

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 3, 2026**  
**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 Michael Fowler, City Clerk Cheri Schwab, City Attorney Taylor Simonds, Community Services Director Stewart Cruz, Finance Director Lory Irwin, Recreation Director Nancy Maddox, and Interim Public Safety Director Mark Swanson.

**2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK**

**3. PRAYER**

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5. CEREMONIAL ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC NOTICES:**

A. Proclamation for Teacher of the Year

Mayor Miller read the proclamation and presented flowers to Ms. Erica Kasma.

B. R.J. Longstreet Student Art Awards

The Mayor and City Commissioners presented certificates to RJ Longstreet art students.

C. Proclamation for Encephalitis Awareness Day

Mayor Miller read the proclamation for Encephalitis Awareness Day.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. City Commission Minutes January 6, 2026

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Approve the City Commission Minutes of January 6, 2026.**

**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 December monthly report

B. Community Services Department Monthly Report - December 2025

- C. Mutual Aid Agreement
- D. Interlocal agreement for animal control services
- E. Sole Source - Southern Coast K9 Incorporated
- F. Withdrawal of Project 4673-143-R Emergency Operations Center Safe Room, contract #H1137
- G. Approval Of Work Order 2026-01 For The Design & Construction Administration Services With Hall & Ogle Architects, Inc. For The Public Works Facility Building Expansion Project
- H. City Sponsorship Policy

Mayor Miller noted that Item H had a small change to the policy.

**COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS 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. Celebration of the USA's 250th Birthday

Recreation Director Nancy Maddox explained that the city is planning a celebration to honor the country's 250th birthday. The date will be Wednesday, July 1st, and it will include music, a short play and lunch afterward.

- B. Overview of Communication Channels, Survey Software Options and Board History

Community Information Coordinator Madie McCallister reviewed existing communication channels. She noted that the city's website is planned for an update/refresh later this year. Social media stats for both Facebook and Instagram have increased over the last 90 days and the most recent issue of the Pelican newsletter was mailed to over 3,600 residents. She explained that if the commission desired, they could provide an outreach opportunity to gain citizen input. Surveys could be sent either by mail or online with the costs running between \$23,500 and \$45,000. After hearing the presentation, the commission felt there was no need for any immediate survey.

- C. Petitions submitted by Resident

There were three petitions submitted by resident, Lonnie Groot. He was not present at the meeting and there was no action taken by the city commission.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments from the City Attorney.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Mike Fowler explained that a monthly newsletter for employees began this month. FDOT is still on track to begin repaving A1A next month. He reported that the vacant Red Lobster restaurant has a new tenant. The owner of So Napa from New Smyrna Beach has signed a lease agreement and plans to open later this year. Mayor Miller inquired if outside dining would be permitted and was told it was.

**12. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Comm. Conomos explained that e-bikes were discussed at the last TPO meeting. Other cities have regulations for their usage, but since A1A is a federal highway, the city does not have authority over it. Comm. Card stated that the mattress store that recently opened on the northern end of town, had made the decision to close. He shared that a few public safety officers had played pickleball as part of their fitness routine and the residents loved seeing them. Mayor Miller shared the following upcoming events: Coffee with the Mayor, PO/SD Mayor's Breakfast, art festival, Galentine's brunch, citizens academy and the monthly concert to include the battle of the food trucks.

**13. AUDIENCE REMARKS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Past President of PO/SD Chamber of Commerce, Dan Morris, thanked the city for hosting the Better Life Expo last month. He felt it was very well attended.

**14. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

Mayor Miller has requested Jessica Fentress provide an update on beach renourishment.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 6:56 pm.

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**MAYOR  
NANCY MILLER**

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**INTERIM CITY MANAGER  
MICHAEL FOWLER**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB**