



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

City Commission

Monday, May 4, 2026

6:00 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 - Commissioner Colwell
Commissioner Heriot
Commissioner Howington
Commissioner Nabicht
Commissioner Santiago
Vice Mayor Avila-Vazquez
Mayor Avila

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

A. Invocation Presented by District #3 Commissioner - Nick Pizza

Honoring Veterans:

1. Deputy Eban Prado - Combat Medic - Florida Army National Guard
2. Deputy Wes Brough - Corporal - U.S. Army

Preceding the invocation the Mayor swore in the newly appointed Fire Chief Stephen Cousins.

4. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

The Mayor stated Item 9-B, Ordinance No. 08-2026 is being deleted from the agenda at the request of the developer.

The Vice Mayor requested a presentation before the Commission from Florida Health Source, a proclamation for Deltona Pride Month, and Certificates of Appreciation for two small businesses (Unidos Super Market and El Coqui Bakery in Deltona).

Commissioner Heriot requested a presentation before the Commission from the YMCA.

After discussion, the Commission concurred to move forward with the requested recognitions and presentations as requested.

5. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Economic Development Update.

The Economic Development Manager announced it is National Small Business Week, and he provided updates on retail strategies project, Amazon facilities, the CRA grant program, and Team Volusia.

The Commission and staff discussed the CