VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY

Mayor Karyn Cunningham
Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer
Council Member Patrick Fiore (Seat 1)
Council Member Steve Cody (Seat 2)
Council Member Marsha Matson (Seat 3)

Village Manager Nick Marano
Village Attorney John Quick
Village Clerk Missy Arocha

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AGENDA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM
(PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, & PRESENTATIONS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM)

VILLAGE HALL MUNICIPAL CENTER
9705 EAST HIBISCUS STREET, PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157
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1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND DECORUM STATEMENT, IN THAT ORDER:** Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous, while addressing the Council may be barred from further appearance before the Council by the Mayor, unless permission to continue or again address the Council is granted by a majority vote of the Council. Applauding speakers shall be discouraged. Heckling or verbal outbursts in support or opposition to a speaker, or his or her remarks, shall be prohibited. No signs or placards shall be allowed in the Council meeting. Persons exiting the Council meeting shall do so quietly. All cellular telephones and beepers are to be silenced during the meeting.

2. **PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS**

   A. Proclamation in honor of Black History Month

   B. Recognition of Sheila Frazier (volunteerism for her service on the Parks & Recreation Committee)

   C. Recognition of Michael Baiamonte (Public Address Voice of the Miami Heat)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting (January 12, 2026)

4. REQUESTS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED Individuals wishing to speak on matters on the agenda and on items pertinent to the Village may do so by speaking during this section of the agenda. The Mayor will recognize those persons who wish to speak. Each speaker must sign-in prior to speaking on the designated public commentary sign-in sheet. Items for public hearing provided for within the agenda shall not be a topic of discussion during this section of the agenda. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less. Public comments made by members of the public are important to the Village Council. Speakers will address the Village Council with respect.

5. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Departmental Updates

B. Lobbyist Legislative Update

C. Police Commander Report

6. VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A. Attorney Expenses

B. Litigation Update

7. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

A. Calendar: February 2026

8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Art-in-Public Places Advisory Board Meeting (October 8, 2025)

9. EMERGENCY ORDINANCES WITH PUBLIC HEARING

10. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DIVISION 2. – MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 2-44, “MEETINGS,” OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE START TIME OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham) (Passed on First Reading on November 17, 2025, Special Council Meeting)*

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2.51, "CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION," OF THE VILLAGE CODE; REQUIRING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE ELECTORS ALL CHARTER AMENDMENTS OR

REVISIONS UNALTERED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY SUBMIT ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson) (Passed on First Reading on January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)*

C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COUNCIL DISCUSSION; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT SECTION 2-49(A), "COUNCIL DISCUSSION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND DECORUM", BY ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF TIME EACH COUNCILMEMBER HAS TO DISCUSS AN ITEM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham) (Passed on First Reading on January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)*

11. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PUBLIC AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-49 OF THE VILLAGE CODE; ESTABLISHING A CLEAR DUTY TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES MADE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR RESPONSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

12. CONSENT AGENDA

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE “TREE CITY USA 2026” APPLICATION; RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL ARBOR DAY BY REAFFIRMING THE VILLAGE'S COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE’S “TREE CITY USA” DESIGNATION; PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2026, AS “NATIONAL ARBOR DAY” IN PALMETTO BAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Public Services Director, Dionisio Torres)*

13. RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING

14. RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENT

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO ITB# 2023-11-002 CONTRACT, APPROVING V & G CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, CORP. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXTEND THE AMOUNT BUDGETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDERD TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($125,000.00); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Procurement Specialist, Alessia Bencomo)*

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, URGING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1152 AND HOUSE BILL 1241, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, REQUIRING HANDS-FREE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE WHILE DRIVING; AMENDING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer)*

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1434 AND HOUSE BILL 979, "INFILL REDEVELOPMENT ACT," PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

15. OTHER BUSINESS

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

17. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

- MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 (REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING)

WE, THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, HEREBY COMMIT OURSELVES TO MAINTAINING CIVILITY IN OUR PUBLIC AND POLITICAL DISCOURSE AND PLEDGE TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- We will respect the right of all citizens in our community to hold different opinions;
- We will avoid rhetoric intended to humiliate or question the wisdom of those whose opinions are different from ours;
- We will strive to understand differing perspectives;
- We will choose our words carefully;
- We will speak truthfully without accusation and we will avoid distortion;
- We will speak out against violence, prejudice, and incivility in all of their forms, whenever and wherever they occur.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105, the Village hereby advises the public that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with response to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, the affected person may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the Village for the introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed.

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation or a sign language interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Village Clerk at (305) 259-1234 no later than four (4) days prior to the meeting. Hearing Assistance Devices are available with the Village Clerk.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.C

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Recognition
AGENDA SECTION:	PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS
SUBJECT:	Recognition of Michael Baiamonte (Public Address Voice of the Miami Heat)
SUGGESTED ACTION:	
ATTACHMENTS:	

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.A

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Clerk's Office
ITEM TYPE:	Minutes
AGENDA SECTION:	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
SUBJECT:	Regular Council Meeting (January 12, 2026)
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:
2026-01-12 Regular-Minutes
Exhibit A-Public Comments by Form

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 – 7:00 PM

VILLAGE HALL MUNICIPAL CENTER
9705 EAST HIBISCUS STREET, PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157

2. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Mayor and Village Council presented the following proclamation at 6:30 p.m.

A. Proclamation to Deputy Sheriff Keith A. White in recognition of his retirement from the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (Village's Policing Unit)

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND DECORUM STATEMENT, IN THAT ORDER.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of the Village Council were present during the roll call:
Mayor Karyn Cunningham
Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer
Councilmember Patrick Fiore
Councilmember Steve Cody
Councilmember Marsha Matson

The following Charter Officers were present during the roll call:
Village Manager Nick Marano
Village Attorney John Quick
Village Clerk Missy Arocha

Councilmember Patrick Fiore led the invocation and Dr. Larry Feldman led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Council Meeting (December 1, 2025)

Councilmember Marsha Matson **motioned** to approve the minutes. Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer **seconded** the motion. The **minutes passed (4-1)**; Councilmember Steve Cody voted opposed.

4. REQUESTS, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: The following speakers spoke for a time allotment of three minutes:

- Eric Tullberg (7884 SW 179th Terrace) reported that he had a handout showing the aerial image Old Cutler Road intersection between SW 67th Court and SW 67th Avenue traffic circles that border with the Village of Pinecrest should have a Pine Rockland. He explained that Pine Rocklands are a natural area that would be unique to the two municipalities and urged the Council to approach Pinecrest about this initiative.

- Steve Kreisher (18201 SW 98th Avenue) reported that the Village should be careful of private enterprises as they relate to the farmers market and urged the Council to investigate the matter regarding the note he sent to the county regarding the defecation of an animal at his property.

- Barbara Ferenzi (15351 SW 82nd Court) reported that she is one of the operators of the Farmer's Market at Coral Reef Park and thanked the Village for the partnership thus far and urged the Council to continue to allow the partnership.

- Ed Ferenzi (15351 SW 82nd Court) explained that the Farmer's Market has been a labor of love for 120 small businesses and urged the Council to protect the space for the community and its vendors and urged that the market is kept in Palmetto Bay.

- Natalie DeLeon (14111 SW 152nd Terrace) explained that the Farmer's Market is something that people look forward to at the end of the week and it opens doors for vendors to expand.

- Josh Stewart (23723 SW 106th Place) reported that he is the owner of Josh Pizza, the vendor at the Farmer's Market and stated that he was in favor of the petition to keep the market at the park by the same owners, Barbara and Ed Ferenzi.

- Vitality Falcovitch (9380 SW 167th Terrace) thanked retiring Deputy Sheriff Keith White for his retirement and thanked the Village Administration.

- Karen Baez Wallis (7380 SW 141st Terrace) asked for an update to the proposed Tanglewood Linear Park and explained that it has been a while since the Village approved the park and questioned what the residents should expect next regarding the acquisition. She also urged the Administration to look into the signage of the speed humps that are installed in District 1.

- Gary Pastorella (6940 SW 142nd Terrace) spoke in support of the Farmer's Market and urged the Council to accommodate the vendors that are in the existing contract with the operator.

- Beverly Gerald (14271 SW 74th Court) read a statement apologizing to former Village Attorney John Dellagloria and apologized for any anguish she may have caused in the past to his family and thanked him for his service.

- Monica Schmid (8225 SW 174th Terrace) spoke opposed to the proposed bicycle, pedestrian, and sidewalk connectivity project, item 14D of the agenda.

Village Clerk Missy Arocha read the public comments submitted by form, attached as "Exhibit A".

5. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Departmental Updates: The Manager's detailed report was part of the agenda packet. During his live report, he illustrated a PowerPoint presentation of all village wide departments and answered questions raised by the Council.

Following the Manager's report, Resiliency and Sustainability Planner, Andrea Candelaria presented a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the Village's schedule of events regarding the 250th birthday celebration of the USA. She reported that the Village shall celebrate and honor the historical 250th birthday of the United States of America through a set of monthly events, social media campaigns, and community initiatives.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer spoke in support of the historical 250th birthday of the United States of America to be celebrated and honored Village-wide but questioned if the Village Administration will host a 4th of July celebration.

Village Manager Nick Marano responded that the Village does not have a venue for the large event.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer remarked that, given the available time, the Village could consider reaching out to community partners and referenced that a prior 4th of July celebration had been held at the golf course.

Councilmember Marsha Matson expressed enthusiasm for the proposed initiative, stated that it is a worthy effort in recognition of America's 250th anniversary, and expressed appreciation for the planned monthly celebrations.

B. The Police Commander Report was provided and illustrated for the month of December 2025 by Commander Mari Guerra.

6. VILLAGE ATORNEY'S REPORT

A. Village Attorney John Quick explained that the legal invoices are made part of the agenda packet and that he had previously answered questions raised by the Council.

B. Update on Farmer's Market Concessionaire Agreement: Village Attorney John Quick explained that staff reported that the existing agreement had been operating under a partnership arrangement, wherein Metro Food Miami maintains a separate partnership agreement with Barbara and Ed Ferenzi to operate the market. Staff advised that, over the course of several months, disputes arose between the two parties, and staff engaged with both parties in an effort to address the issues. It was noted that the Village's position was for the parties to resolve the matter; however, additional issues arose in December related to vendor operations, which made it

impracticable to move forward. As a result, a notice of termination was issued on December 16, 2025, by the Village of Palmetto Bay, providing the required 30-day notice, with January 15, 2026, serving as the final day of operation. Staff further advised that the Village would proceed with a new procurement process, with bid documents anticipated to be released during the week of January 27, 2026. All vendors and partners will be eligible to submit proposals, and interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Councilmember Patrick Fiore inquired whether a 60-day cooling-off period could be implemented to allow the current Farmers Market to continue operating and asked whether such an option would be feasible and subject to a motion during the meeting to allow the existing vendors to continue to operate at the park.

Village Attorney John Quick, advised that while the agreement remains valid, it was terminated by the Village due to impacts on the Village and its residents. He further clarified that the agreement is with Metro Food Miami, not with the Ferenzi's company, and that continuing the current operation would require engaging in discussions with Metro Food Miami.

Councilmember Fiore stated that he would like to see this option explored if feasible, provided it would not create liability for the Village of Palmetto Bay.

Maor Karyn Cunningham questioned the turnaround timeline.

Village Manager Nick Marano responded that, assuming the procurement process proceeds as scheduled and the Council approves a new contract and operator, the matter could return for consideration at the April Regular Council Meeting, with the selected operator able to commence operations shortly thereafter.

Councilmember Mark Merwitzer questioned whether the process could be expedited through a Special Council Meeting.

Village Manager Nick Marano reported that, if directed by the Council, a Special Meeting could be held to review and approve a new vendor contract.

Mayor Cunningham stated that she would consult with the Village Manager regarding the timeline for proposal submittals and the overall process. She further explained that a determination would be made as to whether to schedule a Special Council Meeting and that the Village Clerk would follow up with Councilmembers to confirm availability for a Special Council Meeting if needed.

7. VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT

A. Village Clerk Missy Arocha provided a calendar update for January 2026.

8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Steve Cody **motioned** to approve the Board and Committee Reports. Councilmember Marsha Matson **seconded** the motion. **All voted in favor (5-0). The**

motion carried unanimously.

A. Charter Revision Commission Meeting (October 23, 2025)
B. Resiliency Committee Meeting (October 30, 2025)
C. Youth Community Involvement Task Force Meeting (November 21, 2025)

9. EMERGENCY ORDINANCES WITH PUBLIC HEARING: None.

10. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Councilmember Marsha Matson **motioned** to move item 14A, 14D, and 14E out of order. Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer **seconded** the motion. **All voted in favor (5-0). The motion carried unanimously.**

AGENDA ITEM 14A: OUT OF ORDER

14A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO STREET CO-DESIGNATION, CODESIGNATING THE PORTION OF SW 143RD STREET BETWEEN SW 78TH AVENUE AND PALMETTO ROAD AS "GREG ZAWYER STREET" IN THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY IN HONOR OF GREG ZAWYER; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham)*

Item 14A was **moved** by Councilmember Steve Cody and **seconded** by Mayor Karyn Cunningham.

The following speakers spoke in favor of the Resolution during public comment:

- Sean Zawyer and his two minor children (6280 SW 126th Street); MDCPS (District 9) School Board Member Luisa Santos; and Dr. Larry Feldman (former District 9 School Board Member).

Village Clerk Missy Arocha read the public comments submitted by form.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham thanked the Zawyer family for attending the meeting and explained the lasting impact that Greg Zawyer had in the Village. She ported that Mr. Greg Zawyer was recognized by the Village with permanent emeritus status on the Education Advisory Committee and shared brief remarks regarding his background and contributions to the community.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham stated that, due to procedural timelines and the conclusion of her term in 2026, she wished to ensure her presence for the street naming dedication, should the Council choose to support the item.

There were no questions or comments from the Council on this item.

The question was called in favor of the Resolution. **All voted in favor (5-0). The Resolution passed unanimously.**

AGENDA ITEM 14D: OUT OF ORDER

14D. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO GRANTS; APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $725,000 TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNDER ITS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, TO FUND A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY PROJECT; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Grants Administrator, Christina Cotto, and Public Services Director, Dionisio Torres)*

Item 14D was **moved** by Councilmember Steve Cody and **seconded** by Councilmember Patrick Fiore.

The following speakers spoke in favor of the Resolution during public comment:

- Eric Tullberg (7884 SW 179th Terrace); and Gary Pastorella (6940 SW 142nd Terrace).

The following speakers spoke opposed to the Resolution during public comment:

- Robert Miller (8801 SW 176th Terrace); and Bartholomew Motes (8225 SW 174th Terrace).

Village Clerk Missy Arocha read the public comments submitted by form.

Grants Coordinator, Christina Cotto explained the grant application requesting funding assistance for improvements along SW 176th Street through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). She reported that the grant requires a local match of $120,000, which is available within the CITT Transportation Special Revenue Fund and explained that the grant is intended to support non-motorized transportation and does not provide funding for motorized traffic.

Councilmember Marsha Matson inquired whether the project would include motorized transportation.

Mrs. Cotto responded that the project is limited to non-motorized transportation only.

Councilmember Steve Cody questioned whether it would be practical to amend the proposal to ensure that the Village would not accommodate golf carts or other motorized devices.

Councilmember Steve Cody **motioned** to ensure that the project design does not accommodate golf carts. Councilmember Patrick Fiore **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Matson suggested considering design elements that would limit the width of the proposed project, including the bridge, to prevent access by cars, trucks, or golf carts.

Councilmember Steve Cody questioned the applicable design criteria related to the length of the bridge.

Public Services Director, Dionisio Torres reported that multiple design options could be considered for the grant application.

Village Attorney John Quick clarified that the intent of the motion made by Councilmember Steve Cody would be to ensure that the design of the bridge prevents motorized vehicles from traversing it, while providing staff with flexibility to incorporate appropriate design solutions.

Councilmember Steve Cody **amended his motion** to incorporate the Village Attorney's suggested language, and Councilmember Matson **seconded the amended motion.**

Mayor Karyn Cunningham expressed support for improved connectivity in the area and raised a question regarding how motorized bicycles, including electric bikes, would be restricted from using the pedestrian bridge.

Village Attorney John Quick suggested that design elements such as gated access points requiring users to dismount could be considered, subject to staff's determination of feasibility within the project design.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer raised concerns regarding the project timeline, noting that construction is anticipated around 2032 for the project, and questioned how future Councils might alter the design in the years to come.

Director Torres responded that while future decisions cannot be controlled, FDOT requires evidence of Council support and commitment as part of the grant process.

Village Attorney John Quick added that grant agreements typically include limitations and conditions, and that restrictions on motorized vehicles would likely be specified in the grant documentation if the application is approved.

The question was called on the motion, as amended by Councilmember Steve Cody and seconded by Councilmember Marsha Matson. **All voted in favor (5-0). The amended motion passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Marsha Matson explained that, as the Councilmember representing District 3, her primary concern relates to the potential use of the proposed bridge by golf carts and motor vehicles and reported that her longstanding opposition to motorized bridges and expressed support for restricting the bridge to bicycles and pedestrians, acknowledging that electric bicycles may present some challenges in the future. She also reported that the project is funded primarily by the State of Florida, with a local contribution from the Village, and stated that it would serve as a community enhancement.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer thanked staff for submitting the grant application but expressed reservations regarding the proposed location and the overall process. He stated concerns about the community engagement and reported that outreach to nearby residents had not occurred by the Village. He spoke opposed to returning grants after approval and expressed concern about applying for funding for a project with an anticipated timeline of more than six years without prior community input. He requested that the Resolution be

deferred to allow for community engagement and **moved** to defer the Resolution to the February Regular Council Meeting, directing the Administration to conduct outreach to residents regarding the project.

Councilmember Matson **seconded** the motion to defer the Resolution urging the Administration to conduct community engagement.

Councilmember Steve Cody questioned the grant application deadline.

Mrs. Cotto responded January 2026.

Councilmember Steve Cody explained that deferring the Resolution to the February Regular Council Meeting would result in missing the application deadline.

Mrs. Cotto reported that the action under consideration was for submission of the application only and that no award had been granted at this stage.

Councilmember Steve Cody asked about the implications for not utilizing awarded funds.

Village Attorney John Quick advised that the Village could notify the State if it elected not to proceed.

Councilmember Steve Cody stated that the Village could proceed with the application and decline the funding later if necessary.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer reiterated his concern that applying for the grant without prior community engagement and outreach could reflect negatively on the Village if the grant were awarded and later declined.

Mrs. Cotto advised that staff would be required to contact FDOT to determine whether an extension could be granted.

The question was called in favor of the motion to defer the Resolution to the Regular Council Meeting of February 2, 2026, urging the Administration to conduct community engagement. **The motion passed by a (3–2)**; Councilmember Steve Cody and Councilmember Patrick Fiore voted opposed.

The Resolution was deferred to the Regular Council Meeting of February 2, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 14E: OUT OF ORDER

14E. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO PROCUREMENT; APPROVING THE SELECTION OF TOP SPIN SERVICES, LLC. TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMING AND COACHING SERVICES AT THE CORAL REEF PARK TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL CENTER FOR THREE (3) YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE YEARS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN

EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Alessia Bencomo, Procurement Specialist)*

Item 14E was **moved** by Councilmember Patrick Fiore and **seconded** by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer.

The following speaker spoke opposed to the Resolution during public comment:

- Robert Miller (8801 SW 176th Terrace).

Procurement Specialist, Alessia Bencomo presented the background and analysis of the Resolution and reported that the Village received a total of three proposals. Following an evaluation process, staff determined that the most advantageous proposal and highest-ranked proposer was Top Spin Services and urged the Council to support the Resolution.

Councilmember Marsha Matson questioned why the Village does not operate the tennis program in-house rather than contracting with a private vendor.

Village Manager Nick Marano advised that the Village has utilized an interim vendor since November 2025 and that the Village has not historically operated the tennis program directly.

Councilmember Marsha Matson questioned the advantages of using a private entity instead of Village employees to run the tennis program.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer responded that the scope of services involves instruction, training, and supervision, rather than court maintenance, and explained that the Village does not have staff with the necessary qualifications to provide tennis lessons and camp services to the public.

Councilmember Patrick Fiore provided historical context, explaining that tennis services at Coral Reef Park have traditionally been provided by vendors and stated that under the proposed agreement, the Village would retain 100% of the court fees and receive 30% of program revenues, and that the arrangement would continue to provide valuable services to tennis and pickleball patrons at Coral Reef Park.

Councilmember Marsha Matson raised concerns regarding reports that the tennis reservation system was not functioning properly and asked what steps were being taken to address the issue by staff.

Parks and Recreation Director, Fanny Carmona explained that the courts have been closed for approximately two months due to the ongoing construction at Coral Reef Park and that online reservations have been temporarily blocked. She also explained that the reservation issues are occurring while the courts are closed and will be resolved once the courts re-open to the public.

Councilmember Marsha Matson also expressed concerns that the reservation system is not user-friendly.

Director Carmona responded that the current system utilizes QR code access and that staff

is in the process of on-boarding and transitioning to a new reservation system, which is expected to go live soon and explained that the issue is temporary and related to the court closures at the park.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham asked about the timing of a ribbon-cutting event for the new recreational building at Coral Reef Park.

Director Carmona advised that the ribbon cutting for the new recreational building built would occur as soon as possible.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer inquired whether the courts could be reopened prior to the reopening of the recreation room.

Director Carmona responded that staff would investigate that possibility.

The question was called in favor of the Resolution. **All voted in favor (5-0). The Resolution passed unanimously.**

11. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN VILLAGE PARKS; AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE A YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP VENDING PROGRAM WITHIN ARTICLE II, RULES AND REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR DESIGNATED YOUTH VENDOR ZONES AT CORAL REEF PARK AND PALMETTO BAY PARK; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer) (Continued from the December 1, 2025, Regular Council Meeting)*

Item 11A was **moved** by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer and **seconded** by Councilmember Marsha Matson.

The following speaker spoke <u>in favor</u> of the Ordinance during public comment:

- Karen Baez Wallis (7380 SW 141st Terrace).

The following speaker spoke <u>opposed</u> to the Ordinance during public comment:

- Gary Pastorella (6940 SW 142nd Terrace).

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer stated that the concept had been incorporated directly into the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Farmers Market, which served as the motivation for the initiative and **motioned to withdraw the Ordinance.** Councilmember Steve Cody **seconded the motion**.

Village Manager Nick Marano advised that staff intend to incorporate the concept into the RFP and confirmed that recommended language has been provided. He further explained that prospective vendors will be required to establish a youth zone consistent with the intent of the Ordinance, noting that this approach provides a simple and effective means of incorporating a youth component into the existing

market at the park.

The question was called in favor of the motion to withdraw the Ordinance. **All voted in favor (5-0). The motion passed unanimously and the Ordinance was withdrawn.**

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COUNCIL DISCUSSION; AMEDNING THE CODE OF ORDIANCES AT SECTION 2-49(A), "COUNCIL DISCUSSION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND DECORUM", BY ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF TIME EACH COUNCILMEMBER HAS TO DISCUSS AN ITEM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham)*

Item 11B was **moved** by Councilmember Patrick Fiore and **seconded** by Mayor Karyn Cunningham.

The following speaker spoke in favor of the Ordinance during public comment:

- Gary Pastorella (6940 SW 142nd Terrace).

Mayor Karyn Cunningham explained that the proposed Ordinance structures Council questions and presentations on agenda items to remain within a ten-minute time limit.

Councilmember Marsha Matson asked who would serve as the timekeeper.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham responded that the Village Clerk currently keeps time for public comment speakers.

Village Attorney John Quick clarified that timekeeping requirements apply to public comment and presentations, not to Council questions.

Councilmember Marsha Matson questioned whether the presenting Councilmember's remarks would count toward the time limit.

Village Attorney John Quick explained the process, reporting that Council questions would not be timed and that each Councilmember would have a designated opportunity to speak.

Councilmember Marsha Matson questioned whether staff presentations would be included within the ten-minute limit.

Attorney Quick confirmed that presentations would be included.

Councilmember Matson expressed concern that this could limit the sponsoring Councilmember's ability to fully present an item that is on the agenda.

Councilmember Steve Cody **motioned** to propose an amendment to delegate timekeeping responsibilities to the Village Manager, not to the Village Clerk, who

could further assign the task to staff, citing the need for consistency and effective meeting management. Councilmember Patrick Fiore **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Matson reported that meeting order and time management are the responsibility of the Chair and expressed opposition to the amendment.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham explained that the intent of the Ordinance was not punitive but was intended to promote efficiency in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and to keep meetings moving forward. She also explained that the Council has flexibility in managing discussion and dialogue.

Councilmember Steve Cody explained that his amendment did not require additional staff resources and that timekeeping could be accomplished using available tools.

The question was called in favor of the motion made by Councilmember Steve Cody and seconded by Councilmember Patrick Fiore to delegate timekeeping responsibilities to the Village Manager, who could further assign the task to staff, citing the need for consistency and effective meeting management. **The motion passed (3-2)**; Councilmember Marsha Matson and Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer voted in opposition.

Councilmember Matson reiterated her opposition to the Ordinance urging the Council to disapprove, stating that the matter was one of leadership and chair style.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer also stated that he did not support the item.

Mayor Cunningham reiterated that the Ordinance was not intended to stifle discussion or debate.

The question was called in favor of the amended-Ordinance on First Reading.

The amended-Ordinance passed (3-2); Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer and Councilmember Marsha Matson voted opposed.

C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 7.2, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND ETHICAL STANDARDS, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (D) ENTITLED "CONDUCT OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; "PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

Item 11C was **moved** by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer and **seconded** by Councilmember Marsha Matson.

The following speaker spoke <u>opposed</u> to the Ordinance during public comment:

- Gary Pastorella (6940 SW 142nd Terrace).

Councilmember Marsha Matson explained that the proposed ordinance would add

a code of conduct for the Village Council to the general provisions of the Code of Ordinances. She stated that the ordinance would require Councilmembers to refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges, or verbal attacks on the character or motives of other members. Councilmember Matson further noted that she had previously brought forward a censure motion that was not considered by the Council and stated that the proposed ordinance would establish a formal code of conduct. She urged the Council to support the ordinance.

Councilmember Patrick Fiore stated that the appropriate venue for consideration of the proposal would be through the Charter Review Commission, with the matter placed on the ballot for voter consideration at an upcoming election.

Following Council discussion, the question was called in favor of the Ordinance on First Reading.

The Ordinance on First Reading failed (2-3); Councilmember Patrick Fiore, Mayor Karyn Cunningham, and Councilmember Steve Cody voted opposed.

D. AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2.51, "CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION," OF THE VILLAGE CODE; REQUIRING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE ELECTORS ALL CHARTER AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS UNALTERED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY SUBMIT ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS; AND PROVIDING CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

Item 11D was **moved** by Councilmember Marsha Matson and **seconded** by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer.

There was no public comment for item 11D.

Councilmember Marsha Matson stated that the matter had already been voted on and expressed the view that the Charter Review Commission should be able to perform the proposed task and urged the Council to support the item as an Ordinance.

Councilmember Patrick Fiore stated that he believed the proposal to be well-intentioned legislation but expressed concern about including subjective provisions over which the Council may have limited control.

Councilmember Steve Cody stated that the Council had previously voted on the matter in Regular Council Meeting of December 2025 and explained that the subject is governed by the Village Charter, which defines authority and the process for amendments to be presented to the electorate. He explained that the Code of Ordinances is subordinate to the Charter and expressed concern that codifying the proposed language could create confusion for future Charter Review Commissions, which are not scheduled to convene until 2030, and could potentially lead to

interpretive issues or litigation. For these reasons, he stated that he could not support the Ordinance.

At approximately 10:00 p.m., Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer made a **motion** to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m., which was **seconded** by Councilmember Patrick Fiore. **All voted in favor (5-0). The motion passed unanimously** and the meeting was extended.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham stated that she did not support the Ordinance, noting that she had not supported the related Resolution during the December 2025 meeting and would not support the Ordinance.

Following Council discussion, the question was called in favor of the Ordinance on First Reading.

The Ordinance on First Reading passed (3-2); Mayor Karyn Cunningham and Councilmember Steve Cody voted opposed.

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer **motioned** to move items 14C, 14F, 14G, 14H, and 14I to the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Patrick Fiore **seconded** the motion.

Councilmember Marsha Matson reported that she had Council comment for item 14F and asked for it to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham reported that the motion would remove item 14F from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Patrick Fiore urged the Administration to consider individuals 18-years of age or older in his Resolution, specifically item 14C. There were no objections by the Council to the request and the Village Manager agreed.

Regarding item 14C, Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer urged the Administration to consider blood pressure monitors like CVS and Walgreens that are at no cost to individuals and as well as purchasing one that could be installed at Village Hall for public use.

The question was called in favor of the motion to move items 14C, 14G, 14H, and 14I to the Consent Agenda. **All voted in favor (5-0). The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer **motioned** to approve the Consent Agenda, items 14C, 14G, 14H, and 14I. Councilmember Patrick Fiore **seconded** the motion. **All voted in favor (5-0). The motion carried unanimously.**

13. RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING: None.

14. RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF

PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO NAMING THE COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT CORAL REEF PARK, 7895 SW 152 STREET, IN HONOR OF MAYOR KARYN CUNNINGHAM, THE NAMING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING LOCATED AT 9495 SW 180TH STREET IN HONOR OF COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICK FIORE, AND THE NAMING OF THE NATURE TRAIL TO BE BUILT IN IN THE WOODS AS "THE MARSHA MATSON NATURE TRAIL" IN HONOR OF COUNCIL MEMBER MARSHA MATSON AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Steve Cody)*

Item 14B was **moved** by Councilmember Steve Cody and **seconded** by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer.

The following speakers spoke opposed to the Resolution during public comment:

- Eric Tullberg (7884 SW 179th Terrace); and Robert Miller (8801 SW 176th Terrace).

Village Clerk Missy Arocha read the public comments submitted by form.

Councilmember Steve Cody explained that, because the Village leases the wooded area from Miami-Dade County, naming options are limited. He stated that the Village is funding construction of the trail and proposed naming the walkway through the wooded area. He highlighted the public service of Councilmember Patrick Fiore, noting his years of service on the Council and his advocacy for investments in public services, including infrastructure initiatives that reduced flooding risk and generated cost savings. He also recognized Mayor Karyn Cunningham's years of service, leadership during significant civic challenges, and contributions to quality-of-life initiatives, including parks, public safety, and community resilience efforts.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer acknowledged the service of all Councilmembers but stated his opposition to the Resolution and explained his concerns of elected officials honoring themselves while residents continue to raise concerns regarding traffic, infrastructure, and neighborhood safety, and emphasized the importance of focusing on current resident priorities.

Councilmember Marsha Matson stated that she found the proposal inappropriate and reported that she had not been consulted prior to the item being brought forward. She explained that the Resolution caused confusion among residents and stated that she does not support naming facilities after living elected officials and that she did not wish to have any facility named in her honor.

Councilmember Matson then made a **motion** to name the Coral Reef Park Recreational Building as the "Charlie Kirk Memorial Building." Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer **seconded** the motion.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer stated that he would vote against the motion and that he was not in favor of the amendment proffered by Councilmember Marsha Matson.

The question was called in favor of the motion to name the Coral Reef Park Recreational Building as the "Charlie Kirk Memorial Building". **The motion failed**

(1–4); Mayor Karyn Cunningham, Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer, Councilmember Patrick Fiore, and Councilmember Steve Cody voted opposed.

Councilmember Patrick Fiore thanked Councilmember Cody for his remarks but declined any proposed recognition explained his appreciation for having been elected to serve and thanked his colleagues for their collaboration during his tenure.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham stated that she became aware of the Resolution prior to agenda posting and had hoped it would be removed before publication and that she also became aware of the item through media coverage.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham reflected on her years of service and stated that it had been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of the Village and stated her opposition to the Resolution, explaining that while the Resolution may be legally permissible, it raised ethical concerns in her view.

Councilmember Steve Cody reported that the proposal was not intended to offend any Councilmember and that the proposal was made in recognition of service, particularly considering the conclusion of current Council term limits. He acknowledged that he understood the item would not pass but wished to proceed with a vote.

The question was called in favor of the Resolution. **The Resolution failed (1-4)**; Mayor Karyn Cunningham, Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer, Councilmember Patrick Fiore, and Councilmember Marsha Matson voted opposed.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer made a **motion** to extend the meeting until 10:40 p.m., which was **seconded** by Councilmember Steve Cody. **All voted in favor (5-0). The motion passed unanimously** and the meeting was extended.

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, TO FACILITATE MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS THROUGH A NON-PROFIT PARTNERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE VILLAGE MANAGER; PROVIDING THAT SUCH SERVICES SHALL BE OFFERED AT NO COST TO THE VILLAGE OR PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored Councilmember Patrick Fiore)*

Item 14C passed on the Consent Agenda.

F. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY AND VILLAGE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Village Attorney John J. Quick)*

Item 14F was **moved** by Councilmember Marsha Matson and **seconded** by

Councilmember Steve Cody.

There was no public comment.

Village Attorney John Quick stated that he had prepared the draft policy based on prior discussions and had included recommended parameters to ensure clarity.

Councilmember Marsha Matson explained that the role under consideration requires in-person attendance and opposed to the “first-come, first-served” approach, highlighting that absences due to illness could create inequities. She also explained the importance of being present to observe Council proceedings, participate in discussion, and vote, noting that remote participation limits engagement and diminishes the ability for the public to observe interaction among Councilmembers.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham suggested withdrawing the item to allow for individual meetings with Councilmembers to gather input prior to moving forward.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer the Village Attorney for drafting the policy and reported that the primary consideration should be extending accommodations for Councilmembers with medical or health-related issues. He also stated that he does not support imposing a limit on the number of Councilmembers participating remotely and suggested that any remote participation include documentation in the minutes regarding the reason for attending remotely.

Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer **motioned** to remove that no Councilmember may attend by remote electronic means more than twice per calendar year from the policy. Councilmember Patrick Fiore **seconded** the motion. **The motion passed (4-1)**; Councilmember Marsha Matson voted opposed.

The question was called in favor of the Resolution. The **Resolution passed (3-2)**; Mayor Karyn Cunningham and Councilmember Marsha Matson voted opposed.

G. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE CONSENT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR POTENTIAL VILLAGE CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2026, CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, 100.151; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Village Clerk Missy Arocha)*

Item 14G passed on the Consent Agenda.

H. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO PROCUREMENT; APPROVING AN AMENDMENT FOR THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR SUB-BASIN 12; APPROVING THE SELECTION OF HARTEC GROUP, INC. TO CONSTRUCT PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SUB-BASIN 42; AUTHORIZING

THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($876,073.00); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Procurement Specialist, Alessia Bencomo)*

Item 14H passed on the Consent Agenda.

I. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO PROCUREMENT; APPROVING THE SELECTION OF PIMENTEL CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON SW 184TH STREET; PIGGY-BACKING FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RPQ NO. 20240207; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY-EIGHT CENTS ($150,315.58), AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Procurement Specialist, Alessia Bencomo)*

Item 14I passed on the Consent Agenda.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember Steve Cody **motioned** to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Patrick Fiore **seconded** the motion. **All voted in favor (5-0).** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:42 PM.

The meeting minutes were approved this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Attest:

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Mayor Karyn Cunningham Village Clerk Missy Arocha

Public Comments by Form
Regular Council Meeting – January 12, 2026

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patty Keller
9121 SW 178th Terrace

- The Palmetto Bay Artisan and Farmers Market on Sundays at Coral Reef Park by Barbara and Ed Ferenczi Consulting family and James LaMorte is overdue for review and improvement. I've seen a petition circulating to "save the market," and while I do NOT want the market to continue, I strongly believe it needs significant changes to move forward in a positive direction. I highly suggest Liz Ceballos to take charge of it.
  During my time as a vendor, the market was poorly managed by Barbara and Ed Ferenczi as well as James LaMorte. Vendor fees were handled inconsistently—some vendors were charged while others were not. I know this firsthand, as I was a vendor and had many fellow vendor friends who experienced the same issue. When I participated months ago, my check was taken with no receipt or documentation provided. When I questioned this, responsibility was shifted to the Palmetto Bay Town Council, which did not seem accurate or appropriate.
  Additionally, interactions with Barbara Ferenczi and James LaMorte were unprofessional. After reviewing my art Instagram, they made comments about my appearance that were unnecessary and uncomfortable. This behavior, combined with the lack of transparency, fairness, and professionalism, raises serious concerns.

Linda Miller
8801 SW 176th Terrace

- I am very pleased to see the work being done at The Woods. The progress off 168th street seems to be a bit extreme however I'm trusting the contractor is following our pocket park plan.

Sylvia Birdie Hernandez
17945 SW 97th Avenue

- To Whom it May Concern,
  You may have won in court, but you lost something bigger-your character and the public opinion.
  You made truth into a tool, and pushed an honest woman to apologize just for being right. That isn't justice. It's a show, and you played the bad guy well.
  A win built on bending facts and using power means very little. It doesn't leave pride behind—only damage and doubt.
  She walked in with her integrity and walked out with it still intact. You walked out with a ruling and nothing more.
  Someday, that difference will matter more than any case you've won.

John Linabury
13655 Farmer Road

- I would like to thank our Village Manager, Mr. Marano and our Police Major, Maria Gurerra for their help in correcting the monthly citation presentation . In the past, when Council meetings met at the beginning of the month sometimes there was not enough time to compile the correct information or data due to time constraints or other situations. Our Manager acknowledged this and contacted our Major to solve this problem.
  The Commander's report is very important to me. It gives us an idea as a village how we are doing. The data presented to the Mayor , Vice Mayor and Council should be accurate to the month. This was not always the case.
  With this new solution that was agreed upon with our police we will now get very accurate up to date numbers.
  Our traffic police unit works really hard to keep our streets safe for residents and they need that acknowledgement to be reflected with accurate numbers.
  I am happy to say this is now going to happen.
  Thank you again Mr. Manager and Major Maria Gurerra for your help.

Eric Tullberg
7884 SW 179th Terrace

- The new Traffic Circle at Old Cutler & SW 67 Ct., which is on the border of Pinecrest & Palmetto Bay should have a Pine-Rockland planting consisting of Pinus Elliotti (Florida Slash Pine) & Saw Palmetto. The center of the traffic circle is an ellipse 83 ft. x 62 ft., large enough to have a significant planting. There should be signs at both Howard Dr. Path & Old Cutler Path explaining Pine-Rocklands. The number of pines will depend on the sight lines that need to be preserved. This would be a wonderful natural area and unique to our two municipalities. It would look only as it would be dangerous to have people wandering across the circle. If you agree we should approach Pinecrest about a joint project.

ITEM 11A

Kelli Willis
8460 SW 180th Street

- I am opposed to item 11A.

ITEM 11B

Kelli Willis
8460 SW 180th Street

- I support item 11B.

ITEM 14A

Pamela Gorman
14140 SW 72nd Avenue

- The naming of a village street should be in memory of a resident who made substantial contributions to the community.

Josh Clarin
9354 SW 173rd Terrace

- I am writing in support of naming the street after Greg Sawyer. Greg Zawyer was a man who cared deeply about education, his community and specifically Palmetto Bay. He was always willing to help others, to mentor and to lead. I urge you to support this resolution.

ITEM 14B

Linda Miller
8801 SW 176th Terrace

- I am opposed to the naming of buildings and park trails or any structures after any council member. These council members and the Mayor have been doing the job they were elected to do. Some council members are highly regarded where some are not in high esteem in my opinion. I am very sad that this resolution is even considered since it is sponsored by Steve Cody.

Pamela Gorman
14140 SW 72nd Avenue

- Naming rights for a community center costing taxpayers 5 million should only be considered if a donor provides at least a 2 million contribution to the village to offset costs. That's how naming rights are done, not a giveaway and strongly oppose. In addition, naming a maintenance building and a non-existing path in the "Woods" is insulting to the sitting council members. I strongly oppose this entire resolution.

Kelli Willis
8460 SW 180th Street

- I am opposed to item 14B.

Eric Tullberg
7884 SW 179th Terrace

- Nothing should be named after existing politicians until their terms of office has ended.

ITEM 14D

Pamela Gorman
14140 SW 72nd Avenue

- We've been through this before years ago with the first mayor. Although well intended, pedestrian bridges will need to be patrolled at night to keep nearby residences safe. It will be the perfect place for teenagers to jump into the canal, smoke and drink without supervision adding more patrol work for our expensive police department. I oppose.

Kelli Willis
8460 SW 180th Street

- I support item 14D.

Eric Tullberg
7884 SW 179th Terrace

- The SW 176 St. Pedestrian Bridge is needed to provide Bike/Ped. access from the SE corner of Palmetto Bay to the remainder of the Village. Those who live there (including myself) cannot access the rest of the village without crossing 40 mph Old Cutler Rd. or SW 184 St. This Ped. Bridge will connect Village Hall, Palmetto Bay Park and the west part of District 3 with Sadowski Park, Ludovici Park, the PB Library Thalatta Park, & the 1.1 mi. path around the PBVC. Soon there will also be access to the natural area on the SW corner of

PBVC. It will also provide bike/ped. access to Palmer Trinity & Perrine Elem. Schools.

ITEM 14I

Eric Tullberg
7884 SW 179th Terrace

- We need to complete the sidewalks on the north side of SW 184 St. There is more than 1/2 mi. of missing sidewalk on a 40-miles per hour road.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A

Item Cover Page

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 2, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Missy Arocha, Village Manager's Office

ITEM TYPE: Report

AGENDA SECTION: VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

SUBJECT: Departmental Updates

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:
Manager's Report - February 2, 2026

Manager's Report

BUILDING & PERMITTING

December

FY2025-2026 Budgeted Projects

- Building Division Software
  - Building Permit and Inspection software building is underway. Expected to launch 2026.

- Building Division
  - Received 272 permits applications.
  - 219 residents and contractors visited the Division.
  - Inspections completed:
    - Building: 595
    - Mechanical: 34
    - Electrical: 138
    - Plumbing: 67
    - Zoning: 81

      Total: 915

FINANCE

December

- The expenditures in December 2025 were $1,275,888, 4.85% of the total budget, compared to budgeted expenditures of $2,190,168, a surplus of 3.48% for the month. Please note that this analysis is based on a straight-line allocation of the budget for the year, which is $ 2,190,168 or 8.33% per month. This does not consider the timing of expenditures such as annual bond payment or seasonal events such as Summer Camp or Village events.

- YTD the Village has spent $ 3,409,565 or 13.5 % compared to budgeted expenditures of $6,570,504 or 25.00%.

Manager's Reportable Checks:

Check Transfer Date	Check Transfer #	Vendor Name	Description	Total Amount
12/05/2025	48506	Marlin Engineering, Inc.	MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN	$ 57,421.88
12/05/2025	48500	FORMULA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, CORP.	CRP TENNIS COURT FENCING REPLACEMENT PROJECT	$ 44,082.00
12/05/2025	48481	ALL IN 1 COURTS CONSTUCTION, LLC.	CRP TENNIS COURT RESURFACING AND RESTRIPING PROJEC	$ 19,940.80
12/05/2025	48471	STAR PAVING CORP.	PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT	$ 16,985.00
12/05/2025	48496	E. Rodriguez Landscaping, Inc.	PARK LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE	$ 14,245.00
12/05/2025	48456	CALVIN GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES	PUBLIC SERVICE PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS FY 24/25	$ 13,906.21
12/12/2025	48556	OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF MDC	VOPB LOCAL PATROL - NOVEMBER 2025/SCG	$ 802,053.74
12/12/2025	48563	WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN	006-7 YACHT CLUB BY LUXCOM-CHALLENGE MARINE OPERAT	$ 130,126.05
12/12/2025	48561	Tyler Technologies	ENTERPRISE ERP SOFTWARE	$ 72,733.04
12/12/2025	48598	THE STREET PLANS COLLABORATIVE	SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)	$ 69,952.99
12/12/2025	48551	CORELAND CONSTRUCTION CORP.	SW 174TH STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS	$ 43,496.13
12/12/2025	48578	HAHN CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING	CARTEE RD. NEIGHBORHOOD WATER MAIN EXTENSION	$ 37,723.07
12/12/2025	48555	NXT GEN TECHOLOGIES, INC.	UNITRENDS RENEWAL 2025-2026	$ 21,107.92
12/12/2025	48549	BEEFREE, LLC.	FREEBE NOVEMBER0	$ 19,882.50
12/19/2025	48623	WAYPOINT CONTRACTING, INC.	DESIGN-BUILD - CRP REC ROOM AND INDOOR PB CENTER	$ 257,250.38
12/19/2025	15	FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE	FMIT 1028 2ND INSTALLMENT FY 25/26	$ 235,411.50
12/19/2025	48633	FORMULA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, CORP.	CRP TENNIS COURT FENCING REPLACEMENT PROJECT	$ 44,082.00

12/19/2025	48611	NXT GEN TECHOLOGIES, INC.	RENEWAL - ARTIC WOLF MDR - 12/31/2025 TO 12/30/202	$ 31,348.73
12/23/2025	48664	WAYPOINT CONTRACTING, INC.	DESIGN-BUILD - CRP REC ROOM AND INDOOR PB CENTER	$ 917,859.46

IT DEPARTMENT

December

1. Help Desk statistics:
    a. 324 new work orders created
        i. 117 (36%) from system notifications, network issues, or cybersecurity alerts.
        ii. 207 (64%) submitted by staff, charter officers, and elected officials.
    b. 321 work orders completed.
2. Represented the Village at the Southern Florida Digital Government Summit in Ft. Lauderdale.

Upcoming Goals

1. Assisting Parks with technical tasks related to the new CRP building.
2. Permitting project – testing, acceptance, and training.
3. Village Hall network reorganization – completing project tasks.

HUMAN RESOURCES

December

- 0 Recruitment Ad
- 0 Applications Reviewed
- 10 Interviews scheduled
    - Recreation Attendant
    - Village Clerk
- 2 Pre-Employment Meetings
- 0 New Hire
- 1 Training Sessions
- 3 Separations of Employment
    - Admin. Assistant – Village Clerk
    - Park Service Aide (2)
- 6Transfers/Updates/Evaluations

- Staffing Update as of 1/13/2025 (16 Vacancies)

Active Recruitments		
8 Part-time positions		
Village Clerk	Passport Acceptance Agent (1)	Advertisement closes on 1/14/2026
Parks & Recreation	Recreation Attendant (1)	Pre-employment underway (1)
	Park Service Aide (6)	Pre-employment underway (1) Interviews held 1/6 and 8/2025; requests routed for approval (5)
Vacant Positions		
8 Full-time positions		
Department	**Position**	**Status**
Village Clerk	Administrative Assistant (1)	On hold per Director
Planning & Zoning	Zoning Administrator (1)	On hold per Village Manager. Incumbent serving as Principal Planner.
Public Services	Tree Trimmer (1)	On hold per Director
	Maintenance Worker I – Facilities (2)	On hold per Village Manager
Parks & Recreation	Maintenance Worker I – Parks (1)	On hold per Village Manager
	Parks & Recreation Supervisor (2)	On hold per Director

COMMUNICATIONS

December

- 50 FB/Twitter Postings (including event and meeting postings)
- 11,326 FB Followers
  - 152 New FB followers – 2.32% increased FYTD
- 9,578 Instagram Followers – 3.18% increased FYTD
  - 182 New IG Followers
- 9,086 Email Subscribers – 1.86% increased FYTD
- 9 Videos Produced:
  - State of the Village Video
  - State of the Village Reel
  - Chanukah Recap video
  - Light Up Our Holidays Promo Reel
  - Light Up Our Holidays Recap Reel
  - PB Skate Park Reel
  - Thalatta Summer Experience Promo Reel
  - Holiday Crime Initiative Real
  - Mayor's New Year Message video
- 2 Village Vibes Bi-Weekly E-Newsletters
  - 12/6 Village Vibes

- 12/20 Village Vibes

- 9 Promotional/Informational Campaigns – **18 Posts**
  - First Responders – 1
  - State of the Village – 4
  - Chanuka – 4
  - Light Up Your Holidays – 5
  - The Woods – 1
  - PB Skate Park Meeting – 1
  - Thalatta Summer Experience – 1
  - Holiday Crime Initiative – 1
  - Mayor's New Year Message -1
- Meetings Broadcast: **1**
  - 12/8 Hybrid Special Council
- Events Attended/Promoted:
  - 12/8 Baptist Ribbon Cutting
  - 12/8 75th Anniversary Celebration Nicklaus Children Hospital
  - 12/12 Annual MDC League of Cities
  - 12/17 Check Donation Sub-Basin 12
  - 12/19 Greater Miami Jewish Federation
  - 12/24 Winter on the Bay at Deering Estate

- Baybot User Interactions: **185 –** 49% increased

GRANTS

December

- New Grant Applications (2)
  - FDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for Fiscal Year 2032
  - FDEM State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

- Grants Approved (2)
  - FLC Safety Grant – Trainings and Safety Gear ($4,892)
  - USTA Tennis Facility Grant – Coral Reef Park Fencing ($40,000)

- Closed Grants (2)
  - FLC Safety Grant – Trainings and Safety Gear ($4,892)
  - USTA Tennis Facility Grant – Coral Reef Park Fencing ($40,000)

- Active Grants (15)
  - FDEM Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (F-ROC) – *2026 abatement activities due March 2026*
  - FDEP Resilient Florida – Assessment and Planning for a Resilient Palmetto Bay (comprehensive vulnerability assessment) – *pending request for reimbursement*
  - FDOT Public Transit Service Development Grant – On-Demand Transit Service – *contract fully executed November 2025*
  - FRDAP Coral Reef Park Trail Renovations-Recreational Trails Program (RTP) – *closeout package in review by agency*

- Safe Street 4 All (SS4A) – VOPB Street Safety Action Plan Development – *draft action plan in progress*
- Sub-Basins 12/42 Stormwater Improvements – *contract executed*
- Sub-Basin 43 (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) – *reimbursement 2 in review by agency, pre-Phase 2 information requests in progress*
- Sub-Basin 43 (State Appropriation)
- Sub-Basin 44 (State Appropriation) – *reimbursement 1 received*
- Sub-Basins 57/96 (State Appropriation) – *reimbursement request in progress*
- Transportation Planning Organization – Multimodal Transportation Master Plan – *reimbursement request 3 received, final reimbursement request and grant closeout anticipated January 2026*
- USTA Tennis Facility Grant – Coral Reef Park Fencing – *pending reimbursement and press release*
- Village Council's Palmetto Bay "Adopt-A-Pet" Council Program – *program in progress*
- Village Council's Senior Assistance for Veterinary Emergencies (SAVE) Council Program – *program in progress*
- *Pre-Award Process* – Veterans Park Phase 1 Appropriation.

PARKS & RECREATION

December

Palmetto

- Ballet at the Park: Monday thru Thursday classes 3pm - 8pm; Friday Adult and Private Lessons 12pm – 6pm
- I9 Sports: on Saturdays and Sundays 8am - 2pm
- MJ Hoops: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 5:45pm & 8:30pm
- Bay Lions Soccer Club: Tuesday, Thursdays & Friday 4pm-6pm
- Juventus Soccer Club: Mondays, Wednesday, Saturdays, Sundays
- Travel Softball: Stingrays, Lady Canes, Rock Gold, Contenders: Monday/Friday 4pm, 6pm & 8pm
- Howard Palmetto Baseball/Softball Association- Youth Softball Leagues 8U, 10U 12U- practices Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday 6pm - 9:30pm; Games Fridays 7pm and Saturdays 9am and 10:30am
- Baptist Health Senior Stretch Exercise Class: 10:30am & 11:30am
- Skate Park Community Meeting #2, December 10, 6pm
- First Responders Appreciation Lunch, December 2, 12pm - 2pm
- State of the Village, December 11, 6pm - 8pm
- Pickleball Reservations: 5
- Total Softball Games: 6
- Total Softball Practices: 33
- Total Pavilion/Rec Room Rentals: 7

Coral Reef Park

- Pickleball Reservations – (Courts under construction)
- Tennis Court Rentals: (Fencing construction)

- Picnic Areas/Pavilion/Gazebo Rentals: 21
- Baurball Soccer training, Weekdays 4pm - 6pm
- Beast Volleyball Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 5 – 6:30pm
- Orange Ball and Green Ball Tennis, Tuesday and Thursdays 4pm - 6:30pm Total participants: (Fencing construction)
- Palmetto Bay Soccer participants: 132
- Bay Lions FC Soccer participants: 84
- Howard Palmetto Baseball (T-Ball) participants: 0

Perrine Community

- 1 Rental
- 3 Program
- 1 Waiver

Ludovici Park

- 6 Programs
- 2 Rentals
- 0 Event
- 19 Waiver

Thalatta Estate

- 1 Programs
- 7 Rental
- 8 Photoshoot
- 0 Event
- 5 Waiver

Fee Waivers- Requested and Granted in December 2025

Group Name	Date	Time	Location	Type of Event	Total Value Granted	Date of Request
Make a Way Ministries	Sunday, 12/14/25	12pm-4pm	Palmetto Bay Park Rec Room	Date with 305 Santa	$ 300.00	12/3/2025
Palmetto Bay Branch Library	Saturdays, 1/10, 2/21, 3/7, 4/18, 5/16 2026	11:30AM-12:30PM	Ludovici Park – Amphitheater	Yoga Classes	$ 151.00	12/11/2025
Palmetto Bay Branch Library	Thursdays, 1/8, 1/22, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26 2026	5-6pm	EAF COMMUNITY ROOM	Color Your Cares Away	$ 151.00	12/11/2025
Palmetto Bay Branch Library	every 3rd Thursday	3-4pm	EAF COMMUNITY ROOM	Adult Book Club	$ 151.00	12/11/2025

	starting 1/15/2026					
Palmetto Bay Branch Library	every Wednesday starting 1/7/2026	4-5:30pm	EAF COMMUNITY ROOM	Teen Library Advisory Committee Meeting	$ 176.00	12/11/2025
Cutler Bay Community Theater	every Monday starting 1/12/2026	7pm-9pm	EAF COMMUNITY ROOM	Community Improv Classes	$ 268.00	12/11/2025
CIAM Casa Italia a Miami Corp	Saturdays, Jan-May 2026	9am-11am	EAF COMMUNITY ROOM	Italian Classes for Children	$ 268.00	12/11/2025
Palmetto Bay Garden Club	4th Tuesday of the month 2026	6pm-9pm	EAF COMMUNITY ROOM	Meeting & Lecture	$ 230.00	12/11/2025
Chabad of Palmetto Bay	every Tuesday in 2026	10am-11am	Thalatta Estate – Main Hall	Women's Educational	$ 184.00	12/23/2025

February 2026 Upcoming Events/Programs/Projects

Palmetto Bay Park

- Ballet at the Park: Monday – Thursday 4-8p; Adult class/lessons: Fridays 12-6p
- I9 Sports: Saturdays 8am-2pm
- MJ Hoops: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 5:45pm-8:30pm
- Juventus Soccer Club: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturday, Sundays
- Bay Lions Soccer Club: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Howard Palmetto Baseball Softball Association Fall League registration
- Travel Softball: Stingrays, Rock Gold, Lady Canes, SF Contenders: Mon-Friday 6pm & 8pm
- High School practices begin late January
- Baptist Health Senior Stretch Exercise Class: 10:30am & 11:30am

Coral Reef Park

- Palmetto Bay Soccer season starts: December 1st through December 19th, 4pm-5:30pm (Games Fridays and Saturdays)
- Bay Lions Soccer Club: 4:30pm – 7pm (Games are Sundays)
- Palmetto High School Baseball Season begins January 5th, Blue and White Game set to be on Saturday, January 31st 9am – 2pm.
- Orange Ball and Green Ball Tennis, Tuesdays and Thursdays, (4pm – 630pm) December 2nd
- Baurball Soccer Training, Weekdays 3pm – 5:30pm
- Beast Volleyball Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 4 – 5:30pm
- TTT Fitness, Monday - Thursday, Saturday 9am-10am and 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

- Camping in the Park & Movie Night, February 7-8 10am-10am
- Coral Reef Park Recreation Center Ribbon Cutting, February

Perrine Community House

- 0 Rental
- 0 Waiver
- 3 Program
- 0 Event

Thalatta Estate

- 7 Rental
- 0 Rehearsal
- 1 Photoshoot
- Yoga by the Bay – Sundays, 9:30am - 10:30am
- Waiver – Chabad Women Education – Every Tuesday at 10am

Ludovici Park

- WAIVER - VPB Library Teen Advisory – every Wednesday at 4pm
- WAIVER - Italian Classes for Kids – every Saturday at 9am
- WAIVER-VPB Library Adult Coloring 1/8 &1/22 at 5pm
- WAIVER - VPB Library Adult Book Club - Third Thursday of the month at 3pm
- Cutler Bay Community Theater – Mondays, 6/9 at 7pm
- WAIVER - Musicore – first and third Tuesdays of the month and second and forth Thursdays of the month at 3:30 - 5:30pm
- Garden Club – every fourth Tuesday at 6pm
- WAIVER – VPB Library Yoga Class at 11:30am Amphitheater
- Core and Stretch Class – every Wednesday at 10:30am
- Senior Valentine's Day Celebration, February 12, 11:30am-1:30pm
- Yoga by the Bay EAFCR, February 22 at 9:30AM

Park Projects

Palmetto Bay Park Irrigation Redesign – Calvin Giordano

- 12/13/2024 submittal package for Building Department review
- 4/25 Release Invitation to Bid
- 6/9 one (1) Bid Received
- Evaluation of Project based on budget

Coral Reef Park – Design-Build Recreation Center

- Execution of design-Build Contract with Waypoint Construction January 2024
- Currently under construction
- Expected Date of Completion – February 28, 2026

Coral Reef Park Pineland - IRC

- Task 4-continue management of rock pineland.

- Prescribed burn: In consultation with Miami Dade's Division of Natural Areas Management regarding readiness and timeline for prescribed burn following amendment to Coral Reef Park Pineland Management Agreement

The Woods

- Phase I FY 25-26 budget $250,000
- Phase I Approved on 11-2-25 IRC to proceed at a cost of $194,500, execution of contract in process.
- PO approved for purchasing of benches, trash receptacles, signs, and pet waste stations
- Community Workshop scheduled for December 6, 2925, 1:00pm at the Perrine Community House.
- IRC – Currently working on Phase 1 Required Components

Veteran's Park

- 100% Plans Received December 2024
- Kimley Horn Currently working on permits
- DERM – Approved 12/16/2025
- Miami-Dade Water and Sewer plans – 9/2025 approved
- RFP for construction of Phase 1 to be Released February 2026
- Woody Williams Foundation for the Gold Star families Memorial Monument – Under Contract
- Designed Approved via Resolution No.2025-66.

Pickleball Center

- Council approved Construction of Design Build Indoor Pickleball Center-
- Contract for Build-Out (Waypoint) executed 9-2025; site work began and leveling of fill 10/2025
- Management/Operations (Diadem) approved by Council 9/17/2025

Coral Reef Park Playground Improvements

- 12/9/24 approved by Village Council
- 1/25 Contract executed
- Installation scheduled to begin October 27, 2025, with completion date of December 19, 2025
- Confirmed equipment delivery and start date of October 29, 2025, project underway.
- Project Completed

Skate Park – Palmetto Bay Park

- Release RFP February 2025
- Pre-submission Meeting 2/18/2025
- Received 2 Proposals on 3/7/2025
- Proposal approved by Village Council 6/2/2025
- Design 9/12/2025
- Community Meeting scheduled for November 6, 2025, and December 10, 2025, at 6pm
- Input to be evaluated and revised design processed and shared
- Next steps: construction drawings and permits
- Staging and mobilization February 2026 and estimated completion July 2026

Thalatta Enclosed Pavilion Design

- 2/25 Procure a professional consultant for design of enclosed pavilion

- 3/4/2025 On-site meeting with Chisholm Architects
- 3/12/2025 Received Proposal from Chisholm Architects
- Chisholm Architect working on project
- Notice To Proceed issued; 40% of Phase 1 completed
- Chisholm currently in discussion with SFWMD
- SFWMD requested updated survey-quotes in process

Coral Reef and Palmetto Bay Parks Asphalt Trail Rehab

- Invitation to bid issued and five (5) bids received
- Recommended vendor approved by Village Council 6/2/2025
- Contractor sent notice he will not be able to follow through with proposal
- In communications with the lowest bidder.

PUBLIC SERVICES

December

- **Freebee Ridership:**

1609 Completed Rides (C.R.)
1881 Total Passengers
Ridership has decreased by -252 C.R since October and increased by 34 C.R. since November

- **IBus Ridership:**

524 A.M. Route
408 P.M. Route **Total: 932 Riders**
Ridership has decreased by -691 since October and increased by 63 since November

- **Facilities Maintenance Division**

43 Open Work Orders – *-7 less than October* *-2 less than November*
66 Closed Work Orders – *29 more than October* *24 more than November*

- **Public Works**

3 - Signs Repaired/Installed	*-1 less than October*	*-2 less than November*
0 - Graffiti Removal	*0 same as October*	*0 same as November*
5 - Pothole/Shoulder Repairs	*0 same as October*	*-1 less than November*
9.48 - Tons of Debris/Trash Removal	*-5.53 less than October*	*-17.4 less than November*
74 - Drain Cleaning/Repairs (inlet tops)	*-9 less than October*	*22 more than November*
1,207 - Linear feet of sidewalks installed	*1,207 more than October*	*427 more than November*
0.00 - Paving Linear ft	*0 same as October*	*0 same as November*
35 - Sidewalks inspected	*22 more than October*	*18 more than November*
20 - Drainage Inspection	*-12 less than October*	*-10 less than November*
33 - Catch Basin	*-28 less than October*	*-19 less than November*
32 - Outfalls	*29 more than October*	*32 more than November*
6,677 - Linear Feet Pipe	*249 more than October*	*5076 more than November*
0 - Canal Cleaning/ Clearing	*0 same as October*	*0 same as November*
0 - Flooding Investigations & Resolutions	*-3 less than October*	*0 same as November*
9 - Complaints Reported to MDC	*8 more than October*	*9 more than November*
154 - Trees/Shrub Trimming/Removal	*91 more than October*	*56 more than November*
266 - Tree & Landscaping Inspections	*45 more than October*	*48 more than November*

Capital Projects

- For Sub Basin 44 we completed Additional Drainage along SW 167TH Street. Trench restoration, swale grading, and sod installation complete. Final roadway restoration scheduled for January 2026.
- Sub Basin 57/96 pending final revised as builds for project close out. (STILL PENDING)
- SW 92ND Avenue Complete Streets project, concrete curbs, shoulder preparation, and new median sod installation complete. Roadway was milled & resurfaced and paved.
- DRAFT Final reports for SS4A Action Plan and Village Wide Multi-Modal Transportation master plan update received and we will review/provide comments by mid-January.
- Sidewalk grinding around Palmetto Station completed.
- SW 174TH Street Complete Streets, light poles have been installed and energized.
- Council approved item 14F During December Council meeting for SFWMD Permit requirements for Coral Reef Boat Ramp. Will send response and hope to have permit in hand for January. I would like to advertise ITB in the first quarter of 2026.
- PS Parking Lot Improvements Project was resubmitted to DERM/RER on November 17th, 2025.

Upcoming Projects

- Sub Basin 44, Final roadway restoration scheduled for last week of January.
- SW 92ND Avenue complete streets pending asphalt corrections, replacement of broken curb section, and thermoplastic pavement markings.
- Recommendation of Award for Sub Basin 42 to Regular Council Meeting.

POLICE

December

- Southeast Florida Crime Prevention Association Meeting
- Citizen Crime Watch meeting.
- DARE classes at Howard Drive, Coral Reef, and Dr. Henry E. Perrine Elementary Schools
- Youth Crime classes at Howard Drive and Coral Reef Elementary Schools
- DARE graduation at Coral Reef Elementary School
- Officer Friendly class at Coral Reef Elementary School
- Light Up Your Holidays Celebration & Tree Lighting at Village Hall
- Menorah Ligthing Celebration at Village Hall
- State of the Village Address at Palmetto Bay Park
- Crimes/Calls for Service:
    - 1 Auto Thefts
    - 3 Commercial Burglaries
    - 3 Residential Burglaries
    - 6 Vehicle Burglaries
    - 0 Robbery
    - 9 Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
    - 6 Baker Acts
    - 61 Crashes

February Upcoming Events

- DARE classes at Christ Fellowship
- Youth Crime Watch classes at Howard Drive and Coral Reef Elementary Schools
- Camping at the Park
- Officer Friendly class at Coral Reef Elementary School
- Citizens Crime Watch Meeting
- South Florida Crime Prevention Association Meeting
- Stop the Bleed at Village Hall
- Florida Crime Prevention Association Meeting
- CPR Recertification for Deputies

PLANNING & ZONING

December

FY2025-2026 Budgeted Projects

- Administrative Variance Applications received:
  - None
- Administrative Site Plan Review Applications Received:
  - SP-2025-007 Floor and Décor
  - SP-2025-008 DB Pickleball Center
- Zoning Verification Letter
  - ZVL-25-020 Bill's Nursery
  - ZVL-25-021 6860 SW 63 ST
  - ZVL-25-022 15295 S Dixie Hwy
  - ZVL-25-023 15315 S Dixie Hwy
- Zoning Hearing Applications Received:
  - None
- Zoning Inspections and Reviews
  - Planning and zoning permits reviewed: 75
  - Planning and Zoning Inspections: 81
- Business Tax:
  - Renewals: 33
  - New Certificate of Use: 6
  - Business Tax: 16
- GOGov Permits:
  - Garage Sale: 13
  - Real Estate Banner: 0
  - Solicitation: 0
  - Special Event Banner: 0
  - Business Improvements Grants: 0
- Code Compliance Division
  - Common violations: property maintenance, residential and commercial
  - New cases: 14
  - Close Cases: 40
  - Citations Issued: 4
  - Special Master cases: 0

Upcoming Events

- January 26, 2026, Zoning Hearing CANCELLED
- January 20, 2026, Special Master Hearing

Sustainability and Resiliency

December

- CRS
  - Working with WSP on reducing rank from #5 -> #4
  - Awaiting meeting with State officials on guidance for floodplain management ordinance changes based on recent State guidelines.
  - Web access for residents to search for ECs fully available Online:
  -
  - Awaiting ISO guidance for recertification instructions; still TBD
  - Hoping to submit for new rank Fall 2026

- Resilience Action Plan
  - Fully submitted all documentation to FLDEP for completion of grant.
  - Applied for FLDEP Grant to apply for stormwater pocket parks acquisition on 8/29/2025.
  - Objective from Resilience Action Plan was to acquire land for stormwater pocket parks for green and blue infrastructure including rain gardens or swales," trees, and permeable materials like gravel and shells.
  - Awaiting State for grant results of stormwater pocket park
  - Awaiting State for pending submittals to close out RAP Grant

- VPB Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Committee
  - Final design approved by Woody Williams Foundation; installation pending Phase 1 completion.

- AIPP
  - Applications received for SW 152 Street & Old Cutler Road Traffic Circle: 21
    - Application closes to public on January 30, 2026
  - Next AIPP Board meeting will be held in January 2026.

- Village Hall Solar Panels
  - Finalizing repairs to be fully functional at 100% with all inverters

- Village of Palmetto Bay Cleanup Day
  - Scheduling Spring Cleanup; aiming for February-March 2026

- Resiliency Committee
  - Next scheduled meeting: January 26, 2026, with Tree Advisory Board (pending Manager approval)

- Recycling Drive
  - Spring 2026 Recycling Drive scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, 2026.
  - Working on new flyer

- Plastics Challenge
  - Plastic Bench has SHIPPED!
  - New challenge begins January 2026
  - Thank you to everyone for bringing in plastic! Let's keep it going 😊

- USA 250 Celebration
  - Planning full scale monthly celebrations in collaboration with Communications
  - Next scheduled meeting: Friday, January 9th, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B

Item Cover Page

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Manager's Office
ITEM TYPE:	Report
AGENDA SECTION:	VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT
SUBJECT:	Lobbyist Legislative Update
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:
Appendix
Appendix Links

Appendix A
GrayRobinson Lobbyist Legislative Monthly Bill Report Updates

December

I. *2025.12.05 – The Village of Palmetto Bay Weekly Bill Report*

GRAYROBINSON
ATTORNEYS | ADVISORS | CONSULTANTS

The Village of Palmetto Bay
Ordered by Bill Number

HB 0037	**Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Nix, Jr.
	Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles: Requires counties to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; authorizes municipalities to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; provides maximum amount for such fees; defines "daily administration fee" & "proper storage"; provides that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs; provides that reasonable fee for service includes any daily administration fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee
SB 0044	**Electronic Payment of Public Records Fees** by Rouson
	Electronic Payment of Public Records Fees; Requiring an agency subject to ch. 119, F.S., to provide an electronic option for payment of fees associated with a public records request, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability
SB 0048	**Housing** by Gaetz
	Housing; Authorizing a landlord to accept reusable tenant screening reports and require a specified statement; defining the term “primary dwelling unit”; requiring, rather than authorizing, local governments to adopt, by a specified date, an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to evaluate the efficacy of using mezzanine finance and the potential of tiny homes for specified purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
HB 0067	**Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property** by Holcomb
	Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property: Proposes State Constitutional amendment reducing maximum amount that homestead property’s assessed value may increase annually.
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0071	**Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners** by Holcomb
	Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners: Creates Homestead Property Tax Relief Program within DFS; defines “eligible homesteader”; requires CFO to annually issue warrants of specified amount to certain homestead property owners beginning & ending on specified dates; requires CFO to work with county property appraisers for specified purpose; provides future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee
SB 0092	**Employee Protections** by Gaetz
	Employee Protections; Prohibiting agencies and independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees or certain persons for disclosing certain information to the Commission on Ethics; requiring that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; providing that specified provisions protect employees and persons who submit written complaints to the commission or provide information to an investigator during an investigation of a complaint or referral, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability
HB 0101	**Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Gentry
	Utility Terrain Vehicles: Authorizes utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to be operated during all hours; authorizes operation of UTVs on certain roadways & on certain parts of State Highway System; authorizes DOT to prohibit use of UTVs under certain circumstances; authorizes persons possessing certain licenses to operate UTV; requires owners or operators of UTV to comply with certain requirements & regulations; authorizes county or municipality to restrict operation of UTVs under certain circumstances; provides civil penalties; requires DHSMV to issue license plate to owner or lessee of vehicle registered as UTV upon payment of certain taxes & fees; requires that license plates for UTVs comply with specified provisions. Effective Date: January 1, 2027
	Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee
HB 0103	**Local Business Taxes** by Botana
	Local Business Taxes: Repeals provisions related to local business taxes & authorizes certain municipalities to continue to impose business taxes. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee
HB 0105	**Local Government Enforcement Actions** by Brackett
	Local Government Enforcement Actions: Prohibits certain enforcement actions by counties, municipalities, & special districts; authorizes persons or business entities subject to such actions to submit request for review; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts to review such actions & respond within specified time period; authorizes filing of legal action & provides legal remedies; provides for certain protections from retaliation; provides for preemption. Effective Date: October 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee
SB 0118	**Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks** by Truenow
	Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks; Providing that certain special assessments on recreational vehicle parks levied by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, may not be levied against a certain portion of a recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to consider a recreational vehicle park’s occupancy rates for a certain purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0122	**Local Business Taxes** by Truenow
	Local Business Taxes; Repealing provisions relating to local business taxes; authorizing certain municipalities to continue to impose a business tax; authorizing such municipalities to revise the definition of the term “merchant” in a specified manner, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

HB 0139	**Adverse Personnel Actions and Ethics Complaints** by Maney
	Adverse Personnel Actions and Ethics Complaints: Prohibits agencies & independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees for disclosing certain information to Commission on Ethics; requires that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; requires disclosure of specified information to commission; provides that specified provisions protect employees & persons who submit written complaints to commission or provide information to investigator during investigation of complaint; authorizes certain employees or applicants for employment to file complaints in accordance with specified provisions; authorizes such employees or applicants to pursue specified administrative remedy or civil action within specified timeframe; authorizes local public employees to file complaint with appropriate local governmental authority; specifies requirements for administrative procedures created by local governmental authorities; authorizes such employee to bring civil actions in court of competent jurisdiction under specified conditions; requires specified relief; provides that it is affirmative defense to certain actions that adverse personnel action was predicated on grounds other than exercising of certain protected rights; requires commission to deliver complaints & any amendment thereto to agency conducting certain investigation, upon agency's written request; requires commission to deliver complaints & any amendment thereto to certain persons upon notarized written request. Effective Date: July 1, 2026 **Current Committee of Reference:** House Government Operations Subcommittee
HB 0145	**Suits Against the Government** by McFarland
	Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: October 1, 2026 **Current Committee of Reference:** House Judiciary Committee
HB 0149	**Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year** by Chamberlin
	Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year: Provides method for determining the maximum county & school millage rates for fiscal year 2027-2028; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026 **Current Committee of Reference:** House Select Committee on Property Taxes
HB 0201	**Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads** by Steele
	Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date. **Current Committee of Reference:** House Ways & Means Committee
HB 0203	**Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads** by Miller
	Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies annually for 10 years by a certain amount, to make homestead property exempt from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies beginning in a specified year, to prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date. **Current Committee of Reference:** House State Affairs Committee
HB 0205	**Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older** by Porras
	Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date. **Current Committee of Reference:** House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0207	**Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax** by Abbott
	Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to add a homestead exemption for levies other than school levies equal to 25 percent of the remaining assessed value after applying existing exemptions, provide construction, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.
	Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee
SB 0208	**Land Use and Development Regulations** by McClain
	Land Use and Development Regulations; Prohibiting local land development regulations from requiring the denial of, or conditioning or delaying the approval of, residential development on the basis of a lack of compatibility under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which land development regulations may be applied to a single-family or two-family dwelling; prohibiting local land development regulations from conditioning the approval of an application for certain residential development on the payment of certain fees, charges, or exactions; requiring that a fee or charge imposed by a local government in connection with the review, processing, or inspection of a residential development application meet certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary
HB 0209	**Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax** by Busatta
	Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase by $100,000 the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies for homestead properties that have property insurance, to prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and to provide an effective date.
	Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee
HB 0211	**Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax** by Overdorf
	Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the maximum value of the accrued Save-Our-Homes benefit which may be transferred to a new homestead for all levies other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.
	Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee
HB 0213	**Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases** by Griffitts Jr.
	Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to modify limitations on assessment increases for both homestead and nonhomestead property, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.
	Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee
HB 0215	**Ad Valorem Taxation** by Albert
	Ad Valorem Taxation: Revises Save-Our-Homes portability benefits available to married persons establishing joint homestead; prohibits increase in prior year's adopted millage rate from going into effect unless approved by specified vote; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: January 1, 2027
	Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee
HB 0217	**Land Use Regulations** by Abbott
	Land Use Regulations: Defines "impacted local government"; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
SB 0218	**Land Use Regulations** by Gaetz
	Land Use Regulations; Defining the term "impacted local government", etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

HB 0227	**Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions** by Maney
	Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions: Revises circumstances under which persons may be deemed to have legal or beneficial & equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
	Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee
HB 0239	**Standards for Storm Water Systems** by Grow
	Standards for Storm Water Systems: Requires storm water systems in counties & municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified DOT standards; provides inspection requirements for such systems; specifies that certain local standards are superseded; provides finding of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
SB 0240	**Auxiliary Containers** by García
	Auxiliary Containers; Preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; providing exceptions; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a uniform ordinance for the use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain single-use auxiliary containers on lands managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection; repealing a provision relating to the regulation of polystyrene products preempted to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
HB 0243	**Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles** by Benarroch
	Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles: Requires certain crash reports to include certain information; requires state to maintain certain statistics; prohibits person from operating class 3 electric bicycle without certain license; provides requirements for such operation; prohibits certain persons from operating certain motorcycles; revises requirements for certain learner's driver license education course; requires minimum number of questions in test bank for Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle & motorized scooter operation; provides various penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2027
	Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee
SB 0260	**Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Burgess
	Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles; Requiring counties to establish a daily administration fee for the proper storage of certain electric vehicles; providing a maximum amount for such fees; providing applicability; defining the terms “daily administration fee” and “proper storage”; providing that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation
HB 0263	**Public Records** by Rizo
	Public Records: Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers, including names & personal identifying & location information of their spouses & children; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides for retroactive application; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
HB 0267	**Local Housing Assistance Plans** by Stark
	Local Housing Assistance Plans: Authorizes county or eligible municipality to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile home owners for specified time period; requires counties & eligible municipalities to develop certain strategies in their local housing assistance plans; provides that lot rental assistance is approved home ownership activity for certain purposes; authorizes certain funds to be provided to mobile home owners for rehabilitation & emergency repairs; removes prohibition that only certain percentage of funds may be used for manufactured housing. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0270	**Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older** by Bernard
	Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, etc.
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0272	**Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older** by Bernard
	Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older; Expanding the homestead exemption for persons 65 years and older to include a total exemption of homestead property from ad valorem taxation, other than for school district levies, for certain persons whose household income does not exceed a certain amount; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 270 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0274	**Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners** by Bernard
	Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that the assessed value of homestead property may not increase after 20 years of ownership and residency, to provide an additional homestead tax exemption equal to 50 percent of the assessed value of property, other than school district levies, for persons who have owned and resided on the property as their permanent residence for 30 years or more, and to provide an effective date, etc.
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0276	**Homestead Property Tax Benefits For Long-term Owners And Permanent Residents** by Bernard
	Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners and Permanent Residents; Requiring that certain property be assessed at less than just value when the person who owns the property has owned and used the property as his or her permanent residence for a specified timeframe; providing that the assessed value of such property shall be a certain amount and may not be increased under certain circumstances; specifying a homestead exemption for certain long-term owners and residents; authorizing periods of ownership and residency to be aggregated, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 274 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0278	**Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property** by Bernard
	Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of new homestead property established after a change of ownership which had an assessed value of less than a certain amount to no more than 150 percent of the assessed value of the property for the preceding year for ad valorem taxation purposes and to provide an effective date, etc.
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0280	**Assessment of Homestead Property** by Bernard
	Assessment of Homestead Property; Limiting the assessed value upon change of ownership of homestead property having a prior assessed value below a certain amount when the person acquiring the property is entitled to a homestead exemption, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 278 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
	Limitation on the Assessed Value of Property Owned and Used for Commercial Purposes by

SB 0282	**Small Businesses** by Bernard
	Limitation on the Assessed Value of Property Owned and Used for Commercial Purposes by Small Businesses; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of real property owned and used for commercial purposes by a small business for ad valorem taxation purposes so that such assessed value may not exceed 3 percent or the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower, and to provide an effective date, etc.
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0286	**Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties** by Bernard
	Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties; Revising the manner of assessing the value of changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax
SB 0290	**Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Truenow
	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment under certain circumstances; requiring the Acquisition and Restoration Council to determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; establishing the Food Animal Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program; revising the Florida Forest Service powers, authority, and duties; authorizing the Forest Service to manage the Welaka Training Center; establishing the Farmers Feeding Florida Program for specified purposes; limiting the number of incorporated state fair associations per county; prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, importation, distribution, or use of a signal jamming device, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Agriculture
HB 0313	**Housing** by Nix, Jr.
	Housing: Authorizes landlord to accept reusable tenant screening reports & require specified statement; prohibits landlord from charging certain fees to applicant using reusable tenant screening report; provides construction; defines "primary dwelling unit"; requires, rather than authorizes, local governments to adopt, by specified date, ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; requires that such ordinances apply prospectively; prohibits inclusion of certain requirements or prohibitions in such ordinances; removes requirement that application for building permit to construct accessory dwelling unit include certain affidavit; revises accessory dwelling units that apply toward satisfying certain component of local government's comprehensive plan; prohibits denial of homestead exemption for certain portions of property on specified basis; requires that rented accessory dwelling unit be assessed separately from homestead property & taxed according to its use; authorizes local government to provide density bonus incentive to landowners who make certain real property donations to assist in provision of affordable housing for military families; requires OPPAGA to evaluate efficacy of using mezzanine finance & potential of tiny homes for specified purposes; requires office to consult with certain entities; requires office to submit certain report to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee
HB 0323	**Parking on Public Property** by Steele
	Parking on Public Property: Defines "public property" & "publicly owned buildings or facilities"; requires local governments to refund owners of vehicles who pay fees to park on specified public property in certain circumstances; requires local governments to carry over any unused portion of time for benefit of next vehicle owner who pays fee to park on such public property in certain circumstances; prohibits certain vehicles from being towed or issued traffic citation for specified time period after being parked on specified public property; prohibits local governments from allowing private business entities or enterprises to use specified public property for private parking purposes for fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0332	**Public Meetings** by Bradley
	Public Meetings; Providing that specified entities may meet in private with their attorneys to discuss certain claims concerning private property rights; requiring that such meetings be transcribed; providing that such transcripts become public records at specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary
HB 0347	**Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities** by Borrero
	Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities: Prohibits governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; specifies flags governmental entity may display on such property; provides requirements for governmental entity that displays flag of United States; prohibits local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to flag of local government; provides that certain ordinances & regulations are void. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee
SB 0356	**Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Wright
	Utility Terrain Vehicles; Authorizing the operation of a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) during all hours; authorizing the operation of UTVs on certain roadways; authorizing the Department of Transportation to prohibit the operation of UTVs under certain circumstances; requiring owners or operators of a UTV to comply with certain requirements and regulations, etc. Effective Date: January 1, 2027
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation
SB 0382	**Electric Bicycles, Scooters, And Motorcycles** by Truenow
	Electric Bicycles, Scooters, And Motorcycles; Defining the term “electric motorcycle”; providing penalties for knowingly modifying an electric bicycle; prohibiting a person from operating a class 3 electric bicycle without a certain license; requiring a minimum number of questions in the test bank for a Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2027
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation
HB 0399	**Land Use and Development Regulations** by Borrero
	Land Use and Development Regulations: Prohibits local governments from adopting certain local land development regulations; establishes requirements for certain local land development regulations that impose fee, charge, or exaction; declares certain local land development regulations null & void; requires OPPAGA to perform study to identify effect of removing Urban Development Boundary or similar boundaries in Miami-Dade County and other counties; requiring OPPAGA to submit specified report to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
HB 0425	**Historic Cemeteries Program** by Aristide
	Historic Cemeteries Program: Requires local governments to approve applications from historic African-American cemeteries to change land use category & zoning district of excess vacant land under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2026
	Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee
SB 0426	**Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities** by Yarborough
	Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities; Prohibiting a governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; providing a penalty; specifying flags a governmental entity may display on such property; prohibiting a local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to the flag of the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026
	Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability
HB 0433	**Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Alvarez, D.
	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Prohibits counties & municipalities from enacting or

enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment; requires Acquisition & Restoration Council to determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibits local governmental entity from transferring future development rights for surplused lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; requires DEP, in coordination with DACS, to determine whether state-owned conservation lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; authorizes DEP to surplus specified state-owned lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibits person from wearing or displaying item that displays words "concealed weapon permit" or "concealed weapon permit holder" with intent to mislead another to believe that person is authorized to wear or display such item; prohibits possession, manufacture, sale, importation, distribution, or use of signal jamming device. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0434 **Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes** by Leek

Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes; Defining the term “changes or improvements made to improve the property’s resistance to wind damage”; prohibiting the consideration of the increase in just value of a property which is attributable to changes or improvements made to improve the property’s resistance to wind damage in determinations of the assessed value of certain property, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0450 **Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans** by Polsky

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans; Removing a limitation on the value of a tax exemption that a surviving spouse could transfer to a new residence; revising when a specified tax exemption is considered to be granted, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0455 **Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials** by Black

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials: Preempts all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments & memorials; provides that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to contrary, & certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; prohibits local governments from enacting or enforcing specified ordinances, regulations, or rules; provides penalties; requires DOS to withhold certain funding from local government; authorizes local government to temporarily remove & relocate monument or memorial in certain instances; authorizes Division of Historical Resources of DOS to request certain recommendations from Florida Historical Commission & Department of Veterans' Affairs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0479 **Land and Water Management** by Maggard

Land and Water Management: Prohibits counties & municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands & preempts such regulation to the state; requires DEP to notify CFO of certain violations; requires CFO to withhold certain funds; repeals provisions relating to land management review teams. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

SB 0488 **Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles** by Ávila

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; Requiring licensure in lieu of registration of motor carriers operating certain qualified motor vehicles; revising due dates for motor fuel use tax returns submitted by licensed motor carriers; authorizing the department to inspect records necessary to verify the tax returns of motor carriers, motor fuel retail dealers, and motor fuel wholesale distributors; revising the apparent amount of property damage which requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify law enforcement of the crash, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

SB 0496	**Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials** by McClain

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials; Citing this act as the "Historic Florida Monuments and Memorials Protection Act"; preempting all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments and memorials; providing that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to the contrary, and certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; providing civil penalties for certain officials who engage in certain actions; authorizing a local government to temporarily remove and relocate a monument or memorial in certain instances provided certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 0504	**Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Burgess

Code Inspector Body Cameras; Requiring a governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies and procedures; requiring such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, and to perform a periodic review of actual body camera practices; providing that certain provisions relating to the interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0506	**Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector** by Burgess

Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings recorded by a code inspector under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring a local government to retain body camera recordings for a specified timeframe; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 504 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0508	**Landscape Irrigation** by Truenow

Landscape Irrigation; Creating the "Landscape Irrigation Standards and Watering Restrictions Act"; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions regarding a landscape irrigation system unless such person is a licensed irrigation contractor or the property owner; specifying that only a licensed irrigation contractor may connect an irrigation system to a water supply; providing a purpose for landscape irrigation system standards; creating a landscape irrigation watering schedule; providing for the enforcement of the act, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

HB 0509	**Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Partington

Code Inspector Body Cameras: Requires governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies & procedures; requires such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, & to perform periodic review of actual body camera practices; provides that certain provisions relating to interception of wire, electronic, & oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0511	**Pub. Rec./Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Partington

Pub. Rec./Code Inspector Body Cameras: Provides exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings recorded by code inspector; requires local government to retain body camera recordings for specified timeframe; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity; directs Division of Library & Information Services of DOS to adopt specified retention requirement for certain body camera recordings by specified date. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 509 or similar legislation takes effect

Current Comm ttee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0521	**Fines for Violations Detected by Traffic Infraction Detectors** by Yeager

Fines for Violations Detected by Traffic Infraction Detectors: Authorizes county or municipality to issue fine for certain violations detected through use of traffic infraction detector; requires fine to be accompanied by certain photograph or image. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0535	**Candidate Qualifying** by Benarroch

Candidate Qualifying: Requires certain candidates to provide filing officer statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination & election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to district school board. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0543	**Transportation** by McFarland

Transportation: Requires DOT to increase minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow signals by specified amount of time; requires licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers & fuel tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor carriers; revises various provisions relating to qualified motor vehicles, motor carriers, fuel tax decals, & temporary fuel-use permits; revises reporting periods & due dates for motor fuel use tax returns & requires such returns to be submitted electronically beginning on specified date; requires certain seaports to submit annual report describing measures taken to support commercial space launch industry to chair of Space Florida board of directors beginning on specified date; prohibits certain seaports from converting planned or existing land, facilities, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes unless specified conditions are met; requires legislative approval for use of state funds for specified projects; authorizes private entity to install automated license plate recognition system for use on certain property; requires motor vehicle to be equipped with exhaust system to prevent excessive or unusual noise; prohibits such system from allowing noise that is audible at specified distance from vehicle; authorizes certain golf carts to be titled & registered for operation on certain roads without inspection by DHSMV; provides requirements for electronic credentialing system; authorizes DHSMV to make direct payments to certain subcontractors under specified conditions; requires DHSMV to implement Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0548	**Growth Management** by McClain

Growth Management; Deleting an exception to an applicability provision relating to concurrency; requiring that a demonstrated-need study use plan-based methodology for a certain purpose; revising the voting threshold required for approval of an ordinance increasing an impact fee beyond certain phase-in limitations; prohibiting local governments and school districts from increasing impact fee rates beyond certain phase-in limitations by more than a specified percentage within a certain timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0550	**Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property** by Bernard

Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to prohibit levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property by counties, school districts, and municipalities and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0552	**Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property** by Bernard

Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property; Conforming provisions to proposed amendments made to the State Constitution which prohibit levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property by counties, school districts, and municipalities; repealing a provision relating to the property appraiser's assessments and effect of determinations by value adjustment boards; repealing a provision relating to extending the date for filing tangible personal property tax returns; repealing a provision relating to tax returns to show all exemptions and claims, etc. Effective Date: On

the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 550 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specified intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0555 **Local Licensing of Home Caregivers** by Skidmore

Local Licensing of Home Caregivers: Authorizes counties & municipalities to license home caregivers within their jurisdictions. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0558 **Standards for Storm Water Systems** by Burgess

Standards for Storm Water Systems; Requiring storm water systems in counties and municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified Department of Transportation standards; providing inspection requirements for such systems; specifying that certain local standards are superseded, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0575 **Auxiliary Containers** by Weinberger

Auxiliary Containers: Defines "auxiliary container" and "single-use"; removes obsolete provisions; preempting regulation of auxiliary containers to state; provides exceptions; requires DEP to develop uniform ordinance for use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers; provides requirements for development of such ordinance; requires that sale or distribution of single-use plastic auxiliary containers on lands managed by Division of Recreation & Parks of DEP be eliminated to greatest extent possible; prohibits use, sale, or distribution of certain single-use auxiliary containers on such lands; requires department to develop and make available on its website statewide Marine Debris Reduction Plan; provides requirements for such plan; removes s. 500.90, F.S., relating to regulation of polystyrene products preempted to DACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0576 **Local Government Cyber Security** by Harrell

Local Government Cyber Security; Creating the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program; requiring local governments to participate in the program and to apply to the Florida Digital Service to use cybersecurity programs and software; establishing priority for certain counties under the program; requiring the Florida Digital Service through the department to secure and administer federal funds, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0580 **Local Licensing of Home Caregivers** by Harrell

Local Licensing of Home Caregivers; Authorizing counties and municipalities to license home caregivers within their jurisdictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0588 **Local Government Enforcement Actions** by McClain

Local Government Enforcement Actions; Prohibiting certain enforcement actions by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively; defining the term “enforcement action”; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to establish and maintain rules; authorizing filing of legal action and providing legal remedies in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0589 **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits** by Nix, Jr.

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits: Prohibits municipality or political subdivision of state from requ ring owners & builders of cer ain residences to receive construction permits from DEP

as condition of issuing bui ding or plumbing permits; requires such owners & builders to provide certain proof to municipality or political subdivision. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0594 **Local Housing Assistance Plans** by Burton

Local Housing Assistance Plans; Authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile home owners for a specified time period; requiring each county and eligible municipality to include in its local housing assistance plan certain strategies; authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to provide certain funds to mobile home owners for rehabilitation and emergency repairs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0602 **Watercraft Restrictions Based on Energy Source** by Bernard

Watercraft Restrictions Based on Energy Source; Providing an exception to the prohibition on state agencies, governmental authorities, and local governments restricting the use or sale of watercraft based on the energy source used to power the watercraft if such watercraft is used on certain bodies of water, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0610 **Residential Swimming Pool Requirements** by Smith

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety requirements; requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool barrier requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0611 **Landscape Irrigation** by Cobb

Landscape Irrigation: Prohibits certain actions regarding landscape irrigation systems unless such actions are taken by licensed irrigation contractors or property owners; authorizes local governments or water management districts to adopt certain requirements for property owners who install such systems; provides requirements for permits, plans, equipment & capacity, maintenance, & water schedules relating to such systems; provides fines & penalties; prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing certain laws, rules, or regulations; authorizes DEP to adopt rules; revises membership of Construction Industry Licensing Board. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0620 **Candidate Qualifying** by Mayfield

Candidate Qualifying; Requiring certain candidates to provide the filing officer a statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination and election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to a district school board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0629 **Regulation of Auxiliary Containers** by Esposito

Regulation of Auxiliary Containers: Preempts regulation of auxiliary containers to state; authorizes rules, regulations, & ordinances restricting use of glass auxiliary containers within boundaries of public beach or state park; authorizes Division of Recreation & Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0635 **Cybersecurity Standards and Liability** by Giallombardo

Cybersecurity Standards and Liability: Authorizes local governments to only adopt specified cybersecurity standards; prohibits DMS from delegating authority to set such standards to local governments; requires vendors to comply with specified cybersecurity standards; defines "vendor"; provides that local government, covered enti y, or third-party agent that complies with certain

requirements is not liable n connection with cybersecurity incident; requires covered entities & third-party agents to implement revised frameworks, standards, laws, or regulations within specified time period.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0650 **Local Business Taxes** by Bernard

Local Business Taxes; Repealing provisions relating to local business taxes; authorizing certain counties to continue to impose a business tax; authorizing such counties to revise the definition of the term “merchant” in a specified manner; prohibiting such counties from revising a specified tax rate, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0654 **Traffic Infraction Enforcement** by DiCeglie

Traffic Infraction Enforcement; Revising the periods during which a county or municipality may enforce school zone speed limits, and the violations for which such enforcement is authorized, through the use of a speed detection system; prohibiting the use of a traffic infraction detector for remote surveillance; requiring district school board authorization and a public hearing process before a school district may place or install, or contract with a vendor to install, operate, and maintain, school bus infraction detection systems; revising the periods for which a county or municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue certain uniform traffic citations, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0692 **Cybersecurity Standards And Liability** by Leek

Cybersecurity Standards and Liability; Authorizing local governments to only adopt specified cybersecurity standards; prohibiting the Department of Management Services from delegating the authority to set such standards to local governments; providing that a local government, a covered entity, or a third-party agent that complies with certain requirements is not liable in connection with a cybersecurity incident under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0698 **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits** by Martin

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits; Prohibiting a municipality or political subdivision of the state from requiring owners and builders of certain residences to receive construction permits from the Department of Environmental Protection as a condition of issuing building or plumbing permits; requiring such owners and builders to provide certain proof to the municipality or political subdivision, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0718 **Water Management** by McClain

Water Management; Prohibiting counties and municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, pollutant discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands; preempting such regulation to the state; repealing a provision relating to land management review teams, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0750 **Alternative Plans Review and Building Inspection** by DiCeglie

Alternative Plans Review and Building Inspection; Deleting a provision authorizing a local government to charge an administrative fee when an owner or contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0756 **Affordable Housing** by Davis

Affordable Hous ng; Increasing the length of ime that certain rental units must remain affordable in

order to qualify for a specified zoning variance; requiring that certain incentives be used for the construction of affordable housing; decreasing the maximum median income used to determine eligibility for certain tax incentives; specifying that documentary stamp taxes do not apply to deeds, transfers, or conveyances of residential property to first-time homebuyers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0766 **Waste Management** by Martin

Waste Management; Deleting obsolete provisions that provide legislative findings and require the Department of Environmental Protection to review and update a specified report; preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; permitting rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of a public beach; authorizing the Division of Recreation and Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks; specifying that certain local ordinances and restrictions are permitted, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

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II. 2025.12.12 – The Village of Palmetto Bay Weekly Bill Report

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Ordered by Bill Number

HB 0037 **Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Nix, Jr.

Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles: Requires counties to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; authorizes municipalities to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; provides maximum amount for such fees; defines "daily administration fee" & "proper storage"; provides that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs; provides that reasonable fee for service includes any daily administration fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

SB 0044 **Electronic Payment of Public Records Fees** by Rouson

Electronic Payment of Public Records Fees; Requiring an agency subject to ch. 119, F.S., to provide an electronic option for payment of fees associated with a public records request, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 0048 **Housing** by Gaetz

Housing; Authorizing a landlord to accept reusable tenant screening reports and require a specified statement; defining the term “primary dwelling unit”; requiring, rather than authorizing, local governments to adopt, by a specified date, an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to evaluate the efficacy of using mezzanine finance and the potential of tiny homes for specified purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

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HB 0067 **Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property** by Holcomb

Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property: Proposes State Constitutional amendment reducing maximum amount that homestead property's assessed value may increase annually.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0071 **Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners** by Holcomb

Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners: Creates Homestead Property Tax Relief Program within DFS; defines "eligible homesteader"; requires CFO to annually issue warrants of specified amount to certain homestead property owners beginning & ending on specified dates; requires CFO to work with county property appraisers for specified purpose; provides future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0092 **Employee Protections** by Gaetz

Employee Protections; Providing that public officers, public employees, and local government attorneys commit a breach of the public trust when they initiate adverse personnel actions against specified agency employees or independent contractors under certain circumstances; prohibiting agencies and independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees or certain persons for disclosing certain information to the Commission on Ethics; requiring that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; providing that specified provisions protect employees and persons who submit written complaints to the commission or provide information to an investigator during an investigation of a complaint or referral, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Ethics and Elections

HB 0101 **Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Gentry

Utility Terrain Vehicles: Authorizes utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to be operated during all hours; authorizes operation of UTVs on certain roadways & on certain parts of State Highway System; authorizes DOT to prohibit use of UTVs under certain circumstances; authorizes persons possessing certain licenses to operate UTV; requires owners or operators of UTV to comply with certain requirements & regulations; authorizes county or municipality to restrict operation of UTVs under certain circumstances; provides civil penalties; requires DHSMV to issue license plate to owner or lessee of vehicle registered as UTV upon payment of certain taxes & fees; requires that license plates for UTVs comply with specified provisions. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

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HB 0103 **Local Business Taxes** by Botana

Local Business Taxes: Repeals provisions related to local business taxes & authorizes certain municipalities to continue to impose business taxes. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

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HB 0105 **Local Government Enforcement Actions** by Brackett

Local Government Enforcement Actions: Prohibits certain enforcement actions by counties, municipalities, & special districts; authorizes persons or business entities subject to such actions to submit request for review; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts to review such actions & respond within specified time period; authorizes filing of legal action & provides legal remedies; provides for certain protections from retaliation; provides for preemption. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

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SB 0118 **Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks** by Truenow

Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks; Providing that certain special assessments on recreational vehicle parks levied by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, may not be levied against a certain portion of a recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to consider a recreational vehicle park's occupancy rates for a certain purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0122 **Local Business Taxes** by Truenow

Local Business Taxes; Repealing provisions relating to local business taxes; authorizing certain municipalities to continue to impose a business tax; authorizing such municipalities to revise the definition of the term "merchant" in a specified manner, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0139 **Adverse Personnel Actions and Ethics Complaints** by Maney

Adverse Personnel Actions and Ethics Complaints: Prohibits agencies & independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees for disclosing certain information to Commission on Ethics; requires that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; requires disclosure of specified information to commission; provides that specified provisions protect employees & persons who submit written complaints to commission or provide information to investigator during investigation of complaint; authorizes certain employees or applicants for employment to file complaints in accordance with specified provisions; authorizes such employees or applicants to pursue specified administrative remedy or civil action within specified timeframe; authorizes local public employees to file complaint with appropriate local governmental authority; specifies requirements for administrative procedures created by local governmental authorities; authorizes such employee to bring civil actions in court of competent jurisdiction under specified conditions; requires specified relief; provides that it is affirmative defense to certain actions that adverse personnel action was predicated on grounds other than exercising of certain protected rights; requires commission to deliver complaints & any amendment

thereto to agency conducting certain investigation, upon agency's written request; requires commission to deliver complaints & any amendment thereto to certain persons upon notarized written request. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0145 Suits Against the Government by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0149 Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year by Chamberlin

Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year: Provides method for determining the maximum county & school millage rates for fiscal year 2027-2028; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Select Committee on Property Taxes

HB 0201 Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads by Steele

Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0203 Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads by Miller

Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies annually for 10 years by a certain amount, to make homestead property exempt from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies beginning in a specified year, to prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

HB 0205 **Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older** by Porras

Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0207 **Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax** by Abbott

Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to add a homestead exemption for levies other than school levies equal to 25 percent of the remaining assessed value after applying existing exemptions, provide construction, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

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SB 0208 **Land Use and Development Regulations** by McClain

Land Use and Development Regulations; Prohibiting local land development regulations from requiring the denial of, or conditioning or delaying the approval of, residential development on the basis of a lack of compatibility under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which land development regulations may be applied to a single-family or two-family dwelling; prohibiting local land development regulations from conditioning the approval of an application for certain residential development on the payment of certain fees, charges, or exactions; requiring that a fee or charge imposed by a local government in connection with the review, processing, or inspection of a residential development application meet certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary

HB 0209 **Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax** by Busatta

Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase by $200,000 the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies for homestead properties that have property insurance, to prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for first responders, and to provide an effective date. Effective Date: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0211 **Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax** by Overdorf

Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the maximum value of the accrued Save-Our-Homes benefit which may be transferred to a new homestead for all levies other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0213 Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases by Griffitts Jr.

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to modify limitations on assessment increases for both homestead and nonhomestead property, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

HB 0215 Ad Valorem Taxation by Albert

Ad Valorem Taxation: Revises Save-Our-Homes portability benefits available to married persons establishing joint homestead; prohibits increase in prior year's adopted millage rate from going into effect unless approved by specified vote; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

HB 0217 Land Use Regulations by Abbott

Land Use Regulations: Defines "impacted local government"; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0218 Land Use Regulations by Gaetz

Land Use Regulations; Defining the term "impacted local government", etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

HB 0227 Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions by Maney

Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions: Revises circumstances under which persons may be deemed to have legal or beneficial & equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0239 Standards for Storm Water Systems by Grow

Standards for Storm Water Systems: Requires storm water systems in counties & municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified DOT standards; provides inspection requirements for such systems; specifies that certain local standards are superseded; provides finding of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0240 **Auxiliary Containers** by García

Auxiliary Containers; Preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; providing exceptions; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a uniform ordinance for the use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain single-use auxiliary containers on lands managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection; repealing a provision relating to the regulation of polystyrene products preempted to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

HB 0243 **Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles** by Benarroch

Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles: Requires certain crash reports to include certain information; requires state to maintain certain statistics; prohibits person from operating class 3 electric bicycle without certain license; provides requirements for such operation; prohibits certain persons from operating certain motorcycles; revises requirements for certain learner's driver license education course; requires minimum number of questions in test bank for Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle & motorized scooter operation; provides various penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 0260 **Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Burgess

Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles; Requiring counties to establish a daily administration fee for the proper storage of certain electric vehicles; providing a maximum amount for such fees; providing applicability; defining the terms “daily administration fee” and “proper storage”; providing that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

HB 0263 **Public Records** by Rizo

Public Records: Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers, including names & personal identifying & location information of their spouses & children; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides for retroactive application; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0267 **Local Housing Assistance Plans** by Stark

Local Housing Assistance Plans: Authorizes county or eligible municipality to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile home owners for specified time period; requires counties & eligible municipalities to develop certain strategies in their local housing assistance plans; provides that lot

rental assistance is approved home ownership activity for certain purposes; authorizes certain funds to be provided to mobile home owners for rehabilitation & emergency repairs; removes prohibition that only certain percentage of funds may be used for manufactured housing. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0270 **Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older** by Bernard

Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0272 **Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older** by Bernard

Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older; Expanding the homestead exemption for persons 65 years and older to include a total exemption of homestead property from ad valorem taxation, other than for school district levies, for certain persons whose household income does not exceed a certain amount; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 270 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0274 **Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners** by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that the assessed value of homestead property may not increase after 20 years of ownership and residency, to provide an additional homestead tax exemption equal to 50 percent of the assessed value of property, other than school district levies, for persons who have owned and resided on the property as their permanent residence for 30 years or more, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0276 **Homestead Property Tax Benefits For Long-term Owners And Permanent Residents** by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners and Permanent Residents; Requiring that certain property be assessed at less than just value when the person who owns the property has owned and used the property as his or her permanent residence for a specified timeframe; providing that the assessed value of such property shall be a certain amount and may not be increased under certain circumstances; specifying a homestead exemption for certain long-term owners and residents; authorizing periods of ownership and residency to be aggregated, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 274 or a similar joint resolution having

substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0278 **Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property** by Bernard

Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of new homestead property established after a change of ownership which had an assessed value of less than a certain amount to no more than 150 percent of the assessed value of the property for the preceding year for ad valorem taxation purposes and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0280 **Assessment of Homestead Property** by Bernard

Assessment of Homestead Property; Limiting the assessed value upon change of ownership of homestead property having a prior assessed value below a certain amount when the person acquiring the property is entitled to a homestead exemption, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 278 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0282 **Limitation on the Assessed Value of Property Owned and Used for Commercial Purposes by Small Businesses** by Bernard

Limitation on the Assessed Value of Property Owned and Used for Commercial Purposes by Small Businesses; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of real property owned and used for commercial purposes by a small business for ad valorem taxation purposes so that such assessed value may not exceed 3 percent or the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0286 **Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties** by Bernard

Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties; Revising the manner of assessing the value of changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0290 **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Truenow

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment under certain circumstances; requiring the Acquisition and Restoration Council to determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; establishing the Food Animal Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program; revising the Florida Forest Service powers, authority, and duties; authorizing the Forest Service to manage the Welaka Training Center; establishing the Farmers Feeding Florida Program for specified purposes; limiting the number of incorporated state fair associations per county; prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, importation, distribution, or use of a signal jamming device, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Fiscal Policy

HB 0313 **Housing** by Nix, Jr.

Housing: Requires, rather than authorizing, local governments to adopt, by specified date, ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; requires that such ordinances apply prospectively; prohibits inclusion of certain requirements or prohibitions in such ordinances; removes requirement that application for building permit to construct accessory dwelling unit include certain affidavit; revises accessory dwelling units that apply toward satisfying certain component of local government's comprehensive plan; prohibits denial of homestead exemption for certain portions of property on specified basis; requires that rented accessory dwelling unit be assessed separately from homestead property & taxed according to its use; authorizes local government to provide density bonus incentive to landowners who make certain real property donations to assist in provision of affordable housing for military families; requires OPPAGA to evaluate efficacy of using mezzanine finance & potential of tiny homes for specified purposes; requires office to consult with certain entities; requires office to submit certain report to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

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HB 0323 **Parking on Public Property** by Steele

Parking on Public Property: Defines "public property" & "publicly owned buildings or facilities"; requires local governments to refund owners of vehicles who pay fees to park on specified public property in certain circumstances; requires local governments to carry over any unused portion of time for benefit of next vehicle owner who pays fee to park on such public property in certain circumstances; prohibits certain vehicles from being towed or issued traffic citation for specified time period after being parked on specified public property; prohibits local governments from allowing private business entities or enterprises to use specified public property for private parking purposes for fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

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SB 0332 **Public Meetings** by Bradley

Public Meetings; Providing that specified entities may meet in private with their attorneys to discuss certain claims concerning private property rights; requiring that such meetings be transcribed; providing that such transcripts become public records at specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary

HB 0347 **Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities** by Borrero

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities: Prohibits governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; specifies flags governmental entity may display on such property; provides requirements for governmental entity that displays flag of United States; prohibits local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to flag of local government; provides that certain ordinances & regulations are void. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 0356 **Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Wright

Utility Terrain Vehicles; Authorizing the operation of a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) during all hours; authorizing the operation of UTVs on certain roadways; authorizing the Department of Transportation to prohibit the operation of UTVs under certain circumstances; requiring owners or operators of a UTV to comply with certain requirements and regulations, etc. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

SB 0382 **Electric Bicycles, Scooters, And Motorcycles** by Truenow

Electric Bicycles, Scooters, And Motorcycles; Defining the term “electric motorcycle”; providing penalties for knowingly modifying an electric bicycle; prohibiting a person from operating a class 3 electric bicycle without a certain license; requiring a minimum number of questions in the test bank for a Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

HB 0399 **Land Use and Development Regulations** by Borrero

Land Use and Development Regulations: Prohibits local governments from adopting certain local land development regulations; establishes requirements for certain local land development regulations that impose fee, charge, or exaction; declares certain local land development regulations null & void; requires OPPAGA to perform study to identify effect of removing Urban Development Boundary or similar boundaries in Miami-Dade County and other counties; requiring OPPAGA to submit specified report to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0425 **Historic Cemeteries Program** by Aristide

Historic Cemeteries Program: Requires local governments to approve applications from historic AfricanAmerican cemeteries to change land use category & zoning district of excess vacant land under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0426 **Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities** by Yarborough

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities; Prohibiting a governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; providing a penalty; specifying flags a governmental entity may display on such property; prohibiting a local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to the flag of the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1 /2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 0433 **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Alvarez, D.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Prohibits counties & municipalities from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasolinepowered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment; requires Acquisition & Restoration Council to determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibits local governmental entity from transferring future development rights for surplused lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; requires DEP, in coordination with DACS, to determine whether state-owned conservation lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; authorizes DEP to surplus specified state-owned lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibits person from wearing or displaying item that displays words "concealed weapon permit" or "concealed weapon permit holder" with intent to mislead another to believe that person is authorized to wear or display such item; prohibits possession, manufacture, sale, importation, distribution, or use of signal jamming device. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0434 **Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes** by Leek

Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes; Defining the term “changes or improvements made to improve the property’s resistance to wind damage”; prohibiting the consideration of the increase in just value of a property which is attributable to changes or improvements made to improve the property’s resistance to wind damage in determinations of the assessed value of certain property, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0450 **Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans** by Polsky

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans; Removing a limitation on the value of a tax exemption that a surviving spouse could transfer to a new residence; revising when a specified tax exemption is considered to be granted, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0455 **Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials** by Black

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials: Preempts all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments & memorials; provides that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to contrary, & certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; prohibits local governments from enacting or enforcing specified ordinances, regulations, or rules; provides penalties; requires DOS to withhold certain funding from local government; authorizes local government to temporarily remove & relocate monument or memorial in certain instances; authorizes Division of Historical Resources of DOS to request certain recommendations from Florida Historical Commission & Department of Veterans' Affairs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

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HB 0479 **Land and Water Management** by Maggard

Land and Water Management: Prohibits counties & municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands & preempts such regulation to the state; requires DEP to notify CFO of certain violations; requires CFO to withhold certain funds; repeals provisions relating to land management review teams. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

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SB 0488 **Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles** by Ávila

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; Requiring licensure in lieu of registration of motor carriers operating certain qualified motor vehicles; revising due dates for motor fuel use tax returns submitted by licensed motor carriers; authorizing the department to inspect records necessary to verify the tax returns of motor carriers, motor fuel retail dealers, and motor fuel wholesale distributors; revising the apparent amount of property damage which requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify law enforcement of the crash, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

SB 0496 **Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials** by McClain

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials; Citing this act as the “Historic Florida Monuments and Memorials Protection Act”; preempting all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments and memorials; providing that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to the contrary, and certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; providing civil penalties for certain officials who engage in certain actions; authorizing a local government to temporarily remove and relocate a monument or memorial in certain instances provided certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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SB 0504 **Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Burgess

Code Inspector Body Cameras; Requiring a governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies and procedures; requiring such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, and to perform

a periodic review of actual body camera practices; providing that certain provisions relating to the interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0506 **Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector** by Burgess

Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings recorded by a code inspector under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring a local government to retain body camera recordings for a specified timeframe; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 504 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0508 **Landscape Irrigation** by Truenow

Landscape Irrigation; Creating the "Landscape Irrigation Standards and Watering Restrictions Act"; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions regarding a landscape irrigation system unless such person is a licensed irrigation contractor or the property owner; specifying that only a licensed irrigation contractor may connect an irrigation system to a water supply; providing a purpose for landscape irrigation system standards; creating a landscape irrigation watering schedule; providing for the enforcement of the act, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

HB 0509 **Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Partington

Code Inspector Body Cameras: Requires governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies & procedures; requires such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, & to perform periodic review of actual body camera practices; provides that certain provisions relating to interception of wire, electronic, & oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

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HB 0511 **Pub. Rec./Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Partington

Pub. Rec./Code Inspector Body Cameras: Provides exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings recorded by code inspector; requires local government to retain body camera recordings for specified timeframe; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity; directs Division of Library & Information Services of DOS to adopt specified retention requirement for certain body camera recordings by specified date. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 509 or similar legislation takes effect

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0521 Fines for Violations Detected by Traffic Infraction Detectors by Yeager

Fines for Violations Detected by Traffic Infraction Detectors: Authorizes county or municipality to issue fine for certain violations detected through use of traffic infraction detector; requires fine to be accompanied by certain photograph or image. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0535 Candidate Qualifying by Benarroch

Candidate Qualifying: Requires certain candidates to provide filing officer statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination & election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to district school board. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0543 Transportation by McFarland

Transportation: Requires DOT to increase minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow signals by specified amount of time; requires licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers & fuel tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor carriers; revises various provisions relating to qualified motor vehicles, motor carriers, fuel tax decals, & temporary fuel-use permits; revises reporting periods & due dates for motor fuel use tax returns & requires such returns to be submitted electronically beginning on specified date; requires certain seaports to submit annual report describing measures taken to support commercial space launch industry to chair of Space Florida board of directors beginning on specified date; prohibits certain seaports from converting planned or existing land, facilities, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes unless specified conditions are met; requires legislative approval for use of state funds for specified projects; authorizes private entity to install automated license plate recognition system for use on certain property; requires motor vehicle to be equipped with exhaust system to prevent excessive or unusual noise; prohibits such system from allowing noise that is audible at specified distance from vehicle; authorizes certain golf carts to be titled & registered for operation on certain roads without inspection by DHSMV; provides requirements for electronic credentialing system; authorizes DHSMV to make direct payments to certain subcontractors under specified conditions; requires DHSMV to implement Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0548 Growth Management by McClain

Growth Management; Deleting an exception to an applicability provision relating to concurrency; requiring that a demonstrated-need study use plan-based methodology for a certain purpose; revising the voting threshold required for approval of an ordinance increasing an impact fee beyond certain phase-in limitations; prohibiting local governments and school districts from increasing impact fee rates beyond certain phase-in limitations by more than a specified percentage within a certain timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0550 Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property by Bernard

Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to prohibit levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property by counties, school districts, and municipalities and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0552 Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property by Bernard

Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property; Conforming provisions to proposed amendments made to the State Constitution which prohibit levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property by counties, school districts, and municipalities; repealing a provision relating to the property appraiser's assessments and effect of determinations by value adjustment boards; repealing a provision relating to extending the date for filing tangible personal property tax returns; repealing a provision relating to tax returns to show all exemptions and claims, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 550 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specified intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0555 Local Licensing of Home Caregivers by Skidmore

Local Licensing of Home Caregivers: Authorizes counties & municipalities to license home caregivers within their jurisdictions. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0558 Standards for Storm Water Systems by Burgess

Standards for Storm Water Systems; Requiring storm water systems in counties and municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified Department of Transportation standards; providing inspection requirements for such systems; specifying that certain local standards are superseded, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

HB 0575 Auxiliary Containers by Weinberger

Auxiliary Containers: Defines "auxiliary container" and "single-use"; removes obsolete provisions; preempting regulation of auxiliary containers to state; provides exceptions; requires DEP to develop uniform ordinance for use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers; provides requirements for development of such ordinance; requires that sale or distribution of single-use plastic auxiliary containers on lands managed by Division of Recreation & Parks of DEP be eliminated to greatest extent possible; prohibits use, sale, or distribution of certain single-use auxiliary containers on such

lands; requires department to develop and make available on its website statewide Marine Debris Reduction Plan; provides requirements for such plan; removes s. 500.90, F.S., relating to regulation of polystyrene products preempted to DACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0576 **Local Government Cyber Security** by Harrell

Local Government Cyber Security; Creating the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program; requiring local governments to participate in the program and to apply to the Florida Digital Service to use cybersecurity programs and software; establishing priority for certain counties under the program; requiring the Florida Digital Service through the department to secure and administer federal funds, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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SB 0580 **Local Licensing of Home Caregivers** by Harrell

Local Licensing of Home Caregivers; Authorizing counties and municipalities to license home caregivers within their jurisdictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

SB 0588 **Local Government Enforcement Actions** by McClain

Local Government Enforcement Actions; Prohibiting certain enforcement actions by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively; defining the term “enforcement action”; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to establish and maintain rules; authorizing filing of legal action and providing legal remedies in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

HB 0589 **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits** by Nix, Jr.

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits: Prohibits municipality or political subdivision of state from requiring owners & builders of certain residences to receive construction permits from DEP as condition of issuing building or plumbing permits; requires such owners & builders to provide certain proof to municipality or political subdivision. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0594 **Local Housing Assistance Plans** by Burton

Local Housing Assistance Plans; Authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile home owners for a specified time period; requiring each county and eligible municipality to include in its local housing assistance plan certain strategies; authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to provide certain funds to mobile home owners for rehabilitation and emergency repairs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0602 Watercraft Restrictions Based on Energy Source by Bernard

Watercraft Restrictions Based on Energy Source; Providing an exception to the prohibition on state agencies, governmental authorities, and local governments restricting the use or sale of watercraft based on the energy source used to power the watercraft if such watercraft is used on certain bodies of water, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

SB 0610 Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by Smith

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety requirements; requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool barrier requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

HB 0611 Landscape Irrigation by Cobb

Landscape Irrigation: Prohibits certain actions regarding landscape irrigation systems unless such actions are taken by licensed irrigation contractors or property owners; authorizes local governments or water management districts to adopt certain requirements for property owners who install such systems; provides requirements for permits, plans, equipment & capacity, maintenance, & water schedules relating to such systems; provides fines & penalties; prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing certain laws, rules, or regulations; authorizes DEP to adopt rules; revises membership of Construction Industry Licensing Board. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0620 Candidate Qualifying by Mayfield

Candidate Qualifying; Requiring certain candidates to provide the filing officer a statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination and election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to a district school board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Ethics and Elections

HB 0629 Regulation of Auxiliary Containers by Esposito

Regulation of Auxiliary Containers: Preempts regulation of auxiliary containers to state; authorizes rules, regulations, & ordinances restricting use of glass auxiliary containers within boundaries of public beach or state park; authorizes Division of Recreation & Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0635 **Cybersecurity Standards and Liability** by Giallombardo

Cybersecurity Standards and Liability: Authorizes local governments to only adopt specified cybersecurity standards; prohibits DMS from delegating authority to set such standards to local governments; requires vendors to comply with specified cybersecurity standards; defines "vendor"; provides that local government, covered entity, or third-party agent that complies with certain requirements is not liable in connection with cybersecurity incident; requires covered entities & thirdparty agents to implement revised frameworks, standards, laws, or regulations within specified time period.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0650 **Local Business Taxes** by Bernard

Local Business Taxes; Repealing provisions relating to local business taxes; authorizing certain counties to continue to impose a business tax; authorizing such counties to revise the definition of the term “merchant” in a specified manner; prohibiting such counties from revising a specified tax rate, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0654 **Traffic Infraction Enforcement** by DiCeglie

Traffic Infraction Enforcement; Revising the periods during which a county or municipality may enforce school zone speed limits, and the violations for which such enforcement is authorized, through the use of a speed detection system; prohibiting the use of a traffic infraction detector for remote surveillance; requiring district school board authorization and a public hearing process before a school district may place or install, or contract with a vendor to install, operate, and maintain, school bus infraction detection systems; revising the periods for which a county or municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue certain uniform traffic citations, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

SB 0692 **Cybersecurity Standards And Liability** by Leek

Cybersecurity Standards and Liability; Authorizing local governments to only adopt specified cybersecurity standards; prohibiting the Department of Management Services from delegating the authority to set such standards to local governments; providing that a local government, a covered entity, or a third-party agent that complies with certain requirements is not liable in connection with a cybersecurity incident under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0698 **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits** by Martin

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits; Prohibiting a municipality or political subdivision of the state from requiring owners and builders of certain residences to receive construction permits from the Department of Environmental Protection as a condition of issuing building or plumbing permits; requiring such owners and builders to provide certain proof to the municipality or political subdivision,

etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0718 **Water Management** by McClain

Water Management; Prohibiting counties and municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, pollutant discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands; preempting such regulation to the state; repealing a provision relating to land management review teams, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0750 **Alternative Plans Review and Building Inspection** by DiCeglie

Alternative Plans Review and Building Inspection; Deleting a provision authorizing a local government to charge an administrative fee when an owner or contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0756 **Affordable Housing** by Davis

Affordable Housing; Increasing the length of time that certain rental units must remain affordable in order to qualify for a specified zoning variance; requiring that certain incentives be used for the construction of affordable housing; decreasing the maximum median income used to determine eligibility for certain tax incentives; specifying that documentary stamp taxes do not apply to deeds, transfers, or conveyances of residential property to first-time homebuyers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0766 **Waste Management** by Martin

Waste Management; Deleting obsolete provisions that provide legislative findings and require the Department of Environmental Protection to review and update a specified report; preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; permitting rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of a public beach; authorizing the Division of Recreation and Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks; specifying that certain local ordinances and restrictions are permitted, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0840 **Land Use Regulations for Local Governments Affected by Natural Disasters** by DiCeglie

Land Use Regulations for Local Governments Affected by Natural Disasters; Prohibiting impacted local governments from enforcing certain moratoriums, requiring the repair or reconstruction of certain improvements to meet certain requirements, or enforcing changes to specified procedures; revising circumstances under which impacted local governments may enforce certain amendments, site plans,

development permits, or development orders; deleting provisions related to filing suit against an impacted local government for injunctive relief, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0852 **Food Insecure Areas** by Jones

Food Insecure Areas; Authorizing a local government to enact land development regulations to permit land use for a small-footprint grocery store located in a food insecure area; authorizing a local government to include in its comprehensive plan a provision permitting land use for a small-footprint grocery store located in a food insecure area, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

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III. *2025.12.19 – The Village of Palmetto Bay Weekly Bill Report*

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Ordered by Bill Number

HB 0037 **Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Nix, Jr.

Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles: Requires counties to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; authorizes municipalities to establish daily administration fee for proper storage of certain electric vehicles; provides maximum amount for such fees; defines "daily administration fee" & "proper storage"; provides that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs; provides that reasonable fee for service includes any daily administration fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

SB 0044 **Electronic Payment of Public Records Fees** by Rouson

Electronic Payment of Public Records Fees; Requiring an agency subject to ch. 119, F.S., to provide an electronic option for payment of fees associated with a public records request, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 0048 **Housing** by Gaetz

Housing; Authorizing a landlord to accept reusable tenant screening reports and require a specified statement; defining the term “primary dwelling unit”; requiring, rather than authorizing, local governments to adopt, by a specified date, an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to evaluate the efficacy of using mezzanine finance and the potential of tiny homes for specified purposes, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

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HB 0067 **Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property** by Holcomb

Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property: Proposes State Constitutional amendment reducing maximum amount that homestead property's assessed value may increase annually.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0071 **Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners** by Holcomb

Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners: Creates Homestead Property Tax Relief Program within DFS; defines "eligible homesteader"; requires CFO to annually issue warrants of specified amount to certain homestead property owners beginning & ending on specified dates; requires CFO to work with county property appraisers for specified purpose; provides future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0092 **Employee Protections** by Gaetz

Employee Protections; Providing that public officers, public employees, and local government attorneys commit a breach of the public trust when they initiate adverse personnel actions against specified agency employees or independent contractors under certain circumstances; prohibiting agencies and independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees or certain persons for disclosing certain information to the Commission on Ethics; requiring that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; providing that specified provisions protect employees and persons who submit written complaints to the commission or provide information to an investigator during an investigation of a complaint or referral, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Ethics and Elections

HB 0101 **Utility Terrain Vehicles** by Gentry

Utility Terrain Vehicles: Authorizes utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to be operated during all hours; authorizes operation of UTVs on certain roadways & on certain parts of State Highway System; authorizes DOT to prohibit use of UTVs under certain circumstances; authorizes persons possessing certain licenses to operate UTV; requires owners or operators of UTV to comply with certain requirements & regulations; authorizes county or municipality to restrict operation of UTVs under certain circumstances; provides civil penalties; requires DHSMV to issue license plate to owner or lessee of vehicle registered as UTV upon payment of certain taxes & fees; requires that license plates for UTVs comply with specified provisions. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

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HB 0103 **Local Business Taxes** by Botana

Local Business Taxes: Repeals provisions related to local business taxes & authorizes certain municipalities to continue to impose business taxes. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0105 **Local Government Enforcement Actions** by Brackett

Local Government Enforcement Actions: Prohibits certain enforcement actions by counties, municipalities, & special districts; authorizes persons or business entities subject to such actions to submit request for review; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts to review such actions & respond within specified time period; authorizes filing of legal action & provides legal remedies; provides for certain protections from retaliation; provides for preemption. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

SB 0118 **Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks** by Truenow

Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks; Providing that certain special assessments on recreational vehicle parks levied by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, may not be levied against a certain portion of a recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to consider a recreational vehicle park's occupancy rates for a certain purpose, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0122 **Local Business Taxes** by Truenow

Local Business Taxes; Repealing provisions relating to local business taxes; authorizing certain municipalities to continue to impose a business tax; authorizing such municipalities to revise the definition of the term "merchant" in a specified manner, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0139 **Adverse Personnel Actions and Ethics Complaints** by Maney

Adverse Personnel Actions and Ethics Complaints: Prohibits agencies & independent contractors from taking specified actions against employees for disclosing certain information to Commission on Ethics; requires that information disclosed include specified violations or alleged violations; requires disclosure of specified information to commission; provides that specified provisions protect employees & persons who submit written complaints to commission or provide information to investigator during investigation of complaint; authorizes certain employees or applicants for employment to file complaints in accordance with specified provisions; authorizes such employees or applicants to pursue specified administrative remedy or civil action within specified timeframe; authorizes local public employees to file complaint with appropriate local governmental authority; specifies requirements for administrative procedures created by local governmental authorities; authorizes such employee to bring civil actions in court of competent jurisdiction under specified conditions; requires specified relief; provides that it is affirmative defense to certain actions that adverse personnel action was predicated on grounds other

than exercising of certain protected rights; requires commission to deliver complaints & any amendment thereto to agency conducting certain investigation, upon agency's written request; requires commission to deliver complaints & any amendment thereto to certain persons upon notarized written request. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0145 Suits Against the Government by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0149 Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year by Chamberlin

Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year: Provides method for determining the maximum county & school millage rates for fiscal year 2027-2028; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Select Committee on Property Taxes

HB 0201 Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads by Steele

Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0203 Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads by Miller

Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies annually for 10 years by a certain amount, to make homestead property exempt from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies beginning in a specified year, to prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

HB 0205 **Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older** by Porras

Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0207 **Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax** by Abbott

Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to add a homestead exemption for levies other than school levies equal to 25 percent of the remaining assessed value after applying existing exemptions, provide construction, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

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SB 0208 **Land Use and Development Regulations** by McClain

Land Use and Development Regulations; Prohibiting local land development regulations from requiring the denial of, or conditioning or delaying the approval of, residential development on the basis of a lack of compatibility under certain circumstances; revising the circumstances under which land development regulations may be applied to a single-family or two-family dwelling; prohibiting local land development regulations from conditioning the approval of an application for certain residential development on the payment of certain fees, charges, or exactions; requiring that a fee or charge imposed by a local government in connection with the review, processing, or inspection of a residential development application meet certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary

HB 0209 **Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax** by Busatta

Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase by $200,000 the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies for homestead properties that have property insurance, to prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for first responders, and to provide an effective date. Effective Date: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0211 **Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax** by Overdorf

Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the maximum value of the accrued Save-Our-Homes benefit which may be transferred to a new homestead for all levies other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 0213 Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases by Griffitts Jr.

