



City Council Meeting
City of Greenacres, Florida
Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

Minutes

Mayor and City Council

Chuck Shaw, Mayor
John Tharp, Deputy Mayor
Peter Noble, Councilmember District II
Judith Dugo, Councilmember, District III
Susy Diaz, Councilmember, District IV
Elisa Leheny, Councilmember, District V

Administration

Andrea McCue, City Manager
Christy Goddeau, City Attorney
Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney
Quintella Moorer, City Clerk

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order at 6PM. All Councilmembers were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Councilmember Diaz, Seconded by Councilmember Dugo to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Resolution 2026-19; Connectivity Project Phase 1 Grant Project.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz, Councilmember Leheny.

Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only

None.

Special Business

1. **Presentation:** Housing Leadership Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. - Suzanne P. Cabrera, President and CEO.

Ms. Cabrera thanked the Council for the opportunity to visit the city. Mentioned the 20th anniversary of the Housing Council. She highlighted a few updates and goals involving housing.

2. **Presentation:** Chili-Cookoff Charity. - Chief Phillip Konz, Fire Rescue.

Chief Konz, welcomed Ms. Alessandra Bouschet, Fire Inspector, and Fire Marshal Tyler Wallwork, Chili Cookout Chair and Co-Chair. Ms. Bouschet thanked the City, sponsors and participants. The Cook-off was able to raise money for great causes. She presented (3) three charities, Firefighter/PM Benevolent Fund Palm Beach County, Firefighters to the Rescue, Inc. and Firefighters on a Mission, each with a check in the amount of \$10,000. Photos were taken.

3. **Presentation:** Education Advisory Committee (EAC) Update. - Councilmember Diaz and Mr. Cassius Johnson, EAC Committee Chair.

Councilmember Diaz welcomed Mr. Johnson to the meeting, and she was happy to have him charging the board. Mr. Johnson highlighted the board was working together to bridge the gap in the city. He spoke on feedback he received from over 17 school visits. He mentioned attendance was an issue in the city. He mentioned most families leave the city for VPK services. Mr. Johnson reviewed the upcoming plans to execute the framework. He was planning to influence a school attendance campaign for schools, post-secondary scholarships, create early childhood plans like VPK and city school connectins.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Council and especially Councilmember Diaz and school leaders. Mr. Johnson asked the Council to assist with growing a generation rooted in learning attendance, early childhood care, scholarship and telling the story of the city.

Councilmember Diaz thanked Mr. Johnson and the committee for their handwork.

Consent Agenda

4. **Official Council Meeting Minutes:** City Council Meeting, April 6, 2026. - Quintella L. Moorner, City Clerk.
5. **Resolution 2026-16:** Approving a First Addendum to the existing agreement between the City of Greenacres and Lifesafety Management, Inc., for installation, monitoring, inspection and maintenance services for the City's fire/burglar alarm and fire sprinkler systems at the new Youth Programs Facility; authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute the agreement; providing for an effective date. - Monica Powery, Director of Purchasing.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Diaz to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz, Councilmember Leheny.

Regular Agenda

6. **Resolution 2026-17:** Re-establishing a Charter Review Committee to review, recommend and submit proposed amendments to the city's charter; providing for the composition, objective, meetings and assistance, and providing for an effective date. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue highlighted the updated member changes and recommended support of the changes and the approval of the resolution. She mentioned the Council needed to provide recommendations for committee members for service on the board. Ms. McCue suggested starting the board with a clean slate of members.

7. **Resolution 2026-18:** Approving and authorizing the mayor to execute a Sister Cities International Agreement between the City of Greenacres, Florida and the City of Celaya, Guanajuato, United Mexican States; providing for implementation; and providing for an effective date. - Dr. Philip Harris, Economic Development Director.

Dr. Harris welcomed all members via the online Zoom meeting and those in person. Dr. Harris highlighted why the City of Celaya, Guanajuato United Mexican and the City of Greenacres make a great match as sister cities, listing the shared vision of education, community, and goals.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Dugo to Approve Resolution 2026-18.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz, Councilmember Leheny.

He introduced the present visitors and a brief description of the visitors' itinerary. Ms. Ashleigh Manuel, thanked the Council and Dr. Harris for the support. Spanish translation took place during the meeting.

Mayor Juan Miguel Ramirez thanked Dr. Harris, Mayor Shaw, Councilmembers and staff members. Mayor Ramirez mentioned the city was created in 1957, and they had a long way to go and mentioned the city had a long way to go, such as the various departments and a variety of entrepreneurs were interested in the City of Greenacres. He thanked everyone for the support, and he looked forward to working with the city.

Mr. Daniel Nieto Martinez, Secretary of the City of Celaya mentioned that the Mayor was very excited, and he mentioned the City of Celaya was deeply grateful to Dr. Harris for creating this great opportunity. Mr. Martinez stated the agreement was not just paper, it was an open door.

Ms. Socorro Cordova Hurtado, Consul for Press, Media and Political Affairs, Consulate General of Mexico in Miami, thanked the Council, Dr. Harris, City Clerk and the residents for accepting this agreement. She felt the agreement was in place to build bridges to strengthen economics, partnership and friendship.

Dr. Harris thanked Ms. Selene Tapia and Ms. Elisa Martinez for assisting with bridging the gap between Celeya.

Photos were taken.

Councilmember Diaz thanked Dr. Harris for his handwork and effort in building this partnership. She felt this was a great bridge between the cities.

Resolution 2026-19: Approving the Greenacres Safety and Connectivity Project Phase 1 Grant Project through the Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Alternative Grant Program; authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute the agreement; providing for an effective date.

Ms. McCue stated that she thanked the Council for allowing the item to be added

Discussion Items

8. Building Permits for Homeowner Association Communities. - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. Denise Malone, Director of Development and Neighborhood Services, and Mr. Durrani Guy, Building Official discussed the current process for HOA permit requirements. Ms. Malone suggested including an affidavit with permit processing. Mr. Guy mentioned a survey had been started with neighboring cities to seek out possible permit processes. He noted the city was currently aligned with common practices.

Councilmember Dugo asked about the process of the affidavit form. Mr. Guy stated the residents were responsible. Councilmember Dugo and Deputy Mayor Tharp agreed with the affidavit process. Councilmember Diaz mentioned the issue was in line with the Home Rule. She felt the HOA wanted help to keep the community in line. She was not sure if the affidavit was the solution. Councilmember Noble questioned the current issues. Ms. Malone highlighted the current process of noticing.

Councilmember Leheny felt the city should not go against the HOA, such as the affidavit. Councilmember Diaz was not sure of what the solution should be. She was not certain the affidavit would work. Councilmember Dugo suggested a letter from the HOA and the affidavit. Councilmember Noble felt he was not educated enough on the issue and did not weigh in. Deputy Mayor Tharp did not want to police the HOA. He suggested the affidavit with a follow-up notification to the HOA.

Mayor Shaw questioned the legal enforcement. Ms. Malone, the city would need to update the Chapter by ordinance in the Code to enforce it. She mentioned that there was currently no way to hold up the permit.

Ms. Malone mentioned staff would return with some language that would hold a HOA permit until the HOA approves.

Comments From the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

City Manager's Report

Ms. McCue mentioned World Tai Chi Day, Food Distribution, May 24, Birthday Bash, PBC LOC Luncheon. Congrats Councilmember Diaz on becoming the Vice-President of LOC.

9. Community Recreation Services Department Report.
10. Development and Neighborhood Services Report.

11. Economic Development Report.
12. Finance Report.
13. Fire Rescue Report.
14. Information Technology Department Report.
15. Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, District 16 Report.
16. Public Works Report.
17. Purchasing Report.
18. Youth Programs Report.

Ms. McCue reminded the Council of upcoming events in May. All were listed online.

Ms. McCue mentioned the League of Cities luncheon, and she congratulated Councilmember Diaz as the upcoming Vice-President of the League.

City Attorney's Report

None.

Mayor and City Council Report

Deputy Mayor Tharp congratulated Commissioner Joel Flores on his new satellite's office.

Councilmember Dugo - suggested the City Hall momentum signage be updated so it may be seen. She felt the colors were too dark.

Councilmember Diaz - wished Ms. Michele Thompson a happy birthday. She also commented with the Communications Department on the great footage.

Councilmember Leheny - dittoed Councilmember Diaz comments.

Mayor Shaw agreed with the great content from the Communications Department as well.

Adjournment

7:48PM

Chuck Shaw

Quintella Moorer, MMC

Mayor

City Clerk

Date Approved: _____