

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INVERNESS, FLORIDA, CITY HALL, 212 WEST MAIN STREET
April 1, 2025 - 5:30 PM**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Governing Body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to provide that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes).

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ENCLOSURES*

- 1) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**
- 2) PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 4) PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES / RECOGNITIONS**
 - a) Inverness Fire Department and Red Cross Partnership
- 5) PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOPS**
 - a) FY 2026 Budget Overview Workshop
- 6) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*The public is invited to speak. (Speaking time limit: Individual - 3 minutes;
Group/Organization - 5 minutes)*
- 7) CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**
- 8) CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a) Bill Listing *
 - b) Council Minutes* - 03.18.2025
- 9) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**
- 10) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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- a) Small Town Saturday Night
- b) Hill Street Waterline Remediation
- c) Project / Program Updates
 - Senate Bill 1242
 - Liberty Park Boardwalk Remediation Project
 - Whispering Pines Park Admin Building
 - Other

11) MAYOR & COUNCIL SUBJECTS / REPORTS

- a) Mayor Plaisted
- b) Councilwoman Bega
- c) Councilwoman Hepfer
- d) Councilwoman Lizanich
- e) Councilman Davis
- f) Councilman Craig

12) NON-SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

(Speaking time limit: Individual - 3 minutes; Group/Organization - 5 minutes)

13) ADJOURNMENT

- a) **DATES TO REMEMBER**
 - Ribbon Cutting – Inverness Tinnitus Center
Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 11:00am
1300 Hwy 41 North Bldg. D Suite 2
 - Market at the Depot
Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:00am – 1:00pm
Depot Pavilion
 - Cake by the Lake
Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 7:00am
Liberty Park/Trail
 - Small Town Saturday Night – Led Zeppelin Tribute
Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm

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Downtown Inverness

Inverness Vintage Thrift Market

Sunday, April 13, 2025 from 11:00am – 3:00pm

Downtown Inverness

Inverness City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 5:30pm

IGC – Council Chambers

Agenda Memorandum - *City of Inverness*

April 1, 2025

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: Eric Williams, City Manager
SUBJECT: FY 2026 Budget Overview Workshop
CC: Frank Calascione, Assistant City Manager, Susan Jackson, City Clerk, Alexis Koter, Finance Director

Enclosures:

As Council is aware the annual budget development process begins each year shortly after October 1st. On December 17th, Council adopted the Fiscal 2026 Budget Development Schedule.

The first step in the process is for Council to hold a workshop for the Budget Overview to discuss the budget and provide direction and input. This evening, the aforementioned workshop will focus on guiding the next steps in the development of the ensuing year's budget, while keeping in frame our guiding principle of "Plan. Fund. Execute."

Recommended Action:Workshop

1. Open the workshop
2. Allow staff to present
3. Council deliberate and provide input on the budget development process.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.

Eric. C. Williams

CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT

VENDOR	DOCUMENT	INVOICE	VOUCHER	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	DUE 09/30/25
		TOTALS FOR ACE HARDWARE CO OF INV INC				1,132.96
		TOTALS FOR CENTRAL AUTO AND TRUCK PARTS, INC.				168.83
		TOTALS FOR GAY, MARGARET				269.00
		TOTALS FOR EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC				602.72
		TOTALS FOR CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER				109,171.59
		TOTALS FOR DUKE ENERGY				23,721.98
		TOTALS FOR GAUDETTE ELECTRIC, INC.				270.00
		TOTALS FOR GFL SOLID WASTE SOUTHEAST LLC				69,544.23
		TOTALS FOR GOLDEN X PLUMBING SUPPLY INC				4,519.35
		TOTALS FOR JUSTIN HAZEN				440.00
		TOTALS FOR HILLMAN SUPPLY COMPANY				10.05
		TOTALS FOR NICK NICHOLAS FORD INC				240.75
		TOTALS FOR OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT, INC.				395.20
		TOTALS FOR OFFICE DEPOT INC				113.29
		TOTALS FOR RAINER JACOB CONSTRUCTION LLC				214.25
		TOTALS FOR NATIONAL WASTE				436.00
		TOTALS FOR SARGENT, DALTON C.				28.45
		TOTALS FOR SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, LLC				1,880.00
		TOTALS FOR SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC				8,048.36
		TOTALS FOR SYSCO CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.				1,090.45
		TOTALS FOR U.S. WATER SERVICES CORPORATION				110,675.74
		TOTALS FOR UNIFIRST CORPORATION				70.84
		TOTALS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CENTRAL FL				3,961.67
		REPORT TOTALS				337,005.71

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Stacey Iddings **

March 18, 2025
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street, with the following members present:

President Hepfer
Vice President Davis
Councilwoman Bega
Councilwoman Lizanich
Councilman Craig
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were City Manager Williams, City Attorney Hartley, Staff Members, and City Clerk Jackson.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Davis and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilwoman Lizanich motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOP

5)a) 2024 Inverness Community Redevelopment Agency Annual Report* noting in October 1990, the Inverness City Council created the City's first Community Redevelopment Agency, together with creation of the Inverness Community Redevelopment Agency (ICRA) consisting of seven board members to serve as the governing body of the Agency. In 2014, significant changes were made to its community redevelopment plan and expanded the CRA from 47 acres to 1,203 acres, to include the Medical Arts District and the US Hwy 41 North corridor. The 2024 report provided updates on projects in the approved 5-year CIP; potential projects for budget development; history of the ICRA; and information related to the bond issue and total project cost, the 2024 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance. Community Development Director Shoemaker provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation of the annual report and spoke of various projects. City Manager Williams spoke of various points of interest. **The Public Hearing was opened. No one spoke for or against the Annual Report. The Public Hearing was closed. Councilman Davis motioned to approve Inverness Community Redevelopment Agency 2024 Annual March 31 Report as presented and transmit to Florida Commerce, the Citrus County BOCC, and post to City website. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Debbie Wheatley spoke of the Bike Fest and how it ran smoothly and was highly attended.

Karen Esty thanked Council for the letter of support regarding the request for a sidewalk on Independence Highway. She noted she has also received letters of support from the Citrus County School Board, Citrus County Sheriff's Office, and will be receiving one from the Citrus County BOCC, Provided details of the process.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 03/04/2025*
 - Recommendation - Approval

Councilwoman Lizanich motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

9)a) Council Reorganization and Board Appointments* with City Clerk Jackson referencing the **City Charter, Section 2.10**, states **“annually on the third Tuesday in March, City Council Members shall meet for the purpose of reorganization, and at such meeting choose a new president and vice-president.”** Selection of the Council President and Vice-President has followed a rotation to provide an opportunity for each Councilmember to serve as President. All appointments will commence the next day following this meeting. In addition to the above, appointments to various boards and committees are decided. A separate document to identify member appointments to mandatory and elective committees was included. **Councilwoman Hepfer nominated Councilman Davis for Council President. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. Councilman Davis nominated Councilwoman Lizanich for Vice President. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motions carried.**

Council members appointed to various boards as follows:

Citrus County Chamber of Commerce	Councilman Gene Davis
Citrus County Special Library	
District Governing Board	Councilwoman Crystal Lizanich
Community Charitable Foundation	Councilwoman Crystal Lizanich
Alternate to CCCCCF	Councilwoman Linda Bega
Tourist Development Council	Councilman Tom Craig
Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply	Councilman Gene Davis
Keep Citrus County Beautiful (KCCB)	Councilwoman Linda Bega
Hernando/Citrus MPO	Councilman Gene Davis
Alternate to MPO	Councilman Tom Craig
Valerie Theatre Board	Councilwoman Linda Bega

City Clerk Jackson addressed the upcoming travel budget for Council. Suggested each member consider any training, conferences, etc. to be attended next fiscal year. As the budget process continues, an amount is to be determined for a single budget line for all

travel by Council members. City Manager Williams further added details and explanations.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Banking Services Bid Award* with Finance Director Koter provided a general overview of the submittals and details of the bid process, highlighting each option. City Manager Williams explained why there were two options for the banking services. The primary objective of the RFP was to obtain banking services that will provide the least cost for required banking services, interest earnings on account balances, and efficient/effective customer service. The following four banks submitted proposals: Brannen Bank, Capital City Bank, Regions Bank, Seacoast Bank. Staff reviewed all four proposals for completeness and qualifications. Brannen offered the lowest cost for services compared to the other submittals. However, the offered interest rate on total account balances would be significantly less. Based on current interest rates this would equate to an estimated interest earning on account balances of 1.5%, with a minimum to never be less than 0.15%. Brannen bank is well-established and in the local community with a branch directly next to the Government Center. The City holds a CD and Money Market investment accounts with Brannen. Capital City Bank is the current banking provider for the City and offered the second-lowest pricing with the second-best rates for interest earnings within their submittal. Based on the submittal the minimum interest would be 3% interest for total account balances less the minimum balances required for interest forbearance to be more than total costs of banking services provided. Effectively, this would provide a net cost benefit. The City has an established relationship with the Capital City Treasury team mostly based in Tallahassee. Councilman Craig questioned interest earning potential compared to cost of services. Councilwoman Bega questioned if the current bank had changed their structure. Councilman Davis thought it was a good idea to look local. **Councilman Davis motioned to award the bid for banking services to Brannen Bank and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

10)b) Traffic Calming Improvements at Ella Avenue and Zephyr Street with Public Works Director Pell provided an update and referenced consulting with Lochner and spoke of ideas and options. He spoke of adding double yellow lines, rumble strips, stop signs, etc. He presented a map highlighting the plans for that area's traffic issues. Councilwoman Lizanich questioned the material of the rumble strips. City Manager Williams reiterated this is a temporary fix to the issues of that area. The recommendation is the first step. The hope is possible improvement of the traffic once the US 41N widening project is completed. Mayor Plaisted spoke of concerns as he lives in the area and has noticed increased traffic speed. Council President Hepfer questioned the cost of the rumble strips and spoke of other issues in her neighborhood.

10)c) Project/Program Updates (Verbal)

- Liberty Park Boardwalk Rehab with Parks & Rec Director Worley provided an update on the project noting issues that were discovered from the original build. Project started last week and should be completed by the end of May. Councilman Davis stated people love the boardwalk and nature. City Manager noted the land in that area is owned by the State.

- Pine St. Stormwater and Parking Lot Improvements with Asst. City Manager Calascione providing an update of the project and the 26 new parking spots being created. Spoke of stormwater alterations.
- Turner Camp – Middle School Traffic and spoke of meeting with School Board. The issue is clear, and a solution should be in place before the next school year.
- Recap of recent events included Big Bass, Bluegrass, & BBQ, Nature Coast Bike Fest, etc. Spoke of the many partnerships that help make this the Small Town Done Right.
- Upcoming Events included Teen’s Night Out, Dragonboat races, Brew Fest, etc. All thanked to our partners.
- Other with City Manager referencing an issue with the installation of the shade structures in the Liberty Park playground, but a local contractor has agreed to complete the installation by early summer. Spoke of the Whispering Pines Park Admin building and CORE building renovations and who would be in each building. Citrus BOCC has agreed to move forward with IGC lease.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Mayor Plaisted spoke of the recent Bay News 9 interview, USA Today voting, Bike Fest, etc. Spoke of conversation with people attending the St. Patrick’s Festival.

Councilman Craig looks forward to being the TDC representative for the City.

Councilman Davis thanked Council President Hepfer for serving this past year and looks forward to another great year. Stated people brag about Liberty Park and spoke of the history of the trail. Spoke of Althea Franklin as a lifelong city resident.

Councilwoman Lizanich thanked staff for all they do, and thanked Karen Esty for her amazing work trying to get funding for a sidewalk on Independence Highway.

Councilwoman Bega stated the Big Bass, Bluegrass, and BBQ was great and well organized. Noted the Liberty Park playground is constantly busy with children.

Council President Hepfer spoke of the amazing events and appreciates the staff’s hard work. Thanked all for her year of being Council President. Noted family that came to Inverness to attend the Big Bass, Bluegrass, & BBQ event. Was informed that the Bike Fest loved the park, how organized it was, etc.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

Debbie Wheatley spoke of Inverness in the running for the USA Today “Best Small Town in the South”. She encouraged all to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

City Clerk

Council President

Agenda Memorandum - *City of Inverness*

April 1, 2025

TO: Elected Officials

FROM: Eric Williams, City Manager

SUBJECT: Small Town Saturday Night

CC: Frank Calascione, Assistant City Manager, Susan Jackson, City Clerk, Alexis Koter, Finance Director, Rob Pell, Assistant Public Works Director, Christopher Shoemaker, Director of Community Development, Woody Worley, Parks & Recreation Director

Enclosures:

As the Council is aware, the City of Inverness kicked off the initial Small Town Saturday Night in Downtown Inverness on the Square on February 4, 2023. Small Town Saturday Night is a night where the community can come downtown and listen to free music, enjoy the downtown business, and have a great evening in the beautiful setting of the old historic courthouse. Small Town Saturday Nights have been hugely successful, bringing in 5,000 plus patrons into the downtown area for each concert. In tandem with the Entertainment District, the downtown businesses have seen record sales during these free concerts. Currently, the City partners with WXOF Inc to host the Small Town Saturday Nights to bring the community 5 free concerts a year in the downtown square.

Given the success, there is consideration to increasing the number of Small Town Saturday Nights throughout the year. This evening Council will receive an update and a presentation on the outlook to increasing the event. The City would take on the management of the extra concerts and utilize sponsors and current budget to handle the increase in expenses. The next scheduled Small Town Saturday Night is April 12, 2025.

Recommended Action:

1. Allow staff to present
2. Discuss the matter
3. Provide consensus direction on increasing the number of Small Town Saturday Night Events

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.

Eric C. Williams

Agenda Memorandum - *City of Inverness*

April 1, 2025

TO: Elected Officials

FROM: Rob Pell, Assistant Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Hill Street Waterline Remediation

CC: Eric Williams, City Manager, Susan Jackson, City Clerk, Frank Calascione, Assistant City Manager, Alexis Koter, Finance Director

Enclosures: 1. Hill Street Replacement Quote

The Public Works Department has identified a section of the City's 6-inch water line along Hill Street that has become exposed and in need of immediate remediation. The line serves three fire hydrants and several other residential connections to the City's water system. Pursuant to the City's purchasing policy, the City Manager can authorize emergency repair necessary to protect the City's health and welfare, or to protect it from substantial loss. Replacing the line and burying it at the proper depth will remedy the situation, and is consistent with the City's Utility Masterplan. This evening, Council will receive a presentation on the condition of the line in need of immediate remediation.

The City has utilized Pospiech Contracting for these types of immediate-need projects with good success and favorable pricing. This evening, Council is being as to approve the enclosed proposal from Pospiech Contracting in the amount of \$131,780.00, for immediate replacement of 1300 LF of the 6-inch water line and the necessary connections to fully remediate the issue.

Recommended Action:

1. Allow staff to present
2. Motion and second to approve the proposal from Pospiech Contracting in the amount of \$131,780.00 for the immediate remediation of the Hill Street water line as presented.
3. Deliberate the Matter.
4. Vote on the Matter.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at your convenience.

Eric C. Williams
City Manager

Proposal

March 20, 2025

To: City of Inverness Public Works, Attn. Rob Pell
Re: Hill St Replacement



Description: F&I 6" Water Line Replacement- Hill Street

Description	Qty	UM	UP	Total
Mobilization & traffic control	1	UT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
1260 feet 6 inch C-900 water main	1260	FT	\$ 53.00	\$ 66,780.00
6 inch tie-in	1	UT	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6 inch wet tap	1	UT	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Cap & abandon old main	1	UT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2 inch taps with tie-ins	6	UT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Fire hydrant assembly	3	UT	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 19,500.00
Single services tied in	7	UT	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Testing	1	UT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total- Invoice			\$	131,780.00

NOTES:

Exclusions:

No restoration

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL:

POSPIECH CONTRACTING, INC.
8017 E WATSON ST
INVERNESS, FL 34450

Owner: CITY OF INVERNESS
212 W MAIN STREET
INVERNESS, FL 34450

Richard Pospiech

SIGNATURE

TITLE

Richard Pospiech, President

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Agenda Memorandum - ***City of Inverness***

April 1, 2025

TO: Elected Officials

FROM:

SUBJECT: Project / Program Updates

- Senate Bill 1242
- Liberty Park Boardwalk Remediation Project
- Whispering Pines Park Admin Building
- Other

CC:

Enclosures:
