

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INVERNESS, FLORIDA, CITY HALL, 212 WEST MAIN STREET
May 5, 2026 - 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).

Accommodation for the disabled (hearing or visually impaired, etc.) may be arranged with advance notice of seven (7) days before the scheduled meeting, by dialing (352) 726-2611 weekdays from 8 AM to 4 PM.

ENCLOSURES*

- 1) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**
- 2) PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**
- 3) ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 4) PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES / RECOGNITIONS**
- 5) PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOPS**
- 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* - 04.21.2026

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9) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

10) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Summer of 250 - Patriotic Evening
- b) Small Town Big Impact - Volunteer Initiative
- c) Project and Program Updates
 - WPP New Entrance Project
 - Pine Ave Stormwater and Parking Expansion
 - National Day of Prayer
 - 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/Open House – Senator Ralph Massullo
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 @ 11:00 am
103 N. Apopka Avenue

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 12:00 noon
Depot Pavilion

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Small Town Slam Wrestling

Friday, May 15, 2026 from 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Depot Pavilion

Market at the Depot

Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Depot Pavilion

Small Town Saturday Night – The American Stones

Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Downtown Inverness

Inverness City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 5:30pm

IGC – Council Chambers

CASH REQUIREMENTS REPORT

| VENDOR | DOCUMENT | INVOICE | VOUCHER | DESCRIPTION | DUE DATE | DUE 09/30/26 |
|--------|----------|---|---------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| | | TOTALS FOR ACE HARDWARE CO OF INV INC | | | | 356.61 |
| | | TOTALS FOR APEX OFFICE PRODUCTS INC | | | | 184.83 |
| | | TOTALS FOR AQUA TRIANGLE 1 CORP | | | | 446.00 |
| | | TOTALS FOR AT & T MOBILITY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS LLC | | | | 241.02 |
| | | TOTALS FOR BLUE HERON TEE'S, LLC. | | | | 958.00 |
| | | TOTALS FOR TIME WARNER CABLE | | | | 207.87 |
| | | TOTALS FOR CDW GOVERNMENT | | | | 23,124.02 |
| | | TOTALS FOR CENTRAL AUTO AND TRUCK PARTS, INC. | | | | 59.90 |
| | | TOTALS FOR EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC | | | | 1,941.46 |
| | | TOTALS FOR CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION AND SUB | | | | 1,421.92 |
| | | TOTALS FOR CITRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER | | | | 112,484.75 |
| | | TOTALS FOR CITRUS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT | | | | 500.00 |
| | | TOTALS FOR CITRUS EQUIPMENT REPAIR | | | | 2,360.21 |
| | | TOTALS FOR DANIELS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING | | | | 223.00 |
| | | TOTALS FOR DUKE ENERGY | | | | 17,732.71 |
| | | TOTALS FOR FLORIDA COAST EQUIPMENT, LLC. | | | | 331.84 |
| | | TOTALS FOR GAS SOUTH, LLC. | | | | 1,428.18 |
| | | TOTALS FOR GFL SOLID WASTE SOUTHEAST LLC | | | | 21,081.15 |
| | | TOTALS FOR GOLDEN X PLUMBING SUPPLY INC | | | | 424.74 |
| | | TOTALS FOR GORMAN COMPANY | | | | 708.90 |
| | | TOTALS FOR HERTENSEN, PAUL | | | | 152.26 |
| | | TOTALS FOR KYOCERA DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS SOUTHEAST, LL | | | | 249.27 |
| | | TOTALS FOR OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT, INC. | | | | 163.53 |
| | | TOTALS FOR ON SCENE REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, LLC. | | | | 3,749.22 |
| | | TOTALS FOR REAL TIME NETWORKS, INC. | | | | 2,000.00 |
| | | TOTALS FOR RENTAL OF INVERNESS, INC. | | | | 559.60 |
| | | TOTALS FOR SAFETY SHOE DISTRIBUTORS, LLP | | | | 1,853.00 |

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| VENDOR DOCUMENT | INVOICE | VOUCHER | DESCRIPTION | DUE DATE | DUE 09/30/26 |
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| | | | TOTALS FOR SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, LLC | | 89.99 |
| | | | TOTALS FOR RICHARD SPIRES | | 1,500.00 |
| | | | TOTALS FOR SUMTER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC | | 7,145.95 |
| | | | TOTALS FOR THE VALERIE PLAYERS, INC. | | 915.15 |
| | | | TOTALS FOR U.S. WATER SERVICES CORPORATION | | 116,198.04 |
| | | | TOTALS FOR UNIFIRST CORPORATION | | 97.11 |
| | | | TOTALS FOR W.W. GRAINGER, INC. | | 94.48 |
| | | | REPORT TOTALS | | 320,984.71 |

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

April 21, 2026
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 Lizanich
Vice President Bega
Councilwoman Hepfer
Councilman Craig
Councilman Davis
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 Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

4)a) Nature Coast Bike Fest – Parks & Rec Director Worley introduced members of the bike fest organization were in attendance to present donation checks to the Citrus County Blessings program and VFW Post 4337 Honor Guard. Representatives from Blessings and the Honor Guard were in attendance to accept the donation to their respective programs.

4)b) Arbor Day 2026 Proclamation with Council President Lizanich stating there was a planting of two trees at the N. Pine Avenue Parking Lot just before this evening's Council meeting and a proclamation proclaiming April 21, 2026 as Arbor Day in the City of Inverness.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOP

5)a) Resolution 2026-02 – FY 2026 Mid-Year Budget Amendment* with Finance Director Koter stating this process will amend the FY2025 Budget to correct and adjust various departmental contracts, operational expenditures, and capital projects. **The Public Hearing was opened.** The budget amendments and transfers within are to reflect recognition of grant funding for major CIP items, transfer of funding from completed projects to other CIP needs, and allocation of funding into reserves. The total amount being amended represents an increase of \$2,513,004 to the City's Fiscal 2026 budget. The majority of this increase in budget is due to the recognition of additional grant funding to the 41 N Septic to Sewer Project and grant funding for the Fire Ladder truck. The amendments will occur within the General, ICRA, Capital Projects, Utility, Pension, Impact Fee, and Cemetery Funds. **Councilman Davis motioned to have the Clerk read Resolution 2026-02 by Title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 2026-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AMENDING THE ICRA FUND, CIP FUND, AND UTILITY FUND, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No one spoke for or against the Resolution. The Public Hearing was closed. Councilman Davis motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-02 as presented by roll-call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Craig, yes; Councilman Davis, yes; President Lizanich, yes. The motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Lala Sanders spoke of the tragedy at the distillery. She reiterated her opinion of no more medical marijuana dispensaries in Inverness.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes* – 04/07/2026
 - Recommendation - Approval

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

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Tree City USA* with City Planner Wells stating The Tree City USA program was founded by the Arbor Day Foundation in 1976 to "encourage cities to plant and manage public trees to foster healthier, greener communities." The City of Inverness has been a Tree City USA for 30 years. As part of our 2026 anniversary, the Arbor Day Foundation has provided us with two new signs to be located within the City to help us celebrate. The proposed locations are on Pleasant Grove Rd. northbound coming into Inverness and the other at the corner of Courthouse Square and SR44/Main Street in front of the Old Courthouse. Council discussed various location with City Manager Williams explaining the difference in placing the signs on City property or FDOT property. **Council consensus was to move forward with the proposed signage locations. No action required.**

10)b) Urban Forestry Management Plan Proposal* with City Planner Wells stating the City has long been committed to preserving and enhancing its urban tree canopy, as evidenced by its 30 years as a Tree City USA. A grant opportunity through the Florida Forest Service and Natural Resources Planning Services for development of an Urban Forestry

Management Plan was utilized. Representatives from the Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc. located in San Antonio, FL. were in attendance. He introduced John Holzaepfel, Principal, Krystee Van Den Bosch, Urban Forestry & Arboriculture Services Manager and Eric Hoyer, Arboriculture Services Manager. Mr. Holzaepfel stated the organization has approx. 35 employees that are very knowledgeable in the field. This management plan is a guiding document moving forward. Mr. Hoyer spoke of the grant opportunity and of his experience. Ms. Van Den Bosch noted she is a certified arborist and the City has done a good job with the current urban forestry. She noted the management plan is a strategic guide. The plan includes possible components of storm management, public education strategies, review of current tree protection codes, and utilization of urban wood waste. The management plan is a strategy and vision that will help the city preserve and enhance the urban forest for current and future generations. The total cost is \$97,500 with the majority of the funding provided by a grant from FFS. The City contribution is an in-kind City match of \$33,000 by way of regular tree planting, pruning, and tree maintenance. **Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to accept the proposal for Canopy Analysis, Tree Inventory, and development of an Urban Forestry Management Plan as presented. Seconded by Councilman Craig. The motion carried.**

10)c) Code Enforcement Lien Settlement Request* with Community Development Director Shoemaker stating that the City received a lien release request regarding the property 115 Daffodil Street. This property had overgrown vegetation and an accumulation of trash in the driveway that was first witnessed on July 15, 2025. This property went before the Special Magistrate who ordered that the property had 15 days to come into compliance or face a lien of \$100 a day starting on September 18, 2025. The lien accrued to a total of \$18,300 before the property came into compliance on March 19, 2026. The legal firm handling the closing of this estate is requesting a settlement of \$1,714.38. The settlement will recover the direct costs to the City. **Councilman Davis motioned to approve a Release of Lien in the amount of \$1,714.38 of the total amount due of \$18,300.00 for 115 Daffodil Street as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried.**

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

- West Inverness Trail does not appear to be funded this year. Spoke of working with and through Representative Bilirakis' office for potential funding.
- Ladder Truck is almost ready for delivery in just a matter of weeks.
- Other with City Manager noting Inverness was #2 in the USA Today Best Small Towns, amazing achievement. The Withlacoochee State Trail was #7 out of the Top 10 recreational trails. Storm Distillery was briefly discussed noting it is an active investigation. Thoughts and prayers for David Mohr's family as he passed away. The explosion was an unfortunate incident and will take time to investigate. The building sustained significant damage. Councilman Davis questioned the strength of the City's building codes, etc. Since the State does not mandate inspections, the City could look at an ordinance that was presented a few years ago regarding annual inspections. Councilwoman Hepfer agreed that would be a good idea to revisit.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Councilman Davis stated the time devoted and the interest from the public is important and thanked those that attend the Council meetings.

Councilman Craig noted it was a sad, busy week. He attended the Crystal River concert and thought it was successful. He stated the Council do listen to public comments when they are made.

Councilwoman Hepfer agreed there is a lot going on and thought the event by the City of Crystal River was a success. Noted that Inverness and Crystal River working together and allowing Crystal River to borrow the City's stage for the event.

Councilwoman Bega also agreed it has been very busy and spoke of a recent play at the Valerie Theatre was well received. In addition, the Valerie Theatre is in the process of getting new carpet throughout the theatre.

Council President Lizanich spoke of the great partnership with Crystal River's recent concert event. Noted the CCCCCF grant cycle has concluded and decisions are being made. Stated our hearts are with all involved in the incident downtown last Friday.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

Lala Sanders stated she loves this town and the urban forestry plan. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries are still a concern.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk

Council President

Agenda Memorandum - *City of Inverness*

May 5, 2026

TO: Elected Officials

FROM: Aidan Marshall, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Summer of 250 - Patriotic Evening

CC: Susan Jackson, City Clerk, Alexis Koter, Finance Director, Woody Worley, Parks & Recreation Director, Eric Williams, City Manager

Enclosures: 1. America 250 Merchandise
2. America 250 Summer of Events

The City of Inverness is preparing to launch **Summer 250**, an exciting seasonal celebration leading up to **America's 250th Anniversary**. This summer-long event series will bring residents and visitors together through family-friendly activities, community celebrations, entertainment, local partnerships, and events designed to showcase the very best of Inverness.

Summer 250 will showcase our parks, downtown spaces, and other key areas throughout the community, giving families opportunities to enjoy memorable events close to home while encouraging visitors to explore our city, support local businesses, and experience why Inverness is truly **Small Town Done Right**.

This celebration will be built through strong public private partnerships, community organizations, local businesses, and volunteers. These partnerships will help expand programming, reduce costs, increase participation, and create a stronger economic impact throughout the entire summer season.

Recently recognized as the **#2 Small Town in the South**, Inverness has the perfect opportunity to turn Summer 250 into a celebration of patriotism, community pride, and small town energy. City Staff ask that City Council allow staff to present the full Summer 250 event plan and receive Council feedback as we prepare to make this an unforgettable summer for Inverness!

Recommended Action:

No action is required at this time.

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

Aidan Marshall

EVENT MERCHANDISE



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Summer of
250



**WE WANT
YOU!**

Celebrations
BEGINNING
JUNE 1ST

- to celebrate with us -



Agenda Memorandum - *City of Inverness*

May 5, 2026

TO: Elected Officials
FROM: Aidan Marshall, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Small Town Big Impact - Volunteer Initiative
CC: Susan Jackson, City Clerk, Woody Worley, Parks & Recreation Director, Eric Williams, City Manager
Enclosures: 1. Volunteer Flyer

The City of Inverness has always been at its best when residents take pride in serving one another. In that spirit, staff is excited to introduce a new City of Inverness Volunteer Program designed to give residents a direct and meaningful way to be part of the energy, events, beautification, and community that make Inverness Small Town Done Right.

This initiative will create new opportunities for residents to get involved, meet neighbors, build relationships, support City programs, and make a visible impact throughout the community. Whether assisting with special events and festivals, helping with parks and recreation programs, participating in beautification and cleanup projects, or supporting special City initiatives, volunteers will play an important role in strengthening the Inverness experience for residents and visitors alike.

The program will be designed to be simple, welcoming, and well-organized. Volunteers will have an easy registration process, clear role descriptions, and staff support to ensure they feel prepared, appreciated, and connected to the work they are doing. Staff will promote the program through the City website, social media, community events, local meetings, and partnerships with civic groups, churches, and community organizations.

The Volunteer Program is more than a service initiative, it is an opportunity to build pride, ownership, and connection across Inverness. Staff asks for Council approval and support of the City of Inverness Volunteer Program and authorization to begin implementation and recruitment efforts.

Recommended Action:

1. Allow staff to present
2. Council to discuss the matter
3. Provide Consensus direction to move the program ahead

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

Aidan Marshall
Assistant City Manager

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Make friends.
Give back.
Create
a better tomorrow.

Be a part of what makes Inverness a "Small Town Done Right"!



MEET NEW PEOPLE



GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

COME LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

JOIN A VOLUNTEER INFO MEETING

Explore the opportunities, perks, and impact!

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Parks & Recreation Office
1700 Forest Drive
Inverness, FL 34450

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Volunteer applications accepted at any time.
Questions or need assistance?
Reach out to a team member!

(352) 726-3913 • inverness.gov • parks@inverness.gov

Scan for more info!



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FROM:

SUBJECT: Project and Program Updates

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- National Day of Prayer
- Other

CC:

Enclosures:
