



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Joyce L. Davis
Vice-Mayor Marco A. Salvino, Sr.
Commissioner Lori Lewellen
Commissioner Luis Rimoli
Commissioner A. J. Ryan IV

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 Davis 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 Building Department Annual Statistics and Community Rating System (CRS) Class Improvement - *Community Development*

Director of Community Development Eleanor Norena provided a presentation on the Building Department Annual Statistics and Community Rating System class improvement and announced that Dania Beach is the first in Broward County to receive a CRS Class 5 rating and this will provide flood insurance discounts to residents.

3.2 Request for Proclamation Approval

- Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month - April 2025 - *Sponsored by Commissioner Rimoli*

There was consensus to approve the proclamation.

3.3 Presentation - Brian Jones, Olsen Middle School, 8th Grade, BCPS Chess4Life Tournament - 1st Place in the Individual Middle School Tournament Category – *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Mayor Davis introduced the item and presented Brian Jones with an award.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 National Autism Acceptance Month - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Mayor Davis read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Dan Marino Foundation.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

City Manager Garcia presented her administrative report and touched on the following topics:

- Congratulations to Community Development and the Building Department
- Thank you to BSO Captain Tarala
- Thanks and gratitude to the new Risk Manager Wayne Fletcher
- Children's Entrepreneur Market
- CORE Conversations
- Lucky Fish Grand Opening and parking partnerships
- Highway beautification grants
- City Hall Renovations
- Dania After Dark Oktoberfest
- The Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance annual leadership trip

5.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Boutsis reminded the Commission of the updates on the legislative items she has been providing and let them know to reach out to her with any questions.

5.3 City Clerk - Reminders

City Clerk Riera reminded the Commission of the following upcoming meetings:

- April 8, 2025 CRA Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- April 8, 2025 City Commission Meeting - 7 p.m.
- April 22, 2025 City Commission Meeting - 7 p.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Captain Tarala thanked the City Manager and Commission for their support and spoke about recent criminal activity in the city. He commented that throughout the entire spring break season there have been zero issues at the beach and Dania Pointe.

Fire Chief Pellecer reported that they are continuing to work on the City Emergency Management Plan, fire hydrant testing and fire truck pump testing. The department has been investing in the youth and spent an entire evening training and mentoring the young cadets. He commented that there was a promotional test for lieutenants and once promoted they will participate in 80 hours of training where they learn how to enter reports, learn everything there is to know about being an officer and dealing with people. He said he believes Dania Beach is one of the safest cities around, because the safety committee goes above and beyond to keep everything and everyone safe.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following spoke under citizens' comments:

- Sumay Johnson – Tamarac, FL

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 8.1 Minutes: February 25, 2025 City Commission Meeting

Approved under consent agenda.

- 8.2 Travel Requests: City Manager Ana M. Garcia request to attend the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Alliance 2025 Annual Leadership trip in Boston, Massachusetts, April 6-10, 2025.

Approved under consent agenda.

- 8.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO EXCEED THE ANNUAL VENDOR TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FOR AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES FROM FULL MOON CREATIVE, LLC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Parks and Recreation)*

Approved under consent agenda.

- 8.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT OVER A PORTION OF SHERIDAN STREET BY THE RAILROAD TRACKS, WHICH IS CITY OWNED PROPERTY ALLOWING FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, LLC TO INSTALL A SIGNAL HOUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(City Attorney)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.5 Request for Use of Discretionary Funds to Sponsor the Prestige Club of SW Broward's Etiquette Program for Additional Dania Beach Elementary Students – March 19, 2025 - *Sponsored by Commissioner Rimoli*

Approved under consent agenda.

9. BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

There were no bids and requests for proposals.

10. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

10.1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE “GMAX PLAT” (PL-005-24) SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER R. ROMA HOLDINGS, LLC, FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4432-4440 SW 52nd STREET, IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the resolution into the record and swore in anyone wishing to speak on the item. She asked for any disclosures from the Commission and there were none.

Planning and Zoning Manager Viviana Batista introduced the item.

Vice Mayor Salvino asked about the size of the entrance street and the size of the lots.

