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Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

5:00 PM

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 November 4, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:01 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: 5 - Commissioner Tom Markert, Mayor Thomas F. Carney Jr., Deputy Vice Mayor Angela Burns, Commissioner Juli Casale, and 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 Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve the agenda.

all were in favor

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.A. RESOLUTION NO. 200-25 GREGORY BANKS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sponsors: Human Resources Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[2002.25- Greg Banks resolution](#)

Mayor Carney read Resolution No. 200-25 into the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Markert, seconded by Vice Mayor Long, to approve Resolution No. 200-25.

all were in favor

Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services Director, commended Mr. Banks for his dedication, calm demeanor, and sense of humor, which have been essential to the City's successful operation for 30 years. She presented Mr. Banks with a plaque and a framed copy of the resolution in recognition of his 30 years of service to the City.

This Resolution was approved.

4.B.

RECOGNITION OF THE DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR
ACHIEVING THIRD CONSECUTIVE EXCELSIOR RECOGNITION BY THE

COMMISSION FOR FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION, INC.,
AND ACCREDITATION MANAGER JENNIFER RIVERA FOR BEING
INSTRUMENTAL IN ENSURING AGENCY-WIDE ACCREDITATION
COMPLIANCE

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

Darrell Hunter, Chief of Police, praised Jennifer Rivera's dedication and attention to detail in ensuring that the Delray Beach Police Department and its personnel adhere to law enforcement policies, procedures, established practices, and in documenting training and internal inspections to maintain accreditation compliance. He stated that her efforts have helped the agency keep the prestigious Excelsior status.

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

5.A.1. CLARITY REGARDING THE RESPONSE TIMES FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENTS

Sponsors: Police Department and Fire Rescue Department

Mr. Moore stated that this item was added to the agenda in response to comments regarding the response times of the Police and Fire Departments.

Darrell Hunter, Chief of Police, and Steven Moews, Assistant Fire Chief, presented a slideshow on the protocol for triaging emergency calls for both the Police and Fire Departments. Chief Hunter noted that the Police Department receives approximately 45,000 calls for service each year and shared analytical data collected over the past 3 years that demonstrate the department's swift response times.

The Commission thanked Chief Hunter and Assistant Fire Chief Steven Moews for their presentation, acknowledging the clarity they provided regarding response times for both departments. They also recognized their commitment to delivering the best possible service to the residents.

5.B. From the Public

Billy Roach, 33444

Provided his experience when making a 911 call.

Vera Woodson, 33445

Shared how she, the Rotary Club, and Janai Bowens, Education and

External Opportunities Manager, were helping unhoused children in the City.

Rita Rena, Rotary Club, 33483

Discussed how the Rotary Club planned to provide essential items to the eight (8) city schools for nearly one hundred (100) un-housed children. Ms. Bowens was recognized for her accomplishments and her contributions to the City in this effort. Mayor Carney thanked the Rotary Club for their efforts.

Paul Cannon, 33483

Requested that the Commission relax the parking restrictions on Veterans Day to allow more people to come out for the celebrations.

Mentioned that November was Men's Health Month.

Tracy Litt, 34344

Discussed the monetary advantages to the City if there were a building/venue dedicated to business-based travel events. Mayor Carney suggested that Ms. Litt write to the Commissioners and City Manager about her plan.

Kelly Roach, 33483

Proposed that the City allocate a building for hosting large events to help bridge the budget deficit and increase police officers' salaries.

Queen Miller, 33444

Discussed an incident she had with the police.

Valerie Landis, 33445

Discussed the concept of building an entrepreneur hub/space in Delray Beach to generate revenue for the City.

Montre Bennett, 33444

Requested that cat food stop being thrown on the sidewalks in the Set Community.

Suggested allowing the residents to vote on who should govern the City regarding the supermajority.

Requested that the Commission visit the schools, so that the children could see that they are concerned.

Suggested adding a homeless shelter to the new police station.

Marjorie Waldo, Arts Garage 33444

Provided an update on the Arts Garage events, revenue generated, and scholarships awarded to local students, highlighting their economic impact on the city.

Billy Koarce and Rahein Jones, 33444

Discussed their new restaurant, True Vegan, and offered a 20% discount on food to all City employees.

Ernestine Holliday, 33444

Expressed her support for the City Commission's decision to return to a supermajority, ensuring stability for elected officials.

Angela Hill, 33444

Favored having a supermajority to allow the elected officials to do their job and to maintain stability in the City.

Pamela Williams, 33444

Expressed her desire to have a supermajority.

Yvonne Odom, 33445

Informed everyone that November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Supported reinstating a supermajority requirement to ensure stability for the City Manager's position.

