



MINUTES OF MEETING  
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION  
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 – 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

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| Mayor:         | A. J. Ryan IV         |
| Vice-Mayor:    | Lori Lewellen         |
| Commissioners: | Joyce L. Davis        |
|                | Tamara James          |
|                | Marco A. Salvino, Sr. |
| City Manager:  | Ana M. Garcia         |
| City Attorney: | Eve Boutsis           |
| City Clerk:    | Elora Riera, MMC      |

2. Budget Presentation

Chief Financial Officer Frank DiPaolo provided the budget presentation to the Commission. He touched on strategic plan, vision, Broward County municipality millage comparison, new positions, citywide expenditures, general fund, and reserves.

Chief Financial Officer DiPaolo stated that staff is requesting consensus to move forward with the recruiting for the proposed 12 positions in order to be in line with the anticipated start date of October 1st. Consensus was received from the Commission to move forward with the positions.

3. Budget Discussion

Commissioner James asked how they projected where they get reserves.

Chief Financial Officer DiPaolo said the City is projecting a surplus for this fiscal year, then there is a slight decline for 2024 and that is because we have a balanced budget where we are not using any reserves except for the use of \$500,000.00 in impact fees for Olsen Park.

Commissioner James would like funding for Collins Elementary School outdoor activities. She would like to have funding earmarked so the school board can match with the City.

Commissioner Davis commented that she has had conversations with School Board member Daniel Foganholi and the Principal regarding the drainage and playground. She commented on shape of the retention pond and playground.

Vice Mayor Lewellen said that the Commission needs to be cautious since 32% of the taxes are for the school board.

Chief Financial Officer DiPaolo commented about the current obligations within the City. The School Board is obligated to fund those projects and the City needs to be cautious when providing funding for their projects.

Commissioner Salvino agreed with the thoughts of Chief Financial Officer DiPaolo.

Commissioner James commented that the funding should still be earmarked and if it does not work then those funds can come back to the City.

Mayor Ryan stated that investing in schools and children is a priority. This provides us leverage and he is in favor of earmarking \$50,000.00 from the Commission contingency for the Collins Elementary School playground.

There was consensus from the Commission to earmark \$50,000.00 from the Commission contingency fund for the Collins Elementary School playground.

Commissioner James commented on the electric charging stations in the parking garage, their efficiency and the fee associated with them. Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz said we are currently working on the procurement process to change the charging stations in the parking garage.

Commissioner James would like to include a breast cancer event to the budget. There was consensus from the Commission to include funding for a breast cancer event in 2024.

Vice Mayor Lewellen inquired about a manager level transit/transportation position. Staff will review and come back to the Commission for a mid-year budget amendment if the position is needed.

Commissioner Davis asked about her previous inquiry for a chief resiliency officer to work with neighboring cities to ensure best practices and latest information on grants and resiliency. Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz responded that staff has looked into it and are being proactive in addressing resiliency in the City. The City has been working with the Chief Resiliency Officer of Broward County to amend our code and work with our consultants. Community Development Director Eleanor Norena confirmed that Public Services and Community Development are working with high level consultants to manage it.

Commissioner James is requesting to increase funding for senior programs and environmental programs an additional \$5,000.00. There was consensus from the Commission to increase the funding for each program by \$5,000.00.

Commissioner James requested to include the financial literacy program for the summer camps in the budget for \$10,000.00; Consensus was received from the Commission to fund this project.

Commissioner Davis questioned if the City has an emergency disaster plan. City Manager Garcia responded that we have an emergency operations center and emergency operations team. Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz explained the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Commissioner Davis is requesting funds to be set aside for a commemorative book for the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There was consensus from the Commission to earmark funds from the \$225,000.00 in next years budget and use some of the funds left in this year's budget.

Commissioner Davis is requesting consensus to renew the advertising and branding budget. Chief Financial Officer DiPaolo responded that \$110,000.00 has been programed in the operating expenditures for the Marketing and Communications Division. Mayor Ryan said he does not think it is necessary to have an additional dedicated contingency fund towards advertising.

Commissioner Davis would like to allocate \$25,000.00 for partnership funds in the budget. The Commission agreed to continue with current process of using individual contingency funds.

#### 4. Adjournment

Mayor Ryan adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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ELORA RIERA, MMC  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

  
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ARCHIBALD J. RYAN IV  
MAYOR

Approved: September 13, 2023

