

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 9, 2024
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
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. Discussion on the procedure for filling vacancies on the City Commission

Mayor Miller explained that there were two recent resignations due to new legislation passed requiring the new Form 6 filing disclosure. Per the City Charter, the remaining commission members need to appoint two qualified residents to fill the vacancies until the next general election. A qualified resident is at least 18 years old, a US citizen, a resident of the city for at least six months, and registered to vote in Daytona Beach Shores. The workshop was to discuss the process of how to appoint the new members and then the procedure would be voted on during the regular meeting. Per the charter, there are only 30 days to fill the vacancies or a special election would need to be held. There were four residents in the audience who were interested in being appointed. The Commission gave each resident three minutes to speak and explain why they wished to serve.

The residents were called in alphabetical order with Mark Card going first. He has done business in the city for the past 25 years. He is a retired FF/EMT and a graduate of the Chamber Leadership Academy. Stephan Dembinsky spoke second. He is now retired after being the Director of Public Safety from 1998 to 2022. He cares deeply about the city and would like it to continue to run efficiently. Ashley Grimes spoke third. She would like to see another female on the commission with a young voice. She is a single mom and holds a MBA. She is the Executive Director for the non-profit NAMI. The final resident to speak was Ed Offerman. He has had a varied career in public service. He has been a resident since 2016, and would like to use his experience on the commission.

The City Attorney has written a motion that the commission will use during the regular meeting to make an appointment. It was decided that Vice Mayor Politis would make the motion for Seat 2 and Comm. Conomos for Seat 3.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 5:49 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB