

**MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.**

Council Members Present:

Wayne Browning, Mayor
Marcus “Marc” Decker, Vice Mayor, Financial Officer
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey

Others Present:

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Beck. Pledge lead by Croskey.

ITEM 3: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

ITEM 4: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Beck nominates Browning for Mayor.

MOTION: By Beck to nominate Browning for Mayor, seconded by Croskey. Motion carried.

Beck nominates Decker for Vice Mayor

MOTION: By Beck to nominate Deck for Vice Mayor, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST AT 598 NW AVE D:

Wills states it's a variance request. The Citizen has a mobile home they are trying to put on a corner lot, and the setbacks are 25ft on both sides of the streets, 15 ft on the back and 5ft on the other side. I believe they are off 5 feet on one side from hitting the setbacks. So, they are requesting that the Council allow them the 5 feet.

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Kenny Kinney states I met Mrs. Miller at the property when we staked it out and the homes to the north and south of the mobile home are closer to the road than what we are asking for.

Ramunni states what would it reduce to.

Kenny Kinney states to 20ft instead of 25ft.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the variance request for 598 Ave D to reduce the setback from 25ft to 20ft, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

September 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Decker to approve September 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

September 16, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve September 16, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVATIONS FOR FY 2025-2026:

Tibbs states each fiscal year we update our Holiday calendar. These Holidays are the same as last year and are just updated to the appropriate dates on the calendar.

MOTION: By Beck to approve the official Holidays and observations for the FY 2025-2026, seconded by Croskey. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11 FOR AMENDMENT #1 TO THE FY 2024-25 BUDGET:

Tibbs states this is for the garbage truck, previously at the CaPFA meeting we voted to increase the transfer to the garbage fund by \$39,923.24 for the purchase of the garbage truck.

MOTION: By Beck to approve Resolution No. 2025-11 for Amendment #1 to the FY 2024-25 Budget, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states there are 28 bills that took effect on 10/01/2025. I spoke to Vanassche about the upcoming legislative session that is coming up, a hot topic is probably going to be property taxes.

There are 8 different proposals that are going to go before the committee on property taxes. One that is not going to happen is reducing property taxes for Schools. They are only going to be looking at property taxes for the general public. The Stare closed, the B.E.A.D program about a month ago. There were some locations around Moore Haven that were unserved/ underserved, there were maps provided to allow different entities to bid on them. The National Transportation Information Committee has 90 days to approve the Florida plan, once that is completed, we will know who got what.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Ramunni states Tibbs and I have been working on the FPL contract pursuing to the bid award that was previously made. We had a couple meetings with FPL and got some revisions to the contract and went over it with the engineer. On Thursday afternoon we have a conference call with the Co-op because we also need to have an agreement that matches the FLP agreement for the distribution to the City. We hope to have both contracts put together by the second meeting in November.

CITY CLERK:

Croskey states how is the lunch break going.

Wills states it has helped for sure.

CRAIG A. SMITH

Giarratana states we have Zenon coming next week to inspect the facility.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:

Simmons states everything is running as usual. We are working on a few small projects like trimming the trees and working on bathroom at the City Park. Everything looks good at the Sewer Plant with the new employee there.

Smith states have you got that mower decks raised up.

Simmons states it's a constant battle.

Smith states tell them to slow down because those are not cheap.

ITEM 10: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,168.57:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills in the amount of \$54,168.57, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

None.

ITEM 12: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Decker states around 6th street and 5th street right before Ave F is a mess. Do we have any cold patch we can put over there? We really should have put some effort into getting it paved over there. Also, on Ave L there is a pothole by the Maloy property.

Simmons states we will look at them tomorrow.

Smith states were you able to get ahold of Comcast.

Tibbs states no, I will try again this week I have the ladies name from over on the West Cost who is the regional director.

Browning states where are we with Code Enforcement. We have two properties that we were supposed to get sent into the magistrate.

Ramunni states one thing I noticed when Miller sent me the courtesy notice. We have citations that we have used, and I know you want to give people the benefit to get it done in time. The courtesy notice is deficient in my opinion. At the Cigar Bar is there any compliance at this point?

Miller states that I know there isn't anything going on, but of course when it's 10 P.M until 3A.M I don't know if there is anything going on.

Ramunni states have there been any more reports.

Miller states not that I'm aware of.

Ramunni states I think we need to be citation on using the citation forms. There is nothing wrong with talking to someone ahead of time, unless you put them on the clock you usually are not going to get anywhere. I will talk to you about more specific things per each case.

Browning states without being specific, Notting has been sent to the magistrate that we know of.

Tibbs states we can't send anything to the magistrate until the case is ready to be presented.

Browning states it's kind of concerning because this Board has always mentioned if you need anything, we have will get an Ordinance a magistrate and do anything you'll need and yet we are no further along than what we were 3 or 4 years ago. It's frustrating cause we are getting the calls and we ride around a see stuff.

Ramunni states my take on it is, the proper procedure when someone contacts you about a specific complaint or issue, we have a mechanism in place for it to be recorded. Then Code Enforcement takes it from there and it leaves the Council out of getting the blow by blow. It is my preference that Council does not engage, because at some point there may be something that gets brought up for the Council and then you can get recused because you may have had substantial contact. If you are contacted, you can thank them and let them know they need to report it to Code Enforcement and give them her contact information, so they are official records completed.

ITEM 13: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Croskey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Wayne Browning, Mayor

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