



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 - 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.

City Attorney Boutsis read the statement of decorum.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENT APPROVALS

3.1 Presentation to Chief Pellecer, Senior Leader Award - City Manager

City Manager Garcia presented an award to Fire Chief Pellecer and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

3.2 Request for Proclamation Approval:

- Mental Health Awareness Month - May 2026 - Sponsored by Mayor Davis

- Water Reuse Week - May 17-23, 2026 - Sponsored by Mayor Davis

- National Safe Boating Week - May 16-22, 2026 - Sponsored by Mayor Davis

- Principal Michael V. Billins, Dania Elementary – National Principals’ Day – May 1, 2026 – Sponsored by Mayor Davis

There was consensus to approve the proclamation requests.

4. PROCLAMATIONS

- 4.1 Turquoise Takeover Week — May 4-10, 2026 — Sponsored by Commissioner Lewellen

Commissioner Lewellen read the proclamation.

- 4.2 Child Abuse Prevention Month — April 2026 — Sponsored by Commissioner Rimoli

Commissioner Rimoli read the proclamation.

- 4.3 Water Conservation Month — April 2026 — Sponsored by Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis read the proclamation.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

5.1 City Manager

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

- Introduction of new Public Services Director Oscar Vasquez
- Take Your Child to Work Day Event
- Arbor Day Tree Giveaway
- Earth Day Beach Cleanup
- Police and Fire Pension Contribution
- Marketing and Communication to the community regarding city events and facilities
- Procurement Training for senior leaders
- Summer camp
- Chester Byrd Park in full design mode
- Lucky Fish lighting
- Appreciation to city staff

5.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Boutsis commented on the bill update she provided to the Commission.

5.3 City Clerk - Reminders

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

- May 12, 2026 CRA Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
- May 12, 2026 City Commission Meeting - 7 p.m.
- May 26, 2026 City Commission Meeting - 7 p.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Captain Tarala reported the unexpected passing of Lieutenant Taji Parrish and shared upcoming memorial service information. He also highlighted a recent meeting with local religious leaders to discuss safety and community needs, noting appreciation for the city's support and that members feel safe in Dania Beach. Additionally, he provided public safety updates, including narcotics arrests near Chester Byrd Park, arrests tied to a stolen vehicle and armed burglaries through the city's license plate reader program, and an arrest during homeless outreach involving ordinance violations and resisting arrest.

Fire Chief Pellecer reported on fire and medical calls received over the last month, advanced cardiac life support training and basic life support training for fire inspectors, and hurricane preparedness. He urged residents to begin preparing now before the arrival of hurricane season on June 1st.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following spoke under citizen's comments:

- Kayri Pozo – 75 Park Ave. East
- William Jones – 75 Park Ave.
- Robert Kirchgraber – 2725 Treasure Cove Circle
- Dr. Nancy Greenbarg – 337 SE 7th Street
- Shawn DeRosa – 408 SE 5th Street

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Lewellen made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus item 8.8. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rimoli which carried unanimously on voice vote.

- 8.1 Minutes: April 14, 2026 City Commission Meeting Minutes

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, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH VEIT NATIONAL CORPORATION FOR THE SANITARY SEWER INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I&I) PROJECT; REDUCING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Public Services)

Approved under consent agenda.

- 8.4 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A FIRST

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH AND THE BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR MEDICAL, FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FIRE INSPECTORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (City Manager)

Approved under consent agenda.

8.5 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MAC'S TOWING SERVICES, INC., MODIFYING THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (City Attorney)

Approved under consent agenda.

8.6 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM THE CW THOMAS PARK IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET TO THE PJ MELI AQUATIC COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET TO COVER THE COST OF DRC REVIEW OF THE DESIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$14,120.00); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Parks and Recreation)

Approved under consent agenda.

8.7 Approval to Reschedule September Commission Meeting Dates for Budget Hearings - City Clerk

Approved under consent agenda.

8.8 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH RITA CROCKETT BEACH SPORTS ACADEMY (RCBSA) TO MODIFY THE PAYMENT TERMS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Parks and Recreation)

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the resolution.

Deputy City Manager Sosa-Cruz provided an explanation of the amendment and clarified that the \$250,000.00 amount is not changing.

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

9. BIDS AND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

None.

10. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

10.1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN (SP-035-25) AND MINOR DEVIATION (OT-017-26) FOR THE APPLICANT DANIA LIVE 1748 II, LLC, FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1730-1766 POINTE BLVD, 1731-1757 POINTE BLVD, 101 BRYAN RD AND N COMPASS WAY, WITHIN 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 and swore in anyone wishing to testify on the item and asked for any disclosures from the Commission and there were none.

Planning and Zoning Manager Viviana Batista introduced the item.

Mayor Davis stated that this is a public hearing and opened the floor to public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Lewellen inquired about parking and Planning and Zoning Manager Viviana Batista responded that parking calculations were provided and they met the required criteria for the garage and on North Compass Way. The garage will supply the parking needs for both residential and commercial uses.

Commissioner Rimoli raised concerns about the parking and asked whether the new buildings would include any on-site parking, noting that parking in the area is already difficult. He questioned how existing parking could accommodate both residents and commercial uses, specifically asking how many parking spaces would be reserved for visitors, customers, and the public in addition to spaces allocated to residents.

Liz Somerstein from Dennis Mele's office responded that there will be 245 parking spaces dedicated to residential use. Parking is calculated on a citywide basis for Dania Pointe, and after accounting for both residential and commercial demand, the development is projected to result in 391 extra parking spaces throughout Dania Pointe. The development will have the dedicated space for residential parking, in addition to the increased parking that is being added along Compass Road and as well as the remaining parking spaces that are available in Dania Pointe. A parking demand study was conducted, the parking and amount of space required under city code were reviewed and they met the guidelines and exceeded what was needed in Dania Pointe.

Mayor Davis asked Ms. Somerstein if there was anything else she would like to add and Ms. Somerstein stated that the applicant agreed with 16 of the 17 proposed conditions of approval but

requested modifications to Condition No. 3 regarding LEED certification. She explained that obtaining formal LEED certification before issuance of the certificate of occupancy is not feasible because construction must be completed and documentation submitted first. She requested that the condition be revised to allow submission of the certificate of occupancy as soon as it is received. She also asked that the condition requires pursuit of LEED certification, rather than specifically LEED Gold, since certification standards can change and the project could potentially qualify for a lower level such as Silver despite good-faith efforts to achieve Gold.

City Attorney Boutsis asked staff to identify revisions made in the updated resolution and to comment on whether staff supported the applicant's requested revision to Condition 10.3.

Deputy Director of Community Development Corinne Lajoie responded that staff was comfortable with the applicant not being required to achieve LEED Gold status and proposed that the applicant submit scoring and ranking documentation before the certificate of occupancy to demonstrate progress toward certification. She agreed that obtaining the certification could happen after the certificate of occupancy is issued.

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

10.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN MODIFICATION (SP-022-20MOD3), SUBMITTED 2750 GRIFFIN HOLDINGS LLLP, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND 2700 GRIFFIN HOLDINGS LLLP, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2750 GRIFFIN ROAD, 4901 SW 27 TERRACE AND 4880 SW 28 AVENUE IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.(Community Development)

The Commission recessed at 8:34 p.m. for 5 minutes. The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

This item was taken with item 12.2.

Commissioner Lewellen made a motion to approve the item with the amendments as stated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rimoli which carried 4-1 with Commissioner Lewellen, Commissioner Rimoli, Commissioner Ryan and Vice Mayor Salvino voting yes and Mayor Davis voting no.

11. FIRST READING ORDINANCES

None.

12. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

12.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 28 “LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE”; ARTICLE 110, ENTITLED “USE REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE DISTRICTS”, AT SECTION 110-20 ENTITLED “LIST OF PERMITTED, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND PROHIBITED USES” TO ELIMINATE MIXED-USE DISTRICTS FROM THE TABLE; ALSO AMENDING SECTION 110-190, ENTITLED “USES SUBJECT TO MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCES” TO INCLUDE KAVA AND VAPE SALES DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING SUBPART 1, ENTITLED “COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (CRA) FORM-BASED ZONING DISTRICTS”, ARTICLE 302, ENTITLED “DETAILED USE REGULATIONS”, AT SECTION 302-10, ENTITLED “PERMITTED, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND PROHIBITED USES” IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH ONE PERMITTED USE TABLE FOR THE CRA FORM-BASED ZONING DISTRICTS; 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.

Deputy Director of Community Development Corinne Lajoie introduced the item.

Mayor Davis stated that this is a public hearing and opened the floor to public comments and there were none.

Commissioner Llewellyn questioned if the issue regarding restaurants has been addressed and Deputy Director Lajoie responded that she was correct in that, within the CRA, a rule allowing reduced distance separation applies when businesses serve food. However, outside the CRA, any establishment selling alcohol, including restaurants, must still follow a 1,000-foot separation requirement. In response to concerns raised by the Commission during the first reading, they are proposing a text amendment to fix the issue, which they plan to bring forward in June.

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

12.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION REQUEST (RZ-034-24, MADE BY ROD A. FEINER, ESQ., ON BEHALF OF 2700 GRIFFIN HOLDINGS LLLP, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR PROPERTIES GENERALLY LOCATED AT 4901 SW 27th TERRACE AND 4880 SW 28th AVENUE IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AS LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A,” A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE; TO REZONE THE PROPERTIES FROM TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (RD-8000) AND SINGLE-FAMILY 6000 RESIDENTIAL (RS-6000) TO PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PRD-1), SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Community Development)*

This item was taken with item 10.2.

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the resolution and swore in anyone wishing to testify on the item and asked for any disclosures from the Commission. Mayor Davis commented that she had communications with the residents and can remain impartial, Commissioner Lewellen commented that she had communications with the residents and the developer's representative and can remain impartial, and Commissioner Ryan commented that he had communications with residents and can remain impartial.

Deputy Director of Community Development Corinne Lajoie introduced the item.

Attorney Rod Feiner representing the applicant spoke and stated that the applicant agreed to all of the conditions of approval. He explained that the revised site plan was substantially modified in response to resident concerns, including relocating the pool, adding 18 on-site parking spaces, increasing landscaping buffers, preserving trees, and addressing lighting to prevent spillover onto neighboring properties. He also outlined additional voluntary measures, including private trash collection for the clubhouse, installation of bollards to prevent illegal parking, directional signage to reduce traffic confusion, and installation of more mature landscaping for enhanced buffering. He stated the project adds amenities only, with no new residential units or additional traffic generation.

Mayor Davis opened the floor for public comments and the following spoke:

- Alina Yllanes – 4937 SW 27th Terr.
- Chandi Chisti – 5105 SW 27th Terr.
- Kevin P. Finger – 5117 SW 28th Ave.
- Jennifer Stewart – 4891 SW 28th Ave.
- Kirsty Forgie – 5111 SW 27th Terr.
- Nancy Greenberg – 337 SE 7th St.
- Colman Ryan – 348 S Federal Hwy.
- Dr. Nancy Greenberg – 337 SE 7th Street
- Robert Kirchgraber – 2725 Treasure Cove Dr.

Commissioner Rimoli expressed concern that landscaping alone along 27th Terrace would not prevent people from parking nearby and walking through the vegetation. He suggested adding a chain-link fence as proposed by a resident to better restrict access and also asked whether lighting could be dimmed.

Attorney Feiner agreed to the addition of a black vinyl chain-link fence with landscaping along 27th Terrace and stated that light shields could be added to direct lighting onto the property and reduce glare.

Commissioner Lewellen questioned enforcement of conditions and City Attorney Boutsis confirmed that all conditions of approval must be satisfied before permits or a certificate of occupancy could be issued. She spoke about drainage concerns in the neighborhood, project signage, and prior public engagement. She noted that many neighborhood concerns appeared related to the existing building rather than the proposed amenities and acknowledged that previous community meetings resulted in project modifications.

Attorney Feiner responded that they would work with staff regarding signage and explained that drainage issues would be addressed through engineering review and confirmed the project had undergone extensive prior public outreach and revisions.

Commissioner Ryan asked for clarification regarding tree preservation and mitigation, zoning limitations, whether a place of worship would be permitted, and whether rezoning had previously been considered while code violations existed on a property.

Attorney Feiner explained that tree relocation is overseen by both the project arborist and the city arborist, following required procedures and discussed which trees would remain, be relocated or removed.

Deputy Director Lajoie confirmed from the landscape plan that 12 trees would remain, including six live oaks, with a sea grape being relocated and identified the trees proposed for removal.

Commissioner Ryan asked whether the proposed zoning would permit a place of worship and sought clarification on the distinction between a prayer circle and a formal house of worship. He also questioned whether rezoning had previously been approved while unresolved code violations existed on a property.

Deputy Director Lajoie clarified that PRD zoning does not permit houses of worship as a primary use and explained that the site plan identifies the structure as a clubhouse, and a formal place of worship would violate the approved site plan.

Attorney Feiner stated that occasional prayer gatherings may occur at the clubhouse but that it is not intended to function as a synagogue or formal house of worship. He explained there are no membership fees are charged and that the primary use would be as a clubhouse primarily serving the pool.

Deputy Director Lajoie noted that the city has previously approved variances or site plan modifications while code violations existed if the approvals would allow the violations to be cured, though not specifically in the context of rezoning.

Mayor Davis noted that the videos and photos presented show that people from the community are regularly visiting the clubhouse, which appears to violate the approved site plan. There is a flyer advertising a \$36 charge, suggesting that money is being exchanged for events or dinners at the clubhouse. Combined with the high amount of traffic and parking issues documented by residents. It is obvious regular events are taking place. She expressed concern that these activities are being described as something else, despite clear evidence to the contrary.

Attorney Feiner responded that the property owner instructed the rabbi not to charge fees, sent cease-and-desist letters to websites advertising the property as a worship venue, and posted notices stating the property is not a formal house of worship. Added that future site changes, including additional parking and removal of access points, would help address neighborhood concerns. He added that if violations continue, legal action or revocation of access privileges could occur.

Vice Mayor Salvino said the proposed plans generally appear acceptable, but emphasized ongoing public trust concerns due to prior code and compliance issues. He questioned whether

the clubhouse will function as a true communal amenity if bedrooms remain and raised concerns about potential conflicts over use of the space, parking enforcement, and prior operational issues. He supported allowing after-the-fact permitting for the fence rather than requiring removal and showed support for the developer and project overall but stressed that future violations would be aggressively enforced by the City.

Attorney Feiner explained the rear area improvements are intended to provide tenant amenities and additional restaurant parking to reduce street parking impacts. He discussed interior renovations and agreed they would get rid of the bedrooms. He stated all residents would have equal access to the facility and property management would oversee operations. He acknowledged concerns raised by the Commission and residents and committed to relaying them to the developer. He explained the fence was installed after hurricane damage as a buffer before permits were finalized.

Mayor Davis agreed that the project has potential and could become a positive development but expressed concern over continued mistrust between residents and the developer. She noted the developer had previously demonstrated greater collaboration and responsiveness on earlier projects. She advised that residents fear losing leverage once approvals are granted and questioned whether promised operational changes would actually be enforced. She commented that the process feels rushed and suggested the developer demonstrate compliance and trustworthiness before moving forward.

City Attorney Boutsis provided the legal definition of a “place of worship,” stating it must be a building or structure owned or used by a religious organization primarily for worship, religious training, or related educational purposes, including accessory uses such as daycare and further clarified that worship must be the primary use of the property.

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

12.3 ORDINANCE NO. 2026-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO CREATE ARTICLE XII, ENTITLED “CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS”; TO CREATE SECTION 2-300 ENTITLED “CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE”; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Commissioner Lewellen)

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Davis stated that this is a public hearing and opened the floor to public comments and there were none.

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

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

13.1 Sponsor — Broward County PBA, Officer of the Year Banquet — Sponsored by Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan introduced the item.

Chief Tarala confirmed that it will be awarded to a Dania Beach officer.

There was consensus from the Commission for \$100.00 from each Commissioner's personal contingency accounts.

13.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, THE CITY COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY MANAGER, CANDIDO SOSA-CRUZ; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (City Attorney)

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Davis stated that this is a public hearing and opened the floor to public comments and there were none.

Mayor Davis commented that overall, she supports the city manager's contract and expresses confidence in Candido's ability to succeed in the role. However, she raises a specific concern with Section Six of the contract regarding performance evaluations and would like mandatory, documented annual evaluations for the city manager and city attorney to align with the contract term for accountability and transparency.

Commissioner Lewellen asked Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Gonzalez for her expertise on evaluations and annual evaluations at the executive level. Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Gonzalez responded that executive evaluations are often handled differently, and the concept of evaluations is fluid and has changed over time. Best practice favors continuous feedback and regular communication instead of formal annual reviews. Yearly evaluations can be ineffective or biased, and ongoing conversations about performance are a better way to keep executives informed, accountable, and motivated.

