



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:18 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 Request for Proclamation Approval:

- National Autism Acceptance Month - April 2025 - Sponsored by Mayor Davis
- Mary Alice Fairchild Butler - Sponsored by Mayor Davis
- Retroactive Approval - Women in Construction Week - March 2-8, 2025 - Sponsored by Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis requested approval to include the two additional items.

Commissioner Lewellen made a motion to allow the inclusion of both presentation items 3.2 and 3.3. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Salvino which carried unanimously on voice vote.

There was Commission consensus to approve item 3.1.

3.2 Marine Advisory Board Update - Stacy Brown - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Stacy Brown was not in attendance. Mayor Davis moved on to the next item.

3.3 "I Was Here" Historical Program Presentation - Amanda Deroxtra - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Mayor Davis introduced Amanda Deroxtra of Mad Arts who spoke about the "I Was Here" project and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Davis commented that the images were stunning, and the presentation was amazing, but she would like the Commission to be able to view the presentation again when the audio is working better as she would like to see something like this in the city.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 Women's History Month - March 2025 - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Mayor Davis read the proclamation into the record and presented the proclamations to the Women's Auxiliary from American Legion Posts 209 and 304 and the Dania Beach Women's Club.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

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

- Dania After Dark – Wine and Seafood Festival
- Dania After Dark – Blues & BBQ on April 12, 2025
- Mullikin Park Ribbon Cutting
- Meeting with Francisco Rojo for City Place Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Budget Workshop and Meetings with City Commission
- Leadership Retreat at Thallata Estate
- Meeting with Arnaldo Suarez General Manager of The Casino at Dania Beach
- Lucky Fish Parking
- Veteran's Park
- First Annual National Day of Prayer

There was Commission consensus to bring the community together on May 1, 2025 for National Day of Prayer.

5.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Boutsis introduced the new Assistant City Attorney Luis Figueredo and provided a brief overview of his work experience.

5.3 City Clerk - Reminders

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

- March 31, 2025 City Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- April 8, 2025 - City Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Captain Tarala reported on recent criminal activity in the city and spoke about Dania After Dark and spring break at Dania Pointe. He noted there was not a single security concern. He advised the Commission that barricades will also be provided for the next Dania After Dark event, and they will have their deputies on the beach for spring break from this weekend going forward.

Fire Chief Pellecer reported that the BSO Police and Fire team along with The Robin Foundation and the Florida Department of Health passed out Narcan to 38 hotels in the area. He advised that the fire truck they sent off for refurbishment will be back in December and placed back in service by January 2026. He reported that there are 17 new recruits currently in training and tomorrow they will participate in a Mass Casualty Incident Drill, where they will learn how to deal with large scale emergencies.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following spoke under citizens' comments:

- Patricia Tyra- 2912 SW 54th Street
- Linda Wilson – Address not provided
- Janet McCombs – 41 SW 5th Street
- Howard P. Clark, III on behalf of Shawn DeRosa – 408 SE 5th Street

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 11, 2025 Regular City Commission Meeting

Approved under consent agenda.

8.2 Travel Requests: None.

8.3 Request for Use of Discretionary Funds to Sponsor Dania Beach Residents for Spring Camp Program - *Sponsored by Commissioner Lewellen*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REJECT SENATE BILL 482, RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S HOME RULE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM AND TO FUND THE PROGRAM THROUGH DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Mayor Davis)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.5 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$275,000.00), TO PROVIDE PARTIAL FUNDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF LIFT STATION NUMBER 11; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*(Public Services)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.6 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH AND THE FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE GRIFFIN MARINE BOAT RAMP; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*(Public Services)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.7 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL, CIVIL ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FROM CRAVEN THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE GRIFFIN MARINE BOAT RAMP IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$97,710.00) AND TO EXCEED THE ANNUAL SINGLE VENDOR PURCHASING POLICY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*(Public Services)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.8 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY

MEDICAL, FIRE PROTECTION, AND FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES WITH THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ADD FOUR (4) POSITIONS TO THE STAFFING FOR THE RESCUE 201; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Finance)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.9 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, REPORTING TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(City Attorney)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.10 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, CLARIFYING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-006, WHICH AUTHORIZED FUNDING FOR THE INVITATION TO BID ("ITB") NO. 2023-023 "BUILDING DEPARTMENT RENOVATION PROJECT" WITH S3S CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THAT THE FUNDS CAN BE USED IN PHASE 1 OR 2; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

Approved under consent agenda.

9. BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

There were no bids or 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, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, THE REQUEST MADE BY COMMISSIONER LUIS RIMOLI TO NAME THE BANQUET HALL AT IT PARKER COMMUNITY CENTER "THE CHICKIE BRANDIMARTE HALL", LOCATED AT 901 NE 2ND ST., DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Sponsored by Commissioner Luis Rimoli)*

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

Commissioner Rimoli introduced the item.

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

Vice Mayor Salvino said that he could not have served on the Commission the first time around without Mrs. Brandimarte's support, strength and knowledge. He thanked Mrs. Brandimarte for all the service she gives to the city.

Commissioner Lewellen thanked Mrs. Brandimarte for her 26 years of service and for growing the seniors' organization.

Commissioner Ryan thanked Ms. Brandimarte for coming tonight and said the City appreciates her contribution and dedication to the City, however he does not see sufficient information in the backup for the item. He feels there needs to be a better process when it comes to naming city owned areas. He does not believe there should be another name on the I.T. Parker Center and there needs to be a better vetting process when it comes to such a historic building.

Mayor Davis thanked Mrs. Brandimarte for her 26 years of service and said she does believe the facility naming process is not clear and the city needs to have specific criteria set forth. Mayor Davis asked City Attorney Boutsis about the criteria for naming a street and City Attorney Boutsis explained the naming process. Mayor Davis commented that she does not believe the criteria is aligned, and she believes there needs to be transparency of funds. She reiterated that this is not personal but that she is a process-oriented person. The last 4 naming's have been commissioner to commissioner and these are things that need to be considered when major decisions are made.

Vice Mayor Salvino said he feels that for someone to give 26 years of their life to encourage the seniors of the city, he thinks Mr. Parker would like to see that happen and he believes he would recognize the contribution. He noted it is not changing the name of the building, and that there are many areas where you'll see plaques, even outside of the I.T. Parker Center when you enter the door. He does not see where someone should not be recognized for their contributions and this may be an opportunity to do so, he believes recognition should be observed.

Commissioner Rimoli commented that he did follow the criteria currently set forth.

City Attorney Boutsis clarified that this requires a 4/5th vote for this item to pass.

Commissioner Rimoli made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Salvino which failed 3-2 with Commissioner Ryan and Mayor Davis voting no and Commissioner Lewellen, Commissioner Rimoli, and Vice Mayor Salvino voting yes.

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCES

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ENTITLED THE "LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE" (LDC); TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TECHNICAL UPDATES, CLARIFICATIONS, AND LANGUAGE CLEANUP TO THE CODE RELATING TO GREEN BUILDING PROCEDURES, OFF-STREET PARKING, LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS IN THE CRA ZONING DISTRICT, PLANNED SMALL LOT MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PMUD-SU); SIGNAGE REGULATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND TERM USAGE WITHIN

THE NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, AND LOTS PROVISIONS OF THE CODE; AND CONCURRENCY REGULATIONS RELATING TO STORMWATER DRAINAGE LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS; 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.

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

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 28, OF THE “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”, OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE 105, ENTITLED “USE REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND OPEN SPACE ZONING DISTRICTS”, AT SECTION 105-160, ENTITLED “ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES”, CREATING SECTION 105-260, ENTITLED “ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS”; AMENDING ARTICLE 725, ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS” AT SECTION 725-30, ENTITLED “TERMS DEFINED”; AMENDING ARTICLE 230, ENTITLED “SPECIAL FLOOR AREA, BUILDING DIMENSION AND BUILDING SIZE STANDARDS,” AT SECTION 230-50, ENTITLED “MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE FLOOR AREA FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE E-1, RS-18000, RES-12000, RS-8000, NBHD-RES, RMH, AND RD-8000 DISTRICTS”; AND AMENDING SECTION 230-40, ENTITLED “MINIMUM FLOOR AREAS FOR DWELLINGS AND LODGING UNITS” IN ORDER TO DEFINE “ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS”, AND TO CREATE REGULATIONS AND DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY; CODIFICATION; AND 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.

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

- Yavocka Young Smith – 263 SW 3rd Terrace
- Unintelligible – 2637 E. Atlantic Blvd. #1011, Pompano Beach

Vice Mayor Salvino addressed the speaker and said he does not know that the lot he is speaking of is large enough for a duplex, but he is open for discussion. He suggested going to Planning and Zoning to find out if he is able to do so.

Commissioner Ryan questioned Deputy Director Lajoie about the maximum number of units allowed on a multi-family lot and Deputy Director Lajoie responded that it depends on residential land use and density as to the number of units.

Vice Mayor Salvino made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ryan which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

There were no second reading ordinances.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

13.1 Clarification of Sponsorship for the Dan Marino Autism Awareness Family Sunday Event - *City Clerk*

City Clerk Elora Riera introduced the item. and said she is seeking clarification on the distribution of the contingency funds amongst the Commission.

Mayor Davis recommends taking \$4,000.00 from the Commission contingency along with the \$1,000.00 from the City Manager's contingency.

There was Commission consensus for the contingency funds.

13.2 Advisory Board Qualifications - *City Clerk*

City Clerk Elora Riera introduced the item and reviewed the qualifications for the Planning & Zoning Board and Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs Advisory Board.

There was Commission consensus to approve the recommendations as discussed for both boards.

13.3 Naming of the Southwest Community Center - *Sponsored by Commissioner Lewellen*

Commissioner Lewellen introduced the item and spoke about her motivation for naming the center after Carolyn Jones.

Mayor Davis agreed to receive the signatures and get community buy-in from a good portion of the city. She thanked Commissioner Lewellen for bringing the item forward and shedding light on the direction she is going.

13.4 Discussion on the Nyberg Swanson House - *Sponsored by Commissioner Lewellen*

Commissioner Lewellen introduced the item and commented that there needs to be a plan and clear direction and criteria on who will be moving into the facility.

Discussion ensued amongst the Commission about who is interested in moving into the space and what it will be used for. It was agreed that there should be a criteria outlined for the space and a game plan for how documents will be stored and how the city is going to procure the furniture and all the things going into it.

Vice Mayor Salvino offered his office as temporary storage for the Historical Society documents that are currently being housed in the Assistant City Attorney's office.

14. APPOINTMENTS

14.1 Advisory Board Appointments – City Clerk

Dania Beach Housing Authority

1 appointment – Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis appointed Douglas Hasty to the Dania Beach Housing Authority Board.

There was Commission consensus for the appointment.

15. COMMISSION COMMENTS

15.1 Commissioner Lewellen

Commissioner Lewellen commented that she was happy to see the consent agenda passed as item 8.3 was her item and she would like to continue to support Dania Beach residents for Summer Camp. She hopes that this is something the Commission will continue after she is termed out. She said Dania After Dark was amazing and there was a huge turnout. She commended the Public Safety team as there were no incidents. She voiced concern about the parking situation at the beach and commented that it is something the city needs to address. She hopes that the issue will come back before the Commission with a report of ideas and solutions to ensure things run smoothly.

15.2 Commissioner Rimoli

Commissioner Rimoli reminded the Commission that the Prestige Club's etiquette class with Collins Elementary is tomorrow at Tropical Acres at 10:30 a.m. He noted that Channel 10 news will be in attendance and encouraged his colleagues to attend.

15.3 Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan pointed out that the ribbon cutting for the Love Mural is also tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.; he will do his best to attend both events. He noted the city has had many wonderful events recently and he has received great feedback. He reminded everyone that the Dania After Dark - Blues & BBQ Celebration will be coming up in April. He said he appreciates all the work of the city's first responders and commended Broward Sheriff's Office deputies for all they are doing at Dania Pointe, Dania After Dark, throughout the waterways and at the beach. He has received nothing but compliments for the city's deputies and firefighters and commends the leadership of Chief Pellecer and Captain Tarala. He agreed that a lot was accomplished today and said he looks forward to seeing how the CRA does under the city management purview.

15.4 Vice-Mayor Salvino

Vice Mayor Salvino spoke about a meeting he and City Manager Garcia had today with the Quarterdeck regarding parking. He noted that the weekends are usually the issue and City Manager Garcia has come up with a lot of good plans. He provided a summary of the different parking options that are being considered and provided. He commented that there are still complaints regarding the price of parking but noted Dania Beach is still the cheapest of all the neighboring cities. He mentioned the numerous parking pass options available in the city for those that wish to avoid the hourly rate.

Mayor Ryan included that he has been in discussions with management and staff to bring a water taxi stop into the pier.

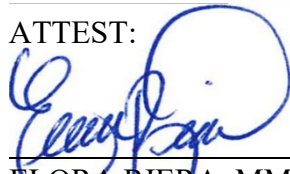
15.5 Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis noted she has heard the concerns about parking but wants to compliment the Public Services team who maintain the beach every day. The beach has not looked more beautiful. She confirmed the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Love mural is tomorrow and apologizes for the conflict. She noted this is one of 9 Love murals in Broward County. She thanked the Parks and Recreation team for all they do for Dania After Dark and said she had the most fun at the Art & Seafood Festival. She spoke about attending a tour at Career Source Broward and mentioned the additional services they provide, she commented that she will be looking at additional potential partnerships. She attended the First Friday lunch and spoke about how successful it was. She thanked the P.E.A. for being great partners with the city. She attended the Rose Awards, where 15 frontline workers from Marriott Dania Pointe were recognized. She congratulated Daniel Lam who is the General Manager and new president of the FRLA. She thanked the commission and said she appreciates their professionalism and responsiveness and as long as they work together, there is nothing they cannot accomplish.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

ATTEST:



ELORA RIERA, MMC
CITY CLERK

CITY OF DANIA BEACH


JOYCE L. DAVIS
MAYOR

Approved:

April 8, 2025