

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 24, 2023
3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

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

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CEREMONIAL ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC NOTICES:

- A. Employee Service Awards
Officer Sean Rooney - 35 years
Maint. Supervisor Tony Byrd - 5 years

Public Safety Director Michael Fowler presented Officer Sean Rooney with his 35-year service award. Maintenance Supervisor, Tony Byrd was not in attendance to receive his award.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. City Commission Minutes January 10, 2023

COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER to Approve the City Commission Minutes of January 10, 2023.

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

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. November Public Safety Report
- B. December Public Safety Report
- C. Community Services Department Monthly Report -December 2022
- D. August 2022 Executive Summary Report
- E. September 2022 Executive Summary Report
- F. October 2022 Executive Summary Report
- G. November 2022 Executive Summary Report

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to approve the consent agenda.

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

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

8. REPORTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- A. City Attorney Report January 24, 2023

City Attorney Becky Vose reviewed her report with no additional questions or concerns.

9. REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

A. CM REPORT January 24, 2023

City Manager Kurt Swartzlander reviewed his report for the commission. He included two Memos of Understanding that were time sensitive for approval. Both of them were for use with the new license plate readers on Public Safety vehicles.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN to Approve the two Memo of Understandings for Pinellas County and Panama City for the license plate readers.

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

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

The City Manager inquired if any commissioner wanted to take a day and meet with each department to get a better understanding of how they operate. Both Vice Mayor Politis and Comm. Conomos agreed. Available dates will be discussed at the next meeting. The agenda for Friday's workshop was also reviewed.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2023-01: Resolution Requesting The Lifting Of Certain Turtle Nesting Season Construction Impediments

The City Attorney read the resolution by title only. Vice Mayor Politis was not in agreement to adopt this, stating it could open the city up for a lawsuit. The beach is federally regulated and owned by the County of Volusia. Comm. Bryan disagreed and felt it would help the citizens who lived oceanside continue their renovations past the start of turtle season. Mayor Miller explained that she has been busy lobbying for work to continue as much as possible. Comm. Conomos agreed with the spirit of the resolution but also sided with the Vice Mayor on the legal authority.

COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN to Adopt Resolution 2023-01 on first reading.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 1 No = 4).

Yes: Commissioner Richard Bryan **No:** Nancy Miller, Mel Lindauer, Michael Politis, Chris Conomos

B. Non-conforming Sign Removal Incentive Grant Application: 3629 S. Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic Terrace

City Planner Noel Eaton explained the details of the grant application. The applicant is Atlantic Terrace timeshare. Two quotes were obtained and the applicant would qualify for \$3000 reimbursement. The complete application meets all the grant criteria. Staff recommended approval in the amount of \$3000 on the condition that no code enforcement violation exists on the property prior to the disbursement of city funds.

COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN to Approve Sign Grant Application for Atlantic Terrace in the amount of \$3000.00

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

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

C. Non-conforming Sign Removal Incentive Grant Application: 2100 S. Atlantic Avenue, Congo River Golf

City Planner Noel Eaton explained that the application for Congo River Golf was timely submitted but the business' website does state Daytona Beach and not Daytona Beach Shores. She has advised them to consider changing the wording if they would like the grant funds.

COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER to Continue the item until the next meeting on February 14, 2023.

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

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

D. Presentation by Director Michael Fowler

Public Safety Director Michael Fowler gave a presentation to the Commission regarding wages for the sworn Public Safety Officers. In April 2021, the council approved a higher starting wage that was implemented and made the department the highest paid in the county. Now the city is ranked 9th in starting wages. The department is currently down six officers, but in the next few months, three more are scheduled to leave. He proposed increasing the starting wage by \$1 hr to remain competitive and to increase the percentage given for obtaining certifications from 6% to 10%. It is his desire to reward employees who remain with the department and are fully cross-trained. A few audience members spoke about their personal experience with having an officer respond quickly to their emergencies. The entire commission fully supported the presentation.

COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER to Approve and implement the presentation by Director Michael Fowler .

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

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

12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller reminded the audience of upcoming events in February. She then passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Politis. She wanted to clarify her motion from the meeting on January 10, 2023, regarding the City Manager's salary. The following motion was made:

MAYOR NANCY MILLER moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS that City Manager Swartzlander's base salary be increased to \$165,000 effective so that his

increase in salary will be reflected on the payroll date of January 18, 2023, and subsequent payrolls. City Manager Swartzlander shall also be eligible for regular increases going forward as appropriate in subsequent fiscal years.

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

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

13. AUDIENCE REMARKS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matt Riley had questions regarding the state funding for beach renourishment. He was informed that at this time, the city had no additional information.

14. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

Mayor Miller would like a resolution on the legislative agenda by the Volusia League of Cities.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 7:38 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB