

CITY COMMISSION
 CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
 REGULAR MEETING
 March 23, 2026 7:00 PM
 CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER

(meeting taped)

1. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ed Wolf	Mayor	Present
Dave Fountaine	Commissioner	Present
Joe Elliott	Commissioner	Present
Marcos Flores	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner	Present
Julian Green	Commissioner	Present
Jason McHugh	City Manager	Present
Joshua Bills	City Attorney	Present
Cassandra Smith	Assistant City Manager/CFO	Present
Jessica Barnes	City Clerk	Present
Randall Parmer	Police Chief	Present
Melanie Strickland	Development Services Director	Present
Jason Martin	Utilities Deputy Director	Present
Jeremy Hockenbury	Public Works Director	Present

Mayor Wolf called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda/Informational Items

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. Items A - E were approved. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fountaine

A. Expenditure Report

B. Minutes for Approval: February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting

C. Minutes for Approval: March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

D. 25-1960 Tillman Oaks Final Plat

E. Budgeted Financial Items

1. Purchase of One (1) John Deere Gator for the Parks and Rec Department in the Amount of \$21,192.00
2. Purchase of One (1) Pemberton Grapple Rake for the Public Works Department in the Amount of \$22,748.72
3. SentinelOne Security Suite Renewal for 2026-2027 in the Amount of \$30,203.57

3. Presentations and/or Proclamations

A. Proclaim April 2026 as Water Conservation Month

City staff proposed proclaiming April 2026 as Water Conservation Month. Motion by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fountaine

B. Proclaim April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

City staff proposed proclaiming April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Elliott
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fountaine

C. Proclaim April 2026 as National Fair Housing Month

City staff proposed proclaiming April 2026 as National Fair Housing Month. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Fountaine, to approve the proclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
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MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Commissioner Fontaine
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

4. Public Hearings - Timed - Legislative

A. Swear in City Staff and Public Speakers

Mayor Wolf swore in staff and audience members who intended to speak during the public hearings.

5. Public Hearings - Timed - Quasi-Judicial

A. 25-4761 - AN - 7050 CR 213

Mayor Wolf read aloud Ordinance O2026-10. Development Services Director Strickland presented the voluntary annexation of approximately 0.75 acres located at 7050 CR 213, stating that the property was located in the city's joint planning area. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to approve Ordinance O2026-10. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

6. Public Forum - 4 minute time limit

Natalie Izadpanah presented City Manager McHugh with a painting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center that she created to thank him and the City Commission for their dedication and service to the City of Wildwood and its citizens. McHugh accepted the painting, and he and the Commission expressed their gratitude for the gift.

7. Ordinances First Reading Only (No Vote)

A. 25-5012 - CP - 7050 CR 213

Mayor Wolf read aloud the title of Ordinance O2026-6, which proposed a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the Future Land Use Map designation from Agriculture (Sumter County) to Medium Density Residential (City) for parcel F01-092 on 0.75 acres. He noted the request was accompanied by rezoning request 25-5011, O2026-7. First reading only. No vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	PUBLIC HEARING: April 13, 2026
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B. 25-5011 - RZ - 7050 CR 213

Mayor Wolf read aloud the title of Ordinance O2026-7, which proposed a Zoning Map Amendment that changed the zoning district from R2C (Sumter County) to R-2 (City) for parcel

F01-092 on 0.75 acres. He noted the request was accompanied by a small scale comprehensive plan amendment 25-5011, O2026-6. First reading only. No vote.

RESULT: FIRST READING	PUBLIC HEARING: April 13, 2026
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8. Resolutions for Approval

None.

9. Financial & Contracts & Agreements

A. Millennium Park Phase 1 & 2 Project Change Order No. 18 in the Amount of \$86,511.38

Public Works Director Hockenbury presented Millennium Park Phase 1 & 2 Project Change Order No. 18 for elevation issues, footer modifications, retaining walls, and guardrails based on building department requirements and engineer recommendations. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to approve Change Order No. 18. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

B. Millennium Park Phase 1 & 2 Project Change Order No. 19 in the Amount of \$33,472.84

Public Works Director Hockenbury presented the Millennium Park Phase 1 & 2 Project Change Order No. 19 for sixteen-foot fans that were not included in the original scope for the gymnasium. These were budgeted items that had been selected as the most cost-effective solution. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to approve Change Order No. 19. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

C. Signature Drive Improvements Project Payment Application No. 8 (Final) in the Amount of \$24,798.11

Public Works Director Hockenbury presented the Signature Drive Improvements Project Payment Application No. 8, explaining it was the final payment application as the project had been completed. Motion by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Fontaine, to approve Signature Drive Improvements Project Payment Application No. 8. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Elliott
SECONDER:	Commissioner Fontaine
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores,

Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

D. Amendment No. 7 to the Preconstruction Service Agreement with Garney Companies, Inc. for Phase II GMP

Public Works Director Hockenbury presented Amendment No. 7 to the Preconstruction Service Agreement with Garney Companies, Inc, which updated the GMP phase two schedule. City Manager McHugh noted that Utilities Deputy Director Jason Martin, Operations Manager Wayne Bouchard, and CIP Coordinator Mark Odell found efficiencies and errors that reduced costs by over \$600,000. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to approve Amendment No. 7 to the Preconstruction Service Agreement with Garney Companies, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

E. 4,650' of Sanitary Sewer Pipe Lining on SR 301 From Rowland for the Amount of \$327,975.00

Utilities Deputy Director Martin presented a contract with Rowland for \$327,975 to line 4,650 feet of sanitary sewer pipe on US 301 from the bridge to Huey Street. He explained the line hadn't been maintained in years and showed pictures of holes found in the existing pipe. The lining process involved blowing in a resin sock that would be heated and cooled to create a smooth PVC-like interior. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Commissioner Elliott
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

F. 775' of Sanitary Sewer Pipe Lining on Timber Way from Rowland for the Amount of \$54,400.00

Utilities Deputy Director Martin presented a contract with Rowland for \$54,400 to line 775 feet of sanitary sewer pipe on Timber Way. The work was identified during annual maintenance when video inspection revealed a collapsing sewer line requiring immediate repair. City Manager McHugh noted the project was part of the annual maintenance program where the city cleans and videos 15,000 to 28,000 feet of pipe each year to assess infrastructure needs and address infiltration and inflow issues. Commissioner Elliott clarified that the inspections were performed annually, but on different segments of lines. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Commissioner Elliott
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

G. Lift Station No. 17 (Osceola) Riser Pipe Replacement/Upgrade for the Amount of \$51,250.00

Utilities Deputy Director Martin presented a contract for \$51,250 to replace the riser pipe at Lift Station 17 on Osceola. The ductile iron pipe had holes and was spraying back into the station, which caused longer pump times. The replacement would use HDPE pipe with backflows and valves above ground to prevent future deterioration. Motion by Commissioner Flores, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve Lift Station No. 17 (Osceola) Riser Pipe Replacement/Upgrade. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

H. CR 501 WTP Iron Filter Project Change Order No. 4 for an Increase in the Amount of \$36,288.73

Utilities Deputy Director Martin presented CR 501 WTP Iron Filter Project Change Order No. 4 for an increase of \$36,288.73 to address outdated PLC programming with proprietary software. The change order replaces the outdated system with SmartCom database communication to eliminate dependence on proprietary software. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Elliott, to approve CR 501 WTP Iron Filter Project Change Order No. 4. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Commissioner Elliott
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

I. Replacement of Two 20Hp Lift Station Pumps for the Amount of \$38,624.00

Utilities Deputy Director Martin presented a contract for \$38,624 to replace two 20-horsepower lift station pumps. He noted the city had opened specifications to three different pump manufacturers and selected a more cost-efficient option that costs about 60% of the previous Flygt pumps while maintaining quality standards. Motion by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the replacement pumps. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Elliott
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

J. Approval of Closing Agreement with Duke Energy Florida Finalizing Audit Results

Assistant City Manager/CFO Smith presented a closing agreement with Duke Energy Florida finalizing audit results. The audit resulted in a payment to the city of approximately \$793,000 in franchise fees and utility taxes that had been underpaid. Commissioner Elliott asked about Duke Energy's cooperation during the process. Smith responded that Duke Energy was fantastic and

very willing to work with the city. Motion by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the closing agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Elliott
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

10. General Items for Consideration/Discussion and Other Business

- A. Wildwood Police Department Substation and Public Works Annex Conceptual Design Plans
City Manager McHugh presented conceptual design plans for a new police substation and public works annex to be located at the intersection of Central Parkway and Marsh Bend Trail in The Villages area. The police substation would be designed by KP Studios and the public works facility by OLC. Both designs went through The Villages' Architectural Review Committee process. He explained that The Villages would donate the land to the city rather than the originally proposed lease arrangement, and that the police substation would be partially funded by impact fees. Motion by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Green, to approve the conceptual designs. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Elliott
SECONDER:	Commissioner Green
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

11. Appointments

None.

12. City Manager Reports

- A. Request for a Workshop on March 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
City Manager McHugh announced a workshop scheduled for March 30, 2026, at 9:00am, featuring presentations by Chief Parmer on golf cart ordinances and police operations.
- B. Request for a Workshop on April 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
City Manager McHugh requested moving the April 6th workshop to April 20th due to scheduling conflicts and to potentially receive more information about property tax reform from the state legislature.
- C. City of Wildwood FY2027 Budget Calendar
City Manager McHugh presented the fiscal year 2027 budget calendar to begin the budget preparation process.
- D. Local Construction Projects Update

City Manager McHugh stated that if there were any questions regarding any infrastructure projects to contact him.

E. Eggstravaganza Parking Plan Memo

City Manager McHugh presented a memo from Parks & Recreation Director Kellem regarding parking arrangements for the Easter Eggstravaganza event at Millennium Park.

13. Other Department Reports

None.

14. Commission Members Reports

Commissioner Elliott reported on several meetings and activities, including meetings with Lake Sumter State College and the Heartland League of Cities, the Walmart ribbon cutting ceremony, and upcoming property tax reform legislation. He also requested consideration of drone technology for the 2027 Fourth of July fireworks display instead of traditional pyrotechnics, citing safety benefits, similar costs, and enhanced capabilities for creating displays like "Happy Birthday America" for the nation's 250th anniversary celebration. A short discussion was held regarding the use of drones, with Commissioners Fontaine and Flores commenting they'd like more information.

Commissioner Fontaine reported that he facilitated a meeting about effective water conservation and commended the city for not imposing a 5% water surcharge during restrictions as other water providers had.

Commissioner Green commented that landscaping requirements for drought-resistant plants were discussed at a recent resiliency conference as part of comprehensive drought and flood management strategies. McHugh noted the City had water conservation and landscape ordinances in place to assist with that.

Commissioner Flores reported on the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority meeting he recently attended.

15. City Attorney Reports

None.

16. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Flores, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Commissioner Green
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores
AYES:	Mayor Wolf, Commissioner Elliott, Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Fontaine

Upcoming Events

March 27, 2026 - Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt at the Wildwood Community Center from 8pm to 10pm

March 30, 2026 - City Commission Workshop at City Hall at 9am

April 4, 2026 - Easter Eggstravaganza at Millennium Park from 10am to 12pm

April 6, 2026 - City Commission Workshop at City Hall at 9am

April 13, 2026 - City Commission Meeting at City Hall at 9am



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ATTEST: Jessica Barnes
Jessica Barnes, City Clerk

BY: Ed Wolf
Ed Wolf, Mayor

