

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 28, 2024
3000 Bellemead Drive, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Present: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card **Excused:** Commissioner Stephan Dembinsky.

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.

3. PRAYER

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CEREMONIAL ITEMS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC NOTICES:

A. Mayor Miller recognized as Hometown Hero

City Manager Kurt Swartzlander recognized Mayor Miller for receiving the Home Rule Hero award for the third year in a row. Community Services Director Stewart Cruz announced that Gwyn Herstein was promoted to City Planner.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. City Commission Workshop Minutes May 14, 2024

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve the City Commission Workshop Minutes of May 14, 2024.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

B. City Commission Minutes May 14, 2024

COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Approve the City Commission Minutes of May 14, 2024.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Public Safety April report
- B. Monthly Executive Financial Report-April 2024
- C. Community Services Department Monthly Report - April 2024
- D. Consideration to terminate Wrecker Service Agreement with Volusia County Towing
- E. Consideration to terminate membership with PACE Florida Green Finance Authority
- F. Consideration to Terminate the Limited Purpose Party Membership Agreement with Florida Resiliency and Energy District.

COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MARK CARD to Approve the consent agenda.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Charter Amendment Ordinance 2024-17 3 terms

Attorney Vose read the ordinance by title. Mayor Miller stated that the citizens would be able to vote on whether to extend term limits to three four-year terms. VM Politis felt this would allow for continuity on the commission.

COMMISSIONER MARK CARD moved, seconded by VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS to Adopt Charter Amendment Ordinance 2024-17 on second reading.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 2024-19: Development Agreement Application 12024010 By Daytona Ocean Investment Corp & Hotel Motel, LLC. Address: 2601-2613 S. Atlantic Avenue

Attorney Vose read the ordinance by title. Community Services Director Stewart Cruz provided a brief staff report. There are four parcels on the site with approximately three acres. The proposed project would be a 101-unit, 8-story Cambria Hotel to include a restaurant, pool and parking. There would be three years allowed for permit issuance and 5 years to receive a final certificate of occupancy. There are four deviations requested from the City's Land Development Code. They are: 1) parking spaces from 102 required to 95 total; 2) building setbacks; 3) two loading zones to one and 4) green space from 20% minimum to 17%. The parking spaces include 20 spaces that would be double stacked. Aerial views of the property and concept renderings were shown. Director Cruz stated that all the requirements had been met and staff recommended approval. Attorney Joey Posey was in attendance for the developer, explaining the Cambria brand name and the amenities that would be included. He stated the permit for the sea wall was obtained, and they are willing to tie in to the Sherwin's seawall if they so desire. The valet parking would be for safety and efficiency on the site. He said that the developer would stipulate to contribute \$30,000 to be included in the beach walkway maintenance fund.

The following two audience members spoke: Steve Hopkins, who lives in the Sherwin Condo, stated that the team met with the owners and they supported the hotel project. They are glad to see that engineering has been done and would take care of some issues currently on the site. Elaine Shizkowski, who also lives in the Sherwin, was not happy. She felt she would lose her view and privacy.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve Ordinance 2024-19 on first reading.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

- B. Discussion to include Live Meeting Manager to existing Civic Clerk software

Mayor Miller explained that the current agenda software had additional functions that were not being utilized. One is called Live Meeting Manager that would allow a commissioner to request to speak and provide online voting. After a brief discussion, it was decided to include

that add-on.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER MARK CARD to Approve including the Live Meeting Manager to the existing Civic Clerk software.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

C. Discussion on holding City Commission Meetings once per month

Mayor Miller explained that many cities only meet once per month. Beginning in January 2025, she would like to institute that practice here. City Commission meetings would move to the first Tuesday of the month and the third Tuesday would be reserved if a second meeting or a workshop was required. After a brief discussion, the commission was in agreement.

VICE MAYOR MICHAEL POLITIS moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CHRIS CONOMOS to Approve bringing a Resolution forward to hold one City Commission Meeting per month.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 0).

Yes: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Michael Politis, Commissioner Chris Conomos, Commissioner Mark Card

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

The City Attorney had no additional comments.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Swartzlander explained that City Hall had a flooring project in progress. Some employees will be relocated to the Community Center for the duration.

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller thanked everyone who attended the Armed Forces Day event. She reported that she attended the American Flood conference last week in Washington, DC. One of the main topics was sea level rise and its prevention. The County of Volusia is currently doing a feasibility study with hopes it will assist with obtaining the Army Corp. of Engineers to work on the beach. VM Politis provided an update on the recent TPO meeting he attended. FDOT has many projects in the works including updating highway interchanges and additional truck parking on Interstate 4.

13. AUDIENCE REMARKS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Morris from the PO/SD Chamber announced Civic Youth Day would occur next week. He thanked Mayor Miller for assisting.

14. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were no additional items added to the next agenda.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 7:16 pm.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
KURT D. SWARTZLANDER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB