



**Board of Commissioners
Citizens Forum Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM
City Hall**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Winecoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attendance:

Mayor Jeff Winecoff
Commissioner Kim Sherwood
Commissioner Todd Ausborn
Commissioner Justin Lovin
City Manager Gordon Hargrove
Police Chief Kevin Smith
Sara Goodwin, Parks and Rec. Director
Jim Stachura, Storm Water Engineer
City Clerk Tanya Shannon

Absent:

Commissioner Hall
Commissioner Lovin

Mayor Winecoff welcomed everyone and announced that a preliminary drawing for the shopping center site has been received from an engineer and is available for viewing, representing a step forward in the project. He said the dam project is progressing, with a projected completion by the end of the year, though weather remains a critical factor; if successful, it would be six months ahead of schedule despite a previous 10-month extension due to PTC#8.

Public Comments

1. Guy Mastroianni proposed the adoption of a new town vision statement to guide decision-making and ensure alignment with community goals, a concept that new city manager Mr. Kirkland and the Board are open to exploring.
2. Barbra Glidden raised concerns about inactivity and idle workers at the Pine Lake Dam project. Mr. Hargrove explained that, while internal planning documents are being approved, visible demolition and construction are delayed but expected to begin soon. He also noted that a problematic change order is being withheld until progress is made.

Mr. Hargrove provided an update on the ongoing TCA recovery, reporting that all related projects have now been obligated by FEMA. He noted that Mr. Stachura and his team are leading efforts on bids for road repairs and culverts, with the pre-bid meeting having gone well and bids expected soon. Mr. Hargrove acknowledged the lengthy process but confirmed that progress is being made,

including the onboarding of the new city manager Mr. Kirkland who will work closely with him over the next four weeks to ensure a smooth transition given the current high level of community activity.

He also reported a change in engineering firms, with Withers and Ravenel now assisting as the secondary contractual engineering team. Mr. Hargrove highlighted the impressive financial achievement of increasing the fund balance from 6.75% to over 46% within a year, attributing this to the staff's strong performance in implementing board directives. He expressed pride in leaving on a high note, citing the outstanding work of the stormwater team and the positive direction of the community. Additionally, he mentioned that the current year's budget is fully balanced, with no need for transfers from the fund balance.

Ms. Glidden inquired whether additional photos of the dam projects would be posted on the website. Ms. Shannon responded that updated drone images have already been uploaded and provided clear instructions on where to find them.

3. Joan Kinney asked there any plans to replace the Boiling Spring Lakes sign coming into the city that was burned?

Mayor Winecoff said that we are looking into getting it fixed or replaced

Mayor Winecoff stated that the budget is moving forward for final approval, and planned improvements include upgrading microphones and adding speakers to the meeting room to eliminate echo and improve audio quality.

Several grants are being pursued, including one for stormwater projects on Holly Redwood and a FEMA grant for emergency preparedness to upgrade the emergency broadcast system for better compatibility with the sheriff's office.

The city is also collaborating with the county on sewer and water projects to address failing systems and high water tables, aiming to provide resident assistance and explore funding avenues to avoid increased taxpayer burden. The joint sewer committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 10:00 am. at the Brunswick County complex.

There were no further questions or comments Mayor Winecoff requested a motion to adjourn so moved by Commissioner Sherwood and seconded by Commissioner Aubsorn.

Vote 3-0; Motion Carried.

Jeff Winecoff, Mayor

Tanya Shannon, City Clerk