



## TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

*“On the Bank of the Suwannee River”*

### *MINUTES*

#### *Telford Hotel - Workshop*

*Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Town Hall Council Room*

*Immediately after the Town Council Special Meeting*

**Telford Hotel Workshop - begin at 6:43 p.m.**

Before the actual workshop started – 2 citizens from the floor – George Tuder, Bridge Street and Mr. Hank, Manager of Suwannee River Produce spoke: They both felt that the Town of White Springs should not be involved in the purchase of the Telford Hotel, the reasons are that the town has so many other projects that they need to work on.

Vice Mayor Williams stated that the reason for this workshop was to get the approval of The council, to be able to proceed with incorporation of the Telford Hotel.

**Attorney Leslie Jean-Bart – read Resolution No. 2026-25 – A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of White Springs, Florida Establishing the Telford Hotel Acquisition Restricted Fund; Stating the Public Purpose Designating Authorized Officers: Providing for the Disposition of Funds if Acquisition Does Not Occur. Adopting Exhibits A, B, and C; and Providing for an Effective Date.**

Attorney Jean-Bart stated that if we approve Resolution No. 2026-25 this will eliminate the need to incorporate the Telford Hotel. Attorney Jean-Bart wanted everyone to know that the IRS allows for contributions to the Town. Letters must be provided with each contribution or donation. The Town Manager would be the only one accepting the contributions/donations and in his absence, the mayor.

The Town Manager can approve any disbursements under \$2,500 dollars. However, any disbursements over \$2,500 would need council approval. The Town Manager will maintain records. If the purchase of the Telford Hotel fails, the Town must contact all donors to see what they would like to do. Refunds to donors shall be made on a pro rata basis. In the event the donors do not respond and any funds remains shall be transferred and applied by the Town Council to the nearest charitable public purpose consistent with the donor's original intent within the Town of White Springs.

Vice Mayor Williams did not have a concern about the Town Manager accepting Contributions/donations, however, she wanted to know why no one from Telford Committee would be able to accept contributions or donations. And why would the Town be the only ones to make decisions regarding the contributions/donations and disbursements. These are some of the reasons why she wants to incorporate Telford Hotel.

Vice Mayor Williams read and discussed the handouts she gave everyone. – Articles Incorporation and Council Presentation of Checklist. She stated that she has people ready to donate, but she cannot move forward without the incorporation of Telford.

Citizen Adrienne Sachse wanted to know why no one was there to support the purchase of the Telford Hotel and why she was not aware of all of this going on about the Telford Hotel.

Vice Mayor Williams told her there have been several meetings, workshops and posts on the Town website regarding the purchase of the Telford Hotel. Mick Shea offered to post information on his website regarding the purchase of the Telford Hotel.

After much discussion – Attorney Leslie Jean-Bart stated that we would take a closer look at the Resolution 2026-25 and possibly make some changes.

Everyone was invited to attend the next Telford Hotel Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. – Workshop with Building Developers. Developers will be making special presentation to the Telford Committee and interested citizens regarding the steps and procedures to be Followed along with how other units of Government have undertaken such projects. This workshop will precede to the regular Telford Committee meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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Town Manager, Town Clerk, or Designee

Elmon Lee Garner, Town Manager

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### **MINUTES**

***White Springs Town Council Special Meeting***

***Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Town Hall Council Room***

1. Mayor Tonja Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Tonja Brown

2. **Roll Call:** Council Members present: Mayor Tonja Brown, Vice Mayor Nicole Williams, Councilwoman Cheryl McCall, Councilwoman Gretchen Fouchecourt, and Councilman Robert Gamsby.

3. **Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda**

None

4. **Citizens from the floor: (5min.limit)**

None

5. **First Reading – ORDINANCE 2026-03 CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

Attorney Leslie Jean-Bart read Ordinance 2026-03.

Vice Mayor Nicole Williams made the motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03 Charter Amendments First Reading, Councilman Robert Gamsby seconded the motion, motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Jean-Bart – Ordinance 2026-03 will appear in the newspaper tomorrow, March 4, 2026.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Williams to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., motion seconded by Councilman Gamsby and passed 5-0.

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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## **AGENDA**

### **Regular Council Meeting**

**Town Hall Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge Allegiance to Flag**
- 2. Roll Call – Mayor**
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Council Meeting**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Council Meeting**
- 4. Financial Report:** Richard Powell of Powell Consulting
- 5. Presentation – Kathy Hicks, Prayer Boxes at Boat Park**

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- 6. Citizens from the floor:** (Request form needed – 5min. limit)
- 7. Old Business – None**
- 8. New Business:**
  - a. Resolution 2026-24 – Approval and Acceptance of Supplemental Data and Analysis Supporting Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment**
  - b. Ordinance 2026-04 – Adoption of Water Supply Facilities Work Plan – First Reading**
  - c. Ordinance 2026-02 – Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Second Reading and Public Hearing**

**9. Staff and Council Reports/comments.**

**TOWN MANAGER  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
TOWN ATTORNEY  
COMMITTEES (if any)**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**VICE MAYOR WILLIAMS  
COUNCILMEMBER GAMSBY  
COUNCIL MEMBER MCCALL  
COUNCIL MEMBER FOUCHECOURT  
MAYOR BROWN**

**Adjourn:**

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### **INFORMATIVE MAY DAY MEETING**

***Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Town Hall Council Room***

Vice Mayor Nicole Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Purpose of the meeting was to get citizens and volunteers involved in the May Day Event.

Attendance: Vice Mayor Nicole, Councilwoman Grethen Fouchecourt, Councilman Robert Gamsby, Attorney Leslie Jean-Bart, Town Staff, Town Manager Lee Garner, Donsha Brown, and Cynethia Williams; Committee member, Ashley Bryant, Ann Brown, Rick Brown, Bernita Brown, Citizens - George Tuder, and Hank

Mr. Lee Garner, Town Manager – The Hamilton County Police department and Mr. Garner has been speaking regarding the May Day Event. Sheriff Creech stated that there will be no Block Parties, no blocking the street, no food vendors on the streets, Vendor will start to close around 8:30 p.m. and leave at 9:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Nicole Williams – 10:00 a.m. Gospel Program in the field of Old Carver and there will be food there. (Pastor Brandon Bowman, Guest Speaker)

Move to Ogburn Baseball Field by 1:00 p.m. –There will be bounce housed, corn hustle, car show step show, trophies awarded for the car show and mayday pole event. Artist-Mike Smiff - \$5,000 allocated for the artist. Tickets sales for the artist cost will be – Early ticket \$15.00, at the gate \$30.00. A flyer will be created for advertising.

Attorney Leslie Jean-Bart discussed May Day Event – No Alcohol, Million Dollar Insurance Policy, Vendor’s Permits, she created a Vendor’s Application Form, and she will also work out a budget plan for May Day.

Needs: Speakers, Table and Chairs, Tent, Generators, Table Clothes, Portable Lights, Micro Phone, and Stage or flatbed trailer and bounce houses for the kids.

Vendors setup between 8 a.m, - 1:00 p.m. Vendors space first come, first served. Each vendor must complete a vendor’s application/agreement. Cost: Tents - \$150.00, Trucks

\$200.00. Registration deadline date is May 16, 2026. Late registration must pay a fee of \$50.00. Permits will be checked for each vendor.

Car Show – Register fee is \$50.00 (approximately 30 to 50 cars)

**Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m.**

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