

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-26-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ONE WATER MASTER PLAN WHICH IS FURTHER DETAILED IN THE ONE WATER BLUEPRINT AND AFFIRMING THE CITY'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, RESILIENCE, AND COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP; MAKING FINDINGS; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winter Haven is a water-centric community, home to over 50 lakes and situated at the headwaters of the Peace Creek Watershed, which plays a vital role in regional water quality, aquifer recharge, and ecological health; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that water is essential to its economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and quality of life, and that proactive planning is necessary to address challenges including population growth, limited freshwater supply, aging infrastructure, climate variability, and regulatory pressures; and

**WHEREAS**, the One Water Master Plan which is detailed in the One Water Blueprint and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference ("Plan") provides a comprehensive, integrated framework for managing all water resources—stormwater, wastewater, groundwater, and surface water—as a unified system, and promotes nature-based solutions to restore watershed function and balance the community's water budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan outlines a strategic "One Water Game Plan" consisting of twelve key actions, including restoring watershed storage, improving water conservation, enabling water-efficient land development, enhancing recreational opportunities, and aligning capital investments with sustainability goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan envisions the creation of the "Sapphire Necklace," a connected system of restored wetlands, trails, and conservation lands that will enhance aquifer recharge, flood resilience, and public access to nature, while supporting economic development and environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the importance of leadership, collaboration, and adaptive management in implementing the Plan and ensuring a resilient water future for current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winter Haven desires to approve the Plan and it is in the best interest of the public and will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents and business owners via the adoption of this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA:**

1. **Findings of Fact.** That the above Whereas clauses are hereby incorporated herein and are adopted as factual findings and are the factual basis for the passage of this Resolution.
2. That the City of Winter Haven hereby approves and adopts the Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as the guiding framework for sustainable water resource planning, investment, and implementation.
3. That the City shall continue to pursue integrated water management strategies that deliver economic, environmental, and social benefits, and prioritize projects aligned with the Plan.
4. That the City shall engage stakeholders, strengthen partnerships, and promote public awareness to foster a community-wide culture of water stewardship.
5. That the City shall incorporate Plan priorities into its Capital Improvements Plan and annual budgeting process to ensure efficient use of resources and maximize return on investment.
6. That the City shall support changes to the land development code to ensure that future development within the Peace Creek Watershed contributes to aquifer recharge, flood resilience, water quality improvement, and public access to nature in furtherance of the Plan.
7. That the City shall monitor progress through key performance indicators and remain adaptable to changing conditions, ensuring the long-term success of the Plan.
8. That the City Commission encourages all residents, businesses, and institutions to participate in the Plan and take ownership of Winter Haven's water future.
9. **Administrative Correction of Scrivener's Errors.** Typographical errors in this Resolution which do not affect the intent of the City Commission may be authorized by the City Manager or his designee without need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy of same with the City Clerk.
10. **Conflicts.** All other resolutions or parts of resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of the Resolution, are hereby repealed.
11. **Severability.** If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution 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 Resolution.

12. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Winter Haven, Florida in Regular Session this 9th day of February, 2026.

CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

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MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY