

City of Layton
City Council Meeting
Thursday, **April 3, 2025**, at 7 p.m.

Layton's City Council Meeting will be open to in-person attendance and will also be available to view via Zoom video conferencing application. In-person attendance is limited to the maximum occupancy of the City Council Chambers located at 68260 Overseas Hwy Layton FL 33001. Wearing a mask is highly recommended, but not required. All members of the public will have an opportunity to make a comment at the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Below is the link to join our **April 3, 2025**, meeting.

**Topic: City of Layton Regular City Council Meeting hearing
April 3, 2025, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Mayor Halle led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Vice Mayor Lewis led the invocation.
4. Mayor Bruce Halle, Vice Mayor Greg Lewis, Councilwoman Cindy Lewis, Councilwoman Susan Grant, Councilwoman Megan Jones, City Attorney Hunter O'Conner, City Clerk Mimi Young, and Deputy Clerk, Shellie Cavalliere attended physically.
5. Councilwoman Cindy Lewis motioned to approve tonight's agenda. The motion received a second and approved without objection.
6. Vice mayor Greg Lewis motioned to approved previous meeting minutes. The motion received a second, and minutes were approved unanimously with no objections.
7. Mayor, Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Mayor Bruce Halle
 1. The District One Fire-Ambulance Board of Governor's monthly meeting will be held on April 16, 2025, at the Marathon Government Center at 10:00am. An agenda hasn't been published yet.
 2. Mangrove Trimming Update- Mayor Halle will continue work by Goshen college, Monday and Tuesday, weather

permitting. His objective is to widen both sides and make navigation easier. Mayor Halle's boat ramp will be closed during this time. An email will be sent via Constant Contact to inform Layton's citizens.

3. Mayor Halle Introduced Steve DeArruda, Tracy Froitzheim and Jared Rodriguez who are interested in filling Seat One by appointment at tonight's meeting. The appointee shall only serve the remainder of the term. Seat 1, is up for election in November. Mayor Halle asked if city council members had reviewed the questionnaire and bios that was sent to the council last week. All council members acknowledged that they had. Mayor Halle asked if the council had any questions, none were made. Mayor Halle stressed the importance of attending city council meetings in person especially being present physically at the Budget hearings held in September to ensure a full quorum is present.

* Steve DeArruda attended via zoom. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve his hometown

* Tracy Froitzheim was unable to attend in person. She was having technical difficulties but spoke to the council and gallery via telephone call in. She stated that she would love the opportunity to serve and appreciates being considered.

* Jared Rodriguez attended the meeting in person. He stated that he is very excited for the possibility of serving and attendance would not be an issue.

B. Vice Mayor Greg Lewis has been working on repainting the speed bumps on South Layton Dr. He will continue on Tuesday if weather permits. Mayor Halle and Councilman Greg Lewis are part of the FL Keys Transportation committee. A Keys project review of a five-year master list is in the process of being finalized. The 18- mile stretch is expected to be fully repaved by October 2025. The Long Key Bridge repair is expected to be completed in July. Work will be conducted at the airport in Marathon. There are currently no projects in the City of Layton scheduled. Mayor Halle commented that traffic congestion is heavy in the Keys currently and would probably continue for some time.

C. City Clerk Mimi Young will present the financial report after the March numbers are determined.

D. City Attorney- Hunter O'Conner had no report but explained the next action item's procedures. City attorney Hunter O'Connor explained that any council member can motion to appoint one of the nominees, if the motion gets a second, roll call would be taken, city council members could either say yes, no, or nothing at all (which would count as a no vote). He explained that if the first nominee didn't receive

enough votes to be appointed, another council member could motion to approve their choice, and if it received a second, another roll call would be taken. This process would continue until an appointee was agreed upon. However, he stated if the first nominee received enough votes, then the nominee would be appointed, and the process would end. He asked everyone present if they understood the process and received affirmation that they did. He also asked if anyone had any questions and none were made.

8. New Business: Consider and approve the new Appointee to fill Seat 1, the candidates are Steve DeArruda, Tracy Froitzheim, and Jared Rodriguez. Mayor Halle asked for a motion. Vice Mayor Greg Lewis motioned to appoint Jared Rodriguez, Cindy Lewis made the second motion, roll call was taken.

Megan Jones	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>	Silent	<u> </u>
Greg Lewis	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>	Silent	<u> </u>
Susan Grant	Yes	<u> </u>	No	<u> </u>	Silent	<u> X </u>
Cindy Lewis	Yes	<u> X </u>	No	<u> </u>	Silent	<u> </u>

Jared Rodriguez received the necessary votes, and other motions were not needed. He accepted and will be sworn in at the May 1st meeting.

9. Comments and Announcement from Citizens

*Tracy Froitzheim of 116 Buttonwood Lane and Steve DeArruda of 116 South Layton Drive thanked the council for being considered for the appointment of Seat One. Jarod Rodriguez of 115 Snapper Creek Dr. commented on how much he is looking forward to working with city council and staff.

10. Comments and Announcements from Mayor and City Council Members

*Megan Jones thanked everyone who stood up today and participated in wanting to be on the council. It was really nice to see and a hard decision to choose. She will be hosting a shell painting party and will ask Mimi to send out an email blast for the full details.

*Greg Lewis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reiterated that it was a tough choice to make to fill seat one and how happy he was to see this much interest in our community involvement.

*Cindy Lewis responded that it was very nice to see so much involvement and interest. All interested candidates had strong qualities that our city needs.

*Councilwoman Susan Grant thanked everyone for attending. She reiterated that it was insightful to have 3 candidates interested in running for the council.

* Mayor Halle thanked everyone for coming out tonight and his appreciation for people showing interest in Seat One vacancy. The

election will be held in November if you are still interested in running for a seat on the council.

The mayor also expressed his concern for the upcoming hurricane season. Early reports are indicating that it will be active. Please start thinking about a plan now. Evacuation, storm intensity and being prepared are a critical consideration. Captain Derek Paul commented that Law enforcement and fire services shut down at a 45-mph wind restriction. Emergency services may not be available.

11. Adjournment of Regular Council Meeting. Councilwoman Susan Grant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm with no objection.

*This is to attest that these are the true minutes of the City of Layton City Council Meeting of April 3, 2025
Respectfully submitted and attested to be accurate. Shellie Cavalliere
Deputy Clerk.*