

MINUTES

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.

VICE MAYOR REID CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS GAIL NEIDINGER, MARK MCALEES, LYNDIA THOMPSON, AND VICE MAYOR THOMAS REID. ABSENT: MAYOR ARTHUR PENNY. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS, CITY ATTORNEY KRISTEN GRAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR JAMES GRAHAM, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAVID MIXSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN SHIMKO, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR TERESA SULLIVAN, AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY JO BOWMAN.

REPORTS

Commissioner Neidinger spoke regarding Finance Department activities including FY 2026 budget preparation, City expenditures, City reserves, millage rate adoption processes, grant projects, and sewer and reclaimed water fee increases.

Commissioner McAlees reported on Community Improvement Department activities including the five-year Community Rating System (CRS) visit, staffing, local business tax receipts, and permitting activity.

Commissioner Thompson reported on Public Safety Department activities. She encouraged the public to prepare for hurricane season.

Vice Mayor Reid reported on Public Works Department activities including the completion of the Bay View Park pavilion project, rainfall predictions, sewer maintenance, and stormwater drainage.

In Mayor Penny's absence, Vice Mayor Reid reported on Administration Department activities including the FY2026 budget hearing schedule, staff training, and City events. He noted the upcoming closure of City offices in observance of Labor Day.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

NONE

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AGENDA COMMENT

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING - LEGISLATIVE

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY OF INCIDENT COMMANDER, SUBSECTION (A); PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT WAIVER OF THE INCIDENT COMMANDER'S \$50,000 EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE LIMIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE - SECOND AND FINAL READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2025-02 by title and approved it as to form and content.

Vice Mayor Reid opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. There being no public comment, Vice Mayor Reid closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER, TO PASS AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02 ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER MCALEES	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	VICE MAYOR REID	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 2025 ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA MEETING, JUNE 3, 2025; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, JUNE 3, 2025; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, JUNE 10, 2025; REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, JUNE 10, 2025; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, JUNE 17, 2025; AGENDA MEETING, JUNE 24, 2025;

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ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, JUNE 24, 2025; EXECUTIVE SESSION,
JUNE 26, 2025; REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, JULY 1, 2025.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER MCALEES, TO PASS THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

NEW BUSINESS

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH
PASADENA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET;
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2025-03 by title and
approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03 ON
FIRST READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER MCALEES	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE
	VICE MAYOR REID	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH
PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX CHAPTER A198 FEES OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR
RECLAIMED WATER; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM MONTHLY RECLAIMED
WATER SERVICE CHARGE FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
CUSTOMERS TO \$11.88 AND TO INCREASE COMMERCIAL AND
MUNICIPAL USER SERVICE CHARGES TO \$339.31 PER PERVIOUS
ACRE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2025-04 by title and
approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES, SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 ON
FIRST READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE

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COMMISSIONER MCALEES AYE
VICE MAYOR REID AYE

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5. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX CHAPTER A198 FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWAGE USAGE; TO INCREASE THE BASE MINIMUM MONTHLY SEWER RATES AND SEWER FLOW CHARGE RATE BY 9.5%; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2025-05 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 ON FIRST READING.

VOTE: COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER AYE
 COMMISSIONER MCALEES AYE
 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AYE
 VICE MAYOR REID AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, APPOINTING THE SHERIFF OF PINELLAS COUNTY AS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

City Attorney Gray read Resolution No. 2025-09 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES, TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.

VOTE: COMMISSIONER MCALEES AYE
 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AYE
 COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER AYE
 VICE MAYOR REID AYE

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7. MOTION - TO RATIFY ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GRAYROBINSON, P.A. FOR GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES, TO RATIFY ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GRAYROBINSON, P.A. FOR GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER MCALEES	AYE
	VICE MAYOR REID	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

8. MOTION - TO RATIFY ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GRAYROBINSON, P.A. FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEGAL SERVICES.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO RATIFY ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GRAYROBINSON, P.A. FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEGAL SERVICES.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER MCALEES	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	VICE MAYOR REID	AYE

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9. MOTION - TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK AND THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR MUTUAL AID, USE OF DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES, AND FUEL OPERATIONS.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK AND THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR MUTUAL AID, USE OF DEBRIS MANAGEMENT SITES, AND FUEL OPERATIONS.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER MCALEES	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE
	VICE MAYOR REID	AYE

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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Arthur Penny

Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carley Lewis

Carley Lewis, City Clerk
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