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Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

5:00 PM

1st Budget Public Hearing/Regular Meeting at 5:00 PM

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City Commission

Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.

Vice Mayor Rob Long

Deputy Vice Mayor Angela Burns

Commissioner Tom Markert

Commissioner Juli Casale

1. ROLL CALL

The September 3, 2025 1st Budget Public Hearing /Regular City Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Alexis Givings, City Clerk, called the roll, and the following were present:

Terrence Moore, City Manager
Lynn Gelin, City Attorney
Alexis Givings, City Clerk

Present: 4 - Commissioner Tom Markert , Mayor Thomas F. Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Angela Burns, and Commissioner Juli Casale

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Rob Long

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

3.A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

A motion was made by Commissioner Markert, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve the agenda.

all were in favor

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.A. STATE OF EDUCATION REPORT BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ERICA WHITFIELD

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Erica Whitfield, School Board Member, provided an update to the Commission on the performance of the City's schools. She noted that this year's enrollment had declined by over 5,000 students, which resulted in a budget deficit. She indicated that schools receive approximately \$9,000 from the school district for each student enrolled. Ms. Whitfield suggested that this decline in enrollment was a trend being observed throughout Florida.

Additionally, she referenced a study showing that business owners were in favor of having more technical schools available for students. She noted that there would be a School Board Meeting on November 5th and the Commission was encouraged to attend and express any concerns they may have.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on the presentation, possible reasons for low student enrollment, and possible solutions. Ms. Whitfield expressed her interest in collaborating with the Commission on improving

the City's schools.

5. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS:

5.A. City Manager's response to inquiries and highlights

Nothing to report.

5.B. From the Public

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to provide public comment.

Eric Lamb, 401 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach

The owner of Windy City Pizza discussed the significant positive impact that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has had on his business.

Siobhan Boroian, 339 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach

Expressed her support for the DDA and its efforts to attract business to the downtown.

Lottie Gatewood, 5225 Monterey Circle, Delray Beach

Discussed how attendance at the Cornell Art Museum has increased since the DDA took over.

Timothy Boykin, 2554 Dolphin Drive, Delray Beach

Suggested that school enrollment has declined due to the high cost of living in Florida.

Yvonne Odom, 4905 Lowson Blvd, Delray Beach

President of the Delray Beach CDC discussed the challenges and time setbacks of constructing new affordable homes in the Set Community due to the narrow layout of their lots.

Anthony Bacchus, 3486 SW Galetti Street, Delray Beach

Expressed his support for the Cornell Art Museum and the programs it offers through the DDA.

Rand Hoch, 400 North Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach

Discussed the State's removal of the Pride Intersection.

Bill Dorton, 111 SW 2nd Street, Delray Beach

Discussed the various ways the DDA supports businesses while preserving a small-town atmosphere.

Marusca Gatto, Cultural Arts Director for the DDA

Shared the events that were taking place at the museum.

William Roach, 1011 Seagate Drive, Delray Beach
Discussed the Police Officers' DROP program.

Marty Dorow, 236 SE 5th Avenue, Delray Beach
Expressed his concern regarding the low math scores in the City's schools.

Annette Jackson, 7283 Via Genova, Delray Beach
Expressed her concern about a newspaper article regarding the Commission's request for an audit of the DDA's financial records.

Maurice Roisman, General Manager of El Camino Restaurant
Expressed his support for the DDA's diligent efforts on behalf of business owners and residents.

Dianna Scotto, 507 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach (Owner of Scoopy Doo's)
Discussed how the DDA advocates for small businesses.

Hillary Roach, 525 East Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach (Owner of the Colony Hotel)
Expressed her support for the DDA's efforts to give local business owners a unified voice.

Sandy Zeller, 209 NW 12th Street, Delray Beach
Expressed his support for the outstanding work that the DDA does.

Tony Sirkin, 244 SW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach
Suggested the City install speed bumps to help slow down the cars in his neighborhood.

George Long, 46 North Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach
Discussed the importance of exposing school-age children to a variety of subjects.

Marjorie Waldo, Arts Garage, Delray Beach
Discussed the increase in tourism to the Palm Beaches and spoke about the upcoming events at the Arts Garage.

Albert Richwagon, 298 NE 6th Avenue, Delray Beach
Discussed how the DDA promotes his business and referred to it as the "Secret Sauce" of Delray Beach.

Paul Cannon, 1021 East Heritage Club, Delray Beach

Discussed the spread of misleading information about the Commissioners in local newspapers and emphasized the importance of transparency.

Seeing no one else present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: City Manager Recommends Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve the Consent Agenda.

all were in favor

6.A. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)
[July 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)
[July 31, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)
[August 12, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

The Minutes were approved.

6.B. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN THE CASE OF DANIELLE McCLENDON VS. CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

Sponsors: City Attorney Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

This Request was approved.

6.C. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN THE CASE OF KEITH TOMEY VS. CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

Sponsors: City Attorney Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

This Request was approved.

6.D APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL SPENDING ON AGREEMENT RFQ NO. 2020-020 WITH BAXTER & WOODMAN, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE LOWSON BOULEVARD/SW 10TH STREET FROM DOVER ROAD TO SOUTHEAST 5TH AVENUE (US-1/FEDERAL HIGHWAY) PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000.00 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$1,474,809.64

Sponsors: Purchasing Department and Public Works Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[RFQ 2020-020 Proposal #4 Additional Spending Request](#)
[Agenda Cover Memo - Additional Spending #3 RFQ 2020-020](#)
[Proposal #3 - Additional Spending to RFQ 2020-020](#)
[Agenda Cover Memo - Additional Spending #2 RFQ 2020-020](#)
[Proposal #2 - Additional Spending to RFQ 2020-020](#)
[Agenda Cover Memo - Additional Spending #1 RFQ 2020-020](#)
[Proposal #1 - Additional Spending to RFQ 2020-020](#)
[Agreement RFQ No. 2020-020](#)

This Request was approved.

6.E. ITEM A1 - HOLD HARMLESS FOR 142 SE 5TH AVENUE

Sponsors: Utilities Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Hold Harmless for Work in State ROW - 5th Ave](#)
[Ex B - Hold Harmless for Work in State ROW - 5th Ave](#)
[Legal Review Hold Harmless for Work in State ROW - 5th Ave](#)

This Request was approved.

6.F. PROCLAMATIONS:

6.F.1. None

6.G. REVIEW OF APPEALABLE LAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ACTIONS:

6.G.1. None

6.H. AWARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

6.H.1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS NO. 168-25 AND 169-25 TO AWARD AGREEMENTS WITH ACCESS SPECIALISTS DBA SOUTHERN LOCK AND SUPPLY, AND ACCREDITED LOCK & DOOR HARDWARE CO. FOR DOOR AND LOCK HARDWARE UTILIZING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY ON ITB. NO. 25-0472-B-LW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00

Sponsors: Purchasing Department and Public Works Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Res No. 168-25](#)
[Res No. 169-25](#)
[P2025-030 Door & Lock Hardware Accredited](#)
[P2025-030 Door & Lock Hardware Southern Lock](#)
[P2025-030 Exhibit A Discount Catalog Proposal Summary](#)
[Legal Review Checklist Accredited](#)
[Legal Review Checklist Southern Lock](#)
[ITB No. 25-0472-B-LW Accredited Lock & Door Hardware Co](#)
[ITB No. 25-0472-B-LW Southern Lock](#)
[Original Solicitation ITB No. 25-0472-B-LW](#)

These Resolutions were approved.

6.H.2. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 177-25 TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH MWI CORPORATION FOR STORMWATER PUMP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00.

Sponsors: Public Works Department and Purchasing Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Res 177-25 - MWI Corporation - Stormwater Pump Maintenance and Repair - Sole Source](#)
[Ex A - Res 177-25 - MWI Corporation - Stormwater Pump Maintenance and Repair - Sole Source](#)
[MWI Corporation - Stormwater Pump Maintenance and Repair - Sole Source](#)
[Legal Review Checklist MWI Corporation - Stormwater Pump Maintenance and Repair - Sole Source](#)

This Resolution was approved.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

7.A. RESOLUTION NO. 143-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW CONCRETE PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING, INCLUDING OUTDOOR STORAGE OF AGGREGATE MATERIALS AT 1180 SW 10TH STREET WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, PURSUANT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution No. 143-25](#)
[PZB Staff Report- All County Paving](#)
[Conditional Use Narrative- All County Paving](#)
[Site Plan Landscape- All County Paving](#)
[Civil Plans- All County Paving](#)
[Photometric- All County Paving](#)
[Survey- All County Paving](#)
[Drainage Narrative- All County Paving](#)
[Aggregate Gravel- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Fuel Storage- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Truck Parking- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Waste Disposal-Recycling- All County Paving](#)
[DEP Registration- All County Paving](#)
[Traffic Study- All County Paving](#)
[TPS Letter- All County Paving](#)
[Resolution 143-25 Legal Review](#)
[Ex-Parte Search Form - Reso 143-25](#)

Mayor Carney read the quasi-judicial rules into the record.

Ms. Givings swore in those individuals who wished to provide testimony on any quasi-judicial item.

Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services Director, entered File Nos. 2024 -173, 2024-174, and 2024-175 into the record. She stated that items 7.A., 7.B., and 7.C. would be considered together, with an individual vote taken for each resolution.

Mayor Carney asked his colleagues to disclose any ex-parte communications.

Mayor Carney: Spoke with Mr. Costello and staff months ago, and whatever was on the server.

Deputy Vice Mayor Burns: Spoke with Mr. Costello.

Commissioner Casale: Spoke with Mr. Costello and staff, and whatever was on the server.

Commissioner Markert: None.

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney, entered Resolution No. 143-25, 144-25, and 145-25 into the record.

Jeff Costello, representing JC Planning Solutions on behalf of his client, All County Paving, was present to request approval of three Conditional Use requests for the business located at 1180 SW 10th Street. He stated that during the last Planning and Zoning Board meeting, all three Conditional Use requests were unanimously approved, with the condition that a fence be installed on the northern perimeter. Mr. Costello noted that all necessary positive findings could be established under Land Development Regulations Section 3.1.1 and were consistent with the City's Always Delray Comprehensive Plan.

Rafik Ibrahim, Principal Planner, provided a brief staff report on this item. He noted that if the Conditional Use request for Resolution No. 143-25 is not approved, then the other two requests would no longer be valid. Mr. Ibrahim stated that in 2023, Code Enforcement cited All County Paving for developing the site without the necessary permissions and permits from the City. He noted that there are currently four active Code Enforcement cases against the property.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on items 7.A. through 7.A.2.

Seeing no one present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

Ms. Gianniotis inquired if the watering and the impacts to keep the dust under control of the aggregate that is proposed is underway since the site was fully functional, and if the applicant understood that the fence had to be lined on the residential side.

Mr. Costello responded that the applicant understood the request and agreed to comply.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on the presentation.

To address Ms. Gianniotis' concern, Randall Sly, the applicant, approached the lectern and stated that the watering was being performed to control the dust.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Resolution No. 143-25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Markert, Mayor Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, and Commissioner Casale

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Long

7.A.1.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW STORAGE OF LIGHT TRUCKS, UP TO, AND INCLUDING TWO-TON TRUCKS, AT 1180 SW 10TH STREET WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, PURSUANT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution No. 144-25](#)
[Staff Report- All County Paving](#)
[Site Plan Landscape- All County Paving](#)
[Civil Plans- All County Paving](#)
[Photometric- All County Paving](#)
[Survey- All County Paving](#)
[Drainage Narrative- All County Paving](#)
[Conditional Use Narrative- All County Paving](#)
[Aggregate Gravel- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Fuel Storage- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Truck Parking- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Waste Disposal-Recycling- All County Paving](#)
[DEP Registration- All County Paving](#)
[Traffic Study- All County Paving](#)
[TPS Letter- All County Paving](#)
[Resolution 144-25 Legal Review](#)
[Ex-Parte Search Form - Reso 144-25](#)

A motion was made by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to approve Resolution No. 144-25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Markert, Mayor Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, and Commissioner Casale

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Long

7.A.2.

