

CITY OF AVENTURA

**Aventura Government Center
19200 West Country Club Drive
Aventura, FL 33180**



CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING RECAP

January 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

**Aventura Government Center
Commission Chambers**

City Commission

**Mayor Howard S. Weinberg, Esq.
Vice Mayor Amit Bloom
Commissioner Clifford B. Ain
Commissioner Gustavo Blachman
Commissioner Rachel S. Friedland, Esq.
Commissioner Paul A. Kruss
Commissioner Cindy Orlinsky**

**City Manager Bryan Pegues
City Clerk Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC
City Attorney Robert Meyers**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by the Aventura FC Bold Nation 10 Under Girls Soccer Team.

3. AGENDA: Request for Deletions/Emergency Additions: None.**4. COMMISSION REPORTS**

No reports were provided by members of the City Commission.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Proclamations: A proclamation was presented to the Smith Family for Captain Andy Smith Remembrance Day (January 13, 2026).
- Special Recognitions: Special recognition certificates were presented to the Aventura FC Bold Nation 10 Under Girls Soccer Team members and coaches for the achievement of number one Gold team statewide by the EDP Elite Development Program.

A special recognition certificate was presented to Carlos A. Penin, P.E. and C.A.P. Government, Inc. for the achievement of 30 years of service to the City.

- Employee Service Awards: Special recognition certificates and appreciation items were presented to Public Works Transportation Dept. Facilities Manager Frank Galletti (15 years) and Police Department Records Supervisor Kaytrinia Doe (10 years).

6. CONSENT AGENDA:**A. Action Taken: **Approved******APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- November 4, 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting
- November 12, 2025 City Commission Regular Workshop
- December 17, 2025 City Commission Special Workshop

B. Action Taken: Adopted as **Resolution No. 2026-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY 2025; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

c. Action Taken: Adopted as **Resolution No. 2026-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ONE YEAR, TO COMPENSATE THE CITY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, FROM THE OLETA RIVER BRIDGE NORTH TO THE MIAMI-DADE/BROWARD COUNTY LINE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

d. Action Taken: Adopted as **Resolution No. 2026-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES B. PIRTLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. D/B/A PIRTLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK (CMAR) SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED AVENTURA HIGH SCHOOL PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 2025-07; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$379,900; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

e. Action Taken: Adopted as **Resolution No. 2026-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE DON SOFFER AVENTURA HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

f. Action Taken: **Approved**

AVENTURA CITY COMMISSION ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE AVENTURA CITY OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL (ACES) AND THE DON SOFFER AVENTURA HIGH SCHOOL (DSAHS): A MOTION APPROVING THE 2025 A+ SCHOOL RECOGNITION FUNDS SPENDING PLAN FOR ACES AND DSAHS.

g. Action Taken: Adopted as **Resolution No. 2026-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ATTACHED AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY OF AVENTURA; AMENDING THE PROCESS FOR GRANTING INCREASES TO THE CITY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR A SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND BONUS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

h. Action Taken: Adopted as **Resolution No. 2026-06**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE MOBILITY PLAN FOR UPTOWN AVENTURA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. **ZONING HEARINGS – QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

8. **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

9. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARINGS:**A. Action Taken: Adopted as Ordinance No. 2026-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18 WHICH ORDINANCE ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR BY REVISING THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AS OUTLINED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. Action Taken: Adopted as Ordinance No. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III "ADVISORY BOARDS," BY REPEALING DIVISION 5 "ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

C. Action Taken: Adopted as Ordinance No. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, CREATING DIVISION 5 "ARTS IN AVENTURA BOARD" OF ARTICLE III "ADVISORY BOARDS" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CITY CODE BY CREATING SECTION 2-191 "CREATION, COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS," SECTION 2-192 "PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS," SECTION 2-193 "JURISDICTION, DUTIES AND MEETINGS," SECTION 2-194 "RULES OF PROCEDURE; QUORUM," AND SECTION 2-195 "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

D. Action Taken: Adopted as Ordinance No. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 48, "VEHICLES, USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, PARKING AND OTHER REGULATIONS, BY CREATING A NEW ARTICLE V, "ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND MICROMOBILITY DEVICES," RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, AND MICROMOBILITY DEVICES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. RESOLUTIONS/PUBLIC INPUT: None.**11. STAFF REPORTS**

No reports were provided.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public provided comments. Brief comments were provided by City Commission members.

13. OTHER BUSINESS: None.**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.