



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

HYBRID EMERGENCY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026 – 5:00 PM

VILLAGE HALL MUNICIPAL CENTER
9705 EAST HIBISCUS STREET, PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157
(305) 259-1234

- 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. REQUEST, PETITIONS, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** 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.

3. RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO PASS HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXTEND TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIANS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer)

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

5. ADJOURNMENT

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.



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EMERGENCY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: July 23, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Missy Arocha, Village Council

ITEM TYPE: Resolution

AGENDA SECTION: **RESOLUTIONS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS**

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO PASS HOUSE RESOLUTION 1689 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXTEND TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR HAITIANS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mark Merwitzer)*

SUGGESTED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

[Reso-TPS for Haitians_VMMM](#)

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1 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND**
2 **VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY,**
3 **FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

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5 **Section 1.** The above recitals are incorporated as if set forth in full.
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7 **Section 2.** That the Village Council urges the United States Senate
8 to pass House Resolution 1689 or similar legislation that would extend
9 Temporary Protected Status for Haitians lawfully present in the United
10 States for three years, and directs the Village Clerk to transmit a certified
11 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the United
12 States Secretary of State, the Speaker of the United States House of
13 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States
14 Senate, and the Chair and Members of the Florida Congressional
15 Delegation.
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17 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon
18 passage.
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20 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 23rd day of July, 2026.
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22 Attest:
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26 **Missy Arocha**
27 **Village Clerk**
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_____ **Karyn Cunningham**
Mayor

29 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE**
30 **SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE:**
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35 **John J. Quick**
36 **Village Attorney**
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