

VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL ACTION LIST
MEETING DATE: February 3, 2026

Roll Call

Dempsey	Present
Johansson	Present
Kent	Present
Reinhart	Present
Robins	Present
Santiago	Present
Brower	Present

Item 01: Approval of the Agenda

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Item 01	The Council will approve the agenda, which sets the order of the meeting. This approval could include an addendum representing new items, additions, order, corrections, and/or deletions of existing items.	APPROVED the agenda.	Motion by Robins; seconded by Reinhart; carried 7 to 0.

Item 02: Consent Agenda

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Item A	Resolution Approving Fifth Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the Florida Development Finance Corporation	APPROVED and ADOPTED Resolution No. 2026-17	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item B	Use of State contract with Sharp Energy, Inc. for Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gas contract 15111510-25. Estimated annual expenditure: \$100,000	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item C	Approval of contract with FirstWatch Solutions Inc. for automated quality assurance system for public safety utilizing Lee County, FL contract number RFP230492CJV. First year expenditure: \$223,084	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item D	Acceptance of public improvements and release of maintenance agreement for Wexford Reserve Unit 1A.	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item E	Proclamations to be presented inside and outside of county council chambers. • Historic Legends North Turn Car Parade – February 7, 2026 • Encephalitis Awareness Day - February 22, 2026	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.

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Item F	Letter regarding HB 479 per previous Council direction	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item G	Beach Special Event Permit 26-010 - Ocean Deck	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item H	Letter of support for the renaming of Lighthouse Point Park to James Milton Hunt Lighthouse Point Park.	APPROVED	Motion by Robins; seconded by Reinhart; carried 7 to 0.
Item I	Proportionate fair share agreement with the City of Daytona Beach and Surfside Lube, LLC for the Valvoline Instant Oil Change on Lot 3B of the Shoppes of Williamson development.	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item J	Acquisition of property owned by Lester Bringas (Tax Parcels 7924-01-00-0180 and 7924-01-00-0181)	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item K	Contract task assignment with Newkirk Engineering Inc., for the Howland Boulevard 6-Lane Feasibility and Safety Improvement Study, 22-SQ-172SR, PC4244, TA37. Expenditure not to exceed: \$268,830	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item L	Contract task assignment with England-Thims & Miller, Inc., for CEI services for Orange Camp Road and Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard (MLK) intersection, 23-SQ-110SR, PC 4234, TA 8. Expenditure not to exceed: \$175,180	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item M	Contract task assignment with Moffatt & Nichol, Inc., for Chuck Lennon Park to Trail Connection at DeLeon Springs Park, 22-SQ-172SR, PC 4237, TA 26. Expenditure not to exceed: \$158,215 [From ECHO trail set aside]	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item N	Stormwater Use Agreement with the City of Edgewater.	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
Item O	Contract task assignment with CPH Consulting, LLC., for Local Limits Evaluations & County-Wide Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program, 25-SQ-145IF, PC 4241, TA 3.	APPROVED	Motion by Kent; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.

End of Consent Items

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Item 03	ECHO Strategic Plan Presentation, Discussion & Direction.	Policy 1: Establish a pre-construction planning grant category. MOTION to accept Option B: Approve pre-construction planning grant as a two-year pilot program, with staff to evaluate effectiveness and present findings to Council for a continuation decision in 2030. APPROVED to accept Option D: Maintaining the current \$7,500 limit and existing eligibility restrictions. Policy 2: Expand pre-award match credit for grant writing expenses. APPROVED to accept Option D: Maintain the current \$7,500 limit and existing eligibility restrictions. Policy 3: Dedicate ECHO investment income to a capital reinvestment fund protecting prior ECHO investments for small and medium-sized nonprofits. APPROVED to accept Option D: Maintaining the current policy with no capital repair support mechanism.	Motion by Santiago; seconded by Johansson; FAILS 2 to 5. Dempsey, Kent, Robins, Santiago and Brower OPPOSED Motion by Robins; seconded by Dempsey; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dempsey; seconded by Robins; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dempsey; seconded by Robins; carried 7 to 0.

Item 03 (Cont.)	ECHO Strategic Plan Presentation, Discussion & Direction.	Policy 4: Offer zero match bonus funding to incentivize low-impact development (LID) elements across all ECHO project categories. APPROVED to accept Option D: Maintaining current policy with no incentive program. Policy 5: Grant Award Cap Adjustment and Exceptional Category phase out. APPROVED to accept Option C: Immediate full adjustment, immediately raising standard grant caps to \$2.5 million, eliminating the exceptional category and establishing a \$5 million cumulative funding cap per project. Policy 6: Require a streamlined application for DCE projects and increase transparency and accountability. APPROVED to accept Option D: Maintaining the current process without additional documentation, reporting, or procedural changes. Policy 7: Launch library-based admission pass program. APPROVED to accept Option E: No action.	Motion by Dempsey; seconded by Robins; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Reinhart; seconded by Robins; carried 4 to 3. Dempsey, Kent and Brower OPPOSED Motion by Santiago; seconded by Robins; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Santiago; seconded by Johansson; carried 7 to 0.
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Item 03 (Cont.)	ECHO Strategic Plan Presentation, Discussion & Direction.	Policy 8: Allow staff approval of non-scope budget changes. APPROVED to accept Option A: maintain current process, on Policy decision. Policy 9: Support public art and creative placemaking APPROVED to accept Option D: No ECHO funding for public art installations and creating placemaking initiatives. Policy 10: Develop advisory committee selection guide. APPROVED to accept Option C: Maintain current process, on Policy decision. Policy 11: Implement advisory committee term limits APPROVED to accept Option A: Prepare a revised resolution with four-year terms with two consecutive term limits (eight-year maximum, aligned with Council) and to bring back implementation options at the March 3, 2026, County Council meeting.	Motion by Robins; seconded by Johansson; carried 4 to 3. Dempsey, Kent, and Brower OPPOSED Motion by Robins; seconded by Kent; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Dempsey; seconded by Santiago; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Reinhart; seconded by Kent; carried 7 to 0.

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Item 03 (Cont.)	ECHO Strategic Plan Presentation, Discussion & Direction.	APPROVED for nonprofit applicants to provide 12 months of board meeting minutes and bylaws with no additional engineering required for pre-engineered sites Motion to have staff bring back the subsections of the implementation plan as an agenda item in a future council meeting. Motion to maintain the current operational procedures.	Motion by Santiago; seconded by Reinhart; carried 7 to 0. Motion by Robins; FAILED due to lack of second. Motion by Dempsey; seconded by Kent; FAILED 3 to 4 with Johansson, Reinhart, Robins, and Santiago OPPOSED.
Item 04	Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the joint acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement over the 124-acre Bennett Road Property (Owner: Donald Smith) in the Pierson area.	APPROVED Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, and authority for the County Chair or County Manager to execute the MOA.	Motion by Robins; seconded by Santiago; carried 6 to 1. Dempsey OPPOSED
Item 05	Volusia Forever joint purchase of a 493-acre Caraway Lake Conservation Easement (Owner: Vanacore Holdings, LLC) in the Deleon Springs area.	APPROVED	Motion by Robins; seconded by Reinhart; carried 7 to 0.
Item 06	Resolution 2026-xx. Amendment to Halifax Plantation Development Plan for an existing Development of Regional Impact on PUD zoned property, for an 18-acre parcel at the north corner of Acoma Drive and Monaghan Drive, in the Ormond Beach area	APPROVED and ADOPTED Resolution No. 2026-18	Motion by Robins; seconded by Johansson carried 7 to 0.
Item 07	Ordinance 2026-02, Amending the County's Purchasing Administration Ordinance to conform with State law changes.	APPROVED and ADOPTED Ordinance No. 2026-02	Motion by Robins; seconded by Reinhart; carried 7 to 0.
Item 08	Overview of Mini-Budget Workshop Series Pursuant to Consensus of County Council.	APPROVED staff presented schedule	Motion by Santiago; seconded by Robins; carried 7 to 0.

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Item 09	Discussion request to modify Code of Ordinance Chapter 72 regulations regarding digital billboards.	APPROVED to modify Code of Ordinance Chapter 72 allowing digital billboards with a two-to-one swap down and the owner to provide a public benefit measure pursuant to Florida Statute 70.20 within unincorporated Volusia County. APPROVED for staff to bring back any additional zoning classifications or roadway types that could be considered eligible to expand digital billboards.	Motion by Robins; seconded by Johansson; carried 6 to 1 with Dempsey OPPOSED Motion by Robins; seconded by Reinhart; carried 6 to 1 with Kent OPPOSED
Item 10	Request by Council on information on potable reuse and deepwell injection.	APPROVED to have the County Attorney's Office draft a Charter Amendment and an Ordinance to ban potable reuse and deep-well injection water.	Motion by Dempsey; seconded by Kent; carried 7 to 0.