

**TOWN OF HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026
6:00 P.M.
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Haverhill Town Council was held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill, FL.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Foy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Foy offered the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Town Administrator Stevens called the roll, and Council Members present were Mayor Jay Foy, Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon, Council Member Teresa Johnson, Council Member Mark Uptegraph and Council Member Dennis Withington. Town Staff present included Town Attorney John Foster and Town Administrator Tracey Stevens. With a quorum present in the Council Chambers, the meeting proceeded.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Foy called for public comments, and there were none.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Foy inquired if there were any additions, deletions, or modifications to the agenda, and there were none.

Vice Mayor Gordon moved to approve the agenda as submitted; seconded by Council Member Withington. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2026
2. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for April 2026
3. Approval of Transfer of \$1,000,000 in Reserve Funds from the Town's Sweep Account into the Town's SBA Fund to Maximize Investments
4. Ratify Extension to Accept Payment of Fines in the amount of \$60,000 from Owners of 560 Bethany Lane
5. Authorize Town Administrator Stevens to Enter Into an Agreement with BluSky for Emergency Response Services

Council Member Withington moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted; seconded by Council Member Uptegraph. Motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS & INTERAGENCY REPORTS

6. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Ekstrom reported on the statistics for the past 30 days, noting that there was a decrease in vehicle burglaries. He noted that there was one home burglary, one missing person that was found, two assaults, and an increase in shoplifting activity at 7-Eleven. There were 227 patrols in the area. He encouraged residents to lock all vehicle and home doors and keep outdoor lights on at night.

7. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Chief Martinez reported on the statistics for the past 30 days which included 15 calls with a response time average of 5 minutes 50 seconds and turnout time of 30 seconds. There were 11 medical calls, 3 vehicle accidents, and 1 alarm. He stated that he attended a Palm Beach County hurricane drill, and Town Administrator Stevens also participated. He reminded residents to check their generators now and remember to run them outside away from openings.

8. Palm Beach County Library System

Palm Beach County Library System Director Douglas Crane presented "Top 10 Facts". He shared library statistics, programs and services, locations, funding sources, library cooperatives and partnerships. He also shared information regarding future renovations at the Okeechobee Branch, and discussed the upcoming property tax cuts ballot measure coming up in November, noting that the library system is primarily funded through property taxes. The current estimates show \$28 million in revenue loss for the library system which is around 2/3 of the library system budget. He noted that the County's general revenue would see a sharp decline. He stated that the County Commissioners approved a November ballot measure for \$175 million in bonds for library construction to renovate all locations and construct a new main library with civic center space at the current Summit Street location. The County Commission also approved a November ballot measure for Parks & Recreation.

Council Member Uptegraph left the meeting at 6:27 PM.

9. Independent Auditor's Report on the FY25 Financial Statements

David Caplivski of Grau & Associates presented the Independent Auditor's Report on the FY25 financial statements, noting that it was a clean audit with no findings again this year.

Council Member Withington moved to adopt the Independent Auditor's Report on the FY25 Financial Statements; seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & ORDINANCE READINGS

10. First Reading of Ordinance No. 541 and Transmittal to Second Reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL, BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, NUISANCES, OF CHAPTER 18, ENVIRONMENT, BY ADDING A NEW DIVISION 5 TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS REGARDING HOLIDAY AND SEASONAL DECORATIONS, INCLUDING DEFINITIONS, DISPLAY TIMEFRAMES, SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS, PROHIBITED CONDITIONS, EXEMPTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENERS' ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Town Attorney Foster read Ordinance No. 541 into the record by title only.

Mayor Foy called for public comments, and there were none.

Council Member Withington moved to adopt Ordinance No. 541 on first reading and transmit to second reading; seconded by Vice Mayor Gordon. Motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Discuss Change in Date of Regular Council Meeting in September

Town Administrator Stevens explained that the regular meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM which will include the preliminary budget hearing and a special meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026 for the final budget hearing.

There was consensus of the Council to change the September meeting dates as presented.

12. Discussion Regarding Preliminary FY26 Budget

Town Administrator Stevens presented the preliminary FY26 budget, noting that the Council will need to set the maximum millage rate at the next meeting. She presented millage rate scenarios and recommended that the Council try to stay with the current rate of 3.90 this year, especially in light of the November ballot measure regarding cuts to homestead property taxes. She noted that she is still waiting for FRS rates, insurance rates, and several contract rates.

The Council and staff discussed the implications of a ballot measure to cut homestead property taxes, as well as a current lawsuit challenging the ballot language.

REPORTS

11. Mayor

Mayor Foy had no report.

12. Town Attorney

Town Attorney Foster reported that he will be attending the Florida Municipal Attorney's Association annual conference in July and will be discussing the property tax ballot measure.

13. Town Administrator

Town Administrator Stevens noted that her written monthly report was submitted in the Council packages and encouraged the Council to review the report with important information. She reported on her attendance at the upcoming FGFOA annual conference and a vacation scheduled in July. She also reported that Council Member Johnson submitted her irrevocable resignation to run for County Commission District II, and the resignation effective date will be in November. The Town will advertise for Council Member Johnson's open seat prior to the qualification period in November to fill the seat at the March election. She noted that the Florida League of Cities is hosting an Ethics webinar on July 15 for those who have not fulfilled their ethics training requirements yet for 2026. She stated that the County will be hosting a series of public meetings regarding the countywide transportation master plan, and she will distribute those dates and locations as soon as they become available. She mentioned that a pre-construction meeting was held this week for the Wallis Road development. Land clearing is expected to begin on July 15th and construction should take around two years or so.

14. Committee Delegates

Vice Mayor Gordon stated that the installation of Officers for the Palm Beach County League of Cities was held on May 27th and Town Administrator Stevens was installed on the Board, along with J.P. O'Connor who was installed as the new President. He reported that nine scholarships were awarded to students at the gala. He mentioned that the Board is still searching for a new Executive Director.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Johnson asked for an update regarding the County Engineer giving the Council an explanation on how traffic studies impact development decisions. Town Administrator Stevens stated she is still trying to reach Mr. Ricks. She also noted, in reference to the Wallis Road development, that one of the County requirements was for the developer to move the FPL poles onto the property which more than likely means the County is preparing for a road widening project. Mayor Foy gave an explanation on traffic studies.

NEW BUSINESS

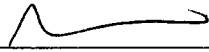
There was no New Business to come before the Council at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

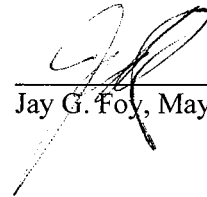
There being no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Administrator Stevens and adopted by the Town Council on July 9, 2026.

Approved: _____



Tracey L. Stevens, Town Administrator



Jay G. Foy, Mayor

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