

**AGENDA MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL, 501 W MEADOW STREET  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City of Leesburg Commission held an organizational meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Leesburg City Hall. Mayor Reisman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner Allyson Berry  
Commissioner Jimmy Burry  
Commissioner Jay Connell  
Commissioner Mike Pederson  
Mayor Alan Reisman

Also present were City Manager (CM) Al Minner, City Clerk (CC) J. Andi Purvis, City Attorney (CA) Grant Watson, Deputy City Clerk (DCC) Anna Rottermond, the news media, and others.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Reisman gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**2. ELECT MAYOR**

Mayor Reisman handed the gavel over to the city manager. **CM Minner** requested nominations for the Mayor of 2026.

Commissioner Connell made a motion to nominate Commissioner Berry as Mayor for 2026, and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

CM Minner asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

The vote was unanimous.

CM Minner welcomed Mayor Berry to the hot seat.

**3. ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Mayor Berry requested nominations for Mayor Pro Tem from the commission.

Commissioner Burry made a motion to nominate Commissioner Pederson as the 2026 Mayor Pro Tem, and Commissioner Reisman seconded the motion.

Mayor Berry asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

The vote was unanimous.

#### 4. PRESENT PLAQUE TO OUTGOING MAYOR ALAN REISMAN

Mayor Berry presented outgoing Commissioner Reisman with a plaque recognizing his leadership and dedicated public service as mayor of the city of Leesburg for 2025.

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS

##### A. Commission Appointments for 2026

Mayor Berry asked the commission if they were still good with the board, committees, and organizations to which each commissioner is appointed too. **Commissioner Pederson** indicated that usually there is a change in commissioners, but this year there was no change. He was good leaving it as is. **Commissioner Burry** agreed. He was good with it and there were no positions he wished to change. **Commissioner Connell** agreed. They should leave it as is.

Commissioner Burry made a motion to accept the existing slate and leave it intact for 2026, and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Berry asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Connell	Yes
Commissioner Burry	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Reisman	Yes
Mayor Berry	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission approved the motion.

CM Minner indicated that they needed to review the advisory boards. These are the advisory board members that the commissioners appoint. **Mayor Berry** polled the commission to see if they were still good with their appointments. **Commissioner Connell** indicated that he was good with his appointments. **CM Minner** pointed out for clarity that this item covered the airport advisory board, the public art advisory board, and the parks and recreation advisory board. As long as the commission was good with their representatives from last year, they could make a motion to confirm the board members.

Commissioner Burry made a motion to accept the existing advisory board representatives for the airport advisory board, the public art advisory board, and the parks and recreation advisory board for 2026, and Commissioner Connell seconded the motion.

Mayor Berry asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Burry	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Reisman	Yes
Commissioner Connell	Yes
Mayor Berry	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission approved the motion.

**B. Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida appointing Residential members to the Leesburg Electric Advisory Board; and providing an effective date.**

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 12,175**

Commissioner Reisman introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Reisman made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

Mayor Berry pointed out that there were three applications submitted. Michael Rankin submitted an application to be the unincorporated representative, John (Jack) Braton submitted an application to be the city representative, and Marc Robertz-Schwartz submitted an application to be the Fruitland Park local representative.

Commissioner Reisman made a motion to approve these three applications, and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

Mayor Berry asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Reisman	Yes
Commissioner Connell	Yes
Commissioner Burry	Yes
Mayor Berry	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

**6. CITY MANAGER ITEMS:**

CM Minner said he was looking forward to getting back to work in 2026.

**7. ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioner Pederson** wished everyone a happy new year.

**Commissioner Reisman** stated he was looking forward to a prosperous and productive new year. He was also looking forward to working with Mayor Berry.

**Commissioner Connell** had no further comment.

**Commissioner Burry** informed the commission that his family welcomed a new granddaughter into the world over the holidays. They were all very excited. Other than that, he was looking forward to another year of doing good things for the city of Leesburg.

**Mayor Berry** thanked everyone for nominating her as Mayor. She was very excited and honored. She hoped that she could do justice to all the previous mayors.

**8. ADJOURN:**

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, ADA COORDINATOR, AT 728-9740, 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

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With a motion by Commissioner Burry and a second by Commissioner Reisman, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.