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Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting at 5:00 PM

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City Commission

Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.

Vice Mayor Angela Burns

Deputy Vice Mayor Tom Markert

Commissioner Judy Mollica

Commissioner Juli Casale

1. ROLL CALL

The May 19, 2026 Regular City Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:09 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 - Mayor Thomas F. Carney Jr., Vice-Mayor Angela Burns, Commissioner Judy Mollica, Commissioner Juli Casale, and Deputy Vice Mayor Tom Markert

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

3.A. Additions, Deletions, Substitutions

Mayor Carney noted Item No. 6.E. would be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Casale stated that similar items should not be placed on the consent agenda in the future, and Mr. Moore acknowledged the comment.

Commissioner Casale requested to pull Item No. 6.P.3. for a question. It became Item No. 7.A.A.

Mayor Carney requested to pull Item No. 6.P.1. for discussion. It became Item No. 7.B.B.

Mayor Carney requested that Item No. 6.A. be moved to the next meeting.

Mayor Carney requested to pull Item No. 6.D. for a question. It became Item No. 7.C.C.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to approve the agenda as amended.

all were in favor

At this time, Mr. Moore announced that the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) recognized the City for 80 years under the commission-manager form of government, noting that Delray Beach was among the first cities in Florida to adopt the form of government in 1946. He welcomed representatives of the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA), including Tracy Stevens, Andrea McHugh, and former Assistant City Manager Bob Barcinski, to present the recognition.

Tracy Stevens, FCCMA District 4 Director and Town Administrator for the Town of Haverhill, presented a certificate on behalf of the FCCMA Board of Directors and its membership recognizing the City's 80th anniversary. She highlighted ICMA's commitment to preserving representative local government, promoting efficient and effective public service, and maintaining public trust through professional management. Ms. Stevens also acknowledged Mr. Moore's municipal management experience and commitment to strengthening communities through public service.

Mayor Carney thanked the presenters and invited them to participate in a photo opportunity with the Commission.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.A. MAY 2026 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND TRAUMA INFORMED CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Proclamation - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND TRAUMA INFORMED CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION](#)

Kenya Madison, Healthier Delray Beach, made a presentation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month and received the proclamation. She thanked the City Commission, City Clerk's Office, City leadership, community partners, and residents for supporting the Get Your Green On campaign, which began in Delray Beach in 2016 through students at Atlantic High School and Village Academy. Ms. Madison reflected on her family's history in Delray Beach and emphasized this year's theme, "Rooted in Resilience," highlighting the connection between resilience, nature, healing, and community support. She encouraged residents to check on one another, create safe spaces, lead with kindness, and continue supporting mental health awareness, advocacy, and action through Get Your Green On 365.

Brianna Montane read the Teens Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation for the record and accepted it with thanks. The proclamation emphasized the importance of mental health, the impact of trauma on youth and called upon teens, families, schools, communities, and faith-based organizations to support mental health awareness and ensure that no young person struggles alone.

Mayor Carney invited the presenters and supporters to participate in a photo opportunity with the Commission.

4.B. TEENS OF DELRAY BEACH - MENTAL HEALTH & TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Proclamation -Teens Mental Health & Trauma Informed Care Awareness Month](#)

This item was presented with Item No. 4.A.

4.C. 2026 HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD AWARDS

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Michelle Hoyland, Principal Planner, presented the 2026 Historic Preservation Board (HPB) Awards in recognition of National Historic Preservation Month, noting the national theme, "All People Are Created Equal." She explained that the HPB reviewed projects in several categories recognizing preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and new construction within the City's historic districts.

Awards were presented to:

- Sandra Amani and Nikki Mercedes for Residential Contributing Additions and Rehabilitation at 108 NW 4th Avenue in the West Settlers Historic District.
- MJZ Properties (Jeff and Mindy Wooster) for Residential Contributing Exterior Alterations at 503 NE 2nd Avenue and Residential Non-Contributing New Construction at 209 NE 5th Street in Del Ida Park.
- Alex and Margo Platt for rehabilitation and improvements to 403 N. Swinton Avenue, a historic structure adapted for commercial use.
- The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for improvements to the Edmund Baines Building at 98 NW 5th Avenue in the West Settlers Historic District.
- The Sandoway Discovery Center for rehabilitation and accessibility improvements to the historic property at 142 S. Ocean Boulevard.
- The Colony Hotel for construction of a new maintenance building designed to complement the property's historic architectural character.

Ms. Hoyland also recognized the 100th anniversary of the Colony Hotel, highlighting its history since 1926, its long ownership by the Boughton family, and its significance as a landmark on the City's Local Register of Historic Places. She acknowledged the contributions of the late architect Roy Simon and invited Hillary Roche to accept the award on behalf of the hotel.

Ms. Hoyland provided a brief update on the Sunday Village project, noting completion of the main block, installation of the windmill and pedestrian paseo, and the near completion of additional blocks, with businesses and historic homes expected to open soon.

Mayor Carney congratulated all award recipients and thanked them for their contributions to the City. Commissioner Casale also recognized CRA Executive Director Renee Jadusingh and CRA staff for receiving the CRA award and praised the annual Historic Preservation Month presentation.

4.D. CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN LEGACY CONTAMINANTS AND PFAS LITIGATION

Sponsors: City Attorney Department

Ms. Gelin introduced outside counsel Mark Dearman, who, along with Napoli Shkolnik, represents the City in the PFAS ("forever chemicals") litigation. Ms. Gelin reported that the City received an additional \$500,000 settlement payment, bringing total PFAS-related recoveries to nearly \$10 million.

Mr. Dearman explained that the City's current litigation against PFAS manufacturers was filed in 2023 and that the proposed next phase would focus on identifying and pursuing entities responsible for PFAS contamination. He requested authorization to conduct additional investigation, identify potential polluters, and amend the litigation accordingly. He noted the matter would proceed at no cost to the City. Ms. Gelin requested Commission consensus to move forward with the additional litigation. The Commission provided consensus and directed staff to proceed, with periodic updates to be provided.

Mr. Dearman thanked the Commission for its trust and recognized the significant contributions of the City Attorney's Office. Commissioner Casale also acknowledged the collaborative efforts of Gina Carter, Communications Director and Hassan Hadjimiry, Utilities Director. Ms. Gelin and Mr. Dearman praised Mr. Hadjimiry and the Utilities department for their extensive assistance in providing technical information, studies, and documentation supporting the litigation.

Mayor Carney highlighted the City's new water treatment plant project and its advanced filtration system designed to remove contaminants, thanking current and previous commissions and City staff for advancing the project.

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

Mr. Moore advised that Palm Beach County will begin repairs to the George Bush Boulevard Bridge deck, with construction scheduled to start on June 1 and continue for approximately seven weeks. Message boards, detours, and public notifications will be implemented, similar to those used during previous bridge repairs.

Mr. Moore also addressed concerns raised during the workshop regarding Merritt Park, explaining that portions of the park are being used as a staging area for construction of the new water treatment plant. He assured residents that the area will be restored and normal activities resumed upon completion of the project. He noted that Merritt Park provides recreational amenities and accessibility features not available at nearby Rosemont Park and emphasized the City's commitment to maintaining those opportunities.

5.A.1. UPDATE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS ACTIVITIES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Sponsors: City Manager Department

Sam Metott, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an overview of the City's Fourth of July celebrations. He noted that Merritt Park will also receive a new artificial turf field and other improvements as part of the restoration efforts.

Mr. Metott outlined the following Independence Day schedule.

- A volleyball tournament from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The return of the sandcastle contest from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Snorkeling excursions at the Delray Wreck from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- A time capsule unveiling at 5:30 p.m.
- The traditional flag-raising ceremony at 6:00 p.m.
- Live entertainment, vendors, and activities beginning at 6:15 p.m.
- A 25-minute fireworks display beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Metott also noted that the recently approved drone show scheduled for later in July will be part of a national celebration commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

5.B. From the Public

Pauline Hutchinson, 33444

Thanked Parks and Recreation Director Sam Metott for addressing her concerns regarding parks in the Block 48 area and said she was pleased to learn the neighborhood had not been overlooked. She asked questions

regarding downtown parking availability associated with new development projects, costs related to water meter replacement, credit card processing fees for utility payments, and staffing within Utilities customer service and billing operations.

Mayor Carney noted her questions would be referred to the City Manager for follow-up.

James Taylor, Palm Beach County Sports Commission

Thanked the City for its partnership in hosting sporting events and spoke in support of potential croquet lawn development. He noted the growth of croquet tourism in Palm Beach County and stated the Sports Commission would support any project that enhances sports tourism opportunities.

Steve English, 33444

Spoke in support of allocating Opioid Settlement Funds to the Fire Department's mobile response program. He emphasized the importance of connecting individuals suffering from addiction with treatment and recovery resources and urged the City to dedicate funding to direct intervention services.

Yvonne Odom, 33445

Spoke about the importance of mental health awareness and substance abuse prevention. Drawing on her experiences as an educator, she emphasized the value of educating youth about addiction and advocated for prevention-focused initiatives alongside recovery services.

Alex Berry, 33460

Spoke in support of croquet facilities, noting the sport's growing popularity, accessibility for all ages, and economic benefits. He described successful croquet programs at other local facilities and encouraged consideration of croquet amenities in Delray Beach.

Barbara Baker, 33483

Discussed croquet as an inclusive sport that promotes social interaction, physical activity, and community connection. She highlighted its benefits for participants of all ages and abilities and encouraged the City to consider establishing a croquet program.

Cynthia Ridley, 33444

Announced a "Get Your Green On" mental health awareness event scheduled for May 28 at the Drug Abuse Foundation, organized by the Elders Table and community partners. She encouraged commissioners and residents to attend and support mental health initiatives.

John Arbo

Expressed his appreciation for Delray Beach and its vibrant downtown, noting the community's continued success and popularity.

Gabino Rangel, 33445

Read a statement from retired Police Department employee Patricia Rashkin, who requested consideration for retirees when discussing pension-related matters. The statement cited rising healthcare costs, inflation, and the financial challenges facing retirees whose pensions have not kept pace with the cost of living.

Dr. Spencer, 33445

Advocated for a community-wide prevention strategy focused on youth, families, and resilience building. She encouraged the City to invest Opioid Settlement Funds in prevention efforts aimed at reducing substance abuse before it begins.

Mavis Benson, 33445

Expressed concerns regarding the impact of economic conditions and parking costs on downtown businesses. Speaking on behalf of merchants, she requested consideration of free parking in garages and surface lots during the summer months to encourage patronage and support local businesses.

Delores Rangel, 33445

Requested consideration of a 3.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for retirees rather than the proposed 2.5%. She cited rising living expenses and noted that many general employees had previously gone several years without raises during the recession, affecting their retirement benefits.

Chuck Ridley, 33444

Spoke in support of increasing retiree COLA benefits. While acknowledging the need for fiscal responsibility, he emphasized the contributions retirees made to the City and encouraged the Commission to demonstrate its appreciation for former employees through enhanced retirement benefits.

Laura Simon, Downtown Development Authority Director

Spoke in support of the proposed summer parking initiative and noted a significant seasonal decline in downtown activity. She encouraged implementation of reduced or free parking options to support local businesses and highlighted upcoming downtown events, including a craft show, a concert at Old School Square, and the Art & Jazz on the Avenue event. She also congratulated the Colony Hotel and the Boughton family on the hotel's 100th anniversary.

Christina Morrison, 33483

Supported allocating a portion of Opioid Settlement Funds toward prevention and education programs. She emphasized the importance of teaching youth about the risks of substance abuse before addiction occurs and encouraged investment in prevention initiatives alongside treatment services.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: City Manager Recommends Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

all were in favor

6.A. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Sponsors: City Clerk Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)
[March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)
[May 5, 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

This item was removed from the agenda.

6.B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #95-26 APPROVING A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RADIO CRISTO MI REDENTOR UNIVERSO 1420AM, INC., FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2200 HIGHLAND DRIVE FOR COMMUNICATION FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS AND/OR RENEWALS THERETO AND TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: City Manager Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review WDJA - 2026 Golf Course Communications Tower Lease](#)
[Res 95-26 - Ground Lease Agreement - Radio Equipment - Golf Course](#)
[26-05-05 - Radio Cristo Ground Lease for Golf Course](#)

This Resolution was approved.

6.C. APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE DELRAY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC. TO AMEND THEIR SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BUZZ AGENCY FOR 900 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AT 100 WEST ATLANTIC AVENUE.

Sponsors: City Manager Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review Library Lease Sublease Approval Letter 2026](#)
[Library Lease Sublease Approval Letter 2026](#)
[Lease Amendment \(Buzz Agency\)](#)
[Original May 2022 Lease bw Library and The Buzz Agency](#)
[Library 2005 Business Lease for 99 years w-Amendment 1 \(1\)](#)

This Request was approved.

6.D.

ITEM 1 - ACCEPTANCE OF A GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT FOR INCLUSION ON THE ALL-COUNTY PAVING PLAT AT 1180 SW 10TH STREET.

ITEM 2 - ACCEPTANCE OF WATER AND SEWER EASEMENT FOR INCLUSION ON THE ALL-COUNTY PAVING PLAT AT 1180 SW 10TH STREET.

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Item 1 and Item 2 - Exhibit: Proposed All County Paving Plat](#)

This item was pulled by Mayor Carney. It became Item No. 7.C.C.

Mayor Carney stated he had no issue with the easement itself but questioned the plat layout, specifically why the 25-foot right-of-way shown on the eastern portion of the plat was not continued across the full property line. He noted the right-of-way appeared to exist on both sides of the parcel but was interrupted on the subject property, creating what he described as a right-of-way to nowhere.

Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services Director, explained that the additional right-of-way was taken along the boundary of the property under development and that the dedication corresponded to the property line and adjacent roadway configuration. Mayor Carney and Ms. Gianniotis reviewed the plat layout to clarify the location of the right-of-way dedication and how it related to the parcel boundaries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Deputy Vice Mayor Markert, to approve this item.

all were in favor

6.E.

RESOLUTION 81-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF \$320,000 IN LIEU OF PROVIDING TWO ON-SITE WORKFORCE HOUSING UNITS FOR

THE PROJECT FORMALLY KNOWN AS BLISS ON 4TH, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Resolution No. 81-26 WFH convert on-site to in-lieu payment - 10 SW 4th Ave](#)

[Request Email - 10 SW 4th Ave](#)

[Approved Resolution No. 110-23 - 10 SW 4th Ave](#)

[Certification Letter - 10 SW 4th Ave](#)

[Approved Site Plan and Architecture Plans - 10 SW 4th Ave](#)

[Legal Review Resolution No 81-26 - WFH convert on-site to in-lieu payment - 10 SW 4th Ave](#)

This item was removed from the agenda.

6.F. ITEM 1 - ACCEPTANCE OF A LIMITED ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INCLUSION ON THE MILFRED INDUSTRIAL PLAT AT 1215 MILFRED STREET.

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Item 1 - Exhibit: Milfred Industrial Plat](#)

This Request was approved.

6.G. APPROVAL OF A REIMBURSABLE FIVE-YEAR EMS GRANT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMS EQUIPMENT, TRAINING OR SUPPLIES TO BE USED BY THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT.

Sponsors: Fire Rescue Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Legal Review Checklist AGREEMENT FOR EMS GRANT FUNDS](#)

[Delray Beach FINAL_5yr EMS County Grant Agreement_lw 3.12.26_re4.15](#)

This Request was approved.

6.H. LOVE YOUR BLOCK 2026-2028 GRANT CONSIDERATION

Sponsors: Neighborhood & Community Services

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[Love Your Block 2026-2028 Program Guidelines & FAQ](#)

[Love Your Block 2026-2028 Application](#)

This Request was approved.

- 6.I. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MILLS + SCHONER INC ARCHITECTS, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE CREST THEATRE AUDITORIUM PROJECT PURSUANT TO RFQ NO. 2025-019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,273,047.00 FOR A REVISED AGREEMENT TOTAL OF \$1,509,909.00

Sponsors: Public Works Department and Purchasing Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Amendment No. 1](#)
[Legal Review](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Crest Theatre Concept Design Report Final Agreement](#)
[Solicitation](#)
[Submittal](#)

This Request was approved.

- 6.J. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SPENDING ON AGREEMENT P2023-026 WITH TRANE U.S. INC. FOR HVAC PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION, LABOR-BASED SOLUTIONS, AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,462,825.00 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$4,005,818.20

Sponsors: Public Works Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Proposal Trane - Equipment](#)
[Additional Spending - 2.6.2024](#)
[Agreement P2023-026 - Trane U.S. Inc.](#)

This Request was approved.

- 6.K. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR 1820 S FEDERAL HWY.

Sponsors: Utilities Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review Hold Harmless 1820 S Federal Hwy](#)
[Hold Harmless Agreement 1820 S Federal Hwy](#)

This Request was approved.

6.L. APPROVAL OF AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT (FPL), FOR A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP).

Sponsors: Utilities Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review FPL Easement - Water Treatment Plant](#)
[FPL Easement Agreement Water Treatment Plant](#)

This Request was approved.

6.M. APPROVE A WORKFORCE HOUSING COVENANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH AND KMF ALTON DELRAY, LLC, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 4.7 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

Sponsors: City Attorney Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Alton Delray-Affordability Declaration CDB](#)

This Request was approved.

6.N. PROCLAMATIONS:

6.N.1. None

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

6.O.1. REPORT OF APPEALABLE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ACTIONS FROM APRIL 20, 2026, THROUGH MAY 8, 2026.

Sponsors: Development Services Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[\(HP 5-6\) Sundry Village Building A \(The Rectory\)](#)

This Request was approved.

6.P. AWARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

6.P.1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 31-26 APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR BUILDING PERMIT FEE STUDIES UTILIZING MARTIN COUNTY RFP NO.2021-3343 IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$49,400.

Sponsors: Development Services Department and Purchasing Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review Checklist](#)
[Res No. 31-26](#)
[Agreement](#)
[Scope of Services & Fee Schedule](#)
[RFP2021-3343_Martin County Solicitation](#)
[Martin County_Master Agmt](#)
[Proposal](#)
[Raftelis Renewal 1-2](#)
[Renewal 2 of 2](#)

This item was pulled by Mayor Carney. It became Item No. 7.B.B.

Mayor Carney asked why the City would pay \$49,400 for the study when, in his view, the City's auditor might be able to perform similar work as part of the audit function. Ms. Gelin clarified that Florida law requires a study of this type and that it is not something the City's internal auditor could perform.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Resolution No. 31-26.

all were in favor

6.P.2

RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 54-26 TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT WITH GRANICUS, LLC. FOR CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SOFTWARE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES AS AN APPROVED CITY STANDARD FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$506,666

Sponsors: IT Department and Purchasing Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review Checklist](#)
[Reso 54-26 lg rev](#)
[Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[EXHIBIT C](#)

This Resolution was approved.

6.P.3.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 82-26 TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT TO DMS CONTRACTORS LLC FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT SERVICES AT FIRE STATION 112 PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID (ITB) NO. 2026-024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,633.00

Sponsors: Purchasing Department and Public Works Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Res 82-26](#)
[Legal Review Checklist](#)
[Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[ITB 2026-024 Roof Replacement Final](#)
[Bid Submittal](#)

This item was pulled by Commissioner Casale. It became Item No. 7.A.A.

Commissioner Casale withdrew her request to pull the item as the answer to her question regarding the funding source was outlined in the backup.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Resolution No. 82-26.

all were in favor

6.P.4

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 37-26 TO RETROACTIVELY APPROVE A CITY STANDARD AGREEMENT CS2026-008 WITH BADGER METER, INC., FOR CONTINUED PURCHASE OF WATER METERING TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT (UTILITIES), IN A TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE NOT TO EXCEED \$624,000 (RESPECTIVELY \$208,000 PER YEAR).

Sponsors: Utilities Department and Purchasing Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Legal Review Checklist](#)
[Resolution 37-26](#)
[Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Pricing](#)

This Resolution was approved.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

7.A.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-26 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO.198-25 ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution 88-26](#)
[Exhibit A 88-26 Rev2 with backup](#)
[Simple Legal Review Approval Budget Resolution 88-26 Rev](#)

Ms. Gelin read Resolution No. 88-26 into the record.

Commissioner Casale asked about the \$92,924.27 transfer to the Special Projects Fund related to the tree planting program and whether the transfer involved both current and future contract costs. Mr. Moore explained that the transfer was intended to cover the remaining balance due under the current contract with Community Greening, which expires the following month. Commissioner Casale expressed concern that the item appeared to address both overdue payments and future contract considerations. Ms. Gelin clarified that the transfer amount exceeded the two outstanding invoices previously provided and noted that, because the agreement expires in 26 days and contains no renewal or extension options, only a small remaining balance could potentially be used before the contract ends.

Mayor Carney and Commissioner Casale both raised concerns about the timing of payments and the budget process, noting that one invoice from February 2026 was already past due. Commissioner Casale stated that vendors should not have to wait extended periods for payment after services are rendered and emphasized that the City should ensure funds are properly budgeted before entering contracts. Ms. Gelin agreed that the budget transfer should have been brought to the Commission when the agreement was approved administratively so the funds could be properly appropriated. Mayor Carney noted that the issue would be discussed further under Item No. 7G.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to approve Resolution No. 88-26.

all were in favor

7.B. CONSIDERATIONS AND UPDATE REGARDING CROQUET FIELD PRESENCE AND POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Sponsors: City Manager Department and Parks & Recreation Department

Mr. Moore stated the discussion was in response to Commission consensus to evaluate the croquet opportunities. He stated that Parks and Recreation reviewed the matter and that representatives from the National Croquet Center were available to provide observations. Commissioner Casale requested that staff present first, stating the Commission had directed staff to gather information and that she had concerns regarding

the proposed location.

Sam Metott, Parks and Recreation Director, identified considerations including maintenance, staffing, operations, parking, and costs. He noted that most croquet facilities are associated with golf courses due to shared maintenance resources and that Veterans Park would require additional equipment, staffing, and operational planning.

David McCoy, Chairman Emeritus of the National Croquet Center, presented the benefits of croquet, describing it as a healthy, social, low-impact, and family-friendly activity that supports wellness and community engagement. He stated there is a strong local interest in the sport and that croquet at Veterans Park would support downtown activity, nearby businesses, and the City's recreational mission. He recommended artificial turf, stating it would provide low maintenance, predictable costs, and eliminate the need for specialized equipment.

There was discussion among the Commission regarding the proposed location, site layout, parking concerns, lawn bowling, shuffleboard use, installation costs, and operational models. Mr. McCoy stated two courts could fit at the site, that croquet and lawn bowling could share artificial turf, and estimated costs at approximately \$200,000 per court. He stated a clubhouse would not be necessary, only equipment storage.

Deputy Vice Mayor Markert stated he was not against croquet but requested a complete plan, including location, staffing, construction costs, ongoing costs, and an operational model, before making a decision. Vice Mayor Burns requested a plan with the layout, budget, and timeline. Mr. Moore stated the item was presented for consideration and that additional due diligence was needed, including review of potential Parks Improvement Bond funding, and he would not recommend using the General Fund given current obligations.

Ms. Gelin stated that the bond funds were specific to projects presented to residents during the referendum and could not be redirected without consideration of what was represented to voters. She recommended that further discussions regarding the use of Parks Bonds wait until staff completed a review of all public discussions related to the bond projects.

Mayor Carney disagreed and requested further review, stating croquet

could activate underutilized waterfront property, support downtown businesses, and provide a unique recreational amenity.

Commissioner Casale requested clarification from the bond attorney regarding potential funding, expressed concern about proceeding without identified funds, and reiterated concerns regarding parking. She stated she supports croquet but believes the City must identify funding and the appropriate location before moving forward.

There was consensus among the Commission for staff to provide additional information, including funding opportunities, a site plan, proposed costs, and potential operational options, for future Commission consideration. Commissioner Casale requested that the additional information be provided to commissioners individually and then discussed at a future meeting.

7.C. CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING GENERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN COLA ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS

Sponsors: Finance Department

Attachments: [General Retirees COLA.pdf](#)

Mayor Carney questioned whether the Commission had sufficient information to make decisions on the pension-related items and suggested a workshop may be warranted. Ms. Gelin clarified the items should be considered separately and noted any future COLA would remain subject to annual appropriation by the City Commission. Mr. Moore explained the item was presented to satisfy the biannual COLA analysis requirement adopted in January 2024 and introduced Jeff Amrose of Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company.

Mr. Amrose advised that the General Employees Pension Plan is in very good condition, with more assets than liabilities, low contributions, and low volatility. He explained the actuarial study analyzed a one-time 2.5% COLA for current retirees only, not active employees or DROP participants. He stated the proposed COLA would increase retiree benefits by approximately \$215,000 total, create an estimated \$2.2 million increase in pension liability, and could be funded either immediately or amortized over five years at approximately \$533,000 annually or ten years at approximately \$310,000 annually.

Commissioner Casale asked why 2.5% was selected; Mr. Moore and Mr. Amrose explained it was based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the plan's long-term inflation assumption. Commissioner Mollica asked about

the difference between this COLA and the one for police/fire. Mr. Amrose explained police and fire receive guaranteed annual COLAs, while this proposal is a one-time increase that would only change again if brought back through the ordinance process. Vice Mayor Burns confirmed this group had not previously received a COLA and expressed support for at least a 2.5% adjustment. Mr. Moore confirmed this was the first COLA review under the 2024 ordinance and that future reviews would occur biannually. It was further clarified that the Pension Board would determine whether any approved COLA would be amortized over five or ten years, while the Commission's role was to determine the COLA percentage.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Mollica, to approve the General Employee Retirement Plan COLA Actuarial Analysis and direct the City Attorney to begin the process to formally ratify a 2.5% COLA for retirees and prepare the necessary Ordinance and actuarial impact materials to present to the Pension Board and Commission.

all were in favor

7.D.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A 5% ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY'S SALARY SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 AS SPECIFIED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: City Manager Department and Human Resources Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution 100-26 paygrade CPI increase](#)
[Simple Legal Review Paygrade Resolution](#)
[Final Report Delray Beach 060424](#)

Ms. Gelin read Resolution No. 100-26 and Resolution No. 99-26 into the record.

Duane D'Andrea, Human Resources Director, explained the presentation addressed non-represented general employees, whose current merit increases are governed by Policy PER-4 and average 4.2% annually based on performance. He reviewed the results of the 2024 classification and compensation study, noting 387 employees were benchmarked, 118 employees received salary increases, and approximately 30% of general employees received reallocations. He further explained the study recommended annual salary scale adjustments tied to the CPI, and noted the 2025 CPI was 2.7%. Benchmarking of surrounding municipalities

showed many jurisdictions adjusted salary ranges and provided across-the-board increases or COLAs.

Mr. D'Andrea explained the 5% salary schedule adjustment in Item No. 7.D. was intended to address employees who have topped out in their pay grade by increasing the maximums in pay grades 101 through 123, thereby creating future growth opportunities. Vice Mayor Burns asked whether this was the item that addressed employees who had maxed out in their salary range, and staff confirmed that it was. Commissioner Casale asked whether there was a financial impact associated with Item No. 7.D. Mr. Moore clarified that Item No. 7.D. does not create a direct immediate financial impact, but rather adjusts the pay structure prospectively to allow employees who are capped at the top of their range to continue growing. Ms. Gelin further explained that without increasing pay grade maximums, employees who receive merit increases beyond the pay grade cap would not have those earnings reflected for pension purposes, because they would instead be treated as a top-out bonus rather than a pensionable salary.

Discussion among the Commission reflected support for increasing the salary schedule maximums to address employees who have topped out and to preserve future pensionable growth opportunities effective October 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Mollica, to approve Resolution No. 100-26.

all were in favor

7.E.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A 3.5% COST-OF-LIVING WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL GENERAL EMPLOYEES COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: City Manager Department and Human Resources Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Resolution 99-26 GE COLAs](#)
[Simple Legal Review COLA Resolution](#)
[Final Report Delray Beach 060424](#)

Ms. Gelin read Resolution No. 99-26 into the record under Item No. 7.D.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Mollica, to approve Resolution No. 99-26.

all were in favor

7.F. PRESENTATION BY THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC) OF THEIR RECOMMENDED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR 2026-27.

Sponsors: City Manager Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[OSAC recommendation- signed](#)

Jeff Lefton, on behalf of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC), presented the committee's recommendation to use 100% of the currently available opioid settlement funds for a Mobile Integrated Health Program through Delray Beach Fire Rescue. The Commission expressed concern with allocating all available funds to one program, citing the program's high cost, long-term sustainability, staffing needs, and the limited amount of annual settlement funding. Several commissioners stated they would like to see opioid funds used, at least in part, for prevention and education efforts, particularly for youth and schools.

Chuck Ridley, OSAC member, and other committee members emphasized the need to address the full continuum of care, including prevention, treatment, and recovery, and encouraged the City to consider other funding sources and a broader workshop discussion. It was clarified that no action was required at this time and that the item was a presentation of the committee's recommendation only. By consensus, the Commission directed staff to continue working with the advisory committee, explore prevention-focused options and potential applications or proposals for funding, and return with a preliminary opioid settlement expenditure plan at the June 9 meeting in advance of the July 1 state deadline.

7.G. COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.

Sponsors: City Manager Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)
[Future Considerations Regarding Community Greening Tree Planting Initiative.docx](#)

Christian Chitester, Interim Sustainability Officer, provided an overview of the City's 2026 tree planting program and Community Greening's partnership with the City. Mr. Chitester reported the 2026 program delivered 455 trees, falling short of the 2,000-tree goal, and noted the contract expires next month. He stated the program has planted more than 8,100 trees citywide with an investment of approximately \$1.2 million and projected long-term community value through stormwater interception, air

quality improvement, heat reduction, energy savings, public health, and increased tax base.

Community Greening representatives Mark Cassini and Josh Weiner reviewed the history of the 10,000 Trees initiative, noting the original tree canopy assessment found the City at 23% canopy with a goal of increasing to 28%. They stated the City is now at approximately 25% canopy, all public schools and parks have been planted, and the program has increasingly shifted to residential tree deliveries to expand planting on private property. Mr. Cassini reported a survival rate above 80% for planted trees, with many recent projects exceeding 90%. Vice Mayor Burns asked about trees planted in the retention pond near Spady Elementary. Mr. Cassini explained the area was a dry retention area and that water-tolerant species such as cypress and red maple were planted there for stormwater and beautification benefits, though the practice can be debated.

Commissioner Mollica thanked Community Greening for its work and asked about the canopy goal and what other cities are doing. Mr. Cassini explained that Boca Raton's program is roughly three times the size of Delray Beach's and includes deliveries, giveaways, and neighborhood plantings, while Palm Beach County is focusing on tree planting in county parks.

Commissioner Markert asked whether City funding was Community Greening's only revenue source. Mr. Cassini explained Delray Beach funding supports City programming, while additional projects have also been supported through outside grants and corporate funding.

Commissioner Casale thanked Community Greening for its work and requested a better understanding of the Tree Trust Fund, including why maintenance costs began drawing from the fund. Mr. Moore advised the Tree Trust Fund balance is approximately \$66,000 and stated the purpose of the presentation was to update the Commission on work completed and gauge interest in continuing the program, noting the current contract will end in one month and any continuation would require a formal selection process. Commissioner Casale stated that if the City continues the program, she would prefer larger, more mature shade trees rather than reducing tree size to increase quantity, and requested the last three years of Tree Trust Fund history, including revenues, expenditures, allocations, and future funding potential.

Mayor Carney agreed he would like to see larger shade trees if feasible and acknowledged that cost is a factor. Mr. Weiner responded that smaller trees are easier to establish, easier for residents and volunteers to plant,

and more practical for residential delivery programs, though many previously planted trees have since matured and now provide significant shade throughout the City.

Mr. Moore stated that, based on feedback received, staff could evaluate a formal selection process for future opportunities. Commissioner Casale requested tree fund history documentation, including the last three years of revenues, expenditures, and allocations, as well as potential future funding sources, noting that if funding is unavailable, continued operation of the program may require General Fund support. She requested the information be provided in phases, including an Excel printout prior to the next meeting. Mr. Moore agreed.

7.H. TEMPORARY PARKING WAIVER

Sponsors: City Manager Department and Public Works Department

Missie Barletto, Public Works Director, presented information on a potential free summer parking program for downtown surface lots and garages. She explained the Parking and Curbside Management Plan was adopted in August 2025, the permanent downtown employee parking permit program was approved in April 2026, and on May 8, 2026 the City Commission requested cost information for a free summer parking program. She stated the DDA supported the concept and clarified the request would apply only to surface lots and parking garages. Based on prior-year summer occupancy data, staff estimated a projected revenue reduction of approximately \$669,690 for June through August, plus approximately \$5,153 for signage and labor and an estimated \$37,568 in ParkMobile transaction fees. Ms. Barletto noted the estimate assumed free parking all day and explained that a partial-day program would be more difficult to analyze and could create public confusion.

Mayor Carney stated he was not prepared to forgo approximately \$700,000 in parking revenue and noted no other Palm Beach County community was offering a similar reduction. Commissioner Mollica asked about alternatives such as free daytime parking only, continuing to charge after 4:00 p.m., or designating one free day per week to support downtown businesses during the summer slowdown. Ms. Barletto explained a one-day program would be easier to implement than changing the entire parking structure and stated signage and meter programming could be managed. Laura Simon, DDA Executive Director, advised that Monday through Wednesday were critical days for downtown merchants and noted survey responses indicated residents were avoiding downtown because of parking inconvenience. Vice Mayor Burns expressed support for one free day if it could be implemented without major system changes. Commissioner Casale stated summer conditions downtown were slow and supported trying a one-day program during the current fiscal year, noting

reserves could absorb the impact. Commissioner Markert also supported a one-day program and asked that the selected day maximize traffic.

A motion was made by Deputy Vice Mayor Markert, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to approve free parking on Wednesdays during June, July, and August in all City-owned parking garages and surface lots.

all were in favor

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/SECOND READINGS:

8.A. None

9. FIRST READINGS:

9.A. None

10. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

A. City Manager

None.

B. City Attorney

Ms. Gelin requested a shade meeting regarding Keith Tomey v. City of Delray Beach (Case No. 50-2024-CA-005926), pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011, to discuss litigation strategy. She advised the matter is scheduled for trial on June 23 and requested the shade meeting be held on June 9 at 3:00 p.m., prior to the workshop, with Mayor Carney, Vice Mayor Burns, Deputy Vice Mayor Markert, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Mollica, Mr. Moore, herself, outside counsel Tonya Haddad, and a certified court reporter in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, to schedule the meeting.

all were in favor.

Ms. Gelin reported that the Highland Park Townhomes development at 395 NE Sixth Avenue, a 30-unit townhouse project approved in 2022, had recorded its plat according to the LDRs, but the development approval is subject to expiration. She stated staff was preparing an ordinance, to be considered by the Planning and Zoning Board and then the City Commission, that is specific to platted townhomes, allowing extensions for development approvals. She noted the project would also provide on-street parking near Subculture and requested Commission permission and consensus to allow the developer to submit his application for permit

review pending the outcome of that ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Burns, seconded by Commissioner Casale, to allow the developer to submit his application for permit review pending the outcome of the ordinance that's coming before the Commission.

all were in favor

Ms. Gelin requested authorization related to the Highland Beach matter, stating outside counsel had contacted Highland Beach's attorney and, to preserve the City's rights, she sought permission to file a complaint for breach of contract without serving it at this time. She explained this would preserve the City's rights while allowing time for a possible resolution and future shade meeting direction from the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Casale, seconded by Vice Mayor Burns, granting permission in order to preserve the City's rights for the City Attorney to file a complaint in the court for breach of contract.

all were in favor

Ms. Gelin committed to assigning an intern to review the bond issue to provide clarity to the Commission. She also stated she would obtain an opinion from the bond counsel.

C. City Commission

Commissioner Mollica:

Requested that staff look into a fenced area at Veterans Park where dogs could run, not an actual dog park, but just a fenced area. Mayor Carney said Parks & Recreation would need to review the idea. There was consensus among the Commission for staff to look into the request.

Vice Mayor Burns:

Thanked Chief Hunter for attending the ribbon cutting at the Delray Medical and Dental Office and for joining her the following day to speak with seniors and provide an update on the great things that are going on in the city. She also requested consensus to invite Junior Achievement of South Florida to give a presentation to the Commission regarding workforce readiness, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and life skills that could benefit students in the community. There was consensus among the Commission for the presentation.

Commissioner Casale:

Thanked staff for their work on PFAS, noting Lynn Gelin's early seat at the table was instrumental in securing funding, and also thanked Mr. Hadjimiry and Mr. Moore.

Commissioner Casale referenced Item No. 6.J. and asked whether the City was still participating in the Sustainability Office/PACE program previously discussed under the previous Sustainability Officer, which was intended to identify long-term cost savings and emissions reductions. Ms. Barletto explained the agenda item's major cost was a new chiller system for the golf course clubhouse to replace multiple split units, which would significantly lower power usage, and noted the City receives low-energy rebates through FPL. Commissioner Casale clarified she was not questioning the HVAC purchase, but whether the previously approved sustainability program was still active. Ms. Gelin clarified the program referenced was the PACE program and stated it remains in place, but issues arose during the former Sustainability Officer's tenure that required county assistance related to an enforcement matter. Mr. Moore stated direction is imminent to reengage the program, which had been dormant for some time. Commissioner Casale requested the related emails be forwarded to the Commission so they could review whether it made sense to continue the program. Ms. Gelin confirmed she would send them to everyone.

Commissioner Casale referenced prior recognition of local churches and requested consensus to recognize Temple Sinai at a future meeting, noting its significant work in the community. Vice Mayor Burns responded that the next recognition was coming up soon.

Commissioner Casale raised concerns about the City's partnership with the DDA, stating the contract's 10% profit-sharing provision has created ongoing friction despite the City already providing less funding than the CRA gave the prior operator and despite the DDA running it 50 times better. She referenced prior audits and the ongoing state audit, questioned the appropriateness of involving CBIZ because it serves as both the City's and DDA's outside auditor, and said the continued dispute over whether the 10% is based on gross or net revenue was making the relationship untenable. She stated the DDA was doing a very good job, warned the organization could walk away, and recommended the City modify the contract to remove the 10% profit-sharing provision in order to stop the conflict, avoid unnecessary meetings, and preserve the partnership.

Commissioner Casale raised concerns regarding proposed write-offs, stating that after a prior discussion with Mr. Moore she understood he would not recommend writing off outstanding balances related to Old School Square events totaling \$31,405 and that no action would be taken on the proposed write-offs for the Roots Cultural Festival. She said writing off such items creates a perception that Commission members may receive preferential treatment, emphasized that collection policies should be followed, and asked for confirmation that improper write-offs would not

occur.

Mr. Moore responded that, after reviewing the matter, staff determined that under collection protocols any event or transaction more than five years old may no longer be collectible. He stated the matter would need to return to the Commission for discussion, clarified that the amount under consideration was not the full \$155,000, but closer to one-third of that amount, and said staff would provide additional clarity and direction going forward.

Commissioner Casale responded that it is staff's responsibility to pursue collection when an organization is active and has funds, said collection efforts and policies had not been followed, and concluded by stating she hoped staff would proceed as represented.

Mayor Carney:

Commending Chief Hunter for a successful Shady Woods community meeting, noting residents gave positive feedback.

Regarding the DDA contract, he stated he would wait for the state audit and maintained that the contract's 10% management fee should be calculated from dollar one, not after the DDA recovers the City's contribution. He also agreed there was a potential conflict in using CBIZ because it serves multiple related entities.

Mayor Carney requested consensus to hold a workshop on the future of City Hall, including relocating City Hall or potentially redeveloping the current site. There was consensus among the Commission to have the workshop.

Mayor Carney suggested agenda items be written more clearly so the public can more easily understand what each item covers.

Commissioner Casale reiterated her request for consensus to discuss removing the 10% profit-sharing provision from the DDA contract, arguing the dispute is harming the City's relationship with the DDA, which she described as a strong partnership providing significant services for residents. She questioned why outside auditors were being involved in contract interpretation without Commission direction, emphasized that the contract issue is separate from the state audit, and warned that continued conflict could jeopardize the partnership. There was discussion among the Commission regarding the DDA's contract and the audit.

Ms. Gelin explained that Mr. Moore had scheduled a meeting that included CBIZ, but because CBIZ audits the City, DDA, and CRA, she believed that

posed a conflict of interest and raised the concern. She stated the auditors ultimately agreed not to participate and the meeting was canceled. She explained that the underlying issue is whether the DDA can use the City's annual contribution as the baseline to offset revenue before calculating the 10% share, noting that if the contribution is treated as the hurdle amount, the City would not receive any share until revenues exceeded that threshold.

Mr. Moore stated he had not ordered an audit, describing the CBIZ discussion as a general conversation in which the conflict issue was raised and the matter was dropped. He also stated that the City provides approximately \$700,000 annually to the DDA for Old School Square operations, meaning the City's potential 10% share could range up to \$70,000, depending on the calculation. He concluded by stating that he has committed to monthly meetings with DDA leadership, intends to keep the relationship constructive, and will wait for the state's review process while working to keep all parties aligned moving forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Carney adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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