

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026**

City Hall Commission Chambers
506 W. Berckman Street
Fruitland Park, Florida 34731
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-005, Authorization to Submit a Loan Application to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program
(city manager/city attorney)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A LOAN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; APPLYING FOR A LOAN WITH FIFTY-PERCENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS DESIGNATED AS PROJECT DW-35083; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING PLEDGED REVENUES; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3 OTHER BUSINESS

4. ADJOURNMENT

Any person requiring special accommodation at this meeting because of disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk's Office at City Hall (352) 360-6727 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. (§286.26 F.S.)

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City of Fruitland Park with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The city does not provide verbatim records. (§286.0105, F.S.)

PLEASE TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR PLACE IN VIBRATE MODE.

CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
Item Number: **6a**

ITEM TITLE: **Second Reading Ordinance 2026-005**
Authorizing Submission of Loan Application to
the State Revolving Fund Loan Program

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED: February 2, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: city attorney/city manager

BRIEF NARRATIVE: **Ordinance 2026-005** authorizes the city to submit a loan application to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, authorizes the agreement, establishes the pledged revenues and designates the authorized representatives for the city.

On the City's behalf, Halff submitted a request for inclusion on the drinking water priority list in an amount of \$19,278,000. This amount is for the expansion of Water Treatment Plant No. 1, modifications and expansion of Water Treatment Plant No. 6 and construction of Water Treatment Plant No. 7. We were notified in November that Fruitland Park was approved to be entitled to receive a \$19.2 million package where 50% of the loan will be forgiven (grant) with the remaining 50% loan at 0% interest.

A requirement of submitting the loan application to the State Revolving Fund is inclusion of a resolution or ordinance that reflects the governing bodies authorization to apply for the loan. If approved, this ordinance, along with the loan application, will be submitted no later than March 12, 2026.

FUNDS BUDGETED: n/a

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance 2026-005 Approval

RECOMMENDATION: **Approve Ordinance 2026-005.**

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Business Impact Estimate

*This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and **must be posted on the City's website not later than the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published in the newspaper.***

ORDINANCE 2026-005

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the Town is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
 - ☐ The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
 - ☒ The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
 - ☐ The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
 - ☐ The ordinance relates to procurement; or
 - ☐ The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:
 - a. Development orders and development permits, as those terms are defined in s. 163.3164, and development agreements, as authorized by the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act under ss. 163.3220-163.3243
 - b. Comprehensive plan amendments and land development regulation amendments initiated by an application by a private party other than the municipality;

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.

- c. Sections 190.005 and 190.046, Florida Statutes, regarding community development districts;
- d. Section 553.73, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Building Code; or
- e. Section 633.202, Florida Statutes, relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

In accordance with the provisions of controlling law, notwithstanding the fact that an exemption noted above may apply, the City hereby publishes the following information:

1. Summary of the proposed ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as serving the public health, safety, morals and welfare): The ordinance authorizes the city manager to submit a loan application to FDEP to apply for funding through the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for drinking water projects including construction of a new water treatment plant. The ordinance also authorizes the loan agreement with a 50% loan forgiveness. The ordinance, the loan application and loan agreement adopted by the ordinance serves the public health, safety, morals and welfare of the City.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City, if any: No economic impact.

(a) An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur; No costs of compliance.

(b) Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; No added charge or fee is imposed by the ordinance. and

(c) An estimate of the City's regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs. No regulatory costs are incurred. Revenues from water and sewer utilities generated will be pledged to repay the loan. There is no added charge or fee being imposed by the ordinance

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed ordinance: No impact on businesses.

4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

The proposed ordinance is a generally applicable ordinance that applies to all persons similarly situated individuals as well as businesses and, therefore, to the extent it affects businesses, the proposed ordinance does not affect businesses disproportionately to non-businesses.

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WHEREAS, Sec. 166.111, Florida Statutes authorizes local government agencies to finance the planning and construction of water treatment facilities and the undertaking of any capital or other project for the purposes permitted by the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 180.07, Florida Statutes, provides in part that “the revenues of all or any part of any existing plants or systems or any plants or systems constructed hereunder may be pledged to secure moneys advanced for the construction or improvement of any utility plant or system or any part thereof or any combination thereof.”

WHEREAS, Florida Administrative Code rules require authorization to apply for loans, to establish pledged revenues, to designate an authorized representative; to provide assurances of compliance with loan program requirements; and to enter into a loan agreement; and

WHEREAS, the State Revolving Fund loan priority list designates Project No. DW-35083 as eligible for available funding; and

WHEREAS; the City of Fruitland Park, Florida, intends to enter into a loan agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection under the State Revolving Fund for project financing, and is authorized to borrow money pursuant to Sec. 3-12 of the Charter of the City of Fruitland Park when authorized by ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION I. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION II. The City Manager on behalf of Fruitland Park, Florida, is authorized to apply for and submit a loan application for funds pursuant to the State Revolving Loan Program to finance Project – DW- 35083.

SECTION III. The City Manager is hereby designated as the authorized representative to provide the assurances and commitments required by the loan application.

SECTION IV. The revenues pledged for the repayment of the loan are net water and sewer system revenues after payment of debt service on the City’s senior liens identified

as SRF 350821 Urick Force Main Extension, SRF 350820 Urick Sewer Line Preconstruction, and FDOT 441 Utility Relocate Loan.

SECTION V. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative to execute the loan agreement which will become a binding obligation in accordance with its terms when signed by both parties. The City Manager is authorized to represent the City in carrying out the City's responsibilities under the loan agreement. The City Manager is authorized to delegate responsibility to appropriate City staff to carry out technical, financial, and administrative activities associated with the loan agreement.

SECTION VI. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION VII. If any section or portion of a section of this ordinance proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this ordinance.

SECTION VIII. This ordinance shall become effective upon final adoption.

PASSED AND ORDAINED in regular session of the City Commission of the City of Fruitland Park, Lake County, Florida, this 12th day of February, 2026.

(SEAL)

Chris Cheshire, Mayor
City of Fruitland Park, Florida

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form:

Gwen Johns, City Clerk

Anita Geraci-Carver, City Attorney

Mayor Cheshire	_____	(Yes),	_____	(No),	_____	(Abstained),	_____	(Absent)
Vice Mayor DeGrave	_____	(Yes),	_____	(No),	_____	(Abstained),	_____	(Absent)
Commissioner Williams	_____	(Yes),	_____	(No),	_____	(Abstained),	_____	(Absent)
Commissioner Cosenza	_____	(Yes),	_____	(No),	_____	(Abstained),	_____	(Absent)
Commissioner Raysin	_____	(Yes),	_____	(No),	_____	(Abstained),	_____	(Absent)

Passed First Reading _____
Passed Second Reading _____