



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
of THE MARY ESTHER CITY COUNCIL  
November 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

195 Christobal Road – North, Mary Esther, FL 32569

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT**

Chris Stein, Mayor  
April Sutton, Councilmember  
Susan Coxwell, Councilmember

Bernie Oder, Mayor Pro Tem  
Larry Carter, Councilmember  
Richard Lawson, Councilmember

**CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Jared Cobb, City Manager  
Hayward Dykes, City Attorney  
Dillon Morris, City Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

**1. INVOCATION**

No invocation given.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stein at 5:59 p.m.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Stein led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the roll as reflected above.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Stein asked if the council wished to make any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Stein asked for a motion. Councilmember Sutton initiated the motion, seconded by Councilmember Coxwell. The motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED (5-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember April Sutton
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember Richard Lawson
<b>AYES:</b>	Larry Carter, Bernie Oder, April Sutton, Richard Lawson, Susan Coxwell
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1. Consideration: Selection of Digital Boardwalk as First-Ranked Proposer for RFP 2025-01, Managed IT and Cybersecurity Services, and Authorization to Negotiate Final Contract**

City Manager Jared Cobb led the discussion of the selection of Digital Boardwalk for managed IT and cybersecurity service. There was some discussion. Mayor Stein asked for a motion to select Digital Boardwalk as the first-ranked proposer for RFP 2025-01, managed IT and cybersecurity services, and authorize the city manager to negotiate a contract, with the finalized contract brought back to the city council for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Oder initiated the motion, seconded by Councilmember Sutton. The motion passed unanimously.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PASSED (5-0)</b>
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<b>MOVER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Bernie Oder
<b>SECOND:</b>	Councilmember April Sutton
<b>AYES:</b>	Larry Carter, Bernie Oder, April Sutton, Richard Lawson, Susan Coxwell
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**7. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Sutton discussed the upcoming employee appreciation potluck.

Councilmember Coxwell discussed the Veterans Day parade strengths and weaknesses, and informed citizens not to park on the street for the Santa run.

Councilmember Lawson had no additional comments.

Mayor Stein had no additional comments.

Councilmember Carter had no additional comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Oder discussed property taxes, the Florida House and Senate's efforts to address the issue, and the complications with Senate Bill 180.

City Attorney Dykes had no additional comments.

City Clerk Morris reminded the mayor and council to check their mailboxes and to do the yearly cybersecurity and ethics training.

City Manager Cobb discussed the success of the Veterans Day parade.

The council meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Minutes approved at the meeting.

12/8/25

Dillon Morris  
Dillon Morris, City Clerk

