



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 63-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE APPEARANCE OF AND RECOMMEND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN STREETSAPES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Recommended Action:

The Commission is asked to review and discuss the resolution and determine if they wish to make any amendments to it or adopt the resolution as presented.

Background:

On January 22, 2026, the City Commission held a joint workshop with the governing board of the Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority (DDA). One of the major issues discussed was the current conditions of the downtown area. Both bodies agreed there needs to be some investigation into how the aesthetics of the public spaces can be improved. To this end, the Commission and DDA agreed to the creation of a Downtown Beautification Task Force to review conditions within the downtown area (which for purposes of this task force shall be coterminous with defined DDA area).

It is anticipated that the Downtown Beautification Task Force will review conditions in the downtown area the prepare and submit to the City Commission within six months a report outlining said conditions with recommendations for changes, upgrades, and other improvements to enhance conditions.

To ensure full coverage of entities involved in the administration of the Downtown Area, a task force of Eleven (11) members appointed by the City Commission is recommended. The membership shall consist of the following persons with knowledge of conditions in the Downtown Area:

- a) 1 Downtown Business Representative appointed by the DDA
- b) 1 Downtown Business Representative appointed by the Chamber of Commerce
- c) 1 Hospitality (Hotel) Representative
- d) 1 Downtown Restaurant Representative
- e) 1 Commercial Real Estate Broker familiar with downtown properties
- f) 1 Representative from the Public Art Advisory Board
- g) 1 Neighborhood Association Representative
- h) 1 Historic Preservation Advocate
- i) 1 Landscape Architect

- j) 1 Urban Planner
- k) 1 Sustainability Advocate

City Attorney Review:

City Attorney approves the document as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

There should be no or very minimal direct cost to the creation and operations of the Task Force.

Timing of Request:

Both the City Commission and DDA expressed a desire to begin Task Force efforts as soon as possible.