

**Special Council Meeting**  
(Originally planned as a workshop)  
City of St. Cloud Council  
June 18 , 2025 - 9:00am

1. Proud in the Cloud Event at The Ranch

- Focus: Concerns about event planning and staffing
- Council Vote: Approved hiring 10 additional staff (at no cost to the organization)
  - Vote: 4-1 (Council Member Shawn Fletcher opposed)
- Recommendation: Future events should have more staff to fit expected attendance

2. Toho Water Billing – Proposed Change to Tax Billing Process

- Highlights of Proposed Change:
  - Guaranteed collection
  - Majority of revenue collected in Q1
  - May reduce billing costs for special collection and commercial properties
  - Eliminates Toho's annual billing cost of \$378,000
- Challenges:
  - Requires adoption at public hearing by Jan 1, 2026
  - Will require extensive public education campaign
  - Possible early payment revenue loss
  - Delayed billing timeline
  - Cost to create a tax file for approx. 33,000 parcels
- Outcome: No decision made; staff will return with two options for consideration

3. Budget Update

- Next Workshop: July 14, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the St. Cloud Council Chambers
  - Topic: City Budget Discussion

4. Grant Program Updates

- Focus: Community support through nonprofits
- Changes Established based on council recommendations:
  - Eligibility process to increase transparency and partnerships
  - Establish an Advisory Committee for selection and evaluation

- Review the value of special events through the advisory committee
- Additional Proposal (Mayor):
  - Cancel the current 3-year, \$50,000 consultant program for capacity building
  - City Attorney to review; will be discussed in the next meeting

#### 5. St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce Discussion

- Chamber Request: \$15,000 for standard trustee membership
- Council Discussion:
  - Request will appear on a future agenda
  - City and Chamber participation in major events like the Christmas Parade) will not be affected
  - Jennifer Paul to meet with the Chamber to review events and numbers before final action
- Related Item:
  - Main Street Agreement to follow a similar review process; will return for a final decision

#### Council Member Updates:

- Council Member Jennifer Paul:
  - Supports waiving fees for an upcoming Civic Center event
  - Agrees with Kolbe Urban on the need to fix the special event process

#### Information Section:

Thursday, June 19, 2025: City offices closed for Juneteenth Holiday

Friday, July 4, 2025: City offices closed for Independence Day

Thursday, July 10, 2025: Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM