

# City of Delray Beach

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## Minutes - Draft

Thursday, March 26, 2026

5:00 PM

Annual Organizational/Regular Meeting at 5:00 PM

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## City Commission

*Mayor Thomas F. Carney, Jr.*  
*Deputy Vice Mayor Angela Burns*  
*Commissioner Tom Markert*  
*Commissioner Juli Casale*

## 1. ROLL CALL

The March 26, 2026 Annual Organizational/Regular City Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:05 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

Mayor Tom Carney recognized several dignitaries that were in attendance.

## 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. None

## 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

None.

### 5.B. From the Public

Montre Bennett, 33444

Congratulated the elected Commissioners. Reminded the Commission that the people come first, and they are not appointed or elected without them. He stated all decisions should reflect all residents of Delray Beach, mentioning that Atlanta Avenue was once filled with Black businesses, and that preserving West Atlanta Avenue as a valuable neighborhood asset means doing what is right for the people.

Marjorie Waldo, 33444 (Arts Garage)

Provided stress microphones to everyone on the dais and asked that they come see a show, relax and keep doing the amazing job they are doing.

Chuck Ridley, 33444

Stated that as a citizen, he witnessed one of the best election cycles, where all candidates sought to unite rather than divide the city. He hoped this cycle sets a positive tone for future elections, showing that Delray can run hard campaigns without division or bitterness.

Ernestine Holiday, 33444

Represented The Se community, stating they work for their community and want results from the City Commission.

Mary Rose O'Connell, 33444

Congratulated the elected Commissioners. She thanked the Commission for the Delray Golf Course, noting it will create opportunities for young people, possibly through the Achievement Center, and that helping kids learn golf and stay off the streets is a tribute to the city despite the costs.

Jennifer Jones, 33444

Congratulated the elected Commissioners. As a representative of the Haitian community, thanked the Commissioners for their commitment to supporting residents and ensuring people feel safe and welcome despite fears faced by many immigrants. She asked they renew their commitment to Haitian residents who live, work, and contribute to Delray, and to continue fostering an inclusive, thoughtful community as the city grows and changes.

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

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

### **6. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED CITY COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR THE FOLLOWING SEATS:**

JUDY MOLLIKA, COMMISSIONER, SEAT #2  
ANGELA BURNS, COMMISSIONER, SEAT #4

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

Mayor Carney announced that Commissioner-Elect Judy Mollica's family was appearing virtually from Denmark.

Reverend Johnson swore in Judy Mollica, Commissioner Seat #2. Commissioner Mollica's daughter and family expressed their congratulates

and stated they were proud of her.

Jennifer Jones swore in Angela Burns, Commissioner, Seat #4.

7. ROLL CALL FOR NEWLY SWORN-IN COMMISSIONERS

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

Alexis Givings, City Clerk, called the roll, and the following were present:

**Present 5:** Commissioner Markert, Commissioner Mollica, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Burns, Mayor Carney.

8. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR FOR THE TERM MARCH 26, 2026 - MARCH 25, 2027

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

Commissioner Mollica made a motion to nominate Commissioner Burns.

Commissioner Casale made a motion to nominate Commissioner Markert but withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Burns was appointed as Vice Mayor.

**all were in favor**

9. SELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE MAYOR FOR THE TERM MARCH 26, 2026 - MARCH 25, 2027

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

Commissioner Markert made a motion to nominate Commissioner Casale; however, Commissioner Burns stated she was making a motion to nominate Commissioner Markert. Commissioner Casale appreciated the nomination but agreed to nominate Commissioner Markert as Deputy Vice Mayor. Commissioner Markert withdrew his nomination for Commissioner Casale.

Commissioner Markert was appointed as Deputy Vice Mayor.

**all were in favor**

10. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

**Sponsors:** City Attorney Department

Commissioner Markert made a motion to nominate Commissioner Casale as CRA Chair.

**all were in favor**

Commissioner Casale made a motion to nominate Commissioner Mollica as CRA Vice Chair.

**all were in favor**

**11. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES.**

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[Voting Delegate Form 2026\\_fillable](#)

Commissioner Casale made a motion to nominate Deputy Vice Mayor Burns as the Voting Delegate.

