



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

City Commission

Monday, November 3, 2025

6:30 PM

Deltona Commission Chambers

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

BUSINESS MEETING - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Avila.

2. ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:

Present: 7 - Mayor Avila
Vice Mayor Heriot
Commissioner Avila-Vazquez
Commissioner Colwell
Commissioner Howington
Commissioner Nabicht
Commissioner Santiago

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

A. Invocation Presented by the Mayor.

Honoring Veterans:

- 1. Robert Purtell - Army Specialist (E-4) - U.S. Army**
- 2. Michael Phelps- Petty Officer Second Class - U.S Navy**
- 3. Joseph Baldwin - Petty Officer Third Class - U.S. Navy**
- 4. Vicente Carrero -Seaman - U.S. Navy**
- 5. Edward Peroldo- Private First Class - U.S, Marine Corps**
- 6. James Godrey- Private First Class - U.S. Marine Corps**

4. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

Commissioner Nabicht requested to add to the agenda a discussion regarding the Christmas Parade Route and the Commission concurred.

The City Attorney recommended moving Item 9-C, the selection of Vice Mayor to the next meeting in two weeks. The Charter says it should occur the first meeting after the General Election and the General Election is tomorrow.

Commissioner Nabicht asked if the Commission could vote with an effective date of tomorrow and the City Attorney replied the Commission could vote tonight and ratify it at the next meeting.

The Commission concurred to defer Item 9-C, the selection of Vice Mayor, to date certain November 17, 2025.

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

6. DELTONA COMMUNITY EVENTS:

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Howington requested to pull Item 7-B for discussion.

The Mayor opened the public comments and residents addressed the City Commission.

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Nabicht, to approve Items 7-A - 7-E minus 7-B. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

A. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2025-156 for the agreement with Halifax Humane Society for FY 25-26.

Approved by Consent - to approve Resolution No. 2025-156.

B. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2025-161 authorizing the reallocation of CDBG-CARES funds for an Ambulance to be located at Fire Station 61 previously approved in October 2024.

Commissioner Howington stated she had some questions based on the last meeting that the Commission just finished. This is basically just picking up the approval for the previous transport that was approved. Now this is the one that was denied by the county, is that correct?

The City Attorney replied The City received money from the Cares Act, and this is the remainder, and this is a previously approved purchase that we have already allocated funding for. This is a legally permissible way to utilize that remainder, and there are some limits on how the City can utilize it.

Commissioner Howington stated her question was not specifically about how we can use it.

She wants to understand how this work. The Commission just heard that the City was trying to buy an extra unit, and the county rejected that. So, what happens if the City buys this unit and brings it here and the City cannot use it?

The Finance Director replied this transport ambulance unit is not the one for the 2025-2026 budget. This is the one that was a replacement unit approved as part of the 2024-2025 budget that the City is actually going to be receiving here in the next 30 to 60 days. This is from the COVID era, from HUD, CDBG Cares money, the City has \$318,000 that is remaining that it cannot use any longer because the programs have ceased between the county and the City. So, instead of sending that money back, which is sitting in our bank, it could be used for certain key items for protecting infectious diseases from spread. The type of ambulance units that the City buys here in Deltona has a special clean part of the box where the patient care is taken that qualifies. It has been approved by our HUD field office that the unit qualifies. So, instead of sending the money back to Washington, the City is going to use it for money that it already spent from the general fund to pay for the \$318,000. So, it is not the one that is on hold pending county approval for the fourth transport. This is one of the three units that the City already has within the City.

Motion by Commissioner Howington, seconded by Commissioner Nabicht, to approve Resolution No. 2025-161 authorizing the reallocation of the remaining CDBG-CARES funds towards the acquisition of a Transport Unit. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

C. Request for approval of the 2026 holiday, meeting and invocation calendars.

Approved by Consent - to approve the holiday, meeting and invocation calendars for 2026, as presented.

D. Request for recognition(s) for the month of November.

Approved by Consent - to approve the requested recognitions for the month of November.

E. Request for approval of minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of October 20, 2025, as presented.

Approved by Consent - to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of October 20, 2025, as presented.

8. ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 36-2025, Amending Section 110-814 “Additional Regulations for Certain Permitted Principal Uses and Structures.” Of Chapter 110, “Zoning” and Chapter 74, “Administration” of the Land Development Code, at first reading.

The City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 36-2025 for the record.

Motion by Commissioner Nabicht, seconded by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, to table this item until such time as we can schedule a workshop to become better educated on it before we vote on it and implement it, so that when we do implement it, we implement it correctly. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Against: 1 - Commissioner Howington

B. Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 33-2025, Amendment to Chapter 82 “Communication Antennas and Towers, at first reading.

The City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 33-2025 for the record.

Motion by Commissioner Nabicht, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to approve Ordinance No. 33-2025, at first reading.

The Community Development Services Director gave a brief presentation which included Background, Purpose of the Update, Key Updates, Planning & Zoning Board Action, Comprehensive Plan Consistency, Staff Recommendation, and Next Steps.

The Mayor opened and closed the public hearing as there were none.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Avila, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Against: 1 - Vice Mayor Heriot

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2025-157 Approving the Customer Service Remodel at City Hall.

The City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2025-157 for the record.

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to approve Resolution No. 2025-157 approving the customer service remodel at City Hall.

The Finance Director gave a brief presentation on the proposed City Hall project.

The Mayor opened and closed the public comments as there were none.

Commissioner Nabicht, the Finance Director and the City Attorney discussed working the weekends, penalties, fire alarms and sprinkler contracts, and performance bonds.

The Mayor opened the public comments and a resident addressed the City Commission.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Against: 1 - Commissioner Howington

B. Consideration of appointment or re-appointment of seven (7) members to the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Nabicht, to re-appoint the three (3) current members who would like to stay on the board: Walter Dawson, Ruben Medina and Harry Meeks.

The Mayor opened the public comments and a resident addressed the City Commission.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Avila, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Against: 2 - Vice Mayor Heriot, and Commissioner Howington

Motion by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to confirm District 3's appointment of Barbara Turno for a term to expire on May 31, 2027, to the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Motion by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Vice Mayor Heriot, to

confirm District 2's appoint of Darlene Oquendo for a term to expire on May 31, 2027, to the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Motion by Commissioner Colwell, seconded by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, to confirm District 5's appoint of Kimberly Eddins for a term to expire on May 31, 2027, to the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

Motion by Commissioner Howington, seconded by Commissioner Colwell, to confirm District 4's appoint of Brandy Reyes for a term to expire on May 31, 2027, to the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 7 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, Commissioner Nabicht, and Commissioner Santiago

C. Selection of Vice Mayor.

This item was deferred to a date certain of November 17, 2025.

D. Discussion regarding the Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Nabicht stated he received several calls and saw quite a bit of comments on social media about moving the parade route to Providence Blvd. It has been held on Providence Blvd. on a couple of occasions, predominantly parades in the City, historically, back from the Mackle days, have been on Deltona Blvd. which has sidewalks on both sides of the street. There is ample parking down Justin Square, all the way up through the Deltona Plaza on a Friday night at six o'clock. In his opinion, having worked it before, from a public safety standpoint, there is considerably less traffic impact to Deltona Blvd. than to the Providence Blvd. corridor. You have people coming home from work just getting back into Deltona at six o'clock. The Commission just had a whole discussion at the last meeting about parking on the swales and stuff, and now we are going to be putting cars in the swales. You have no sidewalks in front of City Hall on this side of the street. You are going

to be parking cars here at City Hall, and it is a lengthy walk for many people from the backside of City Hall. He thinks it is probably too late to change things now, but he just thinks it is a really poor decision to have it on Providence Blvd. versus where traditionally it has been on Deltona Blvd.

The Commission and City Manager discussed moving the location and the logistics of that, staff pushing for the location change, the history of the parade, businesses along the route, utilizing side streets, the VSO, and road closures.

Motion by Commissioner Colwell, seconded by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, to keep the parade right where it is at on Deltona Blvd.

The Commission and City Manager discussed this being an administrative decision, consulting the Commission, commercial business closures, staff willing to change locations, disagreeing with some statements made, running the parade on Providence Blvd., receiving calls of excitement, no complaints regarding location in the past (when on Providence Blvd.), Deltona Blvd. not being centrally located, looking for alternate routes, more participation and making it an all day affair.

The Mayor opened the public comments and a resident addressed the City Commission.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, Commissioner Colwell, Commissioner Howington, and Commissioner Nabicht

Against: 3 - Mayor Avila, Vice Mayor Heriot, and Commissioner Santiago

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

The City Attorney requested three (3) executive sessions. There are three cases that are pretty active right now, and she needs to meet with the entire Commission. Our intent is to do them in 20-minute intervals before the next meeting. So, start at five o'clock on the 17th, 20 minutes, 20 minutes, 20 minutes and end at six o'clock. We may end up having to readjust that, but we would like to request the executive sessions, and we'll work with the staff and the Clerk to get them all on the books.

The Mayor asked for the sake of time, can we make sure that when we schedule those executive sessions the Commission and staff have enough time to get seated for the public forum at six o'clock.

The City Attorney replied we can definitely work with the Clerk and staff to get them so there is a 10-to-15-minute gap. The first one is Damian Anson, et al., vs. City of Deltona which is in the middle district and federal court Case Number 6:23-cv-00766-JSS-LHP. The second one is Stacey Kifolo vs. City of Deltona which is the seventh Judicial Circuit Case Number 2023-11761-CIDL. The third one is John Peters vs. City of Deltona which is in the Seventh Judicial Circuit Case Number 2023-11849-CIDL.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager stated he is glad to announce one of the biggest rating companies, Fitch Ratings, has upgraded the City of Deltona utility systems revenue bond rating from A+ to AA-. So, the City has actually upgraded to reflect a very strong financial profile and very strong operating risk profile. So, it is a step up and perfect, of course, is triple AAA+. So, the City is working its way up to a AAA+ which is good for our City and shows a better bond rating for the future.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS, REQUESTS & REPORTS:

Commissioner Nabicht spoke about the holiday parade and the improvement in the bond rating.

Commissioner Howington spoke about SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) funding, food banks and The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of Christ and Pastor Zechariah Henry.

Commissioner Avila-Vazquez spoke about a turkey give-a-way, the effects of the government shutdown, SNAP funding, daycares closing down or limiting hours, VSO (Volusia Sheriff's Office) fundraiser, and prayers to those in Jamaica and the Caribbean.

Commissioner Santiago spoke about Deltona Wolves 14U Division, Rotary Club Basket Brigade, and she provided an update on the crosswalk at Howland Blvd. and Wolf Pack Run.

Vice Mayor Heriot spoke about the Halloween events, Celtic/Highland Festival, and Wreaths Across America.

Vice Mayor Heriot requested a consensus to pause the enforcement of the commercial vehicle regulations Ch. 66-18. The same chapter that the Commission paused enforcement on with the right-of-way parking until we can get a traffic engineer to help us go through it and access that and the Commission concurred with the exception of Commissioner Colwell.

Vice Mayor Heriot spoke about the threshold of traffic safety issues and future parade routes.

Mayor Avila spoke about the implementation of ORC (Ordinance Review Committee).

Mayor Avila requested a consensus to discuss the Deltona William S. Harvey Scholarship Advisory Board at a workshop and the Commission concurred with the exception of Commissioner Howington.

Mayor Avila spoke about a turkey give away, plazas having potholes, and parking in fire lanes.

Commissioner Nabicht spoke about coordinated sweeps.

Commissioner Howington spoke about neighborhood fire lanes and educating residents.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Santiago Avila, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Raftery, CMC, MMC, CITY CLERK