

TOWN OF POMONA PARK, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026

Town Hall Council Chambers

1757 Hwy 17 South, Pomona Park, Florida

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anthony Cuevas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Cuevas.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed.

4. ROLL CALL

Present:

- ☒ Councilman Swanson
- ☒ Councilman Rohrbaugh
- ☒ Councilwoman Mead
- ☒ Councilwoman Kuleski
- ☒ Mayor Pro-Tem Councilwoman Evans
- ☒ Councilwoman Cooney

A quorum was established.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk Andrea Almeida presented correspondence.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – April 14, 2026

Special Meeting – April 27, 2026

Motion: Councilwoman Evans

Second: Councilwoman Mead

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion passed

8. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Tony presented to South Putnam Christian Service Center Donation presented to Don Brown.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2026-10 – Historic Preservation Month

Presented by Mayor Cuevas.

BJ Laurie spoke about the importance of the Historic Preservation Month and having community involved. Potluck on May 21, at the Woman Club. Lisa Devitto handed out brochures for the Fruitland Peninsular Society.

Proclamation 2026-11 – Public Works Week

Presented recognizing the contributions of public works employees.

Presented by Mayor Cuevas.

Guest Speaker:

Bill White – St. Johns Water Management District (not present)

9. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Lien Reduction Case – 309 Holly Ave

Fernando Lima- 950 Hillcrest drive Hollywood Fl

Town Clerk Andrea explained what the process is for code enforcement. Mr. Fernando explained what his company is wanting to do with the properties.

Council considered Resolution 2026-06 regarding lien reduction.

Town Clerk read Resolution 2026-06 by title only.

Motion: Councilwoman Evans

Second: Councilwoman Kuleski

Councilman Roubagh asked about the reduction of the lien. Mayor Tony explained the need to add the property back to the tax roll.

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion passed

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report

Finance Officer Jennifer Paul presented the check register and trial balance.

Parks & Recreation Report

Mayor Cuevas provided updates on parks and ongoing projects. Mayor Tony reported about the fence at the swimming area being removed. And field fence was temporarily installed. Bruce spoke about what the fence and securing the beach area from neighboring properties. Suggested to apply for additional funding for the new fence. The restrooms have all been painted in anticipation of the events. Bruce Wolfred spoke about closing the bathrooms just for Friday to avoid any concerns. Doris Carol spoke about the beach bathrooms being closed. A discussion was had about closing the parks for the evening prior to Founders Day. Larry Flaman spoke about the beach and the overgrowth of the weeds.

Code Enforcement Report

Councilwoman Kuleski presented updates on enforcement activity. The county has hired some new employees are currently training. One new case has been opened on Prospect St. Five Cases are open and up for review. Worcester Rd has a case that will be reviewed and are accruing a daily fine of \$25. A courtesy letter was given for W Main. St.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Tractor Repair Quote

Public Works Superintendent Bruce Wolfred presented repair information for Town equipment.

Bruce presented the quote for the Tractor Repair for Ocala Tractor in the amount of \$4,786.17 in the not to exceed amount.

Motion: Councilwoman Evans

Second: Councilwoman Mead

Councilman Rohrbaugh asked about the condition of the tractor. Councilwoman Evans asked about the budgeted amount for repairs. Councilman Swanson asked about bids and the amount for the clerk to approve. Doris Carol asked about the warranty for the machine.

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion passed

Quotes for Non-Commercial Leaf Vacuum

Bruce presented the quotes for equipment purchase. Recommendation to go with 10 Little Engines out of Gainesville for \$3,738.99. Councilman Rohrbaugh asked if the quote was for both pieces.

Motion: Councilwoman Evans

Second: Councilman Swanson

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion passed

Resolution 2026-05 – MOU with Putnam County (Debris Removal Services) Town Clerk Andrea read by title only.

Council reviewed agreement allowing the County to assist with debris removal operations following declared disasters. Bruce explained the reason for having the MOU with the County for Debris Removal Service. Councilwoman Cooney asked about the difference in the reimbursement from FEMA.

Motion: Councilwoman Evans

Second: Councilman Swanson

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion passed

12. DISCUSSION BY TOWN COUNCIL

Council discussed:

Councilman Swanson asked about someone coming from the BOCC meeting. Speeding concerns around the high school. Comments about the Feral Cats and concerns. Councilwoman Kuleski spoke about the BOCC meetings and watching live on YouTube. The Speeding concerns have to do with the new school in Palatka. The new signs look great. Upcoming Pave projects in 2026 George Town Denver Rd, 2027 Union Ave, Huntington Short Cut Rd. Old 17. 2028 All of old 17 just south of the high school. Public Works Week and how the Keep Putnam Beautiful complemented the Public Works and all the hard work they put into the town. An explanation of

Public Comment was announced to the Council and Public. A statement about public comment was read aloud.

13. DISCUSSION BY TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Leo Villegas provided updates regarding:

- Enforcement challenges for smoking-related ordinances
 - Consideration of alternative enforcement approaches
 - Potential need for special magistrates
 - Doris Carol- explained the sign for the smoking.
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14. DISCUSSION BY TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk Andrea Almeida provided updates and administrative items for Council awareness.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public comments included:

- Board of County Commissioner JR Newbold talked about the need for change of the animal code. Working with the Sheriff's Department, five newly trained officers.
- Valaria Humprey Murray- RCMA Lease asked about continuing working with the RCMA. 220 Main St- where services have been happening for the last 40 years.
- Felecia McClendon- 205 Chesser Monroe Rd Hawthorne- is pleading for the continuation of the RCMA. Ms. McClendon is asking for the services and the impact. The children in the classroom are the future of the community. As discussed in previous meeting the services include, education, meal, development, guidance to help parents. The consequences would be immediately devastating. Some parents may have to quit their jobs due to no childcare. The impact will ripple through the community. Families who are already struggling. The program creates jobs for teachers, aids and bus drivers. Loosing this location could result in financial strain.
- Larry Flaman 204 Perry St- asking the mayor to resign because he's embarrassing the town.
- Nelson Anderson- stated the Council voted to send a letter to Winn Dixie but still choose to close the RCMA.
- Erica Mclemons- is on the board of West Putnam Save our Children. Thinks it's disrespectful that no response is given.
- Councilwoman Cooney- responded to the public. Asked if anyone is a part of RCMA and if they are a part of the discussion for the center.

- A long discussion of the center happening and what is needed was opened to the floor. Councilwoman Kuleski explained the facts of the vote were discussed for the need to not renew the lease. A resident asked if a building would be available to them.

16. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Great Celebration / Founders Day – May 16, 2026
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17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:03PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Councilwoman Mead

APPROVAL

Approved by the Town Council on: 6/16/2026

Anthony Cuevas, Mayor

Anthony Cuevas

Andrea Almeida, CMC, Town Clerk

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