



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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

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.

City Attorney Boutsis read the Statement of Decorum.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENT APPROVALS

- 3.1 Special Event Application:
- Blue Ridge Tree Farm Christmas Sale
 - Tree Om Sound Bath Meditation (Annual Application)
 - Rita Crockett RCBSA Grand Opening (Rescheduled Date)

There was Commission consensus to approve the special event applications.

- 3.2 Freebee Presentation — Sponsored by Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan introduced the item.

Vice President of Freebee Claudia Miro presented a PowerPoint presentation on Freebee and how it works and can be used within the City.

3.3 Request for Proclamation Approval — Florida City Week, October 20–26, 2025 —
Sponsored by Mayor Davis

There was consensus to approve the proclamation request.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

4.1 Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2025 - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Commissioner Lewellen read the proclamation into the record.

4.2 Breast Cancer Awareness Month - October 2025 - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Mayor Davis read the proclamation into the record and presented the proclamation to former Mayor Bobbie Grace. Former Mayor Grace spoke and thanked everyone for the recognition.

4.3 Cybersecurity Awareness Month - October 2025 - *IT Department*

City Attorney Boutsis read the proclamation into the record, and the proclamation was introduced to the IT Department. Director of IT Darryl McFarlane thanked the Commission for the recognition and reminded everyone of the importance of cybersecurity awareness.

4.3 Florida City Week - October 20-26, 2025 - *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Mayor Davis read the proclamation into the record.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

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

- Commendations to Broward Sheriff's Office, Parks and Recreation, and Marketing and Communications teams
- Dania After Dark – Oktoberfest
- Olsen Middle School remaining open
- Update on C.W. Thomas Park
- Meeting with Calvin Giordano and Associates regarding Chester Byrd Park design
- Frost Park re-sod and re-grade
- Update on Gulfstream Road
- Commendations to Fernando Rodriguez and Sean Schutten for their proactive efforts
- 1st Annual Serving Joy Food Distribution
- Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for 101 Dania
- Grant application for Dania Cove Park
- Commencement of SW 34th Terrace drainage project

5.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Boutsis had nothing to report.

5.3 City Clerk - Reminders

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

- October 28, 2025 - City Commission Meeting - 7 p.m.
- November 18, 2025 - CRA Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
- November 18, 2025 - Commission Meeting - 7 p.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Mayor Davis allowed a student speaker to speak prior to the public safety report regarding a safety request for students.

- Caleb Laroff – 106 SE 4th Terr.

Captain Tarala addressed Mr. Laroff and stated that deputies would be assigned to the area tomorrow. He provided the following updates: an arrest made by the Threat Management and CST Units; continued patrols in City parks, including an arrest at Chester Byrd Park; the successful implementation of the Oktoberfest security plan; security coverage for the recent 5K run and Friday and Saturday operations at Dania Pointe; and preparations for the International Soccer Teams staying in the City.

Captain Tarala also noted that area checks continue at local Jewish institutions. He informed the Commission that Deputy Reyes of the Homeless Outreach Team has been promoted to Detective and will be leaving the City. Detective Reyes is expected to attend the next meeting to say goodbye. He noted the department will begin interviews shortly for his replacement.

Fire Chief Pellecer reported on the partnership with the Department of Transportation and said they recently hosted a multi-agency meeting and tabletop exercise at Fire Station 17 focusing on the new I-95/I-595 ramp construction. Fire units toured the new construction area to ensure familiarity for emergency response.

Chief Pellecer commented on the success of the Dania Beach 5K and expressed appreciation to Mayor Davis for being his walking partner. He also thanked the City for its continued support, noting that all fire units are now being equipped with new touchscreen radios that are easier to use in the field and automatically update. He announced plans to present the Firefighter of the Year at an upcoming Commission meeting.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- There were no citizens' comments.

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: September 25, 2025 City Commission Meeting

Approved under consent agenda.

8.2 Travel Requests: None.

8.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-082, ADOPTED ON JUNE 10, 2025; AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A REVISED SUBSTITUTE AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, L.L.C. (FECR) AND BRIGHTLINE TRAINS FLORIDA, LLC TO INCLUDE UPDATED LANGUAGE REQUESTED BY THE PARTIES RELATING TO THE BROWARD COUNTY SEALED CORRIDOR PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Public Services)*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.4 Approval for Use of City Logo – Rita Crockett Beach Sports Academy - *Parks & Recreation*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.5 Request for Use of Discretionary Funds – Rita Crockett Beach Sports Academy – *Sponsored by Mayor Davis*

Approved under consent agenda.

8.6 Request for Use of Discretionary Funds to Support the Dania Beach Lions Club - Moonlight Car Show, March 21, 2026 - *Sponsored by Commissioner Rimoli*

Approved under consent agenda.

9. BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

There were none.

10. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

10.1 *(This item will be taken after Agenda Item 12.1)*
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PLAT NOTE AMENDMENT (DR-007-25) FOR THE “DANIA POINTE” PLAT; SUBMITTED BY DANIA LIVE 1748, LLC, DANIA LIVE 1748 II, LLC, SPIRIT AIRLINES, INC., AND DISCOUNT AUTO PARTS, LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF STIRLING ROAD, EAST OF INTERSTATE 95, AND WEST OF BRYAN ROAD, WITHIN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Community Development)

This item was taken with item 12.1. Motion was made after item 12.1.

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

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCES

None.

12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

12.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE DANIA POINTE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES (DDG) (RZ-006-25) AS TO COMMERCIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE, NUMBER OF HOTEL UNITS, ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE GUIDELINES, SUBMITTED BY DANIA LIVE 1748, LLC, DANIA LIVE 1748 II, LLC, SPIRIT AIRLINES, INC., AND DISCOUNT AUTO PARTS, LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF STIRLING ROAD, EAST OF INTERSTATE 95, AND WEST OF BRYAN ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

This item was taken before item 10.1.

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

Dennis Mele of Greenspoon Marder LLP on behalf of the applicant spoke on the item.

Commissioner Lewellen made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Salvino which carried unanimously.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

None.

14. APPOINTMENTS

- 14.1 - Green Advisory Board - 1 vacancy - Vice Mayor Salvino appointment
- Education Advisory Board - 1 vacancy - Commissioner Ryan
- Marine Advisory Board - 1 vacancy - Commissioner Ryan

Vice Mayor Salvino nominated Marlene Zunzunegui if she is still interested in serving. There was Commission consensus to appoint Ms. Zunzunegui.

Vice Mayor Salvino expressed concern on the declining attendance for the Marine Advisory Board and suggested reaching out to them to ensure their needs are met. City Clerk Riera advised that the clerk's office will reach out to their liaison for an update at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Ryan has nominations for both boards and is waiting for confirmation from the nominees before a final commitment. He will defer his appointments to the next meeting.

15. COMMISSION COMMENTS

15.1 Commissioner Lewellen

Commissioner Lewellen commented that Dania After Dark was a roaring success and she loves seeing Cassi on Deco Drive. The event ran very smoothly and there were no issues.

Commissioner Lewellen said she is happy to hear that Dr. Hepburn has said that Olsen Middle School is safe but expressed concerns with the repeated threat of shutting schools noting it harms students, parents, and enrollment. She emphasized the need for continued advocacy, contacting board members, and proposing alternatives to school closures, particularly given residents' paying 50 million in taxes to the school board regardless of whether it is two schools or three.

She shared that she was invited by the Estates of Fort Lauderdale Women's Club to speak on women in leadership. While there, issues came up related to the City. Most of the comments were compliments to city staff and management. One woman spoke of the effective response to the 2023 flooding and improvements to the drainage system, crediting Public Services and City leadership for their efforts.

15.2 Commissioner Rimoli

Commissioner Rimoli echoed Commissioner Lewellen's comments and thanked Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz and Public Services. He said he is continually getting calls and texts regarding the flooding on Southeast Fifth Avenue, all he has to do is send a text and the Public Services department is on it. He read a resident's letter commending Chris of Public Services. The resident described Chris as kind, respectful, and attentive while working near their home, even apologizing for minor disruptions and taking time to tidy the area. He thanked Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz, Fernando Rodriguez, Sean Schutten, and their entire team for their excellent work and positive community engagement.

Commissioner Rimoli praised the Parks and Recreation team on an amazing job with Oktoberfest. He commented that he was unable to attend the 5K run at Dania Pointe as he had

committed to attending the rededication of the Christopher Columbus statue at Port Everglades, hosted by the Italian American Club. The event was well attended by local officials and provided an opportunity for him to represent the City of Dania Beach. He expressed appreciation to Dominic, a resident and active chamber member and thanked him for the invitation.

15.3 Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan commented that the civic sign ceremony was great and noted plans to add a few more civic associations, including the Dania Beach Improvement Committee. He recognized resident Richard Aube for originally suggesting the idea and thanked the Commission, city staff, and Parks and Recreation for their excellent work on the project and landscaping. He said Dania After Dark was a great success and the 5K run was a great way to burn some calories the next day. It was a great way to kick off the fall season, and he looks forward to future fall events.

15.4 Vice-Mayor Salvino

Vice Mayor Salvino thanked city staff and City Manager Garcia on how well-run Dania After Dark was. He said it was very impressive, and he could not believe how many people were in attendance. It is great to have these events in our City, and the City is doing a great job selecting staff as these events could not happen without them.

15.5 Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis thanked City Manager Garcia and city staff for their responsiveness in accommodating a wheelchair-bound North Miami Beach resident who wanted to attend Dania After Dark, she commended their commitment to accessibility. She commented that the fourth annual 5K Fun Run was sold out and she thanked Lululemon for their sponsorship of the event. She noted over \$6,000.00 was raised for the Alzheimer's Association and thanked Dania Pointe for their partnership.

Mayor Davis recognized the Lions Club, other service clubs, and Commissioner Ryan for leading the service club sign project, as well as resident Richard Aube for his early involvement. She thanked and congratulated Lou and Joy Moshakos, owners of Lucky Fish on opening their new venue, Lucky Lou's, in Deerfield Beach. She noted she attended the grand opening of Face Foundrie a new facial spa at Dania Pointe.

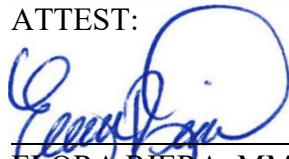
Mayor Davis stated that the city is thriving and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with her colleagues.

City Attorney Boutsis commented that she reached out to the law firm employing the resident on the Planning and Zoning Board and confirmed that he can participate on the board and City Clerk Riera also clarified that he replaced the resident who moved out of state.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

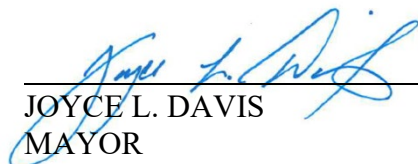
ATTEST:



ELORA RIERA, MMC
CITY CLERK



CITY OF DANIA BEACH



JOYCE L. DAVIS
MAYOR

Approved:

October 28, 2025