

MINUTES

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

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

Mayor Penny invited City Clerk Lewis to address the Commission.

City Clerk Lewis reported that the 2026 election was canceled as Arthur Penny was the only candidate to qualify so he was therefore reelected unopposed.

City Clerk Lewis administered the oath of office to Arthur Penny.

Mayor Penny thanked the community for allowing him to serve.

REPORTS

Commissioner Neidinger thanked everyone that contributed to the Block Party. She then spoke regarding Finance Department activities and reviewed City financials.

Commissioner McAlees reported on Community Improvement Department activities including permitting and inspections, local business developments, department staffing, and the Pledge to Evacuate initiative.

Commissioner Thompson reported on smoke alarm safety tips on behalf of the Public Safety Department.

Vice Mayor Reid reported on Public Works Department activities including the current drought period, rain barrel water conservation systems, stormwater usage, and water restrictions. He thanked everyone that helped with the recent Block Party event.

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Mayor Penny reported on Administration Department activities including the Block Party. He thanked Firefighters Union Local 747 for providing free food and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Pinellas County Regional 911, HCA Florida Pasadena Hospital, the American Red Cross, Sunstar Paramedics, and Waste Connections for participating. He noted that the City's new t-shirts were available for purchase at the event and can now be purchased at City Hall.

Mayor Penny proclaimed March 9-15, 2026, as Flood Awareness Week.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

NONE

AGENDA COMMENT

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 2026; REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2026; ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA.

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NEW BUSINESS

2. MOTION - TO APPOINT LYNDA THOMPSON AS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC

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SAFETY DEPARTMENT; THOMAS REID AS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; GAIL NEIDINGER AS COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT; AND MARK MCALEES AS COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DEPARTMENT.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCALEES TO APPOINT LYNDA THOMPSON AS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT; THOMAS REID AS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; GAIL NEIDINGER AS COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT; AND MARK MCALEES AS COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DEPARTMENT.

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

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3. MOTION - TO APPOINT _____ AS VICE MAYOR.

Mayor Penny recommended that Thomas Reid be appointed as Vice Mayor.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER TO APPOINT THOMAS REID AS VICE MAYOR.

Vice Mayor Reid thanked everyone for their trust in him.

Commissioner Neidinger thanked Vice Mayor Reid for his advocacy and participation in partner organizations.

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

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4. MOTION - TO APPOINT NINE MEMBERS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO BALLOT AND RANKING.

City Clerk Lewis spoke regarding applications received for the Charter Review Committee. She reported that six

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external applications were submitted and the Commission had previously agreed that Commissioner McAlees would serve on the Committee. She questioned whether the Commission would like to move forward with appointing the applicants and Commissioner McAlees for a total of seven members with two remaining seats considered vacant.

Discussion ensued regarding appointing members to the Charter Review Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VICE MAYOR REID TO APPOINT MARK MCALEES, GLENN AUBREY, KENNETH EDWARDS, LARI JOHNSON, BECKY MINIX, SUSAN RICHMOND, AND JOHN JOSEPH STRAUSS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.

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

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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Thomas Reid

Thomas Reid, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Carley Lewis

Carley Lewis, City Clerk
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