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to modify limitations on assessment increases for both homestead and nonhomestead property, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

HB 0215 Ad Valorem Taxation by Albert

Ad Valorem Taxation: Revises Save-Our-Homes portability benefits available to married persons establishing joint homestead; prohibits increase in prior year's adopted millage rate from going into effect unless approved by specified vote; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

HB 0217 Land Use Regulations by Abbott

Land Use Regulations: Defines "impacted local government"; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0218 Land Use Regulations by Gaetz

Land Use Regulations; Defining the term "impacted local government", etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

HB 0227 Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions by Maney

Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions: Revises circumstances under which persons may be deemed to have legal or beneficial & equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0239 Standards for Storm Water Systems by Grow

Standards for Storm Water Systems: Requires storm water systems in counties & municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified DOT standards; provides inspection requirements for such systems; specifies that certain local standards are superseded; provides finding of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0240 **Auxiliary Containers** by García

Auxiliary Containers; Preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; providing exceptions; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a uniform ordinance for the use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain single-use auxiliary containers on lands managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection; repealing a provision relating to the regulation of polystyrene products preempted to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

HB 0243 **Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles** by Benarroch

Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles: Requires certain crash reports to include certain information; requires state to maintain certain statistics; prohibits person from operating class 3 electric bicycle without certain license; provides requirements for such operation; prohibits certain persons from operating certain motorcycles; revises requirements for certain learner's driver license education course; requires minimum number of questions in test bank for Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle & motorized scooter operation; provides various penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 0260 **Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles** by Burgess

Removal, Storage, and Cleanup of Electric Vehicles; Requiring counties to establish a daily administration fee for the proper storage of certain electric vehicles; providing a maximum amount for such fees; providing applicability; defining the terms “daily administration fee” and “proper storage”; providing that motor vehicle insurers are not required to pay certain costs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

HB 0263 **Public Records** by Rizo

Public Records: Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county administrators, deputy county administrators, assistant county administrators, city managers, deputy city managers, & assistant city managers, including names & personal identifying & location information of their spouses & children; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides for retroactive application; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0267 **Local Housing Assistance Plans** by Stark

Local Housing Assistance Plans: Authorizes county or eligible municipality to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile home owners for specified time period; requires counties & eligible municipalities to develop certain strategies in their local housing assistance plans; provides that lot

rental assistance is approved home ownership activity for certain purposes; authorizes certain funds to be provided to mobile home owners for rehabilitation & emergency repairs; removes prohibition that only certain percentage of funds may be used for manufactured housing. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0270 **Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older** by Bernard

Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0272 **Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older** by Bernard

Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older; Expanding the homestead exemption for persons 65 years and older to include a total exemption of homestead property from ad valorem taxation, other than for school district levies, for certain persons whose household income does not exceed a certain amount; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 270 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0274 **Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners** by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that the assessed value of homestead property may not increase after 20 years of ownership and residency, to provide an additional homestead tax exemption equal to 50 percent of the assessed value of property, other than school district levies, for persons who have owned and resided on the property as their permanent residence for 30 years or more, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0276 **Homestead Property Tax Benefits For Long-term Owners And Permanent Residents** by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners and Permanent Residents; Requiring that certain property be assessed at less than just value when the person who owns the property has owned and used the property as his or her permanent residence for a specified timeframe; providing that the assessed value of such property shall be a certain amount and may not be increased under certain circumstances; specifying a homestead exemption for certain long-term owners and residents; authorizing periods of ownership and residency to be aggregated, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 274 or a similar joint resolution having

substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0278 **Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property** by Bernard

Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of new homestead property established after a change of ownership which had an assessed value of less than a certain amount to no more than 150 percent of the assessed value of the property for the preceding year for ad valorem taxation purposes and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0280 **Assessment of Homestead Property** by Bernard

Assessment of Homestead Property; Limiting the assessed value upon change of ownership of homestead property having a prior assessed value below a certain amount when the person acquiring the property is entitled to a homestead exemption, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 278 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0282 **Limitation on the Assessed Value of Property Owned and Used for Commercial Purposes by Small Businesses** by Bernard

Limitation on the Assessed Value of Property Owned and Used for Commercial Purposes by Small Businesses; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of real property owned and used for commercial purposes by a small business for ad valorem taxation purposes so that such assessed value may not exceed 3 percent or the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0286 **Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties** by Bernard

Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties; Revising the manner of assessing the value of changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0290 **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Truenow

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits the use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasoline-powered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment under certain circumstances; requiring the Acquisition and Restoration Council to determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; establishing the Food Animal Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program; revising the Florida Forest Service powers, authority, and duties; authorizing the Forest Service to manage the Welaka Training Center; establishing the Farmers Feeding Florida Program for specified purposes; limiting the number of incorporated state fair associations per county; prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, importation, distribution, or use of a signal jamming device, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Fiscal Policy

HB 0313 **Housing** by Nix, Jr.

Housing: Requires, rather than authorizing, local governments to adopt, by specified date, ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units in certain areas; requires that such ordinances apply prospectively; prohibits inclusion of certain requirements or prohibitions in such ordinances; removes requirement that application for building permit to construct accessory dwelling unit include certain affidavit; revises accessory dwelling units that apply toward satisfying certain component of local government's comprehensive plan; prohibits denial of homestead exemption for certain portions of property on specified basis; requires that rented accessory dwelling unit be assessed separately from homestead property & taxed according to its use; authorizes local government to provide density bonus incentive to landowners who make certain real property donations to assist in provision of affordable housing for military families; requires OPPAGA to evaluate efficacy of using mezzanine finance & potential of tiny homes for specified purposes; requires office to consult with certain entities; requires office to submit certain report to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

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HB 0323 **Parking on Public Property** by Steele

Parking on Public Property: Defines "public property" & "publicly owned buildings or facilities"; requires local governments to refund owners of vehicles who pay fees to park on specified public property in certain circumstances; requires local governments to carry over any unused portion of time for benefit of next vehicle owner who pays fee to park on such public property in certain circumstances; prohibits certain vehicles from being towed or issued traffic citation for specified time period after being parked on specified public property; prohibits local governments from allowing private business entities or enterprises to use specified public property for private parking purposes for fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

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SB 0332 **Public Meetings** by Bradley

Public Meetings; Providing that specified entities may meet in private with their attorneys to discuss certain claims concerning private property rights; requiring that such meetings be transcribed; providing that such transcripts become public records at specified times, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Judiciary

HB 0347 Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities by Borrero

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities: Prohibits governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; specifies flags governmental entity may display on such property; provides requirements for governmental entity that displays flag of United States; prohibits local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to flag of local government; provides that certain ordinances & regulations are void. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 0356 Utility Terrain Vehicles by Wright

Utility Terrain Vehicles; Authorizing the operation of a utility terrain vehicle (UTV) during all hours; authorizing the operation of UTVs on certain roadways; authorizing the Department of Transportation to prohibit the operation of UTVs under certain circumstances; requiring owners or operators of a UTV to comply with certain requirements and regulations, etc. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

SB 0382 Electric Bicycles, Scooters, And Motorcycles by Truenow

Electric Bicycles, Scooters, And Motorcycles; Defining the term “electric motorcycle”; providing penalties for knowingly modifying an electric bicycle; prohibiting a person from operating a class 3 electric bicycle without a certain license; requiring a minimum number of questions in the test bank for a Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

HB 0399 Land Use and Development Regulations by Borrero

Land Use and Development Regulations: Prohibits local governments from adopting certain local land development regulations; establishes requirements for certain local land development regulations that impose fee, charge, or exaction; declares certain local land development regulations null & void; requires OPPAGA to perform study to identify effect of removing Urban Development Boundary or similar boundaries in Miami-Dade County and other counties; requiring OPPAGA to submit specified report to Legislature by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0425 Historic Cemeteries Program by Aristide

Historic Cemeteries Program: Requires local governments to approve applications from historic AfricanAmerican cemeteries to change land use category & zoning district of excess vacant land under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 0426 **Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities** by Yarborough

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities; Prohibiting a governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; providing a penalty; specifying flags a governmental entity may display on such property; prohibiting a local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to the flag of the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1 /2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 0433 **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** by Alvarez, D.

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Prohibits counties & municipalities from enacting or enforcing any law that restricts or prohibits use of gasoline-powered farm equipment or gasolinepowered landscape equipment or that distinguishes such equipment from any other equipment; requires Acquisition & Restoration Council to determine whether certain surplused lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibits local governmental entity from transferring future development rights for surplused lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; requires DEP, in coordination with DACS, to determine whether state-owned conservation lands are suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; authorizes DEP to surplus specified state-owned lands determined to be suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes; prohibits person from wearing or displaying item that displays words "concealed weapon permit" or "concealed weapon permit holder" with intent to mislead another to believe that person is authorized to wear or display such item; prohibits possession, manufacture, sale, importation, distribution, or use of signal jamming device. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0434 **Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes** by Leek

Assessment of Property Used for Residential Purposes; Defining the term “changes or improvements made to improve the property’s resistance to wind damage”; prohibiting the consideration of the increase in just value of a property which is attributable to changes or improvements made to improve the property’s resistance to wind damage in determinations of the assessed value of certain property, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0450 **Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans** by Polsky

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans; Removing a limitation on the value of a tax exemption that a surviving spouse could transfer to a new residence; revising when a specified tax exemption is considered to be granted, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0455 **Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials** by Black

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials: Preempts all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments & memorials; provides that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to contrary, & certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; prohibits local governments from enacting or enforcing specified ordinances, regulations, or rules; provides penalties; requires DOS to withhold certain funding from local government; authorizes local government to temporarily remove & relocate monument or memorial in certain instances; authorizes Division of Historical Resources of DOS to request certain recommendations from Florida Historical Commission & Department of Veterans' Affairs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

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HB 0479 Land and Water Management by Maggard

Land and Water Management: Prohibits counties & municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands & preempts such regulation to the state; requires DEP to notify CFO of certain violations; requires CFO to withhold certain funds; repeals provisions relating to land management review teams. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

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SB 0488 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles by Ávila

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; Requiring licensure in lieu of registration of motor carriers operating certain qualified motor vehicles; revising due dates for motor fuel use tax returns submitted by licensed motor carriers; authorizing the department to inspect records necessary to verify the tax returns of motor carriers, motor fuel retail dealers, and motor fuel wholesale distributors; revising the apparent amount of property damage which requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify law enforcement of the crash, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

SB 0496 Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials by McClain

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials; Citing this act as the “Historic Florida Monuments and Memorials Protection Act”; preempting all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments and memorials; providing that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to the contrary, and certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; providing civil penalties for certain officials who engage in certain actions; authorizing a local government to temporarily remove and relocate a monument or memorial in certain instances provided certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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SB 0504 Code Inspector Body Cameras by Burgess

Code Inspector Body Cameras; Requiring a governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies and procedures; requiring such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, and to perform

a periodic review of actual body camera practices; providing that certain provisions relating to the interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0506 **Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector** by Burgess

Public Records/Body Camera Recordings Recorded by a Code Inspector; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings recorded by a code inspector under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring a local government to retain body camera recordings for a specified timeframe; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 504 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0508 **Landscape Irrigation** by Truenow

Landscape Irrigation; Creating the "Landscape Irrigation Standards and Watering Restrictions Act"; prohibiting a person from taking certain actions regarding a landscape irrigation system unless such person is a licensed irrigation contractor or the property owner; specifying that only a licensed irrigation contractor may connect an irrigation system to a water supply; providing a purpose for landscape irrigation system standards; creating a landscape irrigation watering schedule; providing for the enforcement of the act, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

HB 0509 **Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Partington

Code Inspector Body Cameras: Requires governmental entity that permits its code inspectors to wear body cameras to establish certain policies & procedures; requires such governmental entity to ensure that certain training occurs, to retain certain data in accordance with public records laws, & to perform periodic review of actual body camera practices; provides that certain provisions relating to interception of wire, electronic, & oral communications do not apply to body camera recordings made by code inspectors. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

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HB 0511 **Pub. Rec./Code Inspector Body Cameras** by Partington

Pub. Rec./Code Inspector Body Cameras: Provides exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings recorded by code inspector; requires local government to retain body camera recordings for specified timeframe; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity; directs Division of Library & Information Services of DOS to adopt specified retention requirement for certain body camera recordings by specified date. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 509 or similar legislation takes effect

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0521 **Fines for Violations Detected by Traffic Infraction Detectors** by Yeager

Fines for Violations Detected by Traffic Infraction Detectors: Authorizes county or municipality to issue fine for certain violations detected through use of traffic infraction detector; requires fine to be accompanied by certain photograph or image. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0535 **Candidate Qualifying** by Benarroch

Candidate Qualifying: Requires certain candidates to provide filing officer statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination & election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to district school board. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

HB 0543 **Transportation** by McFarland

Transportation: Requires DOT to increase minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow signals by specified amount of time; requires licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers & fuel tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor carriers; revises various provisions relating to qualified motor vehicles, motor carriers, fuel tax decals, & temporary fuel-use permits; revises reporting periods & due dates for motor fuel use tax returns & requires such returns to be submitted electronically beginning on specified date; requires certain seaports to submit annual report describing measures taken to support commercial space launch industry to chair of Space Florida board of directors beginning on specified date; prohibits certain seaports from converting planned or existing land, facilities, or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes unless specified conditions are met; requires legislative approval for use of state funds for specified projects; authorizes private entity to install automated license plate recognition system for use on certain property; requires motor vehicle to be equipped with exhaust system to prevent excessive or unusual noise; prohibits such system from allowing noise that is audible at specified distance from vehicle; authorizes certain golf carts to be titled & registered for operation on certain roads without inspection by DHSMV; provides requirements for electronic credentialing system; authorizes DHSMV to make direct payments to certain subcontractors under specified conditions; requires DHSMV to implement Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

SB 0548 **Growth Management** by McClain

Growth Management; Deleting an exception to an applicability provision relating to concurrency; requiring that a demonstrated-need study use plan-based methodology for a certain purpose; revising the voting threshold required for approval of an ordinance increasing an impact fee beyond certain phase-in limitations; prohibiting local governments and school districts from increasing impact fee rates beyond certain phase-in limitations by more than a specified percentage within a certain timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0550 **Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property** by Bernard

Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to prohibit levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property by counties, school districts, and municipalities and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

SB 0552 **Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property** by Bernard

Prohibition on Levying Ad Valorem Taxes on Tangible Personal Property; Conforming provisions to proposed amendments made to the State Constitution which prohibit levying ad valorem taxes on tangible personal property by counties, school districts, and municipalities; repealing a provision relating to the property appraiser's assessments and effect of determinations by value adjustment boards; repealing a provision relating to extending the date for filing tangible personal property tax returns; repealing a provision relating to tax returns to show all exemptions and claims, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 550 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specified intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

HB 0555 **Local Licensing of Home Caregivers** by Skidmore

Local Licensing of Home Caregivers: Authorizes counties & municipalities to license home caregivers within their jurisdictions. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee

SB 0558 **Standards for Storm Water Systems** by Burgess

Standards for Storm Water Systems; Requiring storm water systems in counties and municipalities, respectively, to comply with specified Department of Transportation standards; providing inspection requirements for such systems; specifying that certain local standards are superseded, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

HB 0575 **Auxiliary Containers** by Weinberger

Auxiliary Containers: Defines "auxiliary container" and "single-use"; removes obsolete provisions; preempting regulation of auxiliary containers to state; provides exceptions; requires DEP to develop uniform ordinance for use and disposition of single-use, nonrecyclable auxiliary containers; provides requirements for development of such ordinance; requires that sale or distribution of single-use plastic auxiliary containers on lands managed by Division of Recreation & Parks of DEP be eliminated to greatest extent possible; prohibits use, sale, or distribution of certain single-use auxiliary containers on such

lands; requires department to develop and make available on its website statewide Marine Debris Reduction Plan; provides requirements for such plan; removes s. 500.90, F.S., relating to regulation of polystyrene products preempted to DACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

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SB 0576 **Local Government Cyber Security** by Harrell

Local Government Cyber Security; Creating the Local Government Cybersecurity Protection Program; requiring local governments to participate in the program and to apply to the Florida Digital Service to use cybersecurity programs and software; establishing priority for certain counties under the program; requiring the Florida Digital Service through the department to secure and administer federal funds, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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SB 0580 **Local Licensing of Home Caregivers** by Harrell

Local Licensing of Home Caregivers; Authorizing counties and municipalities to license home caregivers within their jurisdictions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

SB 0588 **Local Government Enforcement Actions** by McClain

Local Government Enforcement Actions; Prohibiting certain enforcement actions by counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively; defining the term “enforcement action”; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, to establish and maintain rules; authorizing filing of legal action and providing legal remedies in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

HB 0589 **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits** by Nix, Jr.

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits: Prohibits municipality or political subdivision of state from requiring owners & builders of certain residences to receive construction permits from DEP as condition of issuing building or plumbing permits; requires such owners & builders to provide certain proof to municipality or political subdivision. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

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SB 0594 **Local Housing Assistance Plans** by Burton

Local Housing Assistance Plans; Authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to expend certain funds on lot rental assistance for mobile home owners for a specified time period; requiring each county and eligible municipality to include in its local housing assistance plan certain strategies; authorizing counties and eligible municipalities to provide certain funds to mobile home owners for rehabilitation and emergency repairs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0602 **Watercraft Restrictions Based on Energy Source** by Bernard

Watercraft Restrictions Based on Energy Source; Providing an exception to the prohibition on state agencies, governmental authorities, and local governments restricting the use or sale of watercraft based on the energy source used to power the watercraft if such watercraft is used on certain bodies of water, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

SB 0610 **Residential Swimming Pool Requirements** by Smith

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety requirements; requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool barrier requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

HB 0611 **Landscape Irrigation** by Cobb

Landscape Irrigation: Prohibits certain actions regarding landscape irrigation systems unless such actions are taken by licensed irrigation contractors or property owners; authorizes local governments or water management districts to adopt certain requirements for property owners who install such systems; provides requirements for permits, plans, equipment & capacity, maintenance, & water schedules relating to such systems; provides fines & penalties; prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing certain laws, rules, or regulations; authorizes DEP to adopt rules; revises membership of Construction Industry Licensing Board. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

SB 0620 **Candidate Qualifying** by Mayfield

Candidate Qualifying; Requiring certain candidates to provide the filing officer a statement disclosing dual citizenship for nomination and election to federal, state, county, multicounty, district, or judicial office or to a district school board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Ethics and Elections

HB 0629 **Regulation of Auxiliary Containers** by Esposito

Regulation of Auxiliary Containers: Preempts regulation of auxiliary containers to state; authorizes rules, regulations, & ordinances restricting use of glass auxiliary containers within boundaries of public beach or state park; authorizes Division of Recreation & Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

HB 0635 **Cybersecurity Standards and Liability** by Giallombardo

Cybersecurity Standards and Liability: Authorizes local governments to only adopt specified cybersecurity standards; prohibits DMS from delegating authority to set such standards to local governments; requires vendors to comply with specified cybersecurity standards; defines "vendor"; provides that local government, covered entity, or third-party agent that complies with certain requirements is not liable in connection with cybersecurity incident; requires covered entities & thirdparty agents to implement revised frameworks, standards, laws, or regulations within specified time period.

Current Committee of Reference: House Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee

SB 0650 **Local Business Taxes** by Bernard

Local Business Taxes; Repealing provisions relating to local business taxes; authorizing certain counties to continue to impose a business tax; authorizing such counties to revise the definition of the term “merchant” in a specified manner; prohibiting such counties from revising a specified tax rate, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0654 **Traffic Infraction Enforcement** by DiCeglie

Traffic Infraction Enforcement; Revising the periods during which a county or municipality may enforce school zone speed limits, and the violations for which such enforcement is authorized, through the use of a speed detection system; prohibiting the use of a traffic infraction detector for remote surveillance; requiring district school board authorization and a public hearing process before a school district may place or install, or contract with a vendor to install, operate, and maintain, school bus infraction detection systems; revising the periods for which a county or municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue certain uniform traffic citations, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Transportation

SB 0692 **Cybersecurity Standards And Liability** by Leek

Cybersecurity Standards and Liability; Authorizing local governments to only adopt specified cybersecurity standards; prohibiting the Department of Management Services from delegating the authority to set such standards to local governments; providing that a local government, a covered entity, or a third-party agent that complies with certain requirements is not liable in connection with a cybersecurity incident under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 0698 **Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits** by Martin

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits; Prohibiting a municipality or political subdivision of the state from requiring owners and builders of certain residences to receive construction permits from the Department of Environmental Protection as a condition of issuing building or plumbing permits; requiring such owners and builders to provide certain proof to the municipality or political subdivision,

etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

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SB 0718 **Water Management** by McClain

Water Management; Prohibiting counties and municipalities from adopting laws, regulations, rules, or policies relating to water quality or quantity, pollution control, pollutant discharge prevention or removal, or wetlands; preempting such regulation to the state; repealing a provision relating to land management review teams, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

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SB 0750 **Alternative Plans Review and Building Inspection** by DiCeglie

Alternative Plans Review and Building Inspection; Deleting a provision authorizing a local government to charge an administrative fee when an owner or contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0756 **Affordable Housing** by Davis

Affordable Housing; Increasing the length of time that certain rental units must remain affordable in order to qualify for a specified zoning variance; requiring that certain incentives be used for the construction of affordable housing; decreasing the maximum median income used to determine eligibility for certain tax incentives; specifying that documentary stamp taxes do not apply to deeds, transfers, or conveyances of residential property to first-time homebuyers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0766 **Waste Management** by Martin

Waste Management; Deleting obsolete provisions that provide legislative findings and require the Department of Environmental Protection to review and update a specified report; preempting the regulation of auxiliary containers to the state; permitting rules, regulations, or ordinances restricting the use of glass auxiliary containers within the boundaries of a public beach; authorizing the Division of Recreation and Parks to regulate auxiliary containers within state parks; specifying that certain local ordinances and restrictions are permitted, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Environment and Natural Resources

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HB 0773 **Municipal Utilities** by Brackett

Municipal Utilities: Authorizes municipality to transfer portion of its public utility earnings to its general fund; requires that such percentages be established or reestablished by local referendum, subject to majority vote; provides exception to percentage restrictions in event of disaster or emergency; authorizes such percentages to be established by passage of resolution, by four-fifths vote; requires such

percentages to be repaid to general fund within specified time period; prohibits municipality from transferring portion of its public utility earnings in certain instances; prohibits ability of municipality to receive certain state funds if such prohibited transfer is effected; requires specified disclosure in budget & financial report of municipality. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

HB 0803 **Building Permits and Inspections** by Trabulsy

Building Permits and Inspections: Revises provisions relating to building code inspection services provided by private provider & private provider firms, including agreement requirements, permit fees, administrative fees, responsibilities of private providers, permitting & inspection documents & reports, timeframes for issuing permits, authority of local building official, notices of incomplete forms, duly authorized representatives, authority of private providers acting as local building official, emergency inspection services, creation of certain forms, systems of registration, audits, immunity, civil causes of action, posting of permits on specified websites, & adoption of a uniformed permitting system. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0840 **Land Use Regulations for Local Governments Affected by Natural Disasters** by DiCeglie

Land Use Regulations for Local Governments Affected by Natural Disasters; Prohibiting impacted local governments from enforcing certain moratoriums, requiring the repair or reconstruction of certain improvements to meet certain requirements, or enforcing changes to specified procedures; revising circumstances under which impacted local governments may enforce certain amendments, site plans, development permits, or development orders; deleting provisions related to filing suit against an impacted local government for injunctive relief, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0852 **Food Insecure Areas** by Jones

Food Insecure Areas; Authorizing a local government to enact land development regulations to permit land use for a small-footprint grocery store located in a food insecure area; authorizing a local government to include in its comprehensive plan a provision permitting land use for a small-footprint grocery store located in a food insecure area, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

SB 0910 **Parking on Public Property** by Mayfield

Parking on Public Property; Defining the terms “public property” and “publicly owned buildings or facilities”; requiring local governments to refund owners of vehicles who pay fees to park on specified public property in certain circumstances; prohibiting certain vehicles from being towed or issued a traffic citation for a specified time period after being parked on specified public property; prohibiting local governments from allowing private business entities or enterprises to use specified public property for private parking purposes for a fee; providing construction, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0940 Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates, Fees, and Charges by McClain

Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates, Fees, and Charges; Deleting a limitation on the amount of rates, fees, and charges municipal water and sewer utilities are authorized to impose on consumers for such services outside the boundaries of the municipality; providing for the continuance and phase out of certain bond covenant surcharges; requiring municipalities operating such utilities to submit a specified rate study every 7 years to the Department of Environmental Protection which evaluates certain information, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0948 Local Government Land Development Regulations and Orders by McClain

Local Government Land Development Regulations and Orders; Revising, for counties and municipalities, respectively, the application procedures for development permits and orders; creating the "Florida Starter Homes Act"; prohibiting local governments from adopting land development regulations governing lots on residential real property unless such adoption meets specified requirements; prohibiting local governments from adopting certain land development regulations if a lot on residential real property is connected to a public water system or a public sewer system, etc. Effective Date: 7/1 /2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0958 Local Regulation of Drinking Straws and Stirrers by Bradley

Local Regulation of Drinking Straws and Stirrers; Prohibiting local governmental entities from enacting any rule, regulation, or ordinance for drinking straws or stirrers which does not meet specified requirements; providing requirements for local governmental entities that elect to enact rules, regulations, or ordinances for drinking straws or stirrers, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

SB 0968 Home Backup Power Systems by McClain

Home Backup Power Systems; Prohibiting a local government from adopting a technical amendment to the Florida Building Code which requires a permit or any functionally equivalent local review or approval for certain backup power systems; prohibiting a local government that issues building permits from requiring an owner of a single-family dwelling or such owner's contractor to obtain a building permit to perform work on the single-family lot valued at less than a specified sum; prohibiting a local enforcement agency from requiring a permit or any functionally equivalent local review or approval for the installation, relocation, replacement, or repair of an eligible residential backup power system; defining the term "backup power system", etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Appendix A
GrayRobinson Lobbyist Legislative Monthly Bill Report Updates

December

I. ***2025.12.05 – The Village of Palmetto Bay Weekly Bill Report***
II. ***2025.12.12 – The Village of Palmetto Bay Weekly Bill Report***
III. ***2025.12.19 – The Village of Palmetto Bay Weekly Bill Report***

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.A

Item Cover Page

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Attorney's Office
ITEM TYPE:	Report
AGENDA SECTION:	VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S REPORT
SUBJECT:	Attorney Expenses
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:
WSH General Municipal Invoices

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January 8, 2026
Invoice # 311443

CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 014 Public Records Response Assistance

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/11/25	jjq	Conference With Client Concerning Pending Public Records Matters And Tech-Based Issues	0.80	250.00
12/11/25	jms1	Correspondence Re Electronic Production For Public Records Request	1.00	312.50
12/17/25	jms1	Correspondence Re Electronic Production Re Public Records Request	0.60	187.50
12/17/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Electronic Production Of Public Records; Conference Re Same; Analyze Issues Re Same; Follow Up Communications With Pending Councilmember Public Records Requests	1.20	375.00
12/18/25	jem	Communicate (in firm) Regarding Administrative Variance Ordinance	0.20	62.50
12/19/25	jms1	Correspondence Re Public Records Request 2025-413	0.40	125.00
12/19/25	jms1	Review Documents Associated With Public Records Request 2025-413	0.40	125.00
12/22/25	jjq	Advise Client Re Recent Public Records Requests	0.20	62.60
Total Professional Services			**4.80**	**$1,500.10**

Invoice Summary

For Professional Services	1,500.10
For Disbursements Incurred	0.00
Total this Invoice	**$1,500.10**

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Re: 015 General Municipal

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/01/25	jjq	Multiple Communications With Client Re Agenda Items, Council Meeting Matters, and Council Procedures; Research Personal Privilege Matters; Review And Analyze Agenda Items In Light Of Client Considerations; Analyze Issues Re Same	2.20	687.50
12/01/25	jjq	Prepare For And Attend Regular Council Meeting	4.70	1,468.75
12/02/25	jjq	Attend To Post-Council Meeting Matters; Communications With Client Re Same; Follow Up On Issues Raised During Council Meeting; Communications With Client Re Committee Meeting Matters; Communications With Client Re Coral Reef Park Community Center Matters; Prepare Legislation Re Same	1.40	437.50
12/03/25	jjq	Communicate With Client re Council Debate; Review And Revise Proposed Legislation; Communicate With Client Re Same; Communications With Client Re Farmers Market Matters; Communicate With Client Re Coral Reef Park Matters	1.10	343.75
12/03/25	ram	Review And Analyze State And Local Ethics Opinions Concerning Voting Conflicts Related To Settlement Discussions And Confer With Village Attorney	1.00	312.50
12/04/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Farmers Market Matters; Communicate With Mr. LaMorte Re Same; Communicate With Client Re Performance Bond Inquiry; Conference With Client Re Code Of Regulations Update And Analysis; Follow Up Re Same	2.20	687.50
12/04/25	jem	Review/analyze Case Law On Ordinances Restricting Solicitation In Public Right-Of-Way. Communicate Internally Regarding The Same	2.40	375.00

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/08/25	jjq	Communicate With Ms. Leach Re PACE Funding Agency ILA; Communicate With Client Re Same; Research Remote Attendance Matters; Communications With Client Re Same	0.80	250.00
12/09/25	jjq	Communicate with Client Re Post-Council Meeting Directives; Draft Proposed Remote Attendance Policy; Revise Same	0.50	156.25
12/10/25	jjq	Research Concerning Legal Requirements Re Proposed Charter Member Questions For Consideration; Communications With Client Re PAC Elections Matters; Research Re Same; Advise Client Re Same	0.80	250.00
12/12/25	jjq	Review And Revise Proposed Resolution And Agenda Memo Re Coral Reef Pickleball Vendor; Communicate With Client Re Same	0.30	93.75
12/15/25	jjq	Communicate With Client Re Recent Farmer's Market Issues; Review And Analyze Contract Re Same; Prepare Correspondence To Mr. LaMorte Re Farmer's Market; Communications With Client Re Pending Records Requests; Communications With Client Re Pending Legislation; Review, Revise, And Finalize Pending Legislation Items; Communicate With Client Re Pickleball Agreement Matters; Conference Concerning Authority For State And County Line Roads; Research And Analyze Same; communicate With Client Re Administrative Variance Ordinance; Analyze Issues Re Same; Conference Re Same	2.90	906.25
12/15/25	jem	Conference Concerning Regarding Street Safety Ordinance And Variance Ordinance	0.40	125.00
12/16/25	jjq	Preparation For CRC Meeting; Communicate With Mr. LaMorte Re Farmer's Market Matters; Communicate With Client Re Same; Review, Revise, And approved Proposed Agenda Items	1.60	500.00
12/16/25	jjq	Prepare For And Attend Charter Review Commission Meeting; Follow Up Re Same; Communicate With Client Re Same	2.70	843.75
12/17/25	jjq	Revise Remote Attendance Policy; Prepare Agenda Item Re Same	0.30	93.75
12/18/25	jjq	Review And Revise Proposed Conduct Of Council Ordinance; Communicate With Client Re Same	0.30	93.75
12/19/25	jjq	Conference With Client Re January Agenda Items And Council Matters	0.40	125.00
12/23/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Councilmember Litigation Matters; Communications With Client Re Sunshine Issues	0.50	156.25
12/24/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Agenda Items; Analyze Woods Matters; Communicate With Client Re Same; Review, Revise, And Approve Agenda Items, Agenda Memos, And Agenda Backup	0.80	250.00
12/25/25	jjq	Research Concerning County Rules Of Procedure And Naming Regulations; Analyze Same As Applied To Village; Develop Strategy Re Same; Communicate With Client Re Same	0.80	250.40

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/28/25	jjq	Review, Analyze, And Approve Proposed Agenda Items; Communicate With Client Re Same	0.40	125.20
12/30/25	jem	Conference Concerning Regarding Code Provision 30-30.3 And Subsequent Ordinance	1.30	406.25
12/30/25	jem	Review And Analyze Florida Statutes And The Village Code With Respect To Vacation Of a Right-Of-Way. Communicate With Village Clerk Regarding The Same	1.10	343.75
12/30/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Proposed Agenda Items And Council Meeting; Analyze Matters Re Same; Conference Re Potential Hardship Variance Ordinance; Communicate With Client Re Public Hearing Matters; Follow Up Re Same	0.70	219.10
12/31/25	jjq	Communicate With Ms. Leach Re PACE ILA; Communicate With Client Re Same; Attend To Matters Re Council Meeting; Follow Up Re Same	0.50	156.50
Total Professional Services			**32.10**	**$9,657.45**

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January 8, 2026
Invoice # 311445

CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 017 Planning Matters

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
11/22/25	lad	Confer with Mr. Medero and Review Property Information and Prior Ordinances; Review Draft Zoning Verification Letter (8898 SW 144 Street)	1.00	312.50
12/02/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Zoning Agenda And Meeting Matters; Review And Analyze Zoning Agenda And Backup	1.40	437.50
12/03/25	jjq	Regional Water Supply Plan Matters; Communicate With Client Re Comprehensive Plan Matters Re Regional Water Supply Plan	0.50	156.25
12/05/25	jjq	Preparation For Zoning Meeting	1.30	406.90
12/08/25	jjq	Conference With Client Re Zoning Meeting Briefing	0.50	156.25
12/08/25	jjq	Research Concerning Interplay Between Live Local Act And Art In Public Places Program; Communications With Client Re Same	0.70	218.75
12/08/25	jjq	Prepare For And Attend Zoning Council Meeting	1.30	406.90
12/08/25	eom	Confer and Correspond With Me. Quick Re Art in Public Places; Research and Review County Ordinances, Village Ordinance, and Statutes re Affordability; Correspond Re Same	0.50	156.50
12/08/25	eom	Review Zoning Verification Letter Re Publix Site; Review City Code to Confirm Accuracy: Correspond Re Same	0.70	219.10
12/09/25	jjq	Communicate With Client Re Post-Meeting Items And Zoning Verification Inquiry	0.30	93.90
12/10/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Franjo Application; Follow Up Re Same	0.30	93.75

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/11/25	jjq	Prepare For And Attend Conference With Client Re Franjo Development Application; Research And Review Village Code Re Matters Raised During Same' Preparation Of Live Local Act Affidavit; Communicate With Client Re Same; Revise Same	1.20	375.00
12/12/25	jjq	Review And Revise Proposed Resolution Re Road Vacation; Research Properties Re Proposed Road Vacation; Communicate With Client Re Same; Communicate With Client Re Live Local Act Requirements	0.70	218.75
12/22/25	jjq	Conference Concerning Unity Of Title And Zoning Rights	0.30	93.90
12/22/25	lad	Confer with Mr Medero Re Zoning Verification Request; Review Ordinances and Site Information (8898 SW 144 Street)	1.00	312.50
12/23/25	lad	Review and Revise Zoning Verification Letter 8898 SW 144 Street (Canabis Dispensary); Correspondence Re Same	0.50	156.25
Total Professional Services			**12.20**	**$3,814.70**

Invoice Summary

For Professional Services	3,814.70
For Disbursements Incurred	0.00
Total this Invoice	**$3,814.70**

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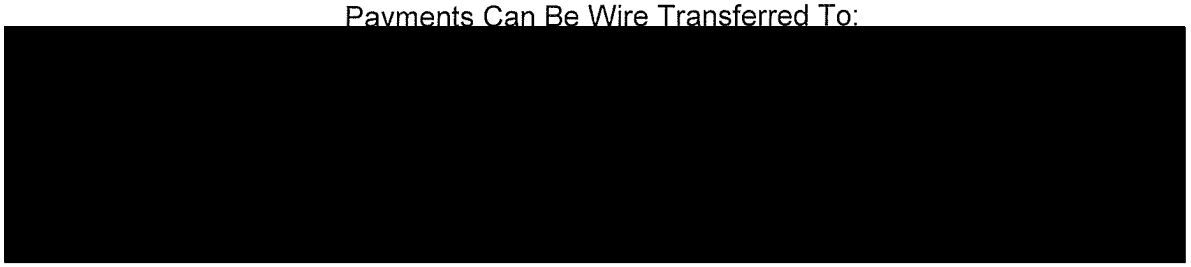

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CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 021 Code Enforcement

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/03/25	jjq	Communicate With Client Re Code Lien Payoff Matters	0.20	62.50
Total Professional Services			**0.20**	**$62.50**

Invoice Summary

For Professional Services	62.50
For Disbursements Incurred	0.00
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CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 022 Labor

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/01/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Staffing Agreement; Conference Re Same	0.40	125.00
12/03/25	jjq	Conference Concerning Robert Half Agreement; Review And Revise Same	0.40	125.00
12/03/25	mrc	Revise Agreement Re Staffing Agency	1.50	468.75
12/04/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Robert Half Agreement; Conference Re Same	0.50	156.25
12/09/25	mrc	Receipt Of Revised Agreement Re Temporary Services	1.10	343.75
12/15/25	mrc	Revise Agreement And Contact Vendor Re Staffing Agency	1.30	406.25
Total Professional Services			**5.20**	**$1,625.00**

Invoice Summary

For Professional Services	1,625.00
For Disbursements Incurred	0.00
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CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 024 Planning Department

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/02/25	eom	In Connection With Request for Zoning Verification Letter Regarding Public Liquors, Review Code To Confirm; Confer And Correspond Re Same; Review Planning Department's Draft Response	0.50	156.25
12/22/25	eom	For 1449 S Dixie Highway, Review Draft Zoning Verification Letter; Review And Analysis of Code Re Nonconformities; Confer And Correspond With Planner, Mr. Medero, Re Same; Revise Draft Zoning Verification And Correspond Re Same	3.00	937.50
Total Professional Services			**3.50**	**$1,093.75**

Invoice Summary

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For Disbursements Incurred	0.00
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Re: 025 Purchasing/Procurement

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/18/25	jjq	Review; Revise, And Approve Proposed January Legislation; Communicate With Client Re Same	0.30	93.75
Total Professional Services			**0.30**	**$93.75**

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For Professional Services	93.75
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CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 026 Village Clerk

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/11/25	jjq	Communications With Clerk Re Elections Matters	0.30	93.75
12/16/25	jjq	Conference With Client Re Pending Legislative Items And Council Requests; Conference Re PAC Filing; Research And Advise Client Re Elections Obligations Under State Statutes	1.20	375.00
12/17/25	jjq	Communicate With Mr. LaMorte Re Public Records	0.20	62.50
12/26/25	jjq	Research Concerning Lobbyist Registration Matters; Communicate With Client Re Same; Review And Analyze Public Records Items; Analyze Matters Re Same; Communicate With Client Re Same	0.70	219.10
Total Professional Services			**2.40**	**$750.35**

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For Professional Services	750.35
For Disbursements Incurred	0.00
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CLIENT: 2210 - Village of Palmetto Bay
Re: 027 Building Department

For Professional Services Rendered

Date		Services	Hours	Amount
12/04/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Building Plan Matters	0.40	125.00
12/05/25	jjq	Communications With Client Re Building Plan; Finalize Contract Re Same	0.30	93.75
Total Professional Services			**0.70**	**$218.75**

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For Professional Services	218.75
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.A

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Clerk's Office
ITEM TYPE:	Minutes
AGENDA SECTION:	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
SUBJECT:	Art-in-Public Places Advisory Board Meeting (October 8, 2025)
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:
Minutes-AIPP-2025-10-08

Art in Public Places Advisory Board
In-Person Meeting Agenda
Village Hall
1st Floor Conference Room
9705 East Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
October 8th, 2025, at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

I. Roll call and acknowledgement of visitors.

- Chair Gary Traczyk called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
    i. *Board Members Present*
        1. Gary Traczyk, Patricia Rodriguez, Richard Cohen, Susan Feldman, Pamela Gorman.
    ii. *Board Members Absent*
        1. None.
    iii. *Councilmembers Present*
        1. Steve Cody-*Council Liaison*
        2. *Marsha Matson- Councilmember*
    iv. *Staff Present*
        1. Andrea Candelaria-*Sustainability & Resiliency Planner & AIPP Staff Liaison*
    v. *Members from the Public Present*
        1. None

II. Public comments, including comments from Village Council, Manager or staff.

- Susan Feldman commented about her having no time to look through the Call to Artist. She also wanted to invite everyone to her upcoming art show on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Perrine Community House.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes- July 10th, 2025.

- Board Member Rick Cohen motioned, Board Member Patricia Rodriguez seconded, all voted in favor.

IV. Old Business

- None.

V. Discussion of agenda items

- *Call to Artist SW 152 Street & Old Cutler Road Traffic Circle*
    i. Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria mentioned that this draft took into account Council's recommendations from the April 2025 Council Meeting and the May 2025 Committee of the Whole Workshop. She also mentioned that the Board should feel free to insert any other information they wish to have in the call.
    ii. Board Member Rick Cohen mentioned that art is interpreted in an individualist mindset. He added that some artist might find it difficult to interpret some character from the call such as "foster a community environment" and "theme of Palmetto Bay" to convey in an art sculpture.
    iii. Councilmember Marsha Matson suggested Board Member Rick Cohen view the videos from the April Regular Council Meeting and the May

Committee of the Whole Workshop. Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria said she will send Rick the hyperlinks.

iv. Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria asked for guidance from the Board on the direction of the call. Board members recommended the call to be posted on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and closed on Friday, January 16th, 2026, at 5:00pm.
v. All voted in favor to recommend approval for Council at the November 3rd, 2025, Regular Council meeting.
vi. Board Member Rick Cohen said that he wishes the Council will respect the decision of the Board for decisions. Councilmember Marsha Matson replied that the Council does values the Board's expertise. Board members expressed similar feelings and concerns.
vii. Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria suggested for Board members to start thinking about the criteria method for judging the pieces and maquettes next year.

VI. New Business

- Board Member Pamela Gorman suggested investing some earnings on the AIPP account. Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria mentioned she would ask administration about these specifics.
- Chair Gary Traczyk asked about the status of the Copper Pyramid proposal in Coral Reef Park. Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria mentioned that she has been following up with Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs in their decommission process for Village ownership. Unfortunately, she has not heard back but as soon as she would, she will update the Board.

VII. Requests for assistance to Village Council and Village Manager.

- None.

VIII. Selection and list of discussion for next meeting scheduled for November 13th, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

- Board members mentioned they cannot attend November 13th; Staff Liaison Andrea Candelaria proposed Tuesday, November 18th and all Board members agreed. She will follow up with the Village Clerk to change the meeting date in accordance with the Board's availability.

IX. Adjournment

- Board Member Rick Cohen motioned to adjourn, Board Member Susan Feldman seconded, all voted in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.A

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance
AGENDA SECTION:	ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING
SUBJECT:	AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DIVISION 2. – MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 2-44, "MEETINGS," OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE START TIME OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham) (Passed on First Reading on November 17, 2025, Special Council Meeting)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:

Ord-Meeting_Start_Time_Change-KC

4CP2053-Business Impact Estimate (meeting start time change)

ORDINANCE 2026-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DIVISION 2. – MEETINGS; AMENDING SECTION 2-44, "MEETINGS," OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE START TIME OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham)*

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Palmetto Bay wishes to amend the start time of its public meetings to better accommodate public participation and Village operations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes the importance of ensuring accessibility and convenience for residents who wish to attend and participate in Village Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, advancing the start time of public meetings to 6:30 p.m. allows for improved efficiency in conducting Village business and better aligns with administrative and operational schedules; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that modifying the start time of meetings to 6:30 p.m. is in the best interest of the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, awards, recognitions, and proclamations are set for 5:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 2-44.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment to Code of Ordinances.

Section 2-44 of the Village Code of Ordinances, "Meetings," is hereby amended as follows: **Sec. 2-44. – Meetings.**

(a) All Regular Meetings of the Village Council must start at 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m., ~~except in~~ the event of an emergency.

(b) All awards, recognitions, and proclamations shall begin at 5:45 p.m., prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

(c) There will be an additional period of Requests, Petitions and Public Comments on the Agenda for any members of the public who were not available at 6:30 p.m.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any sentence, section, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sentences, sections, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 4. Codification. It is the intention of the Village Council, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment at Second Reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 17th day of November, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Attest: _____ _____

Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

Additions shown by underlining and deletions shown by ~~overstriking~~.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

_____
John J. Quick
Village Attorney

VOTE ON FIRST READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham	YES
Council Member Steven Cody	YES
Council Member Marsha Matson	NO
Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer	YES
Council Member Patrick Fiore	YES

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham	___
Council Member Steven Cody	___
Council Member Marsha Matson	___
Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer	___
Council Member Patrick Fiore	___

Meeting Date: 02/02/2026

Business Impact Estimate Form

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Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

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Applicable Exemptions:

☐ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;

☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;

☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;

☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;

☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;

☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or

☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

☐ Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243;

☐ Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;

☐ Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or

☐ Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Business Impact Estimate:

The Village hereby publishes the following information:

1. A summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

This proposed ordinance would change the start time of public meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the municipality, including the following, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted:

No compliance costs for businesses are reasonably forecast to be incurred if this ordinance is enacted.

(b) Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible:

There will be no additional fees or charges on businesses associated with this ordinance.

(c) An estimate of the municipality's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs:

No new regulatory costs are associated with this ordinance.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by

the ordinance:

None.

4. Additional information the governing body determines may be useful (if any):

N/A.

Note: *The Village's provision of information in the Business Impact Estimate section above, notwithstanding an applicable exemption, shall not constitute a waiver of the exemption or an admission that a business impact estimate is required by law for the proposed ordinance. The Village's failure to check one or more exemptions above shall not constitute a waiver of the omitted exemption or an admission that the omitted exemption does not apply to the proposed ordinance under section 166.041(4), Fla. Stat., section 166.0411, Fla. Stat., or any other relevant provision of law.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.B

Item Cover Page

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance
AGENDA SECTION:	ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING
SUBJECT:	AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2.51, "CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION," OF THE VILLAGE CODE; REQUIRING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE ELECTORS ALL CHARTER AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS UNALTERED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY SUBMIT ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson) (Passed on First Reading on January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:

Ord-Charter Revision Commission-MM.2nd reading

4CP2075-Business Impact Estimate (Charter Review Commission questions)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2.51, "CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION," OF THE VILLAGE CODE; REQUIRING THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO FORWARD TO THE VILLAGE ELECTORS ALL CHARTER AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS UNALTERED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY SUBMIT ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission (the "Commission") performs a critical function under the Village Charter by ensuring that Village electors (the "electors") retain the authority to revise the Charter adopted at the time of the municipal incorporation of the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2025, the Village Council (the "Council") adopted a resolution affirming that the Council is required to forward to the electors all Charter revisions unaltered as recommended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to codify in the Village Code of Ordinances the requirement that all Charter amendments or revisions unaltered as recommended by the Commission shall be forwarded to the electors; and

WHEREAS, the Council further desires to clarify that it retains the authority to submit alternative Charter amendments or revisions to the electors for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Statement of Intent. It is the legislative intent of the Mayor and Council of the Village of Palmetto Bay to affirm and preserve the independent authority of the Charter Revision Commission as established by the Village Charter and to ensure that Village electors receive, without alteration, all Charter amendments or revisions duly recommended by the Commission. This Ordinance is intended to promote transparency, voter choice, and the orderly exercise of Charter revision authority consistent with the will of the electors and the foundational principles of the Village Charter.

Section 3. Amendment to Section 2.51 of the Village Code. Section 2.51 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Palmetto Bay is hereby amended to read as follows (additions underlined):

> If the Commission determines that an amendment or revision is needed, it shall submit the same to the Village Council no later than the deadline established by the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections, so that such amendment or revision may be placed on the ballot for the next regularly scheduled Village election. The Village Council shall submit to the Village electors all amendments or revisions to the Charter unaltered as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission. The Village Council may also submit alternative Charter amendments or revisions to the Village electors, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.1 of the Village Charter, at the next regularly scheduled Village election.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Village Council that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Codification. It is the intention of the Village Council, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered

to accomplish such intentions, and that the word “Ordinance” shall be changed to “Section” or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment at Second Reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 12th day of January, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____ _____

Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

_____

John J. Quick
Village Attorney

VOTE ON FIRST READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham	NO
Council Member Steven Cody	NO
Council Member Marsha Matson	YES
Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer	YES
Council Member Patrick Fiore	YES

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham ___

Council Member Steven Cody ___

Council Member Marsha Matson ___

Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer ___

Council Member Patrick Fiore ___

Meeting Date: 02/02/2026

Business Impact Estimate Form

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Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

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Applicable Exemptions:

☐ The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;

☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;

☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;

☐ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant, or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;

☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;

☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or

☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

- ☐ Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243;
- ☐ Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
- ☐ Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- ☐ Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Business Impact Estimate:

The Village hereby publishes the following information:

1. A summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

This proposed ordinance would require that any and all proposed ballot questions from a charter review commission be forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections for inclusion on a Village-wide ballot.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the municipality, including the following, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted:

No compliance costs for businesses are reasonably forecast to be incurred if this ordinance is enacted.

(b) Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible:

There will be no additional fees or charges on businesses associated with this ordinance.

(c) An estimate of the municipality's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs:

No new regulatory costs are associated with this ordinance.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

None.

4. Additional information the governing body determines may be useful (if any):

N/A.

Note: *The Village's provision of information in the Business Impact Estimate section above, notwithstanding an applicable exemption, shall not constitute a waiver of the exemption or an admission that a business impact estimate is required by law for the proposed ordinance. The Village's failure to check one or more exemptions above shall not constitute a waiver of the omitted exemption or an admission that the omitted exemption does not apply to the proposed ordinance under section 166.041(4), Fla. Stat., section 166.0411, Fla. Stat., or any other relevant provision of law.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.C

Item Cover Page

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance
AGENDA SECTION:	ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING
SUBJECT:	AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COUNCIL DISCUSSION; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT SECTION 2-49(A), "COUNCIL DISCUSSION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND DECORUM", BY ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF TIME EACH COUNCILMEMBER HAS TO DISCUSS AN ITEM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham) (Passed on First Reading on January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:

Ord-Council discussion time-KC-second reading

4CP2099-Business Impact Estimate (Councilmember debate)

ORDINANCE 2026 -

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COUNCIL DISCUSSION; AMEDNING THE CODE OF ORDIANCES AT SECTION 2-49(A), "COUNCIL DISCUSSION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND DECORUM", BY ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF TIME EACH COUNCILMEMBER HAS TO DISCUSS AN ITEM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham)*

WHEREAS, Article ll, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances prescribes the rules and procedures to be followed at meetings of the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-49 of the Code addresses, among other matters, Council discussion of items on the Agenda; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-49(a) currently allows for "unlimited" discussion except as determined by a majority of the Council; and

WHEREAS, recent prolonged meetings of the Council have necessitated agenda items to be carried over for one or more subsequent meetings; and

WHEREAS, recent public comments have also indicated a desire amongst the public to create a limit on Council discussion of items; and

WHEREAS, the Council is currently considering, on second reading, an Ordinance changing the starting time of the presentations and proclamations section of the agenda to 5:45 p.m., and the starting time of the regular meeting to 6:30, in order to allow enough time for a complete agenda be completed at a single meeting; and

WHEREAS, while the Village has, at Section 2-48(j) of the Code, adopted Robert's Rules of Order governing procedural aspects of Council meetings, the Council's specific Rules of Debate take priority over Robert's Rules; and

WHEREAS, while Robert's Rules allow Councilmembers two (2) ten-minute periods of debate, the Council wishes to allow one (1) ten-minute segment of time for each Council Member to debate an item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Amendments to the Code.

Section 2-49(a) "Discussion by councilmembers" of the Village Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2 – Administration

Article II – Council

Division 2 – Meetings

Section 2-49 - Council discussion, public participation and decorum.

(a) ~~Discussion by councilmembers shall be unlimited except as determined by a majority of the council.~~ *Discussion by councilmembers.* Each councilmember shall be afforded ten (10) minutes to discuss an agenda item. This period may be extended by a majority vote of the Council. Subject to the time limit set forth above, the councilmember who sponsors an item shall be afforded the privilege to close with rebuttal. A member, once recognized by the mayor, shall direct all comments or questions on the item being discussed to the mayor only. Councilmembers shall not engage in cross-conversation with other members or with the public. Councilmembers shall not interrupt another member who has the floor. The mayor shall not unreasonably withhold or delay recognition of any member of the council desiring to speak. The mayor shall recognize other members of the council in rotation and not call on any member a second time or subsequent time until all members shall have had an opportunity to speak. During the meeting, timekeeping shall be the responsibility of the Village Manager, who may further assign the task to staff to ensure consistency and effective meeting management.

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Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. The provisions of the Village Code and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any sentence, section, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sentences, sections, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Codification. It is the intention of the Village Council, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment at Second Reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 12th day of January, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____ _____

Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

_____

John J. Quick
Village Attorney

VOTE ON FIRST READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham	YES
Council Member Steven Cody	YES
Council Member Marsha Matson	NO
Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer	NO
Council Member Patrick Fiore	YES

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham	___
Council Member Steven Cody	___
Council Member Marsha Matson	___
Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer	___
Council Member Patrick Fiore	___

Meeting Date: 02/02/2026

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Proposed ordinance's title/reference:

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☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

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☐ Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;

☐ Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or

☐ Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Business Impact Estimate:

The Village hereby publishes the following information:

1. A summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare):

This proposed ordinance would establish a 10-minute timeframe per Councilmember for debate on an agenda item. The proposed ordinance does not impact the amount of time each Councilmember has for questions to an ordinance's sponsor.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the municipality, including the following, if any:

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur if the ordinance is enacted:

No compliance costs for businesses are reasonably forecast to be incurred if this ordinance is enacted.

(b) Identification of any new charge or fee on businesses subject to the proposed ordinance, or for which businesses will be financially responsible:

There will be no additional fees or charges on businesses associated with this ordinance.

(c) An estimate of the municipality's regulatory costs, including an estimate of revenues from any new charges or fees that will be imposed on businesses to cover such costs:

No new regulatory costs are associated with this ordinance.

3. A good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the ordinance:

None.

4. Additional information the governing body determines may be useful (if any):

N/A.

Note: *The Village's provision of information in the Business Impact Estimate section above, notwithstanding an applicable exemption, shall not constitute a waiver of the exemption or an admission that a business impact estimate is required by law for the proposed ordinance. The Village's failure to check one or more exemptions above shall not constitute a waiver of the omitted exemption or an admission that the omitted exemption does not apply to the proposed ordinance under section 166.041(4), Fla. Stat., section 166.0411, Fla. Stat., or any other relevant provision of law.*

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11.A

Item Cover Page

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance
AGENDA SECTION:	ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS
SUBJECT:	AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PUBLIC AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-49 OF THE VILLAGE CODE; ESTABLISHING A CLEAR DUTY TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES MADE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR RESPONSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:
Ord-Responsiveness to the Public

ORDINANCE 2026-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PUBLIC AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 2-49 OF THE VILLAGE CODE; ESTABLISHING A CLEAR DUTY TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES MADE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES FOR RESPONSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson*)

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Bay Village Charter begins with a Citizens' Bill of Rights, which declares that the purpose of Village government includes providing the public with full and accurate information, promoting efficient and accountable administration, and ensuring fair and equitable treatment of all persons; and,

WHEREAS, public participation at Village Council meetings is a fundamental mechanism by which residents obtain information, express concerns, and hold their local government accountable; and,

WHEREAS, residents who appear before the Village Council during duly noticed public comment periods occasionally pose questions seeking factual information, clarification of policy, or explanation of governmental action; and,

WHEREAS, such inquiries are not consistently answered at Council meetings or thereafter in a timely, clear, and reliable manner, thereby undermining transparency, public confidence, and the intent of the Citizens' Bill of Rights; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4.1(B) of the Palmetto Bay Charter authorizes the Village Council to adopt rules of procedure and order of business for Council meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that establishing a clear and enforceable procedure for responding to public inquiries made at Council meetings is necessary to promote transparency, accountability, and informed public engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Amendment to the Code.

Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Section 2-49 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2-49(G). Response to Public Inquiries at Council Meetings.

(1) Duty to Respond. When a resident or member of the public poses a factual question or request for information during the Public Comments portion of a duly noticed Village Council meeting, the Village shall provide a response.

(2) Initial Response at Meeting. The Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, shall respond to the inquiry at the conclusion of the Public Comments portion of the meeting to the extent an accurate response is reasonably available at that time.

(3) Deferred Response. If a complete or accurate response is not reasonably available at the meeting, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall:

(a) acknowledge the inquiry on the record; and
(b) direct that the inquiry be answered at the conclusion of the Public Comments section of the next regular or special Village Council meeting, or sooner if practicable.

(4) Form of Response. Responses may be provided orally at a Council meeting, in writing, or both, provided that any written response shall be made part of the public record and made reasonably accessible to the public.

(5) Scope. Nothing in this subsection shall require the Village to provide legal advice, speculate on hypothetical matters, or disclose information exempt or confidential under Florida law. This subsection is intended to ensure good-faith responsiveness, not to limit lawful discretion.

(6) Construction. This subsection shall be construed to advance transparency, accountability, and the public's right to information consistent with the Village Charter and applicable law.

Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. The provisions of the Village Code and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any sentence, section, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sentences, sections, clauses, or phrases of the Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Codification. It is the intention of the Village Council, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment at Second Reading.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 2nd day of February, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____ _____

Missy Arocha **Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk **Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

_____
John J. Quick
Village Attorney

VOTE ON FIRST READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham ___

Council Member Steven Cody ___

Council Member Marsha Matson ___

Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer ___

Council Member Patrick Fiore ___

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:

Mayor Karyn Cunningham ___

Council Member Steven Cody ___

Council Member Marsha Matson ___

Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer ___

Council Member Patrick Fiore ___

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12.A

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 2, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Alessia Bencomo, Public Services

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE "TREE CITY USA 2026" APPLICATION; RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL ARBOR DAY BY REAFFIRMING THE VILLAGE'S COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE'S "TREE CITY USA" DESIGNATION; PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2026, AS "NATIONAL ARBOR DAY" IN PALMETTO BAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Public Services Director, Dionisio Torres)*

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:
Reso Memo - National Arbor Day 2026.docx
Reso - National Arbor Day 2026.docx

To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: February 2, 2026

From: Nick Marano, Village Manager

Re: National Arbor Day in Palmetto Bay

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE "TREE CITY USA 2026" APPLICATION; RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL ARBOR DAY BY REAFFIRMING THE VILLAGE'S COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE'S "TREE CITY USA" DESIGNATION; PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2026, AS "NATIONAL ARBOR DAY" IN PALMETTO BAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and Prepared by Public Services Director, Dionisio Torres)*

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The "Tree City USA" program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, recognizes municipalities that meet specific criteria for promoting and maintaining urban forestry. This designation signifies the Village's dedication to sustaining and enhancing its tree canopy, improving the local environment, and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility.

The proclamation of National Arbor Day aligns with our continued commitment to these values and provides an opportunity for community engagement. The resolution is a way to highlight the importance of trees and the benefits they bring to our community's quality of life.

It is recommended that the Mayor and Village Council adopt the resolution, which will reaffirm Palmetto Bay's commitment to the Tree City USA designation and formally declare April 24, 2026, as National Arbor Day.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no Fiscal Impact

Attachment (0):

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE "TREE CITY USA 2026" APPLICATION; RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL ARBOR DAY BY REAFFIRMING THE VILLAGE'S COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE'S "TREE CITY USA" DESIGNATION; PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2026, AS "NATIONAL ARBOR DAY" IN PALMETTO BAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Administration and Prepared by Public Services Director, Dionisio Torres)*

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay is committed to maintaining the natural beauty of the trees throughout the Village as demonstrated by the Council's steadfast support for National Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, the Village's participation in the "Tree City USA" program fosters community pride and creates a great environment to live and work, and annual recognition demonstrate to residents and visitors that trees, conservation and the environment are important part of life in our Village; and

WHEREAS, the annual Tree City USA Recognition/Certification Application now includes the requirement for an annual Arbor Day Proclamation or Resolution signed the year of the application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Arbor Day Foundation, the specific date across America varies, but National Arbor Day is always celebrated on the last Friday in April; and

WHEREAS, the Village will produce an annual Resolution establishing Arbor Day celebrations to accompany the annual Tree City USA application; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to proclaim April 24, 2026, as "National Arbor Day" in Palmetto Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. April 24, 2026, is hereby proclaimed National Arbor Day in the Village of Palmetto Bay.

Section 2. The Village of Palmetto Bay reaffirms its proclamation that the last Friday of each April is National Arbor Day in Palmetto Bay and will produce an annual resolution to help meet its annual Tree City USA recognition applications.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 2nd day of February 2026.

Attest:

_____	_____
Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

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John J. Quick
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore _____

Council Member Steve Cody _____

Council Member Marsha Matson _____

Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer _____

1 Mayor Karyn Cunningham _____

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14.A

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Alessia Bencomo, Procurement
ITEM TYPE:	Resolution
AGENDA SECTION:	RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENT
SUBJECT:	A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO ITB# 2023-11-002 CONTRACT, APPROVING V & G CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, CORP. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXTEND THE AMOUNT BUDGETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDERD TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($125,000.00); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE. *(Sponsored by Administration and prepared by Procurement Specialist, Alessia Bencomo)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:

Reso Memo - FY 25-26 Traffic Calming Devices.docx
Reso - FY 25-26 Traffic Calming Devices.docx

To: Honorable Mayor and Village Council

Date: January 14th, 2026

From: Nick Marano, Village Manager

Re: Village-Wide Traffic Calming Installation Devices ITB# 2023-11-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE, APPROVING V & G CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, CORP. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND THE AMOUNT BUDGETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($125,000.00) (*Sponsored by Administration and Prepared by Alessia Bencomo, Procurement Specialist*)

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

To abide by the traffic study conducted to lower the speeds throughout the Village and to protect its citizens from high-speed vehicle traffic, the Village published ITB# 2023-11-002 “Village-Wide Traffic Calming Installation Devices”. The Village executed a contract with V & G Construction Solutions, Corp. to construct permanent humps, remove/relocate temporary humps, add signage where needed and bollards if necessary. The Village on an annual basis assigns a budget for “Traffic Calming”. This fiscal year’s budget should not exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents ($125,000.00). Location of streets will be dictated by the Public Services Department based on the traffic study obtained and the requests from residents of Palmetto Bay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2025-2026 fiscal budget assigned $125,000.00

Attachments:

A. Executed Contract - Traffic Calming Devices

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE, APPROVING V & G CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS, CORP. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXPEND THE AMOUNT BUDGETED IN FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($125,000.00) (*Sponsored by Administration and Prepared by Alessia Bencomo, Procurement Specialist*)

WHEREAS, to maintain safe vehicular traffic through the Village streets and implementing the traffic study conducted by Marlin Engineering, Inc., the Village recognizes the requests for calming devices to be installed as proposed by concerned residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village executed a contract with V & G Construction Solutions, Corp., for these services for three (3) years with an option to renew for an additional two (2) years not to exceed five (5) consecutive years at the sole discretion of the Village and the contract amount shall be based on each year's fiscal budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Manager is hereby authorized to expend the amount budget in fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount not to exceed One Hundred-Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents ($125,000.00).

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 2nd day of February 2026.

Attest:

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Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

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John J. Quick
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore	_____
Council Member Steve Cody	_____
Council Member Marsha Matson	_____
Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer	_____
Mayor Karyn Cunningham	_____

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14.B

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Resolution
AGENDA SECTION:	RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENT
SUBJECT:	A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, URGING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1152 AND HOUSE BILL 1241, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, REQUIRING HANDS-FREE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE WHILE DRIVING; AMENDING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:
Reso-Support HB 1241 and SB 1152

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, URGING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1152 AND HOUSE BILL 1241, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, REQUIRING HANDS-FREE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE WHILE DRIVING; AMENDING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer)*

WHEREAS, distracted driving remains a leading cause of motor vehicle crashes in the United States, contributing to thousands of injuries and fatalities each year; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that handheld device interaction while driving increases the risk of crashing by twenty-three (23) times' and

WHEREAS, the NHTSA also reports that handheld device interaction while driving is six (6) times more dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol

WHEREAS, a study from Cambridge Mobile Telematics reported a significant increase in screen interaction time while driving of 17.8 percent from 2020 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, while the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law and the prohibition on handheld use in school and work zones (Section were significant steps forward, current data suggests these measures are insufficient to fully address the dangers of handheld device use on all roadways; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1152 and House Bill 1241 have been filed for the 2026 legislative session to prohibit a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner, thereby closing existing gaps in the law; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our local government to advocate for the safety and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that supporting Senate Bill 1152 and House Bill 1241, or similar legislation, is in the best interest of the Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Council hereby expresses its strong support for Senate Bill 1152 and House Bill 1241, or similar legislation, which would prohibit drivers from operating a motor vehicle while holding or manually using a wireless communications device.

Section 3. The Village Council urges the Florida State Legislature to pass such legislation to enhance road safety and protect lives.

Section 4. Directs the Village Clerk to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Attest:

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Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

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John J. Quick
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore _____

Council Member Steve Cody _____

Council Member Marsha Matson _____

Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer _____

Mayor Karyn Cunningham _____

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14.C

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	February 2, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Missy Arocha, Village Council
ITEM TYPE:	Resolution
AGENDA SECTION:	RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENT
SUBJECT:	A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1434 AND HOUSE BILL 979, "INFILL REDEVELOPMENT ACT," PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*
SUGGESTED ACTION:	

ATTACHMENTS:

Reso-Opposing SB 1434 and HB 979
Exhibit A - Senate Bill 1434

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1434 AND HOUSE BILL 979, "INFILL REDEVELOPMENT ACT," PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Councilmember Marsha Matson)*

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Florida State Senator Alexis Calatayud filed Senate Bill 1434 ("SB 1434"), commonly referred to as the Infill Redevelopment Act; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2026, Florida State Representative David Borrero filed House Bill 979 ("HB 979") as a related bill to SB 1434 (SB 1434 and HB 979 are collectively referred to as the "Bills"); and

WHEREAS, the Bills would require certain local governments, including those in Miami-Dade County, to permit certain environmentally impacted land "to be developed up to the highest density and intensity allowed in any adjacent zoning district within the same jurisdiction which permits residential uses as of right"; and

WHEREAS, "environmentally impacted land**"** means, *inter alia*, any property with known or suspected environmental conditions identified through environmental site assessments, property subject to environmental investigation or remediation requirements under applicable state or local law, or property located within a designated brownfield area; and

WHEREAS, the Village has sought to ensure reasonably controlled development of such lands in consideration of the environmental vulnerabilities identified; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes development permitted pursuant to Bills, which would be otherwise impermissible, poses

a threat to the natural ecology of the Village and the health and wellness of Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the protection of our citizens, community, ecosystems, coastal environment, and economy is a priority for the Village, and the Council finds that the long-term well-being of our community outweighs the short-term benefits of developing environmentally sensitive land might offer; and

WHEREAS, the Bills could permit the administrative approval of significant residential density increases on environmentally impacted properties within Palmetto Bay, including the approximately 70-acre FPL/Luxcom property currently zoned at one dwelling unit per acre, thereby potentially allowing townhouse development at densities of up to 8.5 units per acre without Council approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that the Bills would adversely affect the public interest, health, safety, or welfare, and that is the Bills are inconsistent with the Village's comprehensive plan and land use policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Opposition to SB 1434 and HB 979. The Village Council opposes the bypassing of local laws, ordinances or regulations controlling the density permitted on environmentally impacted land(s).

Section 3. Transmittal; Direction to the Clerk. The Village Clerk is directed to transmit and furnish copies of this Resolution to:

A. Governor Ron DeSantis, State of Florida, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001; and

B. State Senator Alexis Calatayud, 305 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100; and

C. State Representative Omar Blanco, 1302 The Capitol, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300; and

D. State Representative David Borrero, 412 House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300; and

E. Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1st Street, 29th Floor, Miami, FL 33128; and

F. Executive Director/CEO of the Florida League of Cities, Jeannie Garner, 301 S. Bronough Street, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301; and

G. Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Richard Kuper, Esq., 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 707, Miami FL 33130; and

H. All existing elected officials to all municipalities within Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. Authorization of Village Officials. The Village Manager and/or his designee and the Village Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 2nd day of February, 2026.

Attest:

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Missy Arocha	**Karyn Cunningham**
Village Clerk	**Mayor**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:

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John J. Quick
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore _____

Council Member Steve Cody _____

Council Member Marsha Matson _____

Vice-Mayor Mark Merwitzer _____

Mayor Karyn Cunningham _____

By Senator Calatayud

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to infill redevelopment; creating s. 163.2525, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings; defining terms; providing applicability; requiring a local government to permit the development of certain qualifying parcels up to a certain density and intensity; requiring a local government to permit the development of a qualifying parcel with single-family homes or townhouses under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from imposing certain restrictions or requirements on the development of certain qualifying parcels; requiring a local government to approve an application for the subdivision of a qualifying parcel under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local government from using the subdivision process to restrict development in a certain manner; requiring developers of qualifying parcels to maintain a specified buffer between new developments and single-family homes and townhouses under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such buffer areas; requiring developers of qualifying parcels to establish that certain recreational facilities and areas reserved for recreational use have not been in operation or use for a certain timeframe, to pay double the parks and recreational facilities impact fees for a certain purpose, and to provide certain written notice to certain property owners; requiring property owners who receive such written notice to exercise an option to

purchase certain parcels or portions thereof within a specified timeframe or forfeit the option; limiting the price at which such parcels or portions of parcels may be offered to the property owners for purchase; requiring the administrative approval of certain proposed developments; requiring each local government to maintain a certain policy on its website; providing applicability; providing construction; prohibiting a local government from adopting or enforcing certain local laws, ordinances, or regulations; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 163.2525, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

163.2525 Infill Redevelopment Act.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Infill Redevelopment Act."

(2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.—The Legislature finds that this state's urban areas lack sufficient land for the development of additional residential uses, which has led to a shortage of supply; that parcels of land within or near urban areas are difficult to develop or redevelop because of environmental issues and local regulations; and that facilitating the expedited permitting of such parcels, particularly in areas in which multiple local governments have jurisdiction over significant areas, serves important public interests in remediating environmentally challenged land and increasing the

supply of housing.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Adjacent to" means located next to another parcel of land or portion thereof, including where the parcels are separated only by a roadway, railroad, or other public or private right-of-way or easement.

(b) "Density" has the same meaning as in s. 163.3164.

(c) "Designated agricultural land" means a parcel of land within a zoning district that allows for agricultural uses such as farming, raising livestock, or aquaculture as the main permitted uses and which land is classified as agricultural land under s. 193.461. The term does not include a property within an interim or default zoning district.

(d) "Environmentally impacted land" means one or more parcels of land any portion of which:

1. Contains a recognized environmental condition or a controlled recognized environmental condition based on an environmental site assessment report prepared:

a. By a qualified environmental professional in accordance with:

(I) ASTM E1527-21 Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process; or

(II) ASTM E2247-23 Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process for Forestland or Rural Property; or

b. For compliance with the bona fide prospective purchaser, contiguous property owner, or other applicable defenses set forth in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 9601 et seq., as amended;

2. Is the subject of environmental assessment, investigation, cleanup, or site rehabilitation requirements pursuant to chapter 376, chapter 403, or local environmental ordinances or regulations, including, but not limited to, state brownfield, petroleum, or drycleaner site cleanup laws and programs under chapter 376 or chapter 403; or

3. Is located in a brownfield area designated pursuant to s. 376.80.

(e) "Intensity" has the same meaning as in s. 163.3164 and includes, but is not limited to, measurements pertaining to lot area, lot coverage, lot size, setbacks, height, and floor area ratio.

(f) "Local government" means a county, municipality, special district, or political subdivision of the state.

(g) "Parcel of land" has the same meaning as in s. 163.3164.

(h) "Qualifying parcel" means a parcel of land to which this section applies under subsection (4).

(i) "Recreational facilities" means one or more parcels of land any portion of which was previously used as a golf course, tennis court, swimming pool, or clubhouse, or another similar use.

(j) "Townhouse" means a single-family dwelling unit that is constructed in a series or group of attached units with property lines separating such units.

(k) "Urban growth boundary" means a boundary established by a comprehensive plan or land development regulation beyond which the provision of urban services or facilities is limited. The term includes, but is not limited to, urban development

boundaries and urban service boundaries.

(4) QUALIFYING PARCELS.—

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), this section applies to environmentally impacted land consisting of at least 5 acres which is within a county that meets both of the following requirements:

1. The county has a population of more than 1.475 million people according to the most recent decennial census.

2. There are at least 10 municipalities within the county.

(b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

1. Designated agricultural land.

2. Land owned or operated by a local government for public park purposes.

3. Land outside an urban growth boundary.

4. Land within one-quarter mile of a military installation identified in s. 163.3175(2).

(5) DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding any local law, ordinance, or regulation to the contrary:

(a) A local government shall permit a qualifying parcel to be developed up to the highest density and intensity allowed in any adjacent zoning district within the same jurisdiction which permits residential uses as of right.

(b) If a qualifying parcel is not adjacent to a zoning district that permits residential uses as of right, the local government must permit the development of the qualifying parcel with single-family homes or townhouses. For such a qualifying parcel, the local government may not do any of the following:

1. Restrict density to less than 30 units per acre.

2. Restrict height to below 40 feet.

3. Require lot sizes larger than 1,250 square feet.

4. Require front and rear setbacks of more than 10 feet.

5. Require any side setbacks.

6. Require more than one parking space per dwelling.

(6) SUBDIVISION APPROVAL.—A local government must approve an application for the subdivision of a qualifying parcel if the application satisfies the requirements of chapter 177. A local government may not use the subdivision process to restrict development below the density and intensity authorized under subsection (5).

(7) BUFFER REQUIREMENTS.—If a qualifying parcel is adjacent to single-family homes or townhouses on all sides, the developer must provide a buffer of at least 30 feet, measured from lot line to lot line, between the new development and the single-family homes or townhouses. The buffer area must be maintained as open space or improved with passive recreational facilities accessible to the community.

(8) RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.—

(a) If a qualifying parcel includes recreational facilities or areas reserved for recreational use and such recreational facilities or areas are adjacent to single-family homes on all sides, the developer must do all of the following:

1. Establish that such facilities or areas, or portions thereof, located on the qualifying parcel have not been in operation or in use for a period of at least 12 consecutive months.

2. Pay double the applicable parks or recreational facilities impact fee that would otherwise apply to the proposed development, to compensate for the loss of open or recreational

space.

3. Provide written notice delivered by certified mail to all owners of property adjacent to the recreational facilities or areas, which notice includes all of the following information:

a. That the developer intends to develop the parcel in accordance with this section.

b. That the adjacent property owners may elect to purchase the parcel or portion thereof containing recreational facilities or areas for the purpose of maintaining the parcel, or portions thereof, as recreational areas or open space within 90 days after the date the notice is mailed.

c. The price at which the adjacent property owners may purchase the property.

(b) Property owners who receive the notice required under subparagraph (a)3. and wish to exercise the option to purchase the parcel or portion thereof containing the recreational facilities or areas must exercise the option and close on the property, subject to a recorded deed restriction or restrictive covenant that requires the property to be maintained as a recreational area or open space for at least 30 years, within 90 days after the notice is mailed or forfeit the option. The parcel or portion thereof must be offered to such property owners for purchase at a price that may not exceed the greater of:

1. An amount equal to the price paid by the property owner plus 10 percent; or

2. An amount equal to a bona fide offer to purchase the property received by the property owner within the last 12

months plus 10 percent.

(9) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.—The proposed development of a qualifying parcel which complies with the requirements of subsection (5) must be administratively approved, and no further action by the governing body of a local government is required. Each local government shall maintain on its website a policy containing procedures and expectations for administrative approval under this subsection.

(10) APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.—This section applies retroactively to any local law, ordinance, or regulation that is contrary to this section or its intent and must be liberally construed to effectuate its intent.

(11) PREEMPTION.—A local government may not adopt or enforce a local law, an ordinance, or a regulation that applies or has the effect of applying a more restrictive or burdensome requirement or procedure to the development of a qualifying parcel which is administratively approved pursuant to this section. Any such law, ordinance, or regulation contrary to this section is void.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.