MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present:

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

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ryan called for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENT APPROVALS

3.1 Special Event Request - 17th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show - *Parks and Recreation*

City Manager Garcia on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting support of the item.

Commissioner Salvino made a motion to approve the special event request. Vice Mayor Lewellen seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.

3.2 Special Event Request - Dania at Planet RV - *Parks and Recreation*

City Manager Garcia on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting support of the item.

Vice Mayor Lewellen made a motion to approve the special event request. Commissioner James seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 Cybersecurity Awareness Month - *IT Department*

Mayor Ryan read the proclamation into the record and presented the proclamation to the IT Department.

4.2 Retroactive Proclamation Approval - Mirabella Bove - 10-03-2023 - *Sponsored by Commissioner Salvino*

Commissioner Salvino introduced and spoke on the item.

Consensus was received to approve the retroactive proclamation.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

City Manager Garcia advised that on October 24th the City will celebrate breast cancer survivors and requested anyone to reach out if they know of any survivors in the community that the City may honor. The City is preparing for Tallahassee and have had several meetings with the Commission and have met with State representatives in regard to key projects in the City. She reminded everyone about Dania After Dark on Saturday October 14th and the Employee Appreciation Picnic. She thanked the selection committee for our new Public Information Officer, Sussette Rodriguez. City Manager Garcia said the City is working close with BSO in regard to safety and security for our schools and places of worship. She noted the City will be hosting a peace and prayer gathering at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow at City Hall. At the first meeting in November, the City will be bringing a funding request that will encompass the entire southeast drainage project. She thanked Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz for his quickness and responsiveness with the vac trucks and pumps while she was at the International City Managers Conference and is grateful to have been able to represent the City.

5.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Boutsis presented sample signs and a map for a walking path between Dania Beach and Hollywood. The City shall be the architect to make sure signs are maintained and installed. The City of Hollywood has expressed interest and said their City Manager is to work with us on an interlocal agreement. She has prepared a draft agreement that has been sent to the City of Hollywood; she is seeking consensus that the City Manager has authority to sign the document.

Consensus was received by the Commission.

5.3 City Clerk - Reminders

City Clerk Riera reminded the Commission of their upcoming Regular meeting on October 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Captain Tarala reported on recent arrests in the City and spoke about the traffic study on Southeast 5th Avenue. He noted that a vast majority of the drivers were within the allotted speed limit. Captain Tarala spoke about the ongoing issues in our Country and said that BSO has increased their directed patrols throughout the City at all centers that are requesting additional assistance; there will be extra patrol presence on Sunday for the event at the Holocaust Museum. He gave an update on the homeless gentleman they have been helping and advised that he was picked up today and another ex-parte motion was filed.

Fire Chief Pellecer gave an update on call volumes within the City and reviewed safety tips for Halloween. He noted that all inspections were completed for the fiscal year and Station 1 remains the busiest in Broward County.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following spoke under public comments:

- Tony Suriani – 1341 SE 3rd Avenue
- Eli Ekstein – 215 SE 2nd Street

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner James made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus item 8.4. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lewellen which carried unanimously on voice vote.

8.1 Minutes:

- September 20, 2023 - Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
- September 26, 2023 - Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

Approved under consent agenda.

8.2 Travel Requests: Request from City Manager Ana M. Garcia to Attend Legislative Meetings in Tallahassee, Florida on November 6 - 8, 2023. (Estimated cost $1,231.20) - *City Manager*

8.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES AND APPROVALS

TO THE PTASP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Finance)*

This item was pulled from consent since it is a public hearing item.

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the resolution into the record.

Mayor Ryan opened the floor to public comments, there being none, public hearing was closed.

Commissioner James made a motion to approve item 8.4. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lewellen which carried unanimously on voice vote.

8.5 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH AND RODNEY B. HARRISON FOR THE PURCHASE OF 148 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY, DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(City Manager)*

Approved under consent agenda.

9. BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS:

None.

10. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS:

None.

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCES

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2023-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REQUEST MADE BY THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 NW 8 AVENUE, DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"; CHANGING THE CURRENT ZONING

CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY FROM NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTIAL (NBHD-RES) TO OPEN SPACE (OS) (APPLICATION NO. RZ-074-23), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS; AND AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING MAP TO REFLECT THE REZONING OF THE PARCEL, AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT "B"; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Deputy Director of Community Development, Corinne Lajoie introduced the item.

Commissioner James asked what steps are remaining and why the City is just now requesting to rezone the property.

Deputy Director Lajoie responded that typically it would happen concurrently at one meeting, but Community Development was able to move faster than the consultant at this time. This will assist them in creating their site plan and simplify the process.

Mayor Ryan opened the floor to public comments, there being none, public hearing was closed.

Commissioner James made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis which carried unanimously on voice vote.

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2023-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS EXCEEDING ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000.00), WHICH EXPENDITURE IS NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,600,000.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF 148 NORTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY, DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(City Manager)*

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the ordinance into the record.

City Manager Garcia introduced the item.

Mayor Ryan opened the floor to public comments, there being none, public hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Lewellen made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis which carried unanimously on voice vote.

12. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES**

None.

13. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

13.1 Call to Artist Finalist - *Community Development*

Community Development Director Eleanor Norena introduced the item and provided a presentation. The City received 59 submittals and 46 met the minimum qualifications.

The Public Art Board shortlisted the applicants to five applicants and samples of their artwork was presented to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Lewellen asked if some applicants are local and Community Development Director Norena responded that some are.

Mayor Ryan asked what the Art Board was looking for and Community Development Director Norena responded that they narrowed down the applicants in phases. They used sense of space and the art itself.

Commissioner Davis commented that there was a specific criteria that the Board followed and went through different phases and a rigorous process to ensure that they met all the criteria.

Commissioner James made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Lewellen which carried unanimously on voice vote.

Community Development Director Norena commented that proposals by the applicants will be due November 6th, and this will come back to the Commission in November.

13.2 Feeding South Florida - *Sponsored by Commissioner James*

Commissioner James introduced the item.

Commissioner Davis would be interested but wants to ensure that the City has the staff to accommodate for this.

Commissioner Salvino asked if there was sponsorship information and Commissioner James responded that they may and asked Maxine to see if they have the information to provide to the Commission.

There was consensus that this funding would come from the Commission contingency.

City Manager Garcia suggested that the City look into partnering with a local Dania Beach place of worship; she is hesitant to commit to a monthly event at the parks due to construction at C.W. Thomas and I.T. Parker.

Mayor Ryan said he would like the City to look into the options it has and what other cities are doing.

Vice Mayor Lewellen mentioned that Feeding South Florida is looking for a larger space; there may be other ways to partner with them other than a monetary donation.

There was Commission consensus to look at options as a city for the best solution.

14. **APPOINTMENTS**

None.

15. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

15.1 Commissioner Davis

Commissioner Davis spoke about the events she attended to include Rebuilding Together, the superintendent's town hall at Atlantic Technical College, a breakfast for legislative policies and the Broward County General Membership Meeting. She was nominated to the Executive Board of the Broward League of Cities and thanked the nomination committee for having trust in her. She thanked staff for their partnership with the City of Hollywood for beach markers and encouraged everyone to come out for Read for the Record Event on October 26th.

15.2 Commissioner James

Commissioner James requested names of breast cancer survivors so that they may be honored at our breast cancer event. She said she was contacted by someone in the community about a home that was painted with art and questioned if that was against code. Director of Community Development Norena provided information on the Code. She spoke about attending Coffee with a Cop and the Planet RV ribbon cutting. She inquired if the Commission would be interested in being a part of the Liberia100th celebration. She received an email that she will circulate. The event is on November 4th, a table costs $500.00 and they would like the City to put a float in the parade. The cost of the float is roughly $1800.00 - $2500.00. She would like authorization to use her contingency funds for the table and cost of the float. Commission consensus was received.

Commissioner Davis commented that she would be interested in contributing if she could provide her with information as to how much a table would cost.

15.3 Commissioner Salvino

Commissioner Salvino spoke about the Make-A-Wish Foundation event and the Prestige Club Casino Night. He reminded staff about the City Employee Appreciation Picnic and reminded everyone to come out for Dania After Dark.

15.4 Vice-Mayor Lewellen

Vice Mayor Lewellen said she has been speaking with people at all levels of government about our homeless situation in the City and thanked those who have helped, she is looking forward to the City Employee Appreciation Picnic and Dania After Dark.

15.5 Mayor Ryan

Mayor Ryan reminded everyone about Dania After Dark on Saturday and spoke about the Whiskey Creek project. He said the City had to hire an engineering firm to survey the waterway. The City must conduct a survey before the City can begin the process to remove the derelict boats from the waterway. The cost of the survey was $12,000.00 and the cost was not previously budgeted for. He is requesting for the funds to come from the Commission contingency.

City Attorney Boutsis explained there is a State law and County provision that allows the City to go to the County once the waterways have been surveyed and request to remove derelict boats and have the area be designated as a boat restriction area. The City must have the survey complete before going to the County.

Commissioner James questioned if any of the City departments have money in their budget for this project.

Vice-Mayor Lewellen asked if the Commission can revisit this at a later time.

City Attorney Boutsis explained that under the State law, only a certain percentage of waterways can be designated, and Hollywood has already taken about half.

Vice Mayor Lewellen agreed to give $2,000.00 from her contingency.

City Manager Garcia agreed to give $2,000.00 from her contingency.

City Attorney Boutsis agreed to give $2,000.00 from the City Attorney budget.

Commissioner Salvino agreed to give $2,000.00 from his contingency.

There was Commission consensus to take the remaining $4,000.00 from the commission contingency.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ryan adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

ELORA RIERA, MMC
CITY CLERK

ARCHIBALD J. RYAN IV
MAYOR

Approved: 10/24/23.