Andrea Bruton, 33445

Thanked Neighborhood Services for removing the brush from her neighbor's property that had encroached onto hers.

Discussed how a supermajority encourages collaboration and compromise among leaders on policies that would ensure fairness for everyone.

Reggie Cox, 33444

Discussed the importance of a supermajority for stability to align with the City's plans and projects.

George Long, 33444

Stated that he favored implementing a supermajority.

Chuck Ridley, 33444

Supported a supermajority to enable the City Manager to perform his duties under the City's Charter.

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

At this time, Mayor Carney announced that the Mayor's Chess Challenge will be held on Saturday, November 15th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Delray Beach Community Center. He also mentioned that the Veterans Day celebration, scheduled for November 11th, will be held at the Old School Square Vintage Gym at 10:00 a.m.

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](#)
[September 15, 2025 Final Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

The Minutes were approved.

6.B. ACCEPTANCE OF A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE BRICKTOP'S RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT WHERE ADJACENT TO STATE ROAD 5 (US-1)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Landscape Maintenance Agreement Exhibits - FDOT ROW \(SE 5th Ave\) - 12 NE 5th LLC - Executed](#)
[Legal Review Landscape Maintenance Agreement - 12 NE 5th Ave - 12 NE 5th LLC](#)

This Request was approved.

6.C. ACCEPTANCE OF A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (LMA) FOR A PORTION OF 711 N. OCEAN BOULEVARD LANDSCAPE ADJACENT TO JIMMY BUFFETT MEMORIAL HWY (A1A-RIGHT OF WAY).

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Landscape Maintenance Agreement - FDOT Right of Way - 711 N Ocean - Ocean 711 Delray Land Trust Executed](#)
[Legal Review Landscape Maintenance Agreement - 711 N. Ocean Blvd - Ocean 711 Delray Land Trust](#)
[Amd #23 to FDOT MMA - 711 N Ocean Boulevard](#)
[Legal Review Amd #23 to FDOT MMOA - 711 N. Ocean Blvd](#)

This Request was approved.

6.D. APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND AWARD OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) FY 2025-26 OCCUPANT PROTECTION/CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[FDOTSubgrantAgreement-2026 - OCCUPANT.pdf](#)
[Legal Review Form FDOT grant application Occupant Protection and Child Passenger Safety 25.pdf](#)

This Request was approved.

6.E. PROCLAMATIONS:

6.E.1. PROCLAMATION - AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Sponsors: Neighborhood & Community Services

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Proclamation - America Recycles Day - 2025](#)

This Proclamation was approved.

6.E.2. PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Proclamation - National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week 2025](#)

This Proclamation was approved.

6.E.3. PROCLAMATION - FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Proclamation - Family Court Awareness Month 2025](#)

This Proclamation was approved.

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

6.F.1. REPORT OF APPEALABLE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ACTIONS FROM OCTOBER 15, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2025.

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[HPB \(10-15\) 250 Royal Court](#)
[PZB \(10-20\) Delray Hyundai -Part 1](#)
[PZB \(10-20\) Delray Hyundai -Part 2 \(Architectural plans\)](#)

This Request was approved.

6.G. AWARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

6.G.1. None

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

7.A. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED charter amendment REQUIRING A SUPERMAJORITY TO REMOVE THE city manager

Sponsors: City Attorney Department

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney, explained that any modifications to the City's Charter must go through a referendum. She stated that the process would begin with presenting an Ordinance to the City Commission. If the ordinance is adopted, it will be placed on the March ballot for voter approval.

Mayor Carney stated that a Commission cannot remove a City Manager without proper justification. He suggested that City residents should have the opportunity to vote on this issue during a general election, rather than a municipal election, to boost voter turnout if such a situation arises. Mayor Carney acknowledged that the City has had the same City Manager for the past five (5) years and is inclined to keep the charter in its current form.

Vice Mayor Long emphasized that it was only fair to allow residents to vote on this matter, especially given the strong turnout at the public hearing that evening. He noted that during his campaign, residents frequently expressed their desire to reinstate a supermajority to ensure their voices are heard.

Commissioner Casale noted that none of the surrounding municipalities, except for Boynton Beach, has a supermajority requirement. She noted that during the 2014 primary election, residents voted to remove the supermajority requirement.

Deputy Vice Mayor Burns mentioned that a supermajority could have both positive and negative effects, but emphasized that the decision should lie with the residents.

Commissioner Markert stated that the Commission discusses and debates everything on the dais and expressed his support for maintaining the current approach.

Commissioner Burns clarified that this issue concerned the City Manager's position, not Mr. Moore directly.

Vice Mayor Long stated for the record that he and Mr. Moore never discussed this issue.

Mr. Moore stated that the idea of reinstating a supermajority vote did not originate with him. He emphasized that his primary focus and commitment have always been to serve the best interests of residents and stakeholders in every municipality where he has worked, and that if the majority of the Commission wanted him to leave, he would do so voluntarily.

There was a 3-2 consensus not to move this item forward at this time.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/SECOND READINGS:

- 8.A.** ORDINANCE NO. 22-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY AMENDING TITLE 7, "TRAFFIC CODE," CHAPTER 71, "PARKING REGULATIONS," SECTIONS 71.023, "LIMITING PARKING TIME ON CERTAIN STREETS," AND 71.056, "PARKING METER ZONES; INSTALLATION OF METERS," TO ELIMINATE THE PARKING MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING /PUBLIC HEARING)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Ord. No. 22-25 - Removal of PMAB from Code](#)

[PZB Staff Report, Elimination of PMAB](#)

[Legal Review Form, Ordinance No. 22-25](#)

[Business Impact Estimate \(BIE\), Ordinance No. 22-25](#)

[Proof of Legal Advertisement](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Ordinance No. 22-25 and Ordinance No. 23-25 into the record together, as they are related.

Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services Director, provided a staff report on this item. She stated that over the years, the City has adopted quantifiable standards and policies regarding this matter, and that this step

in the review process is unnecessary and only slows the process. She mentioned that the Parking Management Advisory Board (PMAB) would be eliminated from the City's Code of Ordinances. Ms. Gianniotis mentioned that the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed the amendment to the Land Development Regulations and voted 4-1 to recommend approval and to eliminate this board on September 15, 2025.

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

Laura Simon, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), stated that the DDA was the original Parking Management Advisory Board (PMAB) and still maintains oversight over the parking in the DDA district. She requested that parking matters continue to be presented to the DDA for their input and recommendations. Mayor Carney thanked Ms. Simon for her comments.

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

The Commission briefly discussed this new process to streamline parking applications and meet the required deadlines.

Ms. Gelin noted that the DDA, like the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA), can provide input on parking matters. However, she mentioned that eliminating the PMAB would streamline the process. She also reminded the Commission that they will still retain the authority to make final decisions on applications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Ordinance No. 22-25.

all were in favor

8.B.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS," ARTICLE 2.4, "DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS," SECTION 2.4.11, "RELIEF," SUBSECTION (F), "IN LIEU OF PARKING FEE REQUEST," TO ELIMINATE THE PARKING MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING)

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Ord. No. 23-25 - Removal of PMAB from In Lieu Relief](#)
[PZB Staff Report - Elimination of PMAB](#)
[Legal Review Form, Ordinance No. 23-25](#)
[Business Impact Estimate \(BIE\), Ordinance No. 23-25](#)
[Proof of Legal Advertisement](#)

Item Number 8.B. was discussed with Item Number 8.A.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Ordinance No. 23-25.

all were in favor

9. FIRST READINGS:

9.A. ORDINANCE NO. 26-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, TITLE 3, "ADMINISTRATION," CHAPTER 33, "POLICE AND FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENTS", TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE 2024-2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 33.64, "CONTRIBUTIONS" AND 33.685, "DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN" TO EXTEND THE DROP FROM FIVE YEARS TO EIGHT YEARS AND REQUIRE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DROP IN EXCESS OF 60 MONTHS TO CONTRIBUTE 3% TO THE PENSION TRUST FUND; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AUTHORITY TO CODIFY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (FIRST READING)

Sponsors: City Attorney Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Ordinance 26-25 lg rev 10-9-25 for 1st reading](#)
[Simple Legal Review Pension Ordinance Changes Ord 26-25](#)
[BIE Ord. No. 26-25 Implement Changes to CBA](#)

Ms. Gelin entered Ordinance No. 26-25 into the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Ordinance No. 26-25.

all were in favor

10. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A. City Manager

Addressed erroneous comments that had been made recently concerning a deficient with respect to the annual budget.

Referenced an earlier public comment regarding persons who expressed interest in collaborating with the City and noted that the City has a public-private partnership submission policy. Suggested that individuals or groups interested in engaging with the City should begin by emailing the Commissioners and copying the City Manager.

Mentioned that the Freebie Ride Service will be extending its services to the Palm Trail Neighborhood at no additional cost to the City. Expressed his desire to expand the Freebie service to the two roads near the Estuary community.

There was consensus among the Commission to approve expanding services to the Palm Trail neighborhood and to have Mr. Moore look into the two streets near the Estuary community for the Freebie service.

B. City Attorney

Requested permission from the Commission to initiate litigation on subrogation claims from the City's former health care provider, UnitedHealthcare. There was consensus to allow Ms. Gelin to initiate the litigation.

C. City Commission**Mayor Carney:**

Requested an update from Elena Georgiev, Internal Auditor, regarding the Old School Square audit that she was working on. Ms. Georgiev was in attendance and confirmed that the audit had been drafted. However, she was still working on a few outstanding documents and stated that the report would be completed by the following week.

Stated that he had forwarded an email from the facilitator of Raftelis to the Commission regarding the preferred structure for the meeting. He also mentioned that he had sent another email with the agenda attached. Commissioner Casale inquired whether the City's non-profit organizations would attend the meeting, as she believed a consensus had previously been reached on their attendance. Mayor Carney emphasized that the exercise was intended to be driven by the residents. Commissioner Casale noted that previous Vision exercises included both the City's non-profits and its staff.

Requested that the City Attorney investigate ways to simplify the

auto-pay process for residents' utility bills.

Suggested that the Historic Preservation Trust meet with the Downtown Development Authority to discuss the beautification of Atlantic Avenue as soon as possible.

Discussed the importance of Senate Bill 180 and its inclusion of specific historic areas of the City, such as the Delray Beach Golf Course, Veterans Park recreational area, and portions of the cemetery. Ms. Gelin mentioned that she would add this topic to the agenda for discussion at the November 18th Commission Meeting.

Suggested to have the County look into installing a traffic signal at the intersection of NE 1st Street and Northbound Federal Highway, due to the high number of car accidents.

Mentioned the feral cat overpopulation in the City. Commissioner Casale suggested that the Commission have further discussions on this issue.

Commissioner Casale:

Thanked Mr. Moore for addressing the comments raised at the lectern.

Congratulated Gina Carter's celebration of one year of activating the Creative Art School.

Acknowledged the individuals involved in the Do-Good Delray events.

Mentioned that she toured SouthTech and was very impressed with the students and programs. Additionally, she was excited about the possibility of bringing those programs to Delray Beach.

Expressed her gratitude to Jeff Oris, Assistant City Manager, and the Fire Department for their warm welcome of the Sister Cities students.

Proposed to have a presentation to showcase the Sister Cities program to the residents.

Suggested hosting a "Running with the Chief Event" down Atlantic Avenue, inviting the staff, residents, and others to participate. There was a consensus to schedule the event.

Requested that Rabbi Moss be allowed to sit on the Police Advisory Board since he already serves the community. Ms. Gelin stated that he could be an ex officio member of the board. There was consensus to

make him an ex officio member. Ms. Gelin mentioned that this matter will be on the next agenda as a consent item to formalize it.

Suggested creating an Auditing Committee. There was consensus to bring this item back for discussion.

Inquired why the City Manager's recent Commission Information Letter mentioned scheduling a workshop to discuss funding agreements, as the budget having recently been adopted. Mr. Moore confirmed that the workshop was intended to discuss the next budget season and expiring contracts.

Stated that during a discussion with Mr. Rosen from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), he mentioned that, to manage and operate Old School Square effectively, the DDA requires additional funding from the City. Mr. Moore indicated that in the coming months, he will outline the path forward as he engages monthly with Ms. Simon from the DDA.

Deputy Vice Mayor Burns:

Congratulated Gina Carter on her one year of activating the Creative Arts School.

Suggested issuing a formal solicitation for external companies to use the space at Old School Square to generate revenue for the City.

Mentioned that she tried True Vegan Restaurant and enjoyed it very much.

Stated that she supported any efforts to help Jamaica.

Stated that she has received numerous emails about the parking program. Mr. Moore mentioned that this topic would be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Markert:

Expressed a desire to meet with the three (3) women who, during public comment, discussed creating a venue in the City for significant events, as this aligns with his corporate experience, which he could contribute to.

Mentioned that he toured SouthTech School.

Favored tackling alternative ideas for the Old School Square Campus sooner rather than later.

During Commissioner Markert's comments, Mayor Carney chimed in and proposed that the garage be free for use on Veterans Day until noon. There was a consensus. Additionally, he mentioned that the Commission should visit all of the City Schools.

Vice Mayor Long:

Stated that the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce and Stephanie Immelman have an excellent reputation statewide.

Congratulated the Police Chief for completing the New York City Marathon.

Expressed his gratitude to the Commission, particularly to the Mayor, for appointing him as the City's representative on the governing board of the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency, highlighting his contributions to the agency during his tenure. He mentioned that the agency was recently renamed the Metropolitan Planning Organization. He shared the latest updates with the Commission from his most recent meeting and thanked the Commission for allowing him to represent the City in this important role.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Carney adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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