



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Allie Behrman, CPRP, Special Events Manager
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: May 5, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 84-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN IMPACT EVENT KNOWN AS DELRAY IN THE SKY DRONE SHOW TO BE HELD JULY 29, 2026; AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF SWINTON AVENUE FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE TO 1ST STREET AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Recommended Action:

Review and consider Resolution 84-26, approving an Impact Event known as Delray In The Sky Drone Show to be held July 29, 2026 and authorizing the closure of Swinton Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to 1st Street.

Background:

The City of Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department submitted a Special Event Application on March 5, 2026 for the event Delray In The Sky Drone Show to be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at Old School Square and on Swinton Avenue and 2nd Avenue. This is the second time this event will be taking place. The turnout was so big in 2025 that the site plan needed to be expanded for more viewing areas. The police department wanted Swinton to be closed as well as 2nd Avenue. This event falls into the category of an impact event because of the anticipated attendance being over 3,500 people and the requested closure of a major roadway in Swinton Avenue. The roads will close at 2pm and reopen by 11pm. Swinton Avenue will be closed from Atlantic Avenue to 1st Street and 2nd Avenue will be closed from the alleyway to the garage bollards.

This event will include cooking on site, food trucks, live music and merchandise vendors. The event will go from 6pm - 9pm and is expected to have about 5,000 people in attendance. 500 drones will be included in the visual display and will launch from the tennis center which will be closed.

This is coming before the commission at this time because there was a savings to be had of \$50,000, to do the event by the end of July, by the drone company.

The Special Event Technical Advisory Committee (SETAC) met on March 12, 2026 and made a recommendation for the Development Services Management Group (DSMG) to consider the event and recommend approval to the Commission. DSMG met on March 26, 2026 and made a recommendation of approval to the commission for the event and road closures.

City Attorney Review:

City Attorney has approved the resolution document as to form and sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

As the city will cover all costs of this event, the current estimate will have the following impact on the indicated departmental budgets:

Police Personnel	\$ 5,027.00
Police Resources	\$ 0.00
Fire Rescue Personnel	\$ 2,530.38
Fire Rescue Resources	\$ 410.25
Parks Maintenance Personnel	\$ 575.40
Parks Maintenance Resources	\$ 24.00
Public Works Personnel	\$ 558.40
Direct Costs	\$ 640.00
5% Administration Fee	\$ 406.64

Total estimated cost: \$10,172.07

**This total is an estimate. Final costs will be done after the event.

Timing of Request:

They would like to get vendors in place with enough time to advertise the event.