

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
July 28, 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 Stephanie Velo, 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. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 2025-09 Procurement Policy Updates

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title only. Finance Director Lory Irwin explained that this was the second reading for the ordinance and there were no changes from first reading. The ordinance will update the current procurement policy and establish the City Manager's spending rate by resolution.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Adopt Ordinance 2025-09 on second 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

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2025-09 City Manager Procurement Approval Limits

The City Attorney read the resolution by title only. There was a brief discussion regarding the spending amount recommended by staff. Staff proposed \$100,000.00, but Mayor Miller felt \$75,000.00 was appropriate and more in line with other municipalities. VM Politis stated he felt the recommendation of \$100,000.00 was in line with the current cost of living and had trust in the City Manager. The remaining commissioners were also in agreement with staff's recommendation.

COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Adopt Resolution 2025-09.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 1).

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

No: Mayor Nancy Miller

B. Resolution 2025-10 Proposed Millage Rate for FY 25-26

The City Attorney read the resolution by title only. The proposed millage rate will be set at 4.588 mills which is a 3.03% increase. The first budget hearing will be held on September 8th at 6:00 pm.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Approve Resolution 2025-10 Proposed Millage Rate for FY 25-26.

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. City Manager Contract Amendment

This contract amendment came from the July 1st commission meeting. The proposed amendment will include the City Manager in the existing merit pay plan that all other employees participate in.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve the City Manager's Second Contract Amendment.

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. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There were no additional comments from the City Attorney.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Kurt Swartzlander thanked the commission for the recent contract amendment.

9. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Comm. Conomos asked to be excused from the Sept. 8th meeting as he would be out of the country. Comm. Dembinsky also asked to be excused, but he is available to call in. Comm. Card stated that the Economic Development Committee recently met. They recommended approval of a lease subsidy grant for a new coffee shop. He announced that Bliss Beach had reopened. Mayor Miller stated the recent concert and food truck event went well. It was a very hot evening and the attendance was below average. Coffee With the Mayor will resume on Wednesday, Sept 10th.

10. AUDIENCE REMARKS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no audience comments.

11. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were no items added for the next agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 6:27 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB