

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 4, 2025
3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

Present: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

Staff: City Manager Kurt Swartzlander, City Clerk Cheri Schwab, City Attorney Paul Waters, Community Services Director Stewart Cruz, Finance Director Lory Irwin, Economic Development and Public Affairs Director Nancy Maddox, and Public Safety Director Michael Fowler.

2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

3. PRAYER

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CEREMONIAL ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC NOTICES:

Volusia County District 2 representative, Matt Reinhart, provided a brief update on the beach restoration project update and sand dredging.

A. Proclamation for Government Finance Professionals Week

Mayor Miller read the proclamation for Government Finance Professionals Week.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. City Commission Minutes January 7, 2025

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve the City Commission Minutes of January 7, 2025.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

B. City Commission Minutes February 4, 2025

COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MARK CARD to Approve the City Commission Minutes of February 4, 2025.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Public Safety Department January monthly report

- B. Community Services Department Monthly Report - January 2025
- C. Executive Financial Report-November, December, & January 2025
- D. Authorization for the Mayor to sign and enter into Professional Parks Master Plan Services with Castle Bay Design Studio contract.
- E. Approval of Independent Contractor's Agreements For Minor Construction Projects
- F. Approval of Independent Contractor's Agreements For Building Division and Fire Plan Review Services
- G. Approval of the FEMA HMPG grant contract for a Community Center Generator
- H. Approval of the FEMA HMPG EOC grant contract for \$335,846.25
- I. Agreement to Piggyback Services Contracted By The Florida Department Of Management Services For Kubota Tractor Purchase
- J. Approval for Mayor Miller to attend Team Volusia 2025 Annual Meeting
- K. MOU between City of Daytona Beach Shores and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency
- L. Purchase of 5 XL-185M Mobile Radios

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Approve the consent agenda.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2025-02: Voluntary Annexation, 123 Esmeralda Avenue

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title only. City Planner Gwyn Herstein had a short presentation showing slides of the location. This is a single-family home and has met all the requirements for a voluntary annexation. Staff recommended approval.

COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve Ordinance 2025-02 of first reading.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

B. Ordinance 2025-03: Voluntary Annexation, 3836 S. Atlantic Avenue

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title only. City Planner Gwyn Herstein had a short presentation showing slides of the location. This is a single-family home and has met all the requirements for a voluntary annexation. Staff recommended approval.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve Ordinance 2025-03 on first reading.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

C. Resolution 2025-02: Resolution Of No Interest In The Sanibel Walkway Area Located At 3799 S. Atlantic Avenue

The City Attorney read the Resolution by title only. Community Services Director Stewart Cruz provided a brief report on the walkway. The condominium was built in 2008 and intended to provide a public beach access. The city has maintained the walkway, but it was never dedicated to the city. In 2022, Hurricanes Ian and Nicole came through and damaged the walkway. In July 2024, the City Commission voted to vacate interest in the walkway. The County of Volusia maintains the beach approach directly next to the walkway. They requested passage of this resolution as the Sanibel Condo plans to deed the area in question to the County of Volusia. Staff recommended approval of the resolution.

COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Adopt Resolution 2025-02 on first reading.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

D. Consideration to re-appoint member to Opioid Abatement Advisory Board and to appoint alternate member.

When the task force was created three years ago, the City Council, at the time, appointed Rev. Bob Kemp-Baird as the city representative. The term expired at the end of February, and Rev. Bob has agreed to be reappointed. The city has received grant money from the task force to purchase AED devices. City Manager Swartzlander included appointing Rev. Melissa Franz as an alternate member.

COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Approve the re-appointment of Rev. Bob Kemp Baird to the Opioid Abatement Advisory Board and to appoint Rev. Melissa Franz as the alternate member.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

E. Calendar of Upcoming Events

The City Manager reviewed the upcoming dates for workshops and meetings. Commissioner Conomos noted that he would be out of the country for the September 8th meeting.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Approve the Calendar of Upcoming Events.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card, Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Waters provided an update on a Code Enforcement Appeal involving the property at 2008 S. Atlantic Avenue owned by the Ghobeiras. The court found in favor of the city and dismissed the case.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Kurt Swartzlander reminded the audience of the upcoming dates for the community engagement strategic planning workshops. He stated that separate workshops would be held for the Parks Master Plan on April 15th and 16th. He explained that the Volusia Innovation Challenge was happening at the end of March. The program is similar to Shark Tank on television.

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller reviewed upcoming city events. She asked Director Cruz to review the criteria for temporary promotional activities in case a business would be interested in a permit. Commissioner Card did a recent tour of restaurants with Director Maddox. Commissioner Conomos attended the TPO meeting last month. He stated that the city had vacancies on both the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee. Staff will post this on Facebook to recruit volunteers. Vice Mayor Politis enjoyed attending the recent Mayor's Hometown Heroes dinner and congratulated Detective Gary Malphurs on his award.

13. AUDIENCE REMARKS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kristin Johansson provided an update on Port Orange/South Daytona chamber events. Sandy Cook felt that it would be useful to share the information on the city's website for businesses regarding the temporary promotional events. She also inquired if local businesses could meet in the local chamber annex to share ideas.

14. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Appoint members to both the Citizen Advisory Committee and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the Volusia/Flagler TPO.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 7:07 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB