

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 6, 2022
3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

Present: Mayor Nancy Miller, Commissioner Mel Lindauer, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Richard Bryan, Vice Mayor Michael Politis

Staff: City Manager Kurt Swartzlander, City Clerk Cheri Schwab, City Attorney Becky Vose, 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. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hurricane Advocacy to County, State and Federal Agencies

Mayor Miller began the workshop by having Attorney Vose summarize Ord. 2020-08 that clarifies how a council member can communicate with others on a subject. Most importantly, whether they are representing the city as a whole, or if it is just for their information. The mayor reviewed the following items that both she and the City Manager have been speaking about with the legislators following the two recent hurricanes: 1) insurance costs - residents are seeing an increase in premiums, sea walls are not insurable, and the SB 4-D funding requirement. 2) proposed property tax relief or rebate - there are many questions relating to this. How do you define who is eligible? Did you have to be impacted by a storm? Who is funding this, the city or state? Both Commissioners Bryan and Lindauer were in support if this is state-funded. 3) grants for repairs - there is talk of possible state-funded grants for owners. FEMA considers a condominium building a business and not a home. They are only eligible for a small business loan. The entire commission was in support of this. 4) FDEP requirement for beach compatible sand- This has been very hard to obtain. There was a brief discussion regarding the standards required and perhaps they could be lessened. 5) beach renourishment or replenishment - The beach is beginning to replenish itself but it is going to take some time for the dunes to rebuild. The county is beginning to hold discussions on this topic. Commissioner Lindauer explained that citizens are asking when beach walkovers would be repaired. City Manager Kurt Swartzlander stated that many repairs are pending seawall repairs first. Staff is looking at where temporary repairs could make walkovers usable. Most are totally gone and they will require a DEP permit. The city is also waiting on FEMA funds as they will reimburse for some repairs. 6) contiguous seawall concept - this could be either citywide or countywide. This has been accomplished in other areas but there are many issues before this could be done here. 7) SB 4-d - The deadline for funding this is Dec. 2024 and the commission would support a 2-5 year extension for this. Going forward, there was a consensus that the Mayor will be the spokesperson for all

hurricane-related issues. Commissioner Bryan will obtain facts regarding a contiguous seawall only.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 6:18 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB