

## **The Live Interview: Palm Coast City Council, 2026 Election**

**Place and full Date of Birth:**

**Current job(s):**

**Net worth: (*Please attach disclosure forms*)**

**Party affiliation:**

***Please attach an updated resumé***

- 1. How have you specifically prepared yourself to be ready to succeed from day one? Tell us about the character flaws and unique perspectives you bring to the council. Who do you admire most in office today among elected officials in Flagler County—the person you’d consider a model of leadership?**
- 2. Give the council a letter grade on its performance in the last two years. Explain with specific examples where it has been lacking and where it has excelled, and what specific experience and qualities you will bring to improve its effectiveness.**
- 3. Give us your thoughts on Mayor Mike Norris. Do you see yourself as a check, a balance, or an ally of the mayor?**
- 4. What are two goals where you are most aligned with the current council’s “Strategic Action Plan,” two with which you differ, and two you would seek to add, and explain how you intend to convince the council to follow your lead.**
- 5. How will you vote on the proposed amendment to raise the homestead property tax to \$250,000 by 2028? How do you see Palm Coast making up the loss. If you’re against elimination, explain why.**
- 6. Where do you stand on supporting a countywide increase in the sales tax, on adopting a public service tax, or adopting a utility franchise fee (either of which could generate substantial revenue from the new data center, from schools, from the hospitals, churches and other institutions that don’t pay property taxes)? Short of new sources of revenue, and if you intend to stick to a rolled back tax rate, which nearly limits any growth in the budget, what city programs would you eliminate and what service levels would you reduce to achieve that?**
- 7. Palm Coast’s population continues to grow rapidly, absorbing most of the net increase of 16,000 people between 2020 and 2025. Evaluate the quality and quantity of development in the last few years. What sort of land use or development would you oppose, if it were to come before the council for approval, and why? What percentage of our housing stock should be single-family houses on traditional lots as opposed to apartments or other multi-family complexes?**
- 8. The Flagler County Home Builders Association and Palm Coast are in a lawsuit over impact fees, with the HBA challenging the city’s 2025 increase in fire, parks and transportation impact fees. You’re called to the witness stand. Which side would you defend?**

- 9. The West Side, west of U.S. 1, is poised to potentially double Palm Coast's size, or close to it, with Raydient's development of 22,000 housing units by 2056. Are you supportive of the Master Planned Development as currently proposed? Is the city capable of handling that expansion even as its existing infrastructure—stormwater, roads (think congestion), parks—east of U.S. 1 experiences shortfalls and draws residents' complaints? How would you balance that expansion with the needs in east Palm Coast—or change infrastructure management?**
- 10. Traffic is routinely a top complaint among residents. What's your solution?**
- 11. Ten years ago Palm Coast's policing budget was \$2.7 million. The budget for the coming year is [\\$13.6 million](#), a 404 percent increase. The Fire Department's budget was \$7.9 million 10 years ago. Today it is \$16 million, a 102 percent increase. The city's population has increased 23 percent in that span. How is this defensible? How is this sustainable?**
- 12. Have you ever been charged with a felony or a misdemeanor anywhere in Flagler, Florida or the United States (other than a speeding ticket), or faced a civil action other than a divorce, but including bankruptcies, or faced any investigative or disciplinary action through a professional board such as the bar or a medical board? Have you ever been demoted? If so, please explain, including cases where charges or claims did not lead to conviction or disciplinary action.**

*Thank you for your time and participation. FlaglerLive, and readers, are greatly appreciative.*