

June 3, 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 Davis
Vice President Lizanich
Councilwoman Bega
Councilwoman Hepfer
Councilman Craig
Mayor Plaisted - *Absent*

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

The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Hepfer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

4)a) Fiscal Year End 2024 Audit Report* with Finance Director Koter introducing Daniel Anderson, representative of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC providing a presentation as the year-end audit is an essential and required critical review of the financial status and inner workings of City Government. Public entities are measured by how they collect, appropriate, invest, expense and account for monetary resources. The internal audit is to provide assurance that the City's risk management, governance, investment and internal control processes are operating effectively. This audit covers Fiscal Year 2024 (10/01/23-09/30/24). **Councilwoman Bega motioned to accept the Financial Statements, Supplementary Information and Independent Auditor Reports for year ending September 30, 2024, and authorize the documents be forwarded with all related paperwork to the Office of the State Auditor General. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOP

5)a) Resolution 2025-02 FY 2025 Mid-Year Budget Amendment* with City Manager Williams stating this process will amend the FY2025 Budget to correct and adjust various departmental contracts, operational expenditures, and capital projects. The total amount represented an increase of \$635,317 to the City's Fiscal 2025 budget. The increase is a result of amendments and transfers within the General, ICRA, Capital Projects, and Utility Funds. **Finance Director Koter provided answers to questions. The Public Hearing was opened.** General Fund – The impact on the General Fund was an increase in budget of \$111,863. An adjustment to sanitation revenues and expenses reflected the increased costs caused by the increased volume of customers. An adjustment was made to show the allocation of contingency funds to contractual services for Roads & Streets, and to reserves to reflect the allocation of reserve funds to

projects advanced to the current Fiscal Year to meet City needs. **Inverness Community Redevelopment Agency (ICRA) Fund** – The net impact on the ICRA fund budget was zero. Items noted included the transfer of funding to RV Campground, Community Center, and City Walk. Due to proposed changes in the legislature and shifts in the needs of the City it was deemed in the best interest to bring forward certain planned CIP items to the current fiscal year. **Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund** – The impact on the CIP fund was an increase in budget of \$523,454. The changes in budget reflect an increase due to the advancement of the IGC Upgrades project to the current Fiscal Year. The upgrades needed to the Government Center will improve the ability to lease to other local entities. This project utilizes funding from other projects budgeted in addition to the use of reserves. **Utility Fund** – The net impact on the Utility Fund budget was zero. The changes in budget reflected shifts in funding related to projects built into the current budget. **Councilwoman Bega motioned to have the Clerk read Resolution 2025-02 by Title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND, ICRA FUND, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, AND UTILITY FUND, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No one spoke for or against the Resolution.

Debbie Wheatley – Silverwood questioned the timing of the construction of the new park entrance on 41N and the proposed RV campground. Councilman Craig questioned the titling of previous and current state revenue. Councilwoman Bega questioned titling of Section 2, Lines 1 & 2. Finance Director Koter confirmed the two items had been mistitled. The first item should be Commercial Collection and the second item as Residential Collection. **The Public Hearing was closed. Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-02, as amended regarding Section 2, by roll-call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Craig, yes; Councilwoman Lizanich, yes; President Davis, yes. The motion carried.**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Karen Esty reported on the recent Citizens Advisory Committee of the MPO with one action item for the 2026-2030 transportation improvement program. Officers were also elected with her becoming Chair. Noted the Independence Highway sidewalk is now #1 priority. She provided details of funding and Federal guidelines.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Bill Listing*

- Recommendation – Approval

- b) Council Minutes* – 05/20/2025
 - Recommendation - Approval
- c) Oak Ridge Cemetery – Burial Space Buyback*
 - Recommendation - Approval

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

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Project/Program Updates (*Verbal*)

- Patriotic Evening regional bands are booked and there is a huge sponsorship interest.
- Small Town Saturday Night will be June 14 with '80s tribute bands.
- IGC Upgrades – County Space Needs with City Manager Williams attending the most recent BOCC meeting. A draft lease is being reviewed by both entities for the BOCC to lease office space in the IGC. Spoke of upgrades that are needed at the IGC and met with consultants regarding the upgrades, security, etc.
- Other with City Manager referencing the current Special Legislature session going on now and the real concerns regarding property taxes, rebates, etc. Watching very closely as Home Rule is being eroded. Whispering Pines Park Admin Building rehab should be completed in the next few weeks.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Councilwoman Lizanich announced that Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a dinner on June 27 at 6:00pm and tickets are available on their website.

Council President Davis stated the Liberty Park Playground shade structures are under construction and hoping to be finished with the next few weeks.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

City Clerk

Council President