed with planning for the demolition of the Good Bread structure and to place an item on the next Council Meeting consent agenda approving its demolition.*

**12. Mayor and Council Member Reports**

*Council Member Fitzpatrick: Announced that the annual placement of American Flags at the Bonita Springs Cemetery will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Sun., May 24, followed by a brief ceremony. The event is coordinated by Scouting Troops 109 and 901. He also provided an update on the recent meeting with representatives of the Historical Society regarding the McSwain House. Citing the importance of waiting for the completion of the City's Parks Master Plan, he asked to be released from further participation and recommended that the Mayor assume the lead role moving forward.*

*Council Member Fullick: Announced that the City's Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 9:00 am, Mon., May 25, on the lawn of the Liles Plaza building.*

*Council Member Corrie: Expressed appreciation to the Planning and Zoning Board for approving the demolition of the old restaurant building, noting that its removal will enhance the Wonder Gardens facilities.*

*Deputy Mayor Purdon: Offered thoughts and prayers to former Council Member Amy Quaremba following the recent passing of her husband, Jim.*

*Council Member Bogacz: Provided an update on her efforts to establish a Beach Parking Pass Program for full-time City residents, reporting that she and City Manager Hunter recently met with County staff and County Commissioner David Mulicka. The meeting was productive and a draft agreement will be placed on an upcoming Council agenda.*

*Mayor Gibson: Announced that the presentation of Phoenix Awards will take place during the Bonita Springs Board of Fire Commissioners meeting at 5:00 pm, Mon., May 11, at the Administrative Building on Bonita Grande Drive. He also conveyed condolences to former Council Member Amy Quaremba, on the passing of her husband, Jim.*

**13. Public Comment- None**

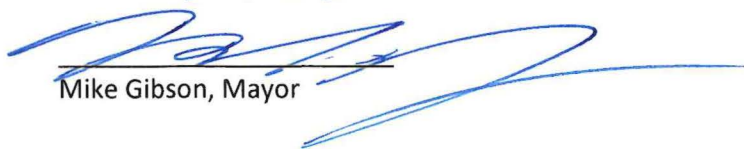
**14. Adjournment** - *There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.*

PREPARED AND ATTESTED BY:

  
Michael J. Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 5/20/26

  
Mike Gibson, Mayor