Director of Community Development Eleanor Norena responded that the road itself is 24 feet. The width of the lot is 72 feet, and the depth is 100 feet.

Mayor Davis opened the floor to public comments, the following spoke:

- Rod Feiner of Coker & Feiner

Vice Mayor Salvino made a motion to approve items 10.1 and 10.2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rimoli which carried unanimously on voice vote.

10.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN (SP-073-18) SUBMITTED BY R ROMA HOLDINGS LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4432-4440 SW 52ND STREET IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

This item was heard with item 10.1.

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCES

11.1 ORDINANCE 2025-_____

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), TO FUND SOUTHWEST 34TH TERRACE DRAINAGE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

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

Director of Public Services Fernando Rodriguez introduced the item.

Mayor Davis asked for anyone wishing to speak on the item and there was none.

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

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ENTITLED “PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT”; TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED “POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS”; AT SECTION 18-42; ENTITLED “BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY”, IN ORDER TO INCLUDE CLARIFYING LANGUAGE TO ENABLE THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE 2022 AMENDMENT AS TO BENEFITS; FOR PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Finance)*

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

Chief Financial Officer Yeimy Guzman introduced the item.

Mayor Davis asked for anyone wishing to speak on the item and there was none.

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

12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were no second reading ordinances.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

13.1 Appointment of Broward League of Cities Director, Alternate, and Second Alternate

Consensus to appoint Mayor Davis as the Director, Commissioner Rimoli as alternate and Commissioner Ryan as second alternate.

13.2 Discussion and Possible Appointments to the Broward County Aviation Department's Airport Noise Abatement Committee - *City Clerk*

City Clerk Elora Riera introduced the item.

Vice Mayor Salvino said he thinks it is important to have some form of contact with Broward County and the FAA to see what is going on as there are developers getting ready to expand another terminal.

Commissioner Lewellen volunteered if no one else wants to do it.

The City Clerk will reach out to the prior Airport Advisory Board members and the matter will be brought back at a later meeting.

13.3 Agenda Transparency - *Sponsored by Commissioner Lewellen*

Commissioner Lewellen introduced the item.

Commissioner Ryan commented that he understands this for all agenda items except for the discussion and possible action items.

Mayor Davis agreed with Commissioner Ryan and doesn't feel that there is a need to create a policy.

Commissioner Rimoli said he agrees with Commissioner Ryan and Mayor Davis, however the more information you give people is not a bad thing and something to be considered.

Commissioner Lewellen provided an example of a time when backup was not provided, and several residents stayed late for a meeting and the item was not as everyone expected. She would like to ensure consistency from beginning to end and have all the information to help prepare for meetings.

14. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

15. COMMISSION COMMENTS

15.1 Commissioner Lewellen

Commissioner Lewellen spoke about the new BSO towers, the tree service for Logan Peirce and the teen program sock collection for the homeless.

15.2 Commissioner Rimoli

Commissioner Rimoli had no comments for the evening.

15.3 Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan reminded everyone that tomorrow is April Fool's Day and spoke about the strategic planning meeting, the new BSO towers, and American Legion Posts 304 and 209.

15.4 Vice-Mayor Salvino

Vice Mayor Salvino spoke about the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Patch and reminded everyone that the Lucky Fish grand opening is tomorrow.

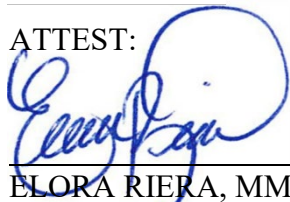
15.5 Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis spoke about Social Seniors, a tour she took of Port Everglades, Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee and the strategic planning meeting. She said she is looking forward to Dania After Dark Blues and BBQ on April 12th and Earth Day on April 21st.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

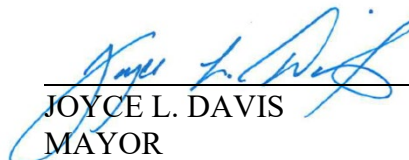
ATTEST:



ELORA RIERA, MMC
CITY CLERK



CITY OF DANIA BEACH


JOYCE L. DAVIS
MAYOR

Approved:

April 22, 2025