RESOLUTION NO. 145-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW BULK STORAGE OF GAS AND OIL AT 1180 SW 10TH STREET WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, PURSUANT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution. No. 145-25](#)
[Staff Report- All County Paving](#)
[Site Plan Landscape- All County Paving](#)
[Civil Plans- All County Paving](#)
[Photometric- All County Paving](#)
[Survey- All County Paving](#)
[Drainage Narrative- All County Paving](#)
[Conditional Use Narrative- All County Paving](#)
[Aggregate Gravel- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Fuel Storage- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Truck Parking- All County Paving](#)
[Narrative - Waste Disposal-Recycling- All County Paving](#)
[DEP Registration- All County Paving](#)
[Traffic Study- All County Paving](#)
[TPS Letter- All County Paving](#)
[Resolution 145-25 Legal Review](#)
[Ex-Parte Search Form - Reso 145-25](#)

A motion was made by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to approve Resolution No. 145-25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Markert, Mayor Carney Jr., and Deputy Vice Mayor Burns

No: 1 - Commissioner Casale

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Long

7.B. RESOLUTION NO. 171-25 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
BUDGET ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO.175-24 ON SEPTEMBER 16,
2024.

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution 171-25 Budget Amendment FY 2025 8.21.25](#)
[Exhibit A Budget Amendment 09.03.25 Completed and REVISED FINAL](#)
[Exhibit A backup documents Res#171-25 REVISED](#)
[Simple Legal Review Approval 171-25](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Resolution No. 171-25 into the record.

Henry Dachowitz, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the proposed budget amendments for the fiscal year 2024-25, totaling \$350,042.00, along with their explanations.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on the timeline for the Police and Fire Departments' transition to the City's UKG payroll system to reduce administrative costs.

Mr. Dachowitz assured the Commission that the conversion would take place within the next couple of months.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Resolution No. 171-25.

all were in favor

7.C.

NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS BOARD. BASED ON THE ROTATION SYSTEM, THE APPOINTMENT FOR ONE (1) REGULAR MEMBER TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2027, WILL BE MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARKERT (SEAT#1).

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Board Member List](#)
[2025 Attendance Police Officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees](#)
[Brinkerhoff, John](#)
[Crossan, Daniel](#)
[Dorow, Joan](#)
[Finkel, Andrew](#)
[Rubenstein, Stuart](#)
[Sclafani, Peter](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Markert, seconded by Commissioner Casale, to nominate John Brinkerhoff.

all were in favor

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/SECOND READINGS:

8.A. APPROVAL OF THE 2026 THROUGH 2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Sponsors: Public Works Department and Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[FINAL FY26 CIP BOOK 8.25.2025](#)

Missie Barletto, Public Works Director, was joined by Mr. Dachowitz to present this item. Ms. Barletto provided a presentation on the proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget by fund type and department, noting that the most significant increase was for the Water Treatment Plant, followed by the Utilities Department. She reviewed the changes from the presentation at the July 16th meeting and indicated that the total increase was \$5,225,416.

The Commission engaged in a discussion on the potential for reconfiguring employee costs to other department budgets.

Ms. Gianniotis came forth to discuss this item and stated that they have shifted more of the employee costs from the Public Works and Utilities Departments for those employees who were in the building permit workflow to be paid out of the Building Fund.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Seeing no one present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Ordinance No. 19-25.

all were in favor

Ms. Barletto realized that the incorrect item had been voted on, so a new vote was taken for Item No. 8.A., the Capital Improvement Program Budget.

A new motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to approve the Capital Improvement Program Budget.

all were in favor

9. FIRST READINGS:

9.A. ORDINANCE NO. 19-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION

OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, UPDATING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH FOR FY 2025-26 TO FY 2029-30 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF POLICIES CIE 1.2.1 AND CIE 1.2.6 OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (FIRST READING)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[PZB Staff Report, FY 25-26 CIP](#)
[Ord No. 19-25 - FY 25-30 CIP](#)
[Exhibit A, Ordinance No. 19-25](#)
[Legal Review, Ordinance No. 19-25](#)
[Business Impact Estimate, Ordinance No. 19-25](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Ordinance No. 19-25 into the record.

Ms. Gianniotis stated that the State requires that the City adopt its Capital Improvement Plan into its Comprehensive Plan for fiscal year 2025-2026. She reminded the Commission that this was the first reading.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Seeing no one present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Ordinance No. 19-25.

all were in favor

9.B. RESOLUTION NO. 180-25: GENERAL FUND OPERATING AND DEBT SERVICE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution 180-25 City Proposed Millage FY 2026 09.03.25 Revised](#)
[DR420 2025 652 City Certified amended time](#)
[180-25 Backup DR420Debt 2025 651 Certified](#)
[Simple Legal Review Approval 180-25](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Resolution No. 180-25 into the record.

Mr. Dachowitz presented this item and discussed the impact that the proposed millage rate would have on the average homeowner, estimating it to be about \$116. He pointed out that although this year's millage rate had increased, it was still lower than the rate in 2024. Additionally, Mr. Dachowitz presented the proposed operating budget and explained its effects based on fund type and department.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Seeing no one present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding the presentation and acknowledged that increasing the millage rate would enable the City to meet the costs of its contractual obligations and enhance resident safety. However, they noted that the City still faced a funding shortfall. They discussed the importance of engaging city department leaders in the accurate allocation and transfer of funds for their department.

Mayor Carney emphasized the importance of reviewing the City's audit once it was complete to ensure that funds were being spent appropriately.

Ms. Gelin requested the Commission's approval to postpone this item, explaining that one of the Commissioners was absent and unable to vote. Additionally, other Commissioners raised concerns about the possibility of further budget cuts. She recommended rescheduling the discussion of this item to be heard at the September 15, 2025 meeting, when all members would be present.

Mr. Moore indicated he would collaborate closely with his team before the meeting on September 15th to identify any budget considerations discussed that evening.

A motion was made by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Casale, to approve Resolution No. 180-25, with the understanding that further conversations/meetings would occur before adopting the proposed millage.

Prior to the votes, Mayor Carney clarified that his vote was not in favor of approving the item but rather intended to advance it for discussion when all the Commissioners were present and additional budget considerations could be addressed.

Ms. Gelin confirmed that this vote did not indicate approval of the current proposed millage rate. She emphasized that further discussions were necessary when all Commissioners were available.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Markert, Mayor Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, and Commissioner Casale

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Long

9.C. RESOLUTION NO. 181-25: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Resolution 181-25 DDA Proposed Millage FY 2026](#)

[09.03.25 Revised..](#)

[181-25 Backup DR420_2025_1412 DDA Certified amended time](#)

[Delray Beach DDA FY25-26 Tentative Budget Memo](#)

[DDA FY2025-26 Budget for 9.3.25 Budget Hearing - 1 mil rev2](#)

[Simple Legal Review Approval 181-25](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Resolution No. 181-25 into the record.

Laura Simon, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), discussed the expansion of the DDA district that began in 1993, which extended to the beach, and again in 1998, which extended to I-95. She stated that the expansion included properties, commercial areas, businesses, residents, employees, and visitors. Ms. Simon provided an outline of how the 1.0000 millage levy would be allocated:

Ad Valorem Tax: \$2,037,980

Proposed Sponsorship: \$44,000

Total: \$2,081,980

Ms. Simon also presented the DDA's proposal for their operational expenses for the fiscal year 2026.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Peter Arts, 1746 Fern Forest Place, Delray Beach

Expressed his support for the DDA and their efforts in promoting the growth and vitality of the downtown area and requested that the Commission award them the 1 percent ad valorem they were requesting.

Marty Dorow, 236 SE 5th Avenue, Delray Beach

Discussed the budget of the DDA and requested that the City make the empty storefronts more aesthetically pleasing.

George Long, 46 North Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach
Suggested that property values for residents living in the downtown area have increased partly due to the successful events and businesses that the DDA promotes.

Mavis Benson, 100 Greensward Court, Delray Beach
Discussed how the Downtown has transformed into a highly successful cultural area and mentioned that their funds and the responsibility of the funds are fully transparent under Ms. Simon's guidance.

Dr. Alan Costilo, DDA Board Member
Thanked everyone who showed up to support the DDA.

Seeing no one else present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding the presentation of the proposed millage rate and recognized the DDA's significant contributions to the City and residents. They discussed the merchants' gratitude, as well as their own, for the DDA's efforts to promote their businesses and organize events.

