



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

Ponce Inlet Town Council

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Ordinance 2026-01 First Reading – Amendment to the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) to address Certified Recovery Residences as required by Florida Senate Bill 954. Ordinance approved 5-0. The second reading will be held after 5PM, pursuant to state law.
- Mayor Paritsky Proclaimed June 1, 2026 – June 5, 2026, Code Enforcement Officer Week.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- During Citizen Participation - Residents spoke in support of Florida friendly landscaping to increase water uptake, provide cooling shade, expiratory oxygen and pollination. These residents stated this landscaping would support Ponce Inlet's designation as a Tree City and would be more beneficial than relying solely on retention ponds and swales. Council thanked the residents for their input.
- Presentation by consultants Raftelis, Inc. - Discussion of stormwater utility implementation, including preliminary rates, credits and billing policy options. Numerous options were presented and discussed. Residents voiced questions and concerns, as did Members of the Town Council. Council consensus was for staff to continue gathering information in response to questions raised during the meeting.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Staff presented the idea of starting a Summer Civics Program event for 5th to 8th grade students that live in Ponce Inlet. Staff stated this idea is in the conceptual stages and asked for Town Council input. Council consensus was to move forward with the title "Inside Public Safety: Meet Your First Responders" and to invite participants to attend a future Council Meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

- Design plans for the South Peninsula Drive sidewalk mobility project were presented for Town Council consideration. Previously discussed during the February 19, 2026, Town Council Meeting and returned by the council for further study, the plan is returned today for council consideration. Approved 5-0.