



**TOWN OF DAVIE**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice Mayor Hattan, and Councilmembers Whitman, Starkey, and Luis. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Lemack, Deputy Town Administrator Lewis, Assistant Town Administrator Holste, Town Attorney Weinthal, and Town Clerk Roig.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Richard Lemack, Town Administrator, provided an overview of a proposed potable reuse pilot program and stated that the program allowed the Town to study potable reuse without implementation or risk. He explained that the opportunity was made possible by prior Town Council decisions to construct a state-of-the-art water and wastewater facility, which positioned the Town to explore advanced water supply alternatives. Mr. Lemack stated that the pilot would study feasibility only and would not introduce water into the public system. He explained that the program could reduce future capital costs, avoid bonding, and improve long-term water sustainability. He noted that funding opportunities included a forgivable state loan and a Broward County grant and requested Council direction to return in November 2025 with a resolution authorizing submission of the required applications prior to the December 11, 2025 deadline.

Mr. David Stambaugh, Acting Utilities Director, explained the concept of potable reuse and how reclaimed water underwent advanced treatment to exceed drinking water standards. He stated that wastewater was a predictable and sustainable water source compared to aquifers and surface water and emphasized that potable reuse was a proven technology already in use in Florida and other states. Mr. Stambaugh noted that the pilot program included extensive testing for regulated and emerging contaminants and would demonstrate the safety and reliability of the process. A presentation was shown providing an overview of potable reuse practices in another Florida utility. Note: The accompanying presentation "Pilot Program Potable Reuse" is attached for reference.

Ms. Renuka Mohammed, former Town of Davie Utilities Director, explained the history leading to the pilot program, including the 2018 utility master plan and efforts to diversify water supply options while minimizing rate impacts. She stated that the Town was uniquely positioned to explore potable reuse due to its advanced treatment facilities and co-location of water and wastewater operations. Ms. Mohammed explained that the Town pursued grant funding to avoid financial burden on customers and outlined funding sources, including a Broward County Integrated Water Resource Plan grant and a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund emerging contaminants program. She noted that the state funding was prioritized at approximately \$1.4 million with 100 percent loan forgiveness and emphasized that the pilot application must be submitted by December 2025.

Ms. Angelica Gregory, representing Carollo Engineers, provided details regarding the project's applicability, treatment scope, and funding eligibility. She explained that reclaimed water testing identified polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) concentrations slightly above proposed regulatory thresholds and that advanced treatment could address those contaminants. Ms. Gregory stated that the pilot included water characterization, design, construction, and operation phases, with a minimum six-month testing period and a target of twelve months of operation. She reviewed potential pilot facility configurations and emphasized that no treated water from the pilot would enter the public water supply. Ms. Gregory also highlighted the importance of public outreach, education, and transparency as part of the pilot program.

Mr. Lemack summarized the funding timeline and reiterated that the pilot posed no risk to the public water system. He stated that the opportunity could significantly reduce future capital costs and provide long-term financial and sustainability benefits. Mr. Lemack requested Town Council direction to proceed and to bring a resolution forward at the November 2025 meeting.

Mayor Paul expressed support for the pilot program, stating that potable reuse had long been used in military and space applications and that future water sustainability required forward-thinking solutions. She noted that the Town's prior investment in the North Water Plant positioned Davie ahead of other communities and supported moving forward with the pilot due to its lack of risk and potential financial benefits.

Councilmember Starkey stated her strong support for the pilot program, citing her long-standing involvement in regional water planning and sustainability efforts. She emphasized the importance of reusing water resources, protecting aquifers, and reducing long-term costs to residents. Councilmember Starkey expressed enthusiasm for public outreach efforts and supported proceeding with the pilot.

Councilmember Marlon stated his support for the program and asked a clarifying question regarding chlorination levels in the treated water. Staff responded that chlorination would meet standard drinking water requirements and would be comparable to current levels.

Councilmember Starkey asked about community outreach plans. Mr. Lemack responded that public education and engagement would be a major component of the program and that hosting tours at the facility would be a key strategy.

Mayor Paul emphasized the importance of a robust education program to ensure public understanding and acceptance of potable reuse and stated that Council consensus supported moving forward.

Mr. Lemack thanked staff and consultants and confirmed that the item would return to the Town Council in November 2025 for formal consideration.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town of Davie Clerk