



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

Port Orange City Council

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July 21, 2026

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The second reading of Ordinance No. 2026-8 - Amendments to Chapter 17, Section 29 of the Land Development Code for the Planned Community-Agriculture zoning district was passed 3-2 after continued discussion on housing density and traffic in this area of Town West and Williamson Blvds. Many decisions were made years ago and can't be changed today.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-7 - Amending Chapter 82, Article II - Waterways of the Code of Ordinances was passed. Changes are being made to align with changes at the state level. This ordinance relates to the use, operation, and mooring of watercraft in city waterways; of the anchorage of vessels, live-aboard vessels, floating structures, and commercial vessels and providing for procedures for the removal of



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August 4, 2026

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