MOORE HAVEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA, 33471.

Council Members Present:	Jacob Eighner, Mayor RaShondra Croskey, Vice Mayor Alisha Beck Bradley Smith Timothy Jones
Others Present:	Ashley Wills, City Clerk Larry Tibbs, City Manager Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent Steve Ramunni, Attorney

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL:

Given by Eighner.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Beck. Pledge lead by Tibbs.

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

None.

ITEM 4: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

September 3, 2026, Tentative Budget Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve September 3, 2026, Tentative Budget Meeting Minutes seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

September 15, 2026, Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: By Smith to approve September 15,2026, Final Budget Meeting Minutes seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: APPROVE TEFRA RESOLUTION NO. 2027-04 FOR THE CaPFA EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS (FLAGLER COLLEGE, INC PROJECT), SERIES 2026:

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Whitney states this is a limited approval for the purposes of the TEFRA Statue. CaPFA has already held a notice on the project. The Host as well as the issuers' jurisdiction both have to approve the project. This particular project is in St Augustine and there are no changes to the facility, it's just to restructure their payments.

Ramunni reads Resolution No. 2027-04 aloud.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve TEFRA Resolution No. 2027-04 for the CaPFA Educational Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds (Flagler College, INC Project), Series 2026, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: APPROVE TEFRA RESOLUTION No. 2027-05 FOR THE CaPFA STUDENT HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (SFP-SOLARIS, LLC PROJECT), SERIES 2026:

Whitney states this is similar to the last item, this is limited approval for the purpose pf the TEFRA statue. The TEFRA hearing was already held and there were no comments at the hearing.

Ramunni reads Resolution No. 2027-05 aloud.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve TEFRA Resolution No. 2027-05 for the CaPFA Student Housing Revenue Bonds (SFP-Solaris, LLC Project), Series 2026, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVATIONS FOR THE FY 2026-2027:

Tibbs states in the packet is a schedule of the FY 2026-2027 Holidays & Observations, there are no changes in the number of Holidays.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the official holidays and observations for the FY 2026-2027, seconded by Beck. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: DISCUSSION AND/ OR TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO UPDATING SECTION 3.02 OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING TAKING OFFICE AFTER ELECTION:

Eighner states I asked to have this on the agenda because we went a week without having a Mayor or Vice Mayor.

Tibbs states Section 3.02 in the Charter is kind of vague. We need something a little more definitive to follow. There also needs to be language included regarding CaPFA can CCPWA.

Eigner states speaking with the Supervisors of Elections I think the first meeting after the Election the new Council should be sworn in and as far as the representative for the EDC,TDC and CaPFA can wait until the following meeting.

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Beck states I recall when I was sworn in and then we immediately reorganized the Board. I think it needs to be the day they are sworn in.

Council agrees.

Wills states the new Council will take seat in the budget as of October 1st. My opinion would be to swear in and reorganize the board. But the current Council going out needs to stay until the end of September just because of the way the budget and pay falls.

Tibbs states we will try to get some language together and come back to this.

ITEM 9: DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT OF THE 2027-2028 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PRIORITIES:

Vanassche states Tibbs and I kind of collaborated together and some of this is from previous years, but I thought this maybe a good starting point for a discussion. The order of priority can be changed.

Tibbs states the Army Core permit states the construction has to be started by 2031.

Vanassche states if you have any changes or thoughts get with Tibbs or me.

Eighner states with the Marina Sea Wall, we do have funding correct?

Vanassche states yes, 50% funding and we went after the rest in the Rural Infrastructure grant.

Tibbs states if there is an opportunity to get a grant we will continue to go after that. I feel like we will eventually get it.

Eigner states would it affect us in a negative way if we took that money and start on it but still continued to go after the funding.

Tibbs states that is what we are doing. We do have the grant agreement.

Vanassche states you do have grant work plan, and we did put out the first work task bidding, the rest of the money we put under construction.

Eighner states it's the desire of the Council to have Tibbs put together an RFQ to move forward with the Marina Sea Wall.

Tibbs states I'll get with the engineers to get that RFQ done.

Eighner states I would like to have the Caloosahatchee Storm Water Phase 2 added to the list of priorities.

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Tibbs states an individual from DEP out of Ft Myers office saw that project and was going to look at the assessment on it.

Vanassche states December 9th is the delegation hearing. November 31st is the first committee week in Tallahassee.

ITEM 10: DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION OF MOORE HAVEN MARINA BROWNFIELD SITE SPECIFIC REUSE PLAN SEPTEMBER 2026:

Tibbs states in your packet is a plan, back in June of 2026 the South Florida Reginal Planning Council was here and had a presentation on the Marina Brownfield. Also outlined they had a grant to do a study on area; they put together a report that has a lot of information.

ITEM 11: DISCUSSION ON OVERGROWN LOTS IN THE CITY LIMITS:

Eighner states can someone explain the process that we are going through regarding the overgrown lots.

Simmons states we will mow the lot then tag it and code enforcement will place a lien on the property.

Miller states Wills and I were just getting together for the paperwork to get these lien's going and recorded through the Court House.

Wills states they are only liable for them for a year, unless they are renewed every so often. I went by the State Statues

Ramunni states did you go buy the code book; there is a form in the book that goes by the Resolution. Follow the format in the code book under 71-6 and we will deal with it from there.

Beck states Wills can send the information she found to Ramunni to it can be determined.

Wills states yes.

ITEM 12: DISCUSSION ON JAKE BRAKES WTH GLADES COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT:

Pat from GCSO states the City of Moore Haven and the County have an Ordinance, the only issue is, it has to be posted. FDOT will not allow a City or County to post any signage. So, we cannot enforce it. Our other option is Statues for the exhaust which is a sound decimal. We do have to use a certified decimal meter. There is another Statues that is very vague when it comes to mortified exhaust and the discussion of the officer. That would play into effect to see if a Judge will accept it or not. We are limited in commercial vehicles regulations; there is certain training to be able to enforce certain laws.

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ITEM 13: REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

Tibbs states we have had people express interest in the City Marina property. I did draft a quick proposal to advertise on our website. The more people we get to come to the Downtown/Marina area the better it is.

Eighner states before you complete the final draft, we may want to include having a background check completed before it is leased.

CITY ATTORNEY:

NONE.

CITY CLERK:

Eighner states when something is added on the agenda for example "the overgrown properties" do you include any information regarding that item.

Wills states no, there is not always an attachment to an agenda item.

CRAIG A. SMITH

NONE.

CAS GOVERNMENT SERVICES:

Vanassche states this is in regard to the Wastewater plant expansion. In 2024-2025 we got over $2.7 million for DEP. We also applied to Congressmen Franklin's Office for fiscal year 2026, they had a webinar, me and Tibbs participated in the webinar, and you'll receive an additional $2 million dollars from the Federal side. I believe we have until 2034 to complete the Federal Plan.

Tibbs states the County enacted impact fees; through four Ordinances that were passed. They contracted with the Central Florida Reginal Planning Council that develop an impact fee study. At a meeting the County adopted new ordinances regarding impact fees and the rates. In the Ordinance is stated both the City and School Board have been contacted and were in support of those impact fees, they never contacted us. We still can opt out of the impact fees; I personally think impact fees can stop the development of growth.

MOTION: By Beck to opt out of the Impact fees in the City of Moore Haven, seconded by Croskey. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT:
Simmons states we are catching up on some mowing. I mentioned at the CCPWA meeting about getting the smoke test done at some of the Lift stations. I contacted Florida Rual Water; they do have the permit to do the smoke test all we have to do is buy the liquid smoke. They did send over an agreement; Tibbs did sign that; we are just waiting on a date. The County did loan us a machine we have it at the burn pile moving some of the cement. ULCS sent us a bid for the 10-pole change out, pike did come look at the job but never sent a bid. No one else wanted to come out and look at the job so that is the only bid we have received. I think we can move forward with the proposal and proceed with the changeout.

MOTION: By Croskey to accept the proposal from ULCS to the 10-pole change out, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

Wills states in the past it was motioned to pay the pole change out, from the Utility Tax Fund instead of the General Fund. Is that the wish of the Council on this?

Council states yes.

Simmons states Taylor Electric went to the Chalo Nitka Grounds and looked at adding the exhaust fans and tidying up the electrical system, I told them to give us a quote and see what can be upgraded. Last thing I have is, I have had some employees ask about a 4-day work week, so I just wanted to bring that back to you all.

Croskey states that is something we do need to discuss.

ITEM 14: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $239,336.94:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills in the amount of $239,336.94, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

ITEM 15: CITIZENS COMMENTS/GENERAL CONCERNS, SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES:

Citizen Bobby states another reason why the State can't do much about the jake break thing, is because the jake brake is an engendered safety factor put into the vehicle. If they are coming from the south will the decimal meters get them at the edge of the bridge where its 35mph or will that get them before they get there where it is 35mph.

Pat from GCSO states it will only get what is visually seen.

Citizen Bobby states they are going over the speed limit in the 35mph zone, or they would not need the jake break. Would it be possible to go on the other side of the bridge?

Pat from GCSO states yes, we do run the radar on the other side of the bridge as well.

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ITEM 16: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GIVE REPORTS:

Croskey states can we look into getting the Council business cards and name tags.

Wills states yes.

Beck states I would like to have an open-door policy day where any employee can come in and discuss anything. I will get with Tibbs on a date for the office and with Simmons on a date for the Wearhouse.

Jones states I was on 10th St where that pond is and noticed there is one pavilion, and from what I understand there was supposed to be three there.

Eighner states the one on Sampson's pond was added at a later date. There was discussion on putting one across from Campbells, but the road is narrow there. I don't see why we couldn't discuss adding another on the far side where there is parking.

Beck states that could be something to add to your CaPFA list.

Smith states is there a way we can get an officer to patrol the streets a little more. There are some little motorcycles riding around every day.

Pat from GCSO states with the electric bikes we kind of have our hands tied with them, it just depends on what it is and how it falls under the guidelines. The State is currently trying to change the Statues.

Eighner states the gate at the burn pit on Ave R we do not own the property right next to it, it belongs to Clark out of Ft. Pierce. We may want to try and reach out to her in regard to the property.

ITEM 17: DISCUSS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF NEEDED:

NONE.

ITEM 18: ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Ashley Wills, City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Jacob Eighner, Mayor

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