



City of Starke

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Regular Meeting of City Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Redding opened the meeting with a time of ²Voluntary Prayer and the ³Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Redding called for ⁴Roll Call. Vice Mayor Janice D. Mortimer, and Commissioner Dimple Overstreet were absent. Commissioner Danny Nugent was present, Commissioner Bob Milner was present, and Mayor Andy Redding was present. Additionally, City Clerk Chrissy Allen-Thompson was present, City Manager Drew Mullins was present, and City Attorney Scott Walker was present. Also in attendance were Director of Building & Zoning Lance Campbell, Fire Chief Jason Clemons, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Assistant City Manager-Finance James Hughes, Assistant Finance Director Becky May, Sheriff Gordon Smith, and Assistant City Manager-Utilities David Sparks.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion for the ⁵Approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Milner made a motion. Commissioner Nugent seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the ⁶Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of: ^{6.a}Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Commission Meeting, ^{6.b}Resolution 2026-29 Designating an Alternate Representative of the City of Starke to the Public Risk Management Group Health Trust, ^{6.c}Resolution 2026-30 Approving and Accepting a Donation Agreement for Certain Real Property from Benjamin Y. Saxon a/k/a Benjamin Y. Saxon II and Sandra Kaye Landon, ^{6.d}Resolution 2026-31 Approving that Certain Liquidated Damages and Actual Damages Agreement Between the City and PWC Joint Venture LLC/Weiss, ^{6.e}FMEA Annual Conference at the Breakers Palm Beach from July 14 to July 17 – Vice Mayor Janice Mortimer, ^{6.f} FMEA Annual Conference at the Breakers Palm Beach from July 14 to July 17 – Commissioner Overstreet, and ^{6.g}Commissioner Bill Review: Commissioner Milner. Commissioner Milner reported he reviewed the bills in the absence of Commissioner Overstreet, and everything looked okay. He made a motion to approve the consent agenda as published. Commissioner Nugent seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Redding asked for ⁷Emergency Items. There were none.

Mayor Redding asked for the ⁸Donation from Bradford Health Auxilliary (Pink Ladies) to Starke Fire Rescue. City Clerk Allen-Thompson said they would like to postpone due to a sudden illness.

Mayor Redding asked for ⁹Citizens Request. He asked for Paul Still. Mr. Still stated his addresses as 14167 SW 101st Avenue in Starke. He's back again to talk about the proposed ICE Detention Facility and its potential impacts on the City of Starke, and the extension of the sewer and water lines to the facility, which was the old government surplus warehouse down by Walmart. The

Bradford County Commission had a meeting today, and there was another potential leaser of that property. It's a steel construction business at the end of Lincoln City. The County Commissioners voted to pursue that option, as well as the ICE Detention Facility option. It's not clear at this point what the steel construction business would be using it for, other than potentially as a warehouse. Their water needs, and sewer needs would be much less of a concern for the city. He thinks the City should be concerned about the ICE Facility and the water they would require. Estimates are they would use the equivalent of what 1,000 to 1,300 homes would require. That would mean the City would not have the ability to expand the City of Starke with residential units which bring in taxes. The ICE Facility would not bring in tax dollars. He asked the Commissioners to give some guidance to help the County Commissioners decide which direction they should go with respect to the use of that property. One of the problems with the property is it's heavily contaminated with volatile organic compounds that were released when it was used as a warehouse. They are still under remediation, due to restrictions applied by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mayor Redding thanked Mr. Still for his input. Mayor Redding asked for Rebecca Uribe. Ms. Uribe stated she is the exotic pet store owner here in Starke. She was here this evening to address the speeding problem on West Call Street. She brought her phone just in case the Commissioners wanted to see some video. She Stated the Sheriff has copies of the videos. She stated people are driving on the sidewalk. She owns a family business, and little children come in. She's very concerned about the speeding. There's already been one attempted hit and run at a neighboring business. The store owners were able to catch it on video. They said we have it on video. So, the driver stopped. They recently had another hit and run across the street. Unfortunately, her video cameras do not reach across the street enough to identify the vehicle that caused the damage and left. She wasn't able to help the Sheriff's Office on that end. She's really concerned about the speeding, and the one speed bump is not long enough. Vehicles have to be parked on each end for that speed bump to be effective. It's like a drag race down West Call Street sometimes, especially when school lets out. She does not want anyone to get hurt at her store. So, she's hoping that the situation can be addressed by getting speed bumps that are effective, and that would cover the full length of the road. That's her concern this evening. She thanked the Commission for allowing her the time to speak. Commissioner Nugent asked what's the address for her store. She said 434 West Call Street. The old Denmark Building. Commissioner Nugent said he will come by and look at it. Mayor Redding asked if Sheriff Smith had any remarks. Sheriff Smith said the speed bump doesn't cover the two lanes. When the traffic light backs up, everybody cuts through, and they're in a hurry. Ms. Uribe said she has notifications for her cameras. If a vehicle is speeding fast enough it'll trigger her back camera. She has an over 3,000 square foot store and City Clerk Allen-Thompson has been there before. Ms. Uribe's camera is triggered in the back office to record a speeding car. They're going 45 to 50 miles per hour down that tiny strip of road. Mayor Redding suggested meeting with the Sheriff's Office and Mr. Mullins on this and he thinks that's Commissioner Milner's District. He thanked Ms. Uribe.

Mayor Redding asked for ¹⁰New Business: ^{10.a}City Manager Mullins said there is one item for a Boot Drive. City Clerk Allen-Thompson said the Boot Drive is for the Bradford Cyclones Football Players. They brought their request and insurance in after the agenda was made. They are in full compliance. They would like to have the Boot Drive on April 18th and they don't have another Commission Meeting before that. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the application for the Boot Drive. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. Commissioner Milner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{11.}Old Business: ^{11.a.}Charter Review and ^{11.b.}Impact Fees. He asked for ^{11.a.}Charter Review. City Manager Mullins said the Charter Review Committee met today for the final time. City Clerk Allen-Thompson stated she will get the Commissioners a draft this week that was approved by the Charter Review Committee as written. They will come back at the next meeting with some Ordinances. Mayor Redding asked for ^{11.b.}Impact Fees. Mayor Redding asked same status. City Manager Mullins said same status waiting on Tallahassee.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{12.}Public Hearings. There were none.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{13.}Quasi-Judicial Hearings. There were none.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{14.a.}City Manager Report. City Manager Mullins asked Director Campbell to give the Building & Zoning and Code Enforcement Report. Director Campbell presented the March Report. Residential permits issued were 16. Commercial permits issued were 3. There were 0 zoning applications. There were 4 new contractor registrations. There were 52 inspections performed. The revenue from the month of March was \$30,193. They opened 3 new cases. They closed 10 cases. One of those closings was the demo on Walnut Street. There were 17 public contacts throughout the community. He asked if the Commissioners had any questions. Mayor Redding asked how this compares to last year. Director Campbell said they continue to have revenue growth. The previous month was in the \$20,000s. If they have a large complex come in, their permit fee is going to be more than that. Mayor Redding asked how they're stacking up compared to other areas and growth rates. And then, compared to growth in previous years, to where they're at now. Director Campbell said they're continuously growing at a faster pace every single month. Commissioner Milner said the duplexes on Bradford drive, or the 10 apartment buildings that are being built on State Road 16 are each of those an individual unit. In other words, if you have a townhouse with four townhouses going in would there need to be four permits. Director Campbell said each structure would require a permit. So, a duplex would need one. Commissioner Milner thanked Director Campbell. Commissioner Nugent said he thinks Director Campbell is doing a good job. He knows Director Campbell has a lot more growth coming and a lot of decisions to make. City Manager Mullins said the only other thing is temperatures have leveled off. So, they have seen utility bills level off from the previous highs of January and February. There is definitely a better outlook now. With everything going on in Iran right now, that has affected natural gas prices overseas but not here. They're actually lower than the budgeted amount at FMPA of megawatts per hour.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{14.b.}City Clerk Report. City Clerk Allen-Thompson said she gave the Commissioners calendars. It's going to be a busy month, and she appreciates the Commissioners.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{14.c.}Public Safety. Sheriff Smith passed out the Bradford County Sheriff's Office 2025 at a Glance Report. He went over the report page by page. Mayor Redding thanked Sheriff Smith for the complete report.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{14.d.}Attorney Report. Attorney Walker had nothing further.

Mayor Redding asked for ^{15.}Mayor and Commissioner Reports. ^{15.a.}Commissioner Overstreet was absent. ^{15.b.}Commissioner Milner had nothing further. ^{15.c.}Commissioner Nugent said the Northeast Florida League of Cities Dinner is April 16th in Fernandina. Commissioner Milner is going and if

anyone else is going they need to call the Northeast Florida League of Cities by Thursday. There are 29 Cities and it fills up fast. Commissioner Nugent will be out of pocket from April 16th to the 20th returning on the 21st.^{15.d.} Vice Mayor Mortimer was absent.^{15.e.} Mayor Redding had nothing further.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Milner made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nugent seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

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