

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 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, and 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. Employee Service Award - Sgt. Enrique Rosario 5 years  
This item was pulled until the April meeting.

B. Proclamation for Government Finance Week  
Mayor Miller read the proclamation for Government Finance Week.

C. Annual Audit Report James Moore & Company  
This item was pulled until the April meeting.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. City Commission Minutes February 3, 2026

**COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Approve the City Commission Minutes of February 3, 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 Department January monthly report

B. Community Services Department Monthly Report - January 2026

C. Monthly Executive Financial Report - December 2025 & January 2026

D. Approval for Annual Mosquito Control

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MARK CARD 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 2026-01: Land Development Code Amendment to Create a Definition for Wine Bistro and Add Wine Bistro as a Permitted Principal Use in the GC-2 Retail/Service Commercial Development District and the GC-RD General Commercial-Redevelopment District.

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title only. City Planner Gwyn Herstein explained that the proposed ordinance would add a definition for "wine bistro" and establish wine bistro as a permitted principal use for the GC-2 commercial district. It is consistent with the city's Land Development Code, comprehensive plan and current economic goals. Ms. Herstein handed out an amended version of the proposed ordinance. This version included an additional area, the GC-RD, for the permitted principal use of a "wine bistro". It was noted that city staff and the Planning & Zoning Board had reviewed and supported the proposed ordinance.

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY to Approve Ordinance 2026-01 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

B. Ordinance 2026-02: Land Development Code Amendment to Streamline and Clarify the Application and Approval Requirements for Conditional Uses Generally, and to Streamline the Application, Approval, and Renewal Process for Certain Outdoor Dining Conditional Uses

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title only. Ms. Herstein provided a brief overview of the proposed ordinance. The five main elements of the amendment are: allowing wine bistros to qualify for outdoor dining, providing an automatic annual renewal process and waiving the renewal, simplifying the application process, increasing the number of chairs allowed for outdoor dining and increasing the parking requirement threshold. Staff and the Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval.

**COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Approve Ordinance 2026-02 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

- C. Ordinance 2026-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA RELATING TO GENERAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1-8 OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY CODE

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title only. Atty. Simonds explained that our current code does not allow for imprisonment as a penalty for certain municipal code violations. The proposed ordinance would allow imprisonment for up to 60 days and assist officers who make municipal arrests that later result in felony charges as authorized by Florida Statutes.

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve Ordinance 2026-03 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

- D. Resolution 2026-01 Support for Volusia Forever

The City Attorney read the resolution by title only. Community Information Coordinator Madie McCallister provided a brief background of the program. Voters approved the program originally in 2000 and again in 2020 to protect nearly 60,000 acres of land. The County Council is considering changes that would weaken the program and threaten its success. County resident, Suzanne Scheiber asked the commission to support the resolution. She gave examples of land conservation that were related to Volusia Forever.

**COMMISSIONER STEPHAN DEMBINSKY moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MARK CARD to Adopt Resolution 2026-01 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

- E. Resolution 2026-02: Adoption of the 2025 Volusia Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information Plan

The City Attorney read the resolution by title only. Community Services Director Stewart Cruz informed the commission that by adopting the plan and participating in the program, property owners who purchase flood insurance for special flood hazard areas would receive a 25% discount on their insurance premiums. Staff recommended adopting the resolution.

**COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Adopt Resolution 2026-02 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

- F. Consideration of Request for Reduction/Rescission of Code Enforcement Lien for 2617 S. Atlantic Ave.

The petitioner requested this item be removed from the agenda.

- G. Petitions submitted by Resident

There were two 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**

The City Attorney had no additional comments.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

City Manager Mike Fowler provided the following comments: Mark Swanson was officially appointed as Director of Public Safety; staff met with the two canines who will be utilized for finding drugs and missing persons; the Brown Museum will be closing for a three-year renovation and the city will partner with them and host programs here once a month; FDOT will resume paving on S. Atlantic Avenue after bike week; the city was notified that FDOT has suspended their utility box wrapping program; and staff is carefully monitoring upcoming legislation.

**12. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Mayor Miller provided information on upcoming events. Comm. Card related details from a recent visit with the General Manager of the Shores Resort & Spa. There is interest in holding a farmers market on weekends in the adjacent parking lot and displaying signage on their walkover. Comm. Conomos is following the current legislation relating to E-bikes and will keep the commission updated.

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

Resident Marty True would like to see an economic development advisory body that consists of businesses, residents and staff. The focus would be strategy to help support and strengthen current businesses.

Michael Johnson, a resident from Seminole County who is currently running for Congress, spoke on what he felt was a crisis in political ethics and morality.

Tracy Vega from the PO/SD Chamber of Commerce provided dates for upcoming events.

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

There were no additional items added to the next agenda.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 6:59 pm.

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**MAYOR  
NANCY MILLER**

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**CITY MANAGER  
MICHAEL FOWLER**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB**

