

Town of Clermont  
Town Council Meeting  
September 2, 2025

The Clermont Town Council met on September 2, 2025. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor James Nix, Council Members John Brady, Marcia Kesler, James Castleberry, Amanda Nix, and Seth Weaver. Town Clerk Amy Lomax also attended.

The Mayor announced that the variance request by Concord Baptist Church has been withdrawn, and therefore, there will be no public hearing on this matter at our meeting tonight. Concord has reapplied, and the Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on September 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the variance request, and we will have a public hearing on it at the Town Council's October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Seth Weaver motioned to approve the agenda. James Castleberry seconded, and all Council members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** James Castleberry led the invocation, and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES- JULY 2025:** Seth Weaver motioned to approve the August 5, 2025, Minutes. Marcia Kesler seconded the motion, and all Council members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the July 2025 Financial Report.

**REPORT: PLANNING AND ZONING:** The Mayor and Council reviewed this report.

**BALLFIELD LEASE:** James Castleberry made a motion that the Council approve the renewal of the lease agreements for the Baseball field at 639 Main Street and the smaller field at 6008 Hulsey Road with the North Hall Junior Trojan Baseball Association. Seth Weaver seconded the motion, and all Council Members voted in favor. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS DISCUSSION OF INTERSECTIONS IN CLERMONT:** Mayor Nix told the Council that recently, he, James Castleberry, Seth Weaver, and Warren Weaver discussed with Hall County, State, and DOT officials concerns about the three dangerous intersections at 284/Clarks Bridge Road, 283/ Holly Springs Road, and 254/129. These intersections are in need of safety and road improvements due to recent fatalities, high traffic volume, and high traffic speeds. He has recently received an email from Zach Propes, Hall County administrator, stating that the Board of Commissioners has sent an email to Jason Dykes, GDOT, requesting that these three intersections be prioritized and that if the voters approve SPLOST IX in November, the County is willing to commit up to one million dollars per intersection. The Mayor said a SPLOST IX informational meeting will be held on October 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chattahoochee Center. County administrator Zach Propes will be there to help answer questions on the SPLOST IX measure. Since the meeting, Warren Weaver has been working to form a

Citizens' group to inform voters and help gather support for the SPLOST IX measure. The Mayor turned the discussion over to Warren Weaver to lead at this time. Warren addressed the audience and the Council. He has been speaking with citizens in Clermont and the surrounding area to discuss the importance of safety improvements to the intersections and the SPLOST renewal and its impact on town infrastructure and safety. There was much discussion among the audience in support of this. The importance of Community engagement and education to ensure informed voting and support of the SPLOST IX measure was discussed. Several people from the audience offered to put together and pay for flyers to be passed out to the community. Warren encouraged everyone to spread the word about the importance of SPLOST funds to our community. The Mayor encouraged everyone to come to the October 9<sup>th</sup> SPLOST information meeting.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 82-2025-09-01:** The Mayor gave the first reading of Ordinance 82-2025-09-01. This is an Ordinance to fix the ad valorem tax rate for the Town of Clermont for the calendar year 2025 and for use in the fiscal year of 2025-2026; to levy a said tax upon all property subject to taxation by the Town of Clermont; to provide for the time of payment of said taxes; to repeal conflicting ordinances and for other purposes. The gross millage rate is set at 4.0 mills per \$1,000.00 of taxable property (based on the property's 40 percent assessed value). It is reduced by a rollback of 4.0 (due to receipt of sales tax proceeds); therefore, the net millage rate for the fiscal Year 2025-2026 is 0.00 mills. The second reading of the Ordinance and the vote by the Council will take place at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**PROJECT UPDATES:** There were no project updates from the Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**ADJOURN:** Seth Weaver motioned to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. James Castleberry seconded the motion, and all Council members voted in favor. The motion passed.



Amy Lomax, Town Clerk


