



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
COMMISSION WORKSHOP
DUNEDIN CITY HALL, 737 LOUDEN AVE
MAY 5, 2026
9:00 AM
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PRESENTATIONS

- 1.a** [Artist Recognition: Nathan Beard](#)
Recognition of City Hall Commission Chamber Gallery Artist, Nathan Beard
EXHIBIT: [A. Nathan Beard Bio.pdf](#)
- 1.b** [Recognition of the 2026 National Public Works Week](#)
Commission to present a proclamation acknowledging National Public Works Week in the City of Dunedin, which is recognized nationally during the week of May 17-23, 2026.
EXHIBIT: [A. National Public Works Week Proclamation \(2026\) - City of Dunedin.pdf](#)
- 1.c** [Drinking Water Week Proclamation, May 3-9, 2026](#)
Share the 2026 Proclamation, designating May 3-9, 2026, as Drinking Water Week.
EXHIBIT: [A. Drinking Water Week 2026 Proclamation.pdf](#)
- 1.d** [Public Service Recognition Week 2026: May 3 - 9, 2026](#)
Staff recommends presenting Dr. Smalling with a proclamation to commemorate Public Service Recognition Week 2026.
EXHIBIT: [Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation_2026.pdf](#)

CITIZEN INPUT

2. WORKSHOP ITEMS

- 2.a** [FY 2026 Board of Finance update](#)
Topic for Discussion
EXHIBIT: [Mid-Year Board of Finance Report March 2026.pdf](#)
- 2.b** [Social Media Comment Policy](#)
Recent national data and research indicates that social media is no longer an

engagement tool for local government agencies. The sentiment findings show that social media has become antisocial in many ways as it spreads misinformation, dissension, threatening and safety concerns for residents and staff. We have seen many examples of this on our social media platforms where comments create confusion with misinformation. Often the intent of our posts is lost or hijacked by comments that have nothing to do with the original content or post.

Social media still has a purpose - to provide our residents with public information, news and updates on city projects, programs, emergency updates during storms and point them to the City website or other agency/partner website for additional information resources.

As part of our ongoing effort to streamline communication and provide residents with accurate, timely information, the City of Dunedin will be disabling comments on our social media posts effective May 5, 2026.

We have researched the legal side of this decision. Social media is a limited public forum. Many cities all over the country have disabled comments on their social media platforms for the reasons cited above. There is a 2023 federal court case where a local government (LG) adopted a policy which did not allow comments on all LG-owned social media accounts. The policy provided that the accounts were designed to further the educational mission of the LG by providing information to the community and public and were not to create a public forum.

This policy will allow us to focus on delivering clear and consistent updates to the community by ensuring our messages are clear and easily accessible. While commenting is not available on our posts, there are still many ways to connect with us and share feedback.

Website

Residents are welcome to message us directly through the City website at communications@dunedin.gov

Contact City Commission at Commission@Dunedin.gov

Contact City Manager at: jennifer.bramley@dunedin.gov

Each Department section has a contact for the Director under "Contact Us"

Commission Meetings

Residents are encouraged to participate in Commission meetings and monthly Workshops in person at City Hall where public comment is available for items on the agenda and items not on the agenda. The meetings are also livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube, the website or Spectrum Cable 639. Once the meeting agendas are posted the public can provide comments/questions directly to the Commission through the eComment portal prior to the meeting.

Boards & Committees

The City of Dunedin has 20+ Boards and committees comprised of citizen volunteers which serve as advisory bodies that make recommendations to the City Commission on certain City business (e.g. parks and recreation, historic preservation, library, zoning, charter review, etc.). They are a way for citizens to be involved with the City while advising on specific topics. Information and how to get involved: <https://www.dunedin.gov/Your-Government/Boards-and-Committees>

Posts are Still Shareable

Although commenting is disabled on our original posts, all City social media content remains shareable. If you wish to express your thoughts or start a conversation, you are welcome to share any of our posts to your account or community page, and comment there.

EXHIBIT: [A. Social Media Comment Policy May 2026.pdf](#)

ADJOURN MEETING

Dunedin Public Participation & Decorum Rules

Note: Please put cell phones and pagers on silent or vibrate during the meeting. This meeting is televised; therefore, you may appear on TV at any time.

Public Appearance: CITIZEN INPUT is for comments from members of the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda for this meeting (please give name and address and limit all comments to a maximum of three minutes).

AS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three minutes. A representative of a group consisting of 5 or more individuals who are present during the meeting may speak on behalf of the group for up to 10 minutes at the Chair's discretion. To do so, the individuals must have waived their time to the representative by providing their name and address on the back of the comment card.

Public Hearings: During public hearings the Chair will open the agenda item to the public for comment. If you wish to comment come to the microphone at the podium and give your name and address for the record. This meeting is for agenda items only. Other issues should be presented to the City Manager or City Clerk for discussion at a future Commission meeting.

Appeals: Per section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes - If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to 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.

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