

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 24, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker
Clay Browning (Chair)
Alisha Beck
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey
Jerry (Gator) Sapp (Absent)
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor
Jeff Patterson (Vice Chair)
Jeff Barnes

Others Present:

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Paul Carlisle, County Manager

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL: Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Beck and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Croskey.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 24, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: By Croskey to approve February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Stanley motion carried.

ITEM 4: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Patterson states we need to add discuss and/or approve names to be removed and added to all the C.D accounts at Seacoast Bank.

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MOTION: By Patterson to approve adding Item 4A discuss and/or approve names to be removed and added to all the Seacoast C.D accounts, seconded by Beck motion carried.

ITEM 4A: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE REMOVING AND ADDING NAMES TO ALL THE SEACOAST C.D ACCOUNTS:

Patterson states there are some old names in the Seacoast accounts that are no longer on the City or County Board anymore. So, we will need to remove Pryor, Mcgee, Brantley, Whidden and Ahern. And we need to add Wills, Browning, Beck, and Smith.

MOTION: By Patterson to remove Pryor, Mcgee, Brantley, Whidden and Ahern from the Seacoast C.D accounts and to add Wills, Browning, Beck, and Smith, seconded by Beck motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE USE OF AVAILABLE FUNDING IN THE DANIELS ROAD PROJECT TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT:

Tibbs states there was some available funding in the U.S 27 sewer project. At the last meeting, the Board approved the use of that funding to purchase two submersible pumps and a pump that is mounted to a trailer. At the time we discussed quotes on the trailers, however there was a model that was available that had more features. It may not be the lowest quote, but it is an item that will perform and last longer than the other two models.

Ramunni states I wanted to make sure the record was clear. From what I understood from Greg was incomparable equipment that was quoted as more than \$91K. However, since then Giarratana has provided paperwork for that particular piece of equipment, which indicated it was in the \$50K range if I am not mistaken. That changed the schematics in terms of what the lowest bid verses were not. I wanted the Board to be aware that there was a lower bid and whether it is comparable, that is for you all to decide. Technically the other piece of equipment is \$30k cheaper.

Patterson states is it \$30k of less pump, or \$30k less of accessories.

Giarratana states it is \$30k of less accessories. It is a smaller package compared to a much bigger package.

Patterson states I understand, but can we get those accessories after market and save \$10k-\$15k. what are we discussing a trailer and hoses.

Giarratana states it features a noise attenuator enclosure verses one that is very noisy. They are similar but they are not all the same accessories.

Vanassche states the amount of money that we just did an amendment to this agreement for equipment is \$148,816.40 are we with that?

Giarratana states yes.

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Vanassche states okay.

Browning states has Tibbs and Carlisle seen the quotes.

Tibbs states yes.

Carlisle states yes, I did not see that much of a difference in the amount of equipment that was applied between the two pumps. I am going to try and go for the least expensive one because I think, there are other things we can use it for such as check valves and couplers. I recall Giarratana having to remove some of the hoses from the PSI pump to get it, within budget. I am not trying to cheapen it out, but I am also looking at whether we can buy the check valves and couplings to hook it up to the Lift Station or is that included in the PSI pump.

Giarratana states it is included with the PSI pump.

Carlisle states I am just looking at whether we can buy a pump that does what it needs to and buy additional materials or spare parts to go with it.

Giarratana states what we should do is go back to the other quotes and compare them and present it at the next meeting.

Browning states I feel more comfortable doing that, so we are all aware of what we are discussing.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS CHANGE IN DESIGN/ CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WWTP EXPANSION. (PENDING):

Carlisle states we met with Craig A Smith and we discussed different options. One thing they mentioned was taking the Plant back to a standard Plant but that lowered our capacity to \$400,000.00 gallons and I do not think that is where we need to be because we have \$8.8 million to expand the plant.

Giarratana states we were not going to reduce anything. We discussed taking the original Plant and converting it back to what it was which was which was the extended air and getting rid of the MBR. Which is an option we are investigating.

Carlisle states we still need to look more into it. I met with Eco World, and I have some information I would like to share with Ramunni and Smith. We still need to do some investigation before we come up with a conclusion.

Browning states I think Carlisle, Tibbs, Ramunni, and Smith should get together and come up with some ideas and from there we can set up a Workshop or Bring it back to a meeting.

ITEM 7: PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO GIVE REPORT:

Carol states we are in compliance and everything is running fine. In my opinion, it would be nice to do away with the membranes, in the long run it would be more cost effective.

Tibbs states on April 6th Zenon coming out to get all the controls adjusted and hopefully try to get it back to an automatic operation.

Simmons states the guys have a schedule so everything will be as clean as possible can be for Zenon when they arrive. The Flow Meter will be put in next week.

ITEM 8: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Giarratana state the Denco Project is progressing well, all the pipe and manholes are in. Currently we are looking at finishing all the road work, I anticipate that to be completed within the next month.

ITEM 9: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

Vanassche states as you will know we are not done in Tallahassee; there is no state budget. The two purposed budgets, the House and the Senate, did not get a Water project in the purposed budget. But we are not done yet, we still have the Special session coming up and our projects are eligible to be considered for funding because we have the House and Senate forms completed. In the meantime, we did a grant for Countryside Meadows Project through Congressmen Franklin's Office for fiscal year 2027. The DEP Bill that passed has a small community sewer assistance construction act in it, so I am going to look and see what they have for rule making.

ITEM 10: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 11: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 12: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 13: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Citizen Gonzalez states I have got documentations to Hendry County and Glades County on water treatment and solutions to the water issues. And as far as the pumps I think you all should get more of the least costly pumps to have more stocks and there will be more funds for the Community.

ITEM 14: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,949.41:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$51,949.41, seconded by Beck motion carried.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Stanley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Smith motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

Clay Browning, Chairman