Mayor Carney was not in favor of approving the 1 mill for the DDA. Instead, he preferred a rollback rate which would have provided some relief to the taxpayers.

Ms. Simon indicated that the DDA's fiscal year 2025-2026 proposal, which involves taking on additional responsibilities, would be affected if its budget were cut. She thanked the Commission for their considerations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to approve Resolution No. 181-25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Markert, Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, and Commissioner Casale

No: 1 - Mayor Carney Jr.

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Long

9.D.

RESOLUTION NO. 182-25 ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR
TENTATIVE BUDGET BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025.

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution 182-25 Tentative Budget FY 2026 Revised](#)
[Exhibit A- Resolution 185-25 Budget Hearing 09.03.25 v5](#)
[FY 2025-26 Budget Worksheet Report 09.03.25 v2](#)
[Simple Legal Review Approval 182-25](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Resolution No. 182-25 into the record. She noted that this item could address the City's contribution to the DDA, should the Commission find it appropriate. Ms. Gelin recommended keeping the budget unchanged until the City's audit of the DDA was complete, ensuring their compliance with the Interlocal Agreement.

Mayor Carney opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak on this item.

Seeing no one present, Mayor Carney closed public comment.

The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding this item.

Mayor Carney expressed his concerns about the DDA's event contracts and the distribution of funds from the events.

The Commission recognized that the funds designated for the DDA would be utilized for renovations at Old School Square, making it appropriate to keep the funds allocated as is under this resolution. They also mentioned that the line item for "other contractual services" wasn't clear and requested more specific information regarding this item.

Mr. Moore requested that, tentatively for budgeting purposes, the Commission should move forward with this item. He stated that he would provide a detailed analysis of the Commission's concerns at the September 15th Budget Workshop Meeting.

Ms. Gelin recommended keeping the proposed budget to comply with the Interlocal Agreement, pending the audit results.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Commissioner Markert, to approve Resolution No. 182-25 until the meeting on September 15th meeting. At that time, more clarification on specific information would be provided. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Markert, Mayor Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, and Commissioner Casale

Absent: 1 - Vice-Mayor Long

10. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A. City Manager

None.

B. City Attorney

Ms. Gelin mentioned that she spoke with Mary Wozny, Sanitation Administrator, regarding a question previously asked by Commissioner Casale about the amended contract with Waste Management.

Ms. Gelin explained how the funds from this amended contract would be allocated based on her discussion with Ms. Wozny.

C. City Commission**Commissioner Casale:**

Thanked Mr. Hadjimiry, Utilities Director, for speaking with a resident about her water bill.

Mentioned that former Commissioner, Bill Bathurst, would like to recognize the First Presbyterian Church on their 100th anniversary. There was consensus for the City to recognize the Church.

Mentioned the "Coffee with the Chiefs" event.

Thanked Chief Hunter for engaging with the community.

Suggested using the 505 Teen Center in additional ways to generate revenue for the City. Mr. Moore suggested discussing this item at the September 15th meeting.

Suggested implementing a zoning regulation to limit the number of new restaurants opening in the downtown area. Ms. Gianniotis and Ms. Gelin expressed their opinion on Commissioner Casale's suggestion.

Expressed her disappointment that Raftelis spoke only with the Mayor and mentioned that she had brought this to the attention of HR and the City Attorney. She stated it wasn't constructive if she felt her voice wasn't heard or even considered; and when only one person is involved in administrative stuff without input from the other members, it creates dissension on the dais.

She mentioned everyone on the dais represents the residents and should contribute to everything going on. She stated they needed a consensus, but that didn't happen, and part of the problem was that Mr. Moore was facilitating violation of the Charter by mixing one individual with administrative stuff. She spoke about why she gave Mr. Moore the

performance review he received and asked two (2) things of him: always be honest with her and always get consensus from the Commission.

Deputy Vice Mayor Burns:

Requested a consensus from the Commission to recognize the Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their years of service in the community. There was consensus to recognize them.

Commissioner Markert:

Thanked the Chiefs for the residents' event and for their efforts.

Mayor Carney:

Requested a list of organizations that will be receiving funds from the opioid settlement.

Discussed his conversation with Raftelis.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Carney adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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