



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Regular Commission Meeting

City Commission

Mayor Avila
Vice Mayor Heriot
Commissioner Avila-Vazquez
Commissioner Colwell
Commissioner Howington
Commissioner Lulli
Commissioner Santiago

Monday, May 19, 2025

6:30 PM

Deltona Commission Chambers

PUBLIC FORUM: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING - 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:**
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**
- A. [Invocation Presented by the District #3 Commissioner.](#)
[Honoring Veterans:](#)
 - [Dr. Cristina Raimundo - Marine Veteran](#)
 - [Eric Raimundo - Navy & Marine Veteran](#)

Background:

Dr. Cristina Raimundo was born on the 29th of July 1970 in Manhattan, New York. She is an only child raised in the Bronx by her parents Maria Cruz and Ernesto Crespo. As a child, she attended both public and catholic schools in NYC. Upon graduating from St. Catherine Academy High School, she studied Journalism and Communications at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. In her junior year, she joined the United States Marine Corps where she served for five years and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. In the military, she met her husband of 28 years Navy Corpsman Eric Febles Raimundo. Upon completing her service, she returned to NYC and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She interned at Channel 7 Eyewitness News. Although Journalism was her field of study; she shifted her focus to pursue a career as an educator. She was selected from over 2,000 applicants to become a New York City Teaching Fellow. She taught 3rd and 4th grade at Inocensio Casanova School in the South Bronx

while attending Lehman College where she earned her Masters Degree in Education. In 2005, She moved to Deltona Florida with her husband and three children. She taught 4th grade at Deltona Lakes Elementary. Dr. Raimundo again returned to school earning a second Masters Degree in Educational Leadership. She was then promoted to Assistant Principal at Osteen Elementary and the Principal of Friendship Elementary. In 2019 she earned her Doctorate in Instructional Leadership and was promoted to Director of Curriculum and Instruction with Volusia County Schools. Her last position was as Director of Learning Loss. After 22 years in education, she chose to work with the City of DeBary as a Communications Specialist. In this position, she has most recently spearheaded the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. A program honoring military active duty and veterans for their bravery and service.

Eric Raimundo was born and raised, until the age of 16, in New Jersey. Eric moved to Altamonte Springs, Florida with his family in 1990 where he finished his last 2 years of high school at Lyman High. After graduating, Eric enlisted in the Navy and went on to become a Naval Hospital Corpsman. During his time, he served at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego and then finished out his 4-year tour with the Marines at 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Service Support Group based in Camp Pendelton California. It is during this time that Eric met his wife Cristina, a US Marine, serving together at 1st Medical Battalion. After his 4 years of active service to his Country, Eric moved to New York City and worked in the private sector for the next 9 years before moving back to Florida with his wife Cristina and his 3 children Tristan, Marc and Marissa. Eric has been working for the legislature for the past 12 ½ years. His first 8 years he served as former State Rep. David Santiago's Legislative Aide and now serves as Chief Legislative Aide to State Sen. Keith Truenow. Eric enjoys time with his family and smoking his cigars. He attends Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church as a newly committed follower of Christ. Eric hopes to be baptized as a Catholic next year.

4. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

- A. [Super Star Student Awards for the fourth grading period of school year 2024/2025](#)

Background: Super Star recognitions for May 2025.

- B. [Presentation - First Annual Best of Deltona Readers' Choice Awards Gala](#)

[Joseph Hearn, Joe Hearn Event - Event Director](#)
[Perla Bello-Crosby, Founder and Publisher](#)
[My Deltona Magazine and My Sanford Seminole Magazine](#)

Background:

Perla Bello-Crosby will present an overview of the proposed *First Annual Best of Deltona Readers' Choice Awards Gala*, an event designed to celebrate Deltona's community excellence by recognizing outstanding small businesses, volunteers, and organizations. The presentation will outline the event's goals, community impact, and partnership opportunity for the City of Deltona. The event is planned for November 12, 2025, at The Center at Deltona, and aims to become a signature celebration supporting local pride, visibility, and economic development.

C. [Presentation - Love Your Heart 5K Check Presentation to the American Heart Association](#)

Background:

Check presentation to the American Heart Association for proceeds from Deltona's Love Your Heart 5K event.

The City of Deltona would like to thank these sponsors for contributing their efforts in making the 5K possible.

Sponsors:

1. Halifax Health Medical Center of Deltona donated \$5000
2. West Volusia Runners Group donated \$500
3. West Volusia Tourism donated \$500
4. Runners High Racing & Management (race director/management)
5. City of Deltona (Park Facilitation and staff to manage race)

D. [Proclamation - National Public Works Week - May 18-24, 2025](#)

Background:

The 65th annual National Public Works Week recognizes the efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens.

6. DELTONA COMMUNITY EVENTS:

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. [Request for approval of minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of May 5, 2025, as presented.](#)

Background: N/A

B. [Request for recognition\(s\) for the month of June.](#)

Background: Per the City Recognition Policy adopted by the City Commission at the Regular Commission Meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2024, the following recognitions are being requested for the month of May:

1. Proclamation - LGBTQ+ Pride Month, to be presented at event on June 3rd, 2025

8. ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. [Quasi-judicial Hearing - Request for approval of Ordinance No. 12-2024, amending the Official Zoning Map to rezone + 36.46 acres of land located along the North Normandy Boulevard Corridor, south and east of the I-4 Logistics Park IPUD within the Activity Center from single-family residential \(R1-AA\) to Mixed Use Planned Unit Development \(MPUD\), at second reading.](#)

Background: The Subject property is located within District 2.

The request is to rezone 36.46 acres along North Normandy Boulevard, from Single-Family Residential (R1-AA) to Mixed-Use Planned Unit Development (MPUD) to allow a mixed of warehouses, office, retail, and 320 multi-family units. Located within the City's designated Activity Center, the project supports LIVE-WORK-PLAY goals and economic development. Approximately, 52% of the site will be used for light industrial, office, or retail purposes. The Mayor and City Commission approved the rezoning on 1st reading, and in response to their comments/discussion, the Development Agreement was revised to include:

- 160-foot setback from adjacent homes.
- Enhanced building design and landscaping along key frontages.
- Truck routing requirements to avoid nearby neighborhoods.

B. [Public Hearing - Request for approval of Ordinance No. 09-2025, amending Article VIII, "Rental Properties" by incorporating changes from the Florida Statutes, including provisions on purpose, standards, and application process, at second reading.](#)

Background: Ordinance No. 09-2025 updates the City's rental property regulations to improve safety, protect property values, and ensure better management of both residential and vacation rentals. For residential rentals, property owners will be required to register, obtain a one-time inspection certificate, and conform the property's condition every three years. Inspections will also be required when tenants

change. For Vacation or short-term rentals, registration is required; however, due to state pre-emption, the City cannot regulate the frequency or duration of rentals. The City may, however, enforce standards related to noise, parking and safety. The Ordinance was approved on first reading, and revisions related to fire inspections were made prior to second reading.

- C. [Public Hearing - Request for approval of Ordinance No. 25-2025, Amending the General Ordinances, Section 1-15, "General Penalty," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," to update penalties and enforcement mechanisms and Section 38-73, "Loud Disturbing or Unnecessary Noises," of Article III "Noise," of Chapter 38, "Environment," to eliminate the requirement for sworn affidavits, at first reading.](#)

Background:

In response to concerns from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office regarding enforcement mechanisms for City Ordinances, in particular the City's Noise Ordinance, the City Attorney's Office has drafted a revised general penalty provision as directed by the City Commission.

The general penalty provision of the City Code is the enforcement mechanism for violations or ordinances that do not have an otherwise specified penalty and is currently referenced in Chapter 10, "Amusements, Entertainment, and Block Parties," Chapter 14, "Animals," Chapter 22, "Business," Chapter 34, "Emergency Services," Chapter 38, "Environment," and Chapter 50, "Solid Waste." The revised general penalty provides for issuance of a civil citation and fine of \$500.00 without jail time or an escalating series of administrative fines ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$15,000.00 depending on multiple factors, including the gravity of the violation, as provided by Florida Statutes.

Additionally, the requirement for sworn affidavits to enforce certain noise complaints has been eliminated from the City's Noise Ordinance.

- D. [Public Hearing - Request for approval of Ordinance No. 26-2025, amending the General Ordinances to establish Article V, "City Parks and Facilities," of Chapter 58, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places," to provide rules and regulations pertinent to city parks and facilities, at first reading.](#)

Background:

The City Commission directed the City Attorney's Office to draft regulations pertaining to the City's Parks and Facilities to address health and safety concerns related to smoking and to address recent requests to conduct metal-detecting activities.

Section 386.209, Florida Statutes, preempts the regulation of

smoking to the State of Florida, except that “municipalities may further restrict smoking within the boundaries of any public beaches and public parks that they own, except that they may not further restrict the smoking of unfiltered cigars”. Additionally, Section 386.209, Florida Statutes, “does not preclude the adoption of county or municipal ordinances that impose more restrictive regulation on the use of vapor-generating devices.” The proposed ordinance bans smoking and vaping of any kind, notwithstanding the prohibition on restriction of smoking unfiltered cigars. The penalty for non-compliance is a \$150.00 fine and may also include suspension from the park for 30 days if warranted.

There is no state preemption of metal detecting regulations. The proposed ordinance requires any individual conducting metal detecting to obtain a permit for activities within any city-owned, controlled, or operated property, facility, park, building, structure, equipment, appurtenance, and/or adjacent rights-of-way. The penalty for violation of permit conditions may include suspension of the permit, a fine of \$150.00, and/or suspension from the property for a period up to one year if warranted.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. [Request for approval of Resolution No. 2025-58 Settlement Agreement and Release Maverick Bench Media v City of Deltona Case 2021-11135-CIDL. City Attorney's office.](#)

Background:

On or about July 1, 2001, Maverick Bench Media Company (“Maverick”) and the City of Deltona, Florida (the “City”) executed an Agreement pertaining to bus benches, and advertising on bus benches, within the City (the “2001 Agreement”). Disputes have arisen as to the 2001 Agreement, and Maverick and the City have sued each other via a legal action pending before the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and for Volusia County, Florida, styled as *Maverick Bench Media v City of Deltona* and identified by Case Number 2021-11135-CIDL (the “Litigation”). On or about September 1, 2022, Maverick and Creative Outdoor Advertising of America, Inc. (“Creative”) executed an Exclusive Management Agreement, under which Creative agreed to act as Maverick’s exclusive manager as to, and to be responsible for Maverick’s performance under, the 2001 Agreement. Maverick and Creative are willing to execute a General Release extinguishing any and all claims including all past, present, and future claims for damages related to the Litigation in exchange for the City dismissing its own counterclaims in the Litigation.

- B. [Consideration of the City of Deltona’s participation in the Best Foot Forward](#)

[Pedestrian Safety Program.](#)**Background:**

Discussion regarding the City Commission participation in the Best Foot Forward Pedestrian Safety Program, presented by Bike/Walk Central Florida. This nationally recognized initiative aims to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities through education, enforcement, and engineering. Program patriation involved monitored crosswalks, community outreach, and coordination with law enforcement. Costs range from \$5,455 to \$54,525, depending on the bundle selected. Staff is requesting Commission direction on whether to move forward, which bundle to pursue, and whether to include any optional program enhancements.

C. [Discussion of renovations exceeding \\$50,000 at City Facilities.](#)**Background:**

Commission requested to review any Renovation Projects located at any City Facility which is estimated to cost more than \$50,000.

D. [Discussion regarding the Commission Travel Policy and the City Commission Operating Guidelines & Meeting Rules and Procedures.](#)**Background:**

This item is for the City Commission to determine whether to place one or both Commission policies on the Regular Commission Meeting of June 6, 2025, for discussion. Attached for review is the proposed Commission Travel Policy and the current and proposed Commission Operating Guidelines & Meeting Rules and Procedures.

At the Regular Commission Meeting held on March 18, 2025, the motion was made to table the item (Commission Travel Policy) to a workshop for the Commission to have a discussion and work through how the Commission would like it to be finalized.

At the Regular Commission Meeting held on January 6, 2025, the motion was made to table the item (City Commission Operating Guidelines & Meeting Rules and Procedures), have all the Commissioners review the policy and bring back their concerns.

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:****12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS, REQUESTS & REPORTS:****13. ADJOURNMENT:***CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC FORUM*

**This is only for individuals who submitted a request to speak form during the 6:00*

p.m. Public Forum and were not afforded the opportunity to speak.

NOTE: If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105).

Individuals with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Manager in writing at CityManager@deltonafl.gov or to Deltona City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd., Deltona, FL 32725 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which the person wishes to attend. The City is not permitted to provide the use of human physical assistance to physically handicapped persons in lieu of the construction or use of ramps or other mechanical devices in order to comply with Florida law. If proper accommodations for handicapped access cannot be made at a particular public meeting venue pursuant to a timely written request under Section 286.26 F.S., the City Manager shall change the venue of that meeting to a location where those accommodations can be provided.

DECORUM POLICY: The City of Deltona has a significant interest in conducting orderly and efficient public meetings, which includes preventing disruption, promoting civility, and preserving decorum. To that end, behavior which disrupts or impedes the efficient and orderly conduct of any public meeting, as determined by the Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, is not permitted. The Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, may interrupt, warn, or terminate a speaker's statement when that statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, irrelevant, or otherwise reasonably perceived to be a disruption to the fair and orderly progress of the discussion at hand. The Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, may also interrupt any part of the meeting to warn any individual that they are being disruptive or otherwise impeding the efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. The Mayor, or presiding officer, or a majority of the City Commission, may require any individual to leave a public meeting for its duration if that individual is unable to observe this Policy after being warned. Should an individual be required to leave a meeting for violating this Policy, that person shall be escorted from Commission Chambers by a Volusia Sheriff's Deputy.

PUBLIC FORUM: Public Forum will begin at 6:00 PM at the start of each regular meeting and will conclude after 30 minutes. Comments during Public Forum are limited to items of City business that are listed on the Agenda and/or items that are not listed on the Agenda. Comments regarding listed Agenda items will take place after discussion of each item. Please be courteous and respectful of the views of others. In order to address the Commission, citizens must fill out a public participation slip and give it to the Deputy City Clerk. All citizen comments are limited to 4 minutes and shall be addressed to the Mayor or the Commission as a whole. Members of the City Commission shall not enter into discussion or respond to a citizen's comments other than to give directions or to ask for clarification. However, individual Commissioners may choose to respond under the "City Commissioner Comments" portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda contains items that have been determined to be routine and non-controversial. If discussion is desired by any member of the City Commission, that item must be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. All other matters included under the Consent Agenda will be approved by one motion. Citizens with concerns should address those concerns by filling out a public participation slip and giving it to the Deputy City Clerk prior to Consent Agenda items being pulled.