**all were in favor**

Commissioner Casale volunteered to be the Alternate Delegate.

**all were in favor**

**12. DESIGNATION OF PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MEMBER AND ALTERNATE.**

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

Commissioner Casale made a motion to nominate Commissioner Markert as the Member.

**all were in favor**

Commissioner Markert made a motion to nominate Commissioner Mollica as the Alternate Member.

**all were in favor**

**13. PROPOSED PROCLAMATION LIST FOR 2026-2027 AND REVIEW OF**

## PROCLAMATION GUIDELINES

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[Proclamation\\_\\_Recognition Guidelines rev 03.13.2026](#)  
[Proclamation - Recognition Request Form\\_rev 03.13.2026](#)  
[Proclamation List - 2026 - 2027\\_DRAFT](#)

This item was postponed to the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting.

**14. PROPOSED CITY COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2026-27**

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[2026 - 2027 Proposed Commission Meeting Dates - DRAFT](#)

The meetings scheduled for the month of April were approved; however, the remaining meeting dates were postponed to the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting.

**15. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF DELRAY BEACH CITY COMMISSION LOCAL RULES OF PROCEDURE AND QUASI-JUDICIAL RULES**

**Sponsors:** City Attorney Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[Local Rules - Adopted 10.21.25](#)

The Local Rules were adopted as amended, to incorporate the revised policy regarding cross examinations.

**REGULAR MEETING****16. 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

**16.A. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[February 3, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)  
[February 24, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)  
[March 13, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

The Minutes were approved.

## 16.B. PROCLAMATIONS:

### 16.B.1. PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

**Sponsors:** Neighborhood & Community Services

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[Proclamation - National Community Development Week.docx](#)

This Proclamation was approved.

## 16.C. REVIEW OF APPEALABLE LAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ACTIONS:

### 16.C.1. REPORT OF APPEALABLE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ACTIONS FROM MARCH 2, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 12, 2026.

**Sponsors:** Development Services Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[\(HPB 3-4\)137 N Swinton Avenue](#)

This Request was approved.

## 16.D. AWARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

### 16.D.1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 69-26 TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT WITH MAN CON, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK (CMAR) SERVICES FOR THE HISTORIC MARINE WAY SEAWALL, ROADWAY, UTILITY, AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 2025-006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$409,005.00

**Sponsors:** Public Works Department and Purchasing Department

**Attachments:** [Agenda Cover Report](#)  
[Res 69-26 RFQ 2025-006 - Marine Way - Man-Con](#)  
[A1A A201 RFQ 2025-006](#)  
[A1A A133 RFQ 2025-006](#)  
[Ex B-1 NW Historic Marine Way Seawall](#)  
[Ex B-2 Subcontractor Ins Req NW Historic Marine Way Seawall](#)  
[Ex C - Warranty](#)  
[Ex G - RFQ 2025-006 Advertised](#)  
[Legal Review A133 and A201 - RFQ 2025-006 - Marine Way - Man-Con](#)

This Resolution was approved.

## 17. REGULAR AGENDA:

### 17.A. RAFTELIS VISION 2035 PRESENTATION.

**Sponsors:** City Manager Department

**Attachments:** [Delray Beach Strategic Planning Report Vision 2035](#)

Sheryl Trent with Raftelis thanked the Mayor, commissioners, community members, and steering committee for their work on Vision 2035 and provided a brief overview of the 72-page report and presentation highlights. She noted the community's strong engagement, thoughtful and participatory process, including hands-on activities, visual facilitation, and contributions from experienced participants and the Raftelis team. She emphasized that Delray Beach is a special community with much to preserve while planning for the future, and presented a working vision statement reflecting its heritage, sustainability, vibrant neighborhoods, and quality of life.

She outlined key focus areas; economic development, education, environment, historic preservation, and strategic development captured through visual summaries, discussed extensively by the steering committee of over 100 community participants who helped shape and prioritize broad, long-term goals. She noted the report included detailed definitions developed through community discussion. She reviewed examples of goals within each area, emphasizing they are flexible, long-term, and may take years to accomplish, while not implying the City is not already addressing them.

She described next steps, using the plan as a living framework to guide priorities, budget decisions, operations, aligning projects with strategic goals, and making note of how agenda items connect to those priorities. She also recommended communicating the plan through visuals, the City's website, and ongoing community engagement to keep it active and relevant.

Mayor Carney thanked Raftelis, noting the process was well run, highlighting the interactive format where participants moved between tables to discuss issues, while the Commission observed.

Deputy Vice Mayor Markert praised the high level of diverse citizen participation, emphasizing that hearing every voice was critical to reaching the right outcome.

Commissioner Casale noted the repetition of goals from past efforts and questioned how to translate the vision into actionable steps, performance metrics, and financial alignment. She expressed concern that the document does not clearly define how to move forward, suggesting models like regular strategic plan check-ins. Ms. Trent responded that recurring themes reflect strong prior planning, that many goals are long-term or ongoing, and implementation, metrics, and budget integration will evolve over time and require careful development.

Vice Mayor Burns thanked the team and emphasized the need for the City to clearly define and communicate a small set of priorities, noting that identifying and focusing on key priorities is essential before moving on to others.

Commissioner Mollica noted that she participated in the visioning process as a citizen. She stated that earlier discussions included more solution-oriented ideas, and suggested using those identified ideas to work back toward implementing the broader goals, and commended the team for keeping the process on track.

## **18. PUBLIC HEARINGS/SECOND READINGS:**

18.A. None

## **19. FIRST READINGS:**

19.A. None

## **20. COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **20.A. City Manager**

#### **20.A.1. MAY 8, 2026 GOAL SETTING STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

**Sponsors:** City Clerk Department

Mr. Moore stated the 2026 goal setting session is scheduled for May 8, 2026, at Old School Square, noting the timing aligns with the Vision 2035 process and provides an opportunity to connect priorities, direction, and the upcoming budget. He added that Raftelis will again facilitate the session, which should support productive discussions. He asked for support from the Commission to proceed with the scheduled date.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Burns to have the goal setting session on May 8th.

**all were in favor**

## **20.B. City Attorney**

Congratulated the newly elected Commissioners.

## **20.C. City Commission**

### **Commissioner Mollica**

Thanked everyone for coming and gave appreciation to the voters of Delray Beach, and stated she was honored to represent every citizen, be part of the Commission, looked forward to working together and supporting the Delray Beach professionals.

### **Deputy Vice Mayor Markert**

Congratulated Commissioner Mollica and Vice Mayor Burns

### **Commissioner Casale**

Extended birthday greetings to Chief Hunter and Chief Stevenson. She asked for consensus from the Commission to direct Mr. Moore to inform the Commission when external City audits are taking place. Consensus was granted. She also asked for an update on procurement position, emphasizing the necessity for a qualified person. Mr. Moore indicated he would announce the Chief Procurement Officer within a couple of weeks.

Inquired about the process for paying out insurance claims. Mr. Moore stated he would provide a brief presentation during the April 21st Regular Meeting.

### **Vice Mayor Burns**

Thanked and congratulated Commissioner Mollica for being sworn in and serving the community. She noted that Delray Beach was recognized at the League of Cities' meeting for Delray Reads, coming in second place behind Wellington. She also raised concerns about the Barwick Road project, citing community feedback about safety and barrier removal, and requested consensus from the Commission to have engineers or project managers provide a presentation explaining why the barriers cannot remain. Mr. Moore stated he will work with Public Works Director, Missie Barletto, to provide a response in the next couple of meetings. Consensus was granted.

### **Mayor Carney**

Congratulated Commissioner Mollica and Vice Mayor Burns. Was pleased

to hear a purchasing director was being hired, emphasizing that having an expert in place will improve operations, expedite contracts, and facilitate discussions on the purchasing policy. He inquired about the Man Con contract and when the work will begin. Ms. Barletto explained the contract is a construction manager at risk contract, which involves reviewing plans and negotiating a guaranteed maximum price, and is brought to the Commission for approval before construction begins, a process that can take two to five months.

Inquired about the OSS study submitted by Director of Communications, Gina Carter. Mr. Moore stated that since the Mayor expressed an interest in receiving the study, Mr. Moore directed Ms. Carter to distribute the study to all Commission members.

## **21. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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