

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 25, 2023**  
**3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118**

**1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR**

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

**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 Ryan Mowen - 5 years
  - Maint. Worker IV Ryan Lamberson - 10 years
  - LT. Norman Medders - 15 years

Chief Michael Fowler presented both Lt. Norman Medders and PSO Ryan Mowen with their service awards. Community Services Director Stewart Cruz presented Ryan Lamberson with his 10-year service award.

- B. First Step Shelter Presentation by Victoria Fahlberg and Rose Ann Tornatore

First Step Director, Victoria Fahlberg, spoke to the commission. She provided a few statistics from the previous year regarding the number of people who utilized the shelter. She also explained a new program with the Volusia County Sheriff's office. There is a help line set-up that when called, will dispatch a deputy to assist a homeless person.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. City Commission Minutes July 11, 2023

**COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve the City Commission Minutes of July 11, 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. Public Safety Monthly Report - June 2023

- B. Community Services Department Monthly Report - June 2023

- C. Daytona Beach Shores - Palmetto Electric, Inc. Agreement To Piggyback Electrical Services Contracted By Volusia County

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER 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. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Second Reading: Ordinance 2023-06 Gas Franchise Agreement

City Attorney Becky Vose read the ordinance by title only. There were no additional comments or concerns.

**COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Adopt Ordinance 2023-06 on second reading.**

**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

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Resolution 2023-08 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Millage Rate

Attorney Vose read the resolution by title only. The proposed millage rate will be 4.5880 mills which will keep the rolled back rate.

**COMMISSIONER RICHARD BRYAN moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Adopt Resolution 2023-08 on first reading.**

**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

B. Resolution 2023-09 adopting Administrative Code

Attorney Vose read the resolution by title only. It was explained that this is a requirement by the City's Charter and there was no record of any previous document being adopted. The Mayor asked why the previous law firm of over twenty years had not addressed it.

**COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Adopt Resolution 2023-09 on first reading.**

**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. Establishing A Utility Equipment Box Artwork Program

Community Services Director Stewart Cruz explained that the city has pride in its streetscape. Part of the underground utility project included transformer boxes along the street. There are two from AT&T, five from FDOT and 70 FPL boxes. There are two existing aesthetic programs with FPL and FDOT that allow local governments to wrap the boxes. Pictures were shown of both wrapped boxes in other cities and current boxes in the city. Director Cruz requested direction from the commission on how they would like to proceed. Comm. Conomos would like to see local schoolchildren have a contest to display their artwork. It was mentioned that outside artwork can only be displayed on the FDOT boxes as FPL has set wrap designs to choose from. It was noted that the estimated cost per box is \$2,500. There is \$20,000 included in the next year's budget.

**VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MEL LINDAUER to establish a utility equipment box artwork program.**

**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. Social Media Policy

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There were no City Attorney comments.

**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

There were no City Manager comments.

**12. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Miller began her comments by stating that she loved the city and the many residents who are always willing to lend a helping hand. However, there are a small handful of residents who don't want to help out and are asking staff to perform meaningless record searches. She explained how much she appreciated the staff and their hard work in the past few months. The remaining commissioners echoed the Mayor's comments. Comm. Bryan reminded the coastal property owners to establish temporary armoring in case another storm hits this year.

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

There were no audience comments.

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

If the Social Media Policy is ready, it will be on the next agenda.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

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**MAYOR  
NANCY MILLER**

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**CITY MANAGER  
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB**