

**TOWN OF FORT WHITE, FLORIDA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: **April 20, 2026**

TIME: **6:00 PM** at the **Community Center , 17579 FL-47 Fort White, FL**

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INVOCATION

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Mayor, George Jacob Thomas
Council Member, Kathryn Terry
Council Member Lonnie W. Harrell
Council Member, Monica Merricks
Council Member, Bill Koon

OTHERS:

Town Clerk, Joseph Helfenberger
Town Attorney, Vacant

ITEM 1 - ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES, AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ITEM 2 – PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Youth Leadership Week**

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ITEM 4 - PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 5 – CLERK’S REPORT

1. Town Hall days/hours of operation
2. Job Descriptions Update
3. Agenda Submission Deadline proposed change
4. Monthly Update

ITEM 6 - NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Carolyn Brooks – Request Cemetery Plots with no cost – wants consideration as grandfathered without cost.
2. Greg Bailey – WWTP Update
3. David Kraus – Potential Creation of Municipal Services Taxing Units (MSTUs) for EMS and Law Enforcement
4. Consider hiring Town Attorney
5. Consider changing phone and internet services from Windstream to Cox. (Council Member Merricks)
6. Payment of Powell Consulting Invoice for \$4,050.00 for closing/adjusting financial records for fiscal year ending 9/30/2025
7. Brad Dicks – Request for reimbursement of \$4,460.00 for legal fees and court reporter associated with a zoning matter heard by the Planning and Zoning Board
8. Code Enforcement Proposal by Willdan for \$75 per hour as needed with no minimum

ITEM 7 – MAYOR’S AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Need for ADA Parking at Deese Memorial Park, Hills Family/Johnny B. Bryant Park, and Fort White Depot (Council Member Terry)
2. Outstanding Repair needs for Fort White Depot/future rental of building

ITEM 8 – CITIZEN COMMENTS

ITEM 9 – COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

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In accordance with Sect. 286.0105 Florida Statutes, notice is given that if a person wishes to appeal a decision made by the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Mayor through the Town Clerk's office no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the meeting.