



**MEETING MINUTES
SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF KISSIMMEE
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741-5054
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Members Present: Mayor Jackie Espinosa, Commissioners Noel Ortiz, Angela Eady, Carlos Alvarez, III, Janette Martinez

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews, City Attorney Kalanit Oded, Deputy City Manager Austin Blake, City Clerk Tameara Crespo

Staff Absent: City Manager Mike Steigerwald

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

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE After a Moment of Silence, Commissioner Alvarez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.A Proclamation - Parks and Recreation Month

To present a proclamation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members in recognition of Parks and Recreation Month.

Deputy City Manager Matthews read a proclamation in honor of Parks and Recreation Month as the Mayor and Commissioners presented the proclamation. Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board thanked the City for its support.

3.B Employee of the Month for July

Staff requests that the City Commission join the City Manager in recognizing Travis Anderson of the Development Services Department as the Employee of the Month for July.

Deputy City Manager Matthews announced that the employee could not make it tonight and recognized their contribution to the city.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

4.A Public Hearing — First Reading — Proposed Ordinance # 26-17 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, Aviation

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 8, AVIATION; REORGANIZING, UPDATING, AIRPORT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Requesting approval of the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #26-17, Amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Aviation.

City Clerk Crespo read Proposed Ordinance # 26-17 by title. Aviation Director Shaun Germolus reviewed the rules and regulations of the Kissimmee Airport and the need for the code update. Mayor Espinosa announced the Public Hearing with one resident providing feedback on noise concerns (Exhibit "A").

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to approve the Public Hearing and First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #26-17. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. HEAR AUDIENCE *Anything requiring a vote will be heard at a later time.*

Mayor Espinosa opened the floor for public comment. Comment cards (Exhibit "B") were submitted and residents provided their remarks. Speakers' topics included restoration of a previously issued artwork display permit (Exhibit "C"), recognition of the City Clerk and law enforcement for their public service and work ethic, concerns regarding marijuana trucks, bicyclists riding without helmets, and downtown business noise. Two residents also shared personal experiences with a commissioner and discussed matters related to public accountability and leadership.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA** *The consent agenda is a technique designed to expedite the handling of routine miscellaneous business of the City Commission. The City Commission in one motion may adopt the entire Consent Agenda. The motion for adoption is non-debatable and must receive unanimous approval. By request of any individual member, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

Commissioner Alvarez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

7.A City Commission Minutes from June 16 and June 29, 2026

Approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2026, Commission Meeting, the June 29, 2026, Workshop, and the KUA Board interviews.

7.B First Extension of Construction and Renovation Services Contracts

Requesting approval of the first one-year extension of Construction and Renovation Services Contracts with the following firms: 8-KOI Construction (Contract # 20260250), Arnco Construction (Contract # 20230208), Associated Cost Engineers (Contract # 20260251), Balfour Beatty (Contract # 20230277), Cathcart Construction (Contract # 20230207), Grove Construction (Contract # 20230265), MVB & Associates, Inc. (Contract # 20230206), Sequel Developers, Inc. (Contract # 20230267) and Siwel, Inc. (Contract # 20230261).

7.C Continuing Services Contract for Michael Baker International

Requesting approval of a continuing services contract with Michael Baker International (#20260208) to provide general planning services.

7.D Mill Run Fire Station No. 2 First Amendment to CMAR Agreement

Approval of the First Amendment to the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Agreement (Contract # 20250225) with CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC for the Mill Run Fire Station No. 2 Project, and authorization for the City Manager or designee to execute any documents necessary to carry out the terms of the amendment.

7.E Kissimmee Police Department and 911 Center Generator Installation Project

Requesting approval to award a contract to Ring Power Corporation (Contract # 20260252) for the purchase and installation of backup generators for the Kissimmee Police Department and 911 Communications Center, using Sourcwell Contract #092222-CAT and State of Florida Contract #22100000-21-STC, in an amount not to exceed \$591,690.00, with the remaining grant funds reserved as project contingency, and authorization for the City Manager or designee to execute any necessary documents or change orders to carry out the terms of this contract.

7.F Mill Slough Road and Denn John Lane Traffic Signal Design

Request approval of the design for a new traffic signal system (Contract # 20240133) at the intersection of Mill Slough Road and Denn John Lane, in the amount of \$160,300.00, and authorization for the City Manager or designee to execute any necessary documents or change orders to carry out the terms of this project.

7.G State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Approval to accept State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program annual funding in the amount of \$609,218 (SHIP26).

7.H Additional State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program Funding for FY2025-2026

Approval to accept additional State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program funding in the amount of \$22,598.10 and amend the FY2025-2026 budget for the proposed use of the funds (SHIP25).

7.I FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program Grant

Request approval to apply for the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (Grant # LEMHWA26).

7.J U.S. Department of Justice FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide Program Grant

Request authorization for the Kissimmee Police Department (KPD) to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide Program (Grant # BIDEN26).

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

CITY COMMISSION RECESSES AND CONVENES AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

8.A (DKCRA) Pioneer Project Incentive Program Agreement (PIIP) with Souza & Martins Savory Bites for a project located at 30 Broadway

Request approval of the Downtown Kissimmee Community Redevelopment Agency (DKCRA) Pioneer Project Incentive Agreement (PIIP), Contract #20260221, with Souza & Martins Savory Bites for the project located at 30 Broadway.

Redevelopment Planner Benjamin Burnett reviewed the agenda item and project details outlined in the agenda. In response to Commissioner Ortiz's questions, he explained that project completion is anticipated for this summer and that it is currently under permitting.

Board Member Martinez made a motion to approve. Board Member Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD ADJOURNS AND RECONVENES AS THE CITY COMMISSION

8.B Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate 2026

To designate a voting delegate for the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, to be held August 13-15, 2026, at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to appoint Mayor Espinosa to serve as the voting delegate. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

9. HEAR CITY OFFICIALS

9.A CITY MANAGER

Deputy City Manager Matthews recapped the Monumental 4th of July event, noting that approximately 17,000 attendees participated. She commended staff for their behind-the-scenes efforts in making the community event a success. She also announced a public meeting for the Connect Kissimmee Project on July 16, where the community will receive project updates, review timelines, and learn more about the planned transformation of the downtown area.

9.B CITY ATTORNEY9.C CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Martinez announced that the Special Prosecutor's recommendation was to dismiss her case. She recapped her commitment to public service and transparency. Commissioner Ortiz congratulated the Downtown Kissimmee CRA on its project approved tonight and thanked everyone involved for their investment in the City.

10. ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Eady made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Espinosa adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.



ATTEST:

Tameara Crespo

CITY CLERK

Jackie Espinosa

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COMMISSION

DATE: 4/7/26

EXHIBIT "A"

AGENDA ITEM #: 4.A.

NON-AGENDA ITEM: _____

NAME: John Cortes

ADDRESS: 216 Old mill cove CITY: Miss STATE: FL ZIP: 34746

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COMMISSION

DATE: 7/7/26

AGENDA ITEM #: Artesanos en Kissimmee

NON-AGENDA ITEM: public comment

NAME: Darlene Ramirez

ADDRESS: 112 Broadway CITY: Kiss STATE: FL ZIP: 34741

✓ EXHIBIT "B"

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COMMISSION

DATE: 7-7-56

AGENDA ITEM #: Comments

NON-AGENDA ITEM: _____

NAME: Rubin Anderson

ADDRESS: 110 Lakeview CITY: Kissimmee STATE: FL ZIP: 34741

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COMMISSION

DATE: Jul 9

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

NON-AGENDA ITEM: POT TRUCKS (Hear the audience)

NAME: Richard Heik

ADDRESS: 1000 Mann St CITY: Kiss STATE: FL ZIP: 34746

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DATE: 7/7/26

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

NON-AGENDA ITEM: public comment

NAME: Madelin Casiano

ADDRESS: 4030 Tucker Ave CITY: Kiss STATE: FL ZIP: 34772

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DATE: 07/7/26

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

NON-AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME: Autumn Suffield

ADDRESS: 1523 Osceola Pkwy CITY: Kissimmee STATE: FL ZIP: 34741

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE CITY COMMISSION

DATE: 7/9/20

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

NON-AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

NAME: William Scott

ADDRESS: Seaway St CITY: Kiss STATE: FLA ZIP: 34746

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July 7, 2026

**Honorable Mayor Jackie Espinosa
Members of the Kissimmee City Commission
City Manager**

Dear Mayor, Commissioners, and City Manager,

My name is **Darlene Ramírez**, Founder of **Casa del Artesano Fine Arts and Educational Consulting** and **Igor Báez**, owner of **Pa'l Callejón**.

I respectfully request that the City Commission reconsider and restore the permission previously granted for the **Artwork Display** on the sidewalk along Pleasant Street 112 Broadway, Kissimmee FL 34741 adjacent to our property, as well as on our private property.

On **December 16, 2021**, the city approved our **Artwork Display**, and since then we have operated responsibly, without incidents or complaints, while complying with the City's requirements, including maintaining clear pedestrian access.

Today, we also have written letters of support from our neighboring property owners, demonstrating their continued support for this community initiative.

This Artwork Display provides local artists and artisans with a place to exhibit their work while bringing visitors, families, and economic activity to a portion of Downtown Kissimmee that receives less pedestrian traffic. It also supports nearby businesses and enriches the cultural character of our downtown.

I respectfully ask for your support in restoring this permission so we may continue serving our community through art, culture, and education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Darlene Ramirez

Founder & Executive Director

Casa del Artesano Fine Arts and Educational Consulting

(407) 480-1813

Igor Baez

Owner, Pa'l Callejón

Cc: City Commissioners, City Manager