

# City of Delray Beach

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## Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

5:00 PM

Workshop Meeting at 5:00 PM

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## City Commission

*Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.*

*Vice Mayor Juli Casale*

*Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long*

*Commissioner Tom Markert*

*Commissioner Angela Burns*

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach, the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Workshop Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

**WS.1.**                    ANCILLARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST  
CONSIDERATIONS TO HELP SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET PROCESS

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

The August 13, 2024, City Commission Workshop Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Deputy City Clerk, Alexis Givings called the role, and the following were present:

**Present: - 5 -** Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Vice Mayor Juli Casale, Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long, Commissioner Tom Market, and Commissioner Angela Burns.

Others present were:

Terrence Moore - City Manager

Kelly Brandon - Assistant City Attorney

Mr. Moore began the meeting by presenting the proposed General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 with the adjusted millage rate following the Commission's decision to reduce the millage rate to 5.9063 percent. He stated that after expenditures, adjustments, and reimbursements, the proposed General Fund would amount to a balanced budget recommendation of \$186,979,989. He mentioned the City is in compliance with the Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General and the City's Charter.

Following the presentation by Mr. Moore, Vice Mayor Casale raised concerns about the high costs of the Emergency Medical Service Fees. Hugh Dunkley, Chief Financial Officer, offered an explanation for the fees.

Deputy Vice Mayor Long mentioned that if budget amendments were necessary, he hoped his colleagues would be amendable.

Commissioner Burns thanked the City Manager and Mr. Dunkley for their hard work in achieving a balanced budget with a lower millage rate.

Commissioner Markert suggested there may be opportunities for additional revenue sources in the future.

Mayor Carney thanked Mr. Moore for his efforts.

**WS.2.**                    TREE PRESERVATION/PENALTIES FOR TREE REMOVALS

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services Director, provided an overview of the Land Development Regulations, including general policies and regulations governing tree removal.

She stated the Tree Trust Fund Balance as of July 2024 was \$273,925.05, not including \$19,064.10 encumbered for the current fiscal year. Additionally, she mentioned that further deposits to the Tree Trust Fund would be required to maintain funding for the Tree Planting Program at the same level for the next 2 - 3 fiscal years. She discussed the process for addressing unauthorized tree removal or improper pruning on a single-family property.

Mayor Carney mentioned the unsightly tree stumps throughout the City and emphasized the necessity of planting more mature shade trees, particularly along the main corridor.

Kent Edwards, Sustainability Officer, stated planting larger trees would reduce the number of trees planted yearly. He mentioned that achieving the annual goal of planting 2,000 trees was a delicate balance, considering the size of the trees.

Sam Metott, Parks and Recreation Director, indicated his department did not want to plant additional trees because they aimed to preserve open space in the parks and other areas under his department's jurisdiction. He stated the tree drop-off program would benefit areas not owned by the City where the additional trees would be advantageous.

The Commission engaged in a discussion about the best practices for planting trees.

Missie Barletto, Public Works Director, explained the optimal locations for planting trees.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Carney adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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City Clerk


ATTEST:



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Mayor

The undersigned is the City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the August 13, 2024 City Commission Workshop Meeting held on August 13, 2024, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City on August 19, 2024.



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City Clerk

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