

July 8, 2026

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Nelson
Mrs. Bryan
Mr. Volkert
Mr. Robichaux

Also:

John Tomlinson
Sean Swartz
Chief Gajate
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes of May 20, 2026, council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the May 20, 2026, council meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for June/July. Motion made by Mr. Volkert and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to approve the accounts payable for June/July. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the May 31, 2026. Cash balance at the end of May was \$3,183,000. The fund balance for gas tax receipts is \$76,000. These funds may be used for various landscaping, sprinklers and improvements along the A1A wall. We are still \$40,000 behind on ad valorem receipts for the year on the budget. The property appraiser's office will be selling the tax deeds soon and we hopefully will receive the balance of the funds. General administration is \$19,000 under budget. The Police department is \$150,000 over budget due to several factors, including additional training for the new security programs, additional patrols for security at night, and some misclassifications in accounting for the new last vehicle that was purchased and some of the IT/software expenses.

Mr. Tomlinson discussed the setting of the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year. He has worked with the Chief and Lt. Bures to really crunch the numbers to make sure we are on point for all areas of the police expenses, including training and special events. Mr. Tomlinson discussed the process of his calculations for police salaries and coverage, along with discussion of the State's proposed property tax reductions. This will not affect our budget this year but could affect our ad valorem receipts next year if the amendment passes. Chief Gajate also spoke regarding upcoming needs for the department, including upgrading the server, updating the police radios, better video displays for the cameras and

an additional vehicle (rotating out the oldest one). Mr. Tomlinson stated he would like to keep the same rate as last year 6.0 mils and feels that is feasible with the additional \$135,000 in revenue for the upcoming year. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Robichaux to set the maximum tentative millage rate at 6.0 mils. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Volkert and seconded by Mr. Robichaux to approve the May 31, 2026, financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief Gajate gave a report on the Flock Safety cameras and the coverage along Pine Avenue and on the Ocean Bay property as well as the abilities of the cameras. The Chief discussed the possibility of using facial recognition at the gate. The Chief and the council discussed the possibility of installing cameras to cover the east A1A wall and the difficulties of being able to see the wall with all the trees and vegetation, as well as getting permissions to place the cameras on private property across A1A. Mr. Tomlinson stated we are getting a quote to install lighting along the A1A wall to help with security as well. Chief Gajate also stated that solicitors had entered the village over the wall and were trespassed. Several residents had signed contracts but should have called the gate to report. Chief stated if you see something unusual, say something and make the call.

Public comments opened. There were none. Public comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the second amendment to the Solid Waste Agreement with Broward County. Sean Swartz read resolution 2026-02 by title only, stating the amendment added additional language to the existing agreement regarding opting out. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the second amendment and resolution 2026-02. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Volkert asked the council to again consider finding solutions to the safety issues along the intracoastal waterway and extending the no wake zone. Lauderdale by the Sea, Bay Colony and Ft. Lauderdale residents are gathering evidence to present to FWC and looking to monitor/control the speeding in this area. There is very little, if any, regular enforcement in our area as BSO and Ft. Lauderdale marine units are in higher traffic areas closer to the inlets. They discussed looking into the minutes of the Lauderdale by the Sea commission meetings and any information from the Bay Colony residents regarding filing an injunction for relief for safety and environmental issues. There is a possibility of residents banding together to pay for police details throughout this area. The Chief will call Ft. Lauderdale Marine patrol and try to see if there is any new information and Sean Swartz will follow up with FWC for their status regarding our area.

Adjourn.

