

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Announcements:

- **Voting Rights Workshop:** As approved at the February 18, 2026 Monthly Council Meeting and communicated on February 26th via eblast, there will be a public **Voting Rights Workshop** on April 2, 2026 starting at 6:30pm at the Community Center. Community Members are invited to submit voting rights proposal ideas and present at the workshop. Presentations should be no longer than 15-20 minutes (including Q&A). Submissions can be sent to **janeduran@bonnetshores.org** by **March 26, 2026 at 12:00 noon**. Agenda will follow after the deadline and posted in accordance with OMA notice requirements.

Approval of the DRAFT Minutes from the:

- 02/05/2026 Special Council Meeting
- 02/18/2026 Monthly Council Meeting

Urgent Business:

Public Comment: Public comment is for in-person attendees only or at written request. Please approach the microphone, identify yourself including BSFD address. Limit 3 minutes.

Reports / Updates:

1. Treasurer Update
2. Tax Collector Update/Report
3. Land Trust Update
4. BSFD Manager and Harbor Update/Report
5. Social Activities Group Update
6. Updates on new/pending legal matters if available – including a review of vendors and agreements involving the beach (security, maintenance, bus)

New and Ongoing Business:

7. Motion, discussion, revision, and possible vote to approve the Harbormaster job description as amended from the February 18, 2026 BSFD Monthly Meeting. *(Tony Girardi)*
8. Motion, discussion and possible vote to approve members of the Harbormaster candidate search group that will make candidate recommendations to the BSFD Council. *(Tony Girardi)*
9. Motion, discussion and possible vote on a Resolution to Remove the Chair and elect a replacement from its membership *(Melissa Jenkins)*. Chair will have the ability to respond to allegations both verbally and in written format for the record *(Leslie McKnight)*.
10. Motion, discussion and possible vote on a waiver and release for those using the community center. *(Faith LaSalle)*
11. Motion, discussion and possible vote on approving Kevin O'Brien to work with the district manager on reviewing existing maintenance contracts and/or policies so the current state is clearly understood and ideas can be discussed on potential areas for improvement. Results will be documented and brought to the council at future date. *(Kevin O'Brien)*
12. Motion, review/discussion and possible vote to approve which model of credit/debit card device (aka "Square device") to purchase in an effort to pursue cashless transactions where possible as previously voted upon. *(Leslie McKnight/Neal Prescott)*
13. Motion, discussion and possible vote to appoint a Moderator to preside at Council meetings to comply with Robert's Rules. *(Melissa Jenkins)*

14. Motion, discussion, and possible vote to approve the date, time and location for the 2026 Annual Meeting *(Jane Duran)*
15. Motion, discussion, and possible vote regarding the appropriate action to take in response to the Clerk's statement that he will not approve proxy votes at the Annual Meeting/Election unless he receives either a court order or a legal opinion that he determines, in his discretion, to be satisfactory. *(Jane Duran)*.
16. Motion, discussion and possible vote on what surplus or rainy-day fund is recommended beyond the \$140,000 currently in reserve and time period for accumulating the surplus. *(Faith LaSalle)*
17. Motion, discussion and possible vote on content and distribution of draft fiscal responsibility bylaw on cap on tax increases, percent to be discussed, to community by eblast for feedback. *(Faith LaSalle)*
18. Motion, discussion and possible vote regarding another fiscal responsibility bylaw provision allowing costs associated with a declared emergency (extreme weather events or catastrophic occurrences) or extraordinary capital purchases approved by the Council to be excluded from the tax increase cap. *(Faith LaSalle)*
19. Motion, discussion and possible vote on proposed intergovernmental liaison role for M. Jenkins to monitor and report on municipal and state governmental actions that may affect the District. *(Melissa Jenkins)*
20. Motion to discuss a debrief of proper protocols followed and impacts on the Blizzard of '26 (Winter Storm Hernando) *(Leslie McKnight/District Manager)*
21. Motion, discussion and possible vote to schedule a workshop to formulate an Emergency Preparedness Plan for flood, hurricane, power outage, snowstorm and other natural disaster readiness; to clarify the equipment available to the District; to jointly develop a plan to mobilize existing equipment and volunteers including the Land Trust trustees, fire wardens, tax collector/assessors and/or other volunteers who will be empowered to provide coordination and assistance for any emergency affecting Bonnet residents. *(Melissa Jenkins)*
22. Motion, discussion and possible vote on whether to place under Council review a policy review submission by Council Member Jenkins regarding committee functions under the Open Meetings Act and related municipal law including and an outline of Council Authority and Advisory Committee roles. *(Melissa Jenkins)*

Motion to Adjourn

¹Zoom Details

Topic: BSFD Council Meeting Invitation

Time: Mar 18, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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