



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

City Commission

Monday, September 15, 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: 6 - Mayor Avila
Vice Mayor Heriot
Commissioner Avila-Vazquez
Commissioner Colwell
Commissioner Howington
Commissioner Santiago

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

A. Invocation Presented by District 4 Commissioner.

4. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

The Mayor stated there is a request to move up Items 5-B, 5-C & 5-D and the Commission concurred.

B. Recognition of the Retirement of Fire Chief Bill Snyder

C. Presentation – Veteran Enforcers Motorcycle Association (VEMA) to present Commissioner Avila-Vazquez with a VEMA vest.

D. Proclamation – Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15, 2025 to October 15, 2025.

A. Echelonos Audit Presentation

After the presentation the Echelon OS representative and the Commission spoke about

Deltona being a good fit, fiscal responsibility, existing contracts, being a third party, shared cost, performance vs. projects, the function of the data, paper records, being contract centric, operating budgets, analyzing employees, the interface, determining waste, mapping, political priorities, policy comparison, integrated data, compatibility, access, data warehouse, goals and targets, the company history, security, subscription, operational audit, efficiencies, the cloud, contained environment, and cost.

6. DELTONA COMMUNITY EVENTS:

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2025-123 awarding an agreement between the City of Deltona and Waste Pro to provide Solid Waste collection services.

The City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2025-123 for the record.

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to approve Resolution No. 2025-123 awarding an agreement between the City of Deltona and Waste Pro to provide Solid Waste collection services.

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

The Commission and the Finance Director discussed the total monthly cost, tipping fees and administrative fees, next year's increases, the contract 7 year renewal, economy of scale, no other responses to bids, the request for last year's contract, and items added back into the contract.

Mr. Redman, Redman Consulting Group, spoke about tipping fees, administrative fees, compliance, placement of containers is a waste pro requirement w/\$25 penalty

Commissioner Howington and Tim Dolman, Waste Pro, discussed the contract length, pricing, and CPI (Consumer Price Index) cap.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 1 - Commissioner Howington

8. NEW BUSINESS: BUDGET RELATED

A. Resolution No. 2025-136 – Establishing the Solid Waste Annual Assessment Rate for Fiscal 2025-26

The City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2025-136 for the record.

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-136.

The Mayor opened and closed the public comments as there were no public comments.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Resolution No. 2025-135 – Reaffirming the Established Annual Assessment Rates for Stormwater, Streetlighting, Lake McGarity and Nuisance Abatement as set on July 21, 2025 by Resolution Fiscal Year 2025-26

The City Attorney read the title of Resolution No. 2025-135 for the record.

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-135.

The Mayor opened 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 Howington, and Commissioner Santiago

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Avila-Vazquez requested to pull Item 9-B for discussion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, to approve Consent Agenda Items A and C. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2025-129 for the purchase of the annual service agreement for Lexipol.

Approved by Consent - to approve Resolution No. 2025-129.

B. Request for approval to suspend taking payment for animal licensing

while staff and legal review Chapter 14, "Animals".

The City Attorney gave a brief explanation of the item.

Commissioner Avila-Vazquez asked if this was to terminate animal licenses and where else could residents go to get this service. The Code Compliance Supervisor replied this is to suspend taking payments from residents for animal licenses while staff is reviewing Chapter 14 of the animal ordinance and one of the recommendations at a workshop was to eliminate the fees but, keep the licensing. So, it is just to suspend the fee for animal licenses and staff will still issue the animal licenses.

Motion by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, seconded by Vice Mayor Heriot, to approve Item 9-B.

The Commission, City Attorney and staff discussed making the motion time certain, first and second reading of the ordinance, advertising, and the intent being to remove the fees.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. Request for recognition(s) for the month of September.

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

10. ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:**A. Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 23-2025, amending the General Ordinances, Chapter 66, "Traffic and Vehicles," to update regulations related to parking and vehicles, at second and final reading.**

The City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 23-2025 for the record.

Motion by Commissioner Avila-Vazquez, seconded by Vice Mayor Heriot, to approve Ordinance No. 23-2025, amending the General Ordinances, Chapter 66, Traffic and Vehicles, to update regulations related to parking and vehicles, at second and final reading.

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

The Planning & Development Services Director gave a brief explanation of the changes to Chapter 66, Traffic and Vehicles between first and second reading.

The Commission and staff discussed corner lots, ground weight, drivers and information database, vehicle parameters, recreational vehicles, the right-of-way and street parking,

times of day there are issues, fire rescue vehicles, the ticketing process, changes being excessive, exceptions, stormwater system, educating the public, and abandoned vehicles.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Vice Mayor Heriot, Commissioner Avila-Vazquez,
Commissioner Colwell, and Commissioner Howington

Against: 2 - Mayor Avila, and Commissioner Santiago

The Commission, City Attorney and City Manager discussed educating the residents of the new rules, gatherings and right-of-way parking, 30 day notice, and the new process vs. the old process.

11. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consideration of appointment(s) to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Commissioner Howington, seconded by Commissioner Colwell, to appoint the following member to the Planning and Zoning Board for a term to expire on March 15, 2026: Larry French. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

12. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

The City Attorney stated she wanted to just give the Commission a very brief update about the litigation on the Senate Bill 180 matter. She reached out and connected with Jamie Cole at Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole and Bierman and they are the firm that the City has contracted with to lead this litigation. There are two counties, at least, at the moment and a good amount of other cities that have joined. They plan to file in Leon County in about a week. So, it is going to be on or around September 22nd. She wanted to keep the Commission posted. Once it is filed, she will send the Commission a copy, so they have it for their file, and she is happy to answer any questions ongoing.

13. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager stated he congratulated former Fire Chief Snyder for receiving the key to the City, it is a great thing for him. Overall, the best words you could say about former Fire Chief Snyder is he is a good man, overall good solid guy. Also, Monday night's meeting September 22nd is very important for citizens and the Commission alike. It will be the District 6 position discussion as well as the second reading of the budget. That will be this Monday coming up September 22nd.

14. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS, REQUESTS & REPORTS:

Commissioner Santiago spoke about the Latin Festival and the Mayor's prayer/candlelight vigil.

Commissioner Avila-Vazquez spoke about the Festival of Nations, the VEMA (Veteran Enforcers Motorcycle Association) PTSD (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder) Fundraiser, and the Sons and Daughters of Italy San Gennaro Celebration.

Commissioner Howington spoke about rollback and options for that, litigation fees, GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), park funds for her district, and stormwater lake mitigation.

The City Attorney stated estimates are estimates and money in a budget is fungible. It is perfectly reasonable to reduce that substantively. If litigation comes in, we are served with it and then we have 20 days or 30 days to respond. So, we have some latitude, and we will obviously bring it back to the Commission. If we need to make recommendations throughout the year, we can but she certainly can see the wisdom of being conservative. A million dollars is a substantive number, and we may never even get close to that. So again, an estimate is an estimate for a reason and certainly that is at the very high end of the range. She thinks the low end of the range is more than reasonable.

The Mayor suggested having the conversation during the budget.

Commissioner Colwell read an email regarding the lien department being outsourced and positions lost.

The City Manager stated there is no dissolution of the lean department. We have been talking about going to the internet-based lean program back probably since August of last year, a year ago. Regarding your questions, we could put a report together to explain everything including all the cost savings. There is no cost for the company. It is the cost of the person at the home that wants to do a lien search which is a \$10 service charge. So, there is actually no additional cost to the City.

Commissioner Colwell requested a report on all the fines and liens that we have out there right now. Vice Mayor requested the report be provided for each district.

Commissioner Colwell stated he is particularly looking for one which was requested for Harmony Medical. He would like that from the inception to where we are today for both buildings.

Commissioner Colwell asked how many positions were eliminated in the lien department and couldn't they have been used somewhere else and the City Manager replied he does not have that information right now and he would rather not talk publicly about employee positions, but we can discuss that in the report that we will put together for you.

Vice Mayor Heriot spoke about the Festival of Nations, Mayor's prayer/candlelight vigil,

Commissioner Howington's rollback option, and budget amendments.

The Mayor spoke about his prayer/candlelight vigil, the Friendship Elementary School media center vandalism and tonight's VEMA dedication.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Santiago Avila, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Raftery, CMC, MMC, CITY CLERK