Each commissioner spoke on the topic of executive evaluations, discussing whether ongoing day-to-day feedback or formal annual reviews are the most effective approach for accountability, performance management, and good governance. The discussion reflected differing perspectives on balancing continuous communication with the value of documented evaluations and transparency.

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

13.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, TO SELECT AN ARTIST AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH TOP THREE (3) ARTISTS FOR THE AMERICA 250 CITY ART POSTER PROJECT AND MURAL AT 401 STIRLING ROAD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Boutsis read the title of the resolution.

Director of Community Development Eleanor Norena introduced the item and the Commission conferred regarding the designs.

Vice Mayor Salvino and Commissioner Lewellen selected design #3.

Commissioner Ryan, Commissioner Rimoli and Mayor Davis selected design #1.

There was Commission consensus for design #1 for the poster and mural.

13.4 Opportunity Zone Designation - Sponsored by Mayor Davis

Mayor Davis explained that she received correspondence from Broward County Commissioner Beam Furr regarding a time-sensitive opportunity for Dania Beach to participate in the Opportunity Zone designation process and introduced the item for commission consideration.

Commissioner Ryan made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rimoli which carried unanimously on voice vote.

14. APPOINTMENTS

14.1 Board Appointments:

- Dania Beach Housing Authority Board - Mayor Davis
- Marine Advisory Board - Commissioner Rimoli

Mayor Davis had no appointment to the Dania Beach Housing Authority Board.

Commissioner Rimoli appointed Rick Buckner to the Marine Advisory Board. There was consensus from the Commission.

City Clerk Riera noted there have been several absences on the Education Advisory Board and the board has been unable to establish quorum for many months. The Commission was provided with the board attendance for the period of October 2025 through April 2026.

Commissioner Ryan removed Abby Martinez for non-attendance and appointed Dale Miller to the board.

Vice Mayor Salvino removed Samantha Bostwick for non-attendance and appointed Serena Bravo to the board.

Commissioner Lewellen removed Lorraine Reed for non-attendance and appointed Diana Fahmie to the board.

There was consensus from the Commission for all three appointments.

15. COMMISSION COMMENTS

15.1 Commissioner Lewellen

Commissioner Lewellen noted that her contact from Lung Force was not present due to a death in the family, but she will be seeing her at a future event and will present the proclamation to her then. She addressed the public and explained that public comment periods are intended for residents to express concerns, provide feedback, or offer compliments, but are not designed for back-and-forth debate between the Commission and the public. She noted that commissioners often address concerns outside meetings through calls, emails, and separate discussions. She cautioned the public about misinformation circulating online and on social media, encouraging residents to verify claims by watching meetings, attending in person, or contacting city officials directly. She emphasized the importance of communication and clarification to maintain a positive relationship between the city and residents.

15.2 Commissioner Rimoli

Commissioner Rimoli echoed Commissioner Lewellen's remarks regarding misinformation on social media, noting that inaccurate online posts about a purportedly approved 20-story building caused unnecessary public concern. He encouraged residents to contact commissioners directly for accurate information and stated that no major project would be approved without public input and the required public process.

He reported attending the TransitFORWARD 2040 Vision meeting conducted by Bean Furr, where South Florida transportation challenges and potential solutions such as light rail and expanded transit services were discussed. He encouraged everyone to go to Broward.org and review the presentation and he thanked Beam Furr for taking the lead on such an important issue.

15.3 Commissioner Ryan

Commissioner Ryan said it is surreal that this is City Manager's second to last meeting and wished her well in her future endeavors. He commented that he is looking forward to the future, noting the City is in good hands. He expressed appreciation to those present and staff.

15.4 Vice-Mayor Salvino

Vice Mayor Salvino had no comments.

15.5 Mayor Davis

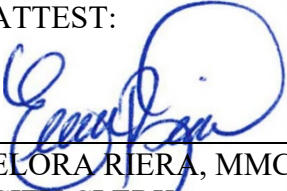
Mayor Davis thanked residents, volunteers and staff for a highly successful Earth Day event. She spoke of the upcoming Earth Day Art Contest and highlighted attendance at the United Way of Broward County gala, where city representatives filled a table in support of the organization. She

expressed appreciation to those who participated and encouraged continued community collaboration and achievement of shared goals.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.


ATTEST:



ELORA RIERA, MMC
CITY CLERK



CITY OF DANIA BEACH



JOYCE L. DAVIS
MAYOR

Approved:

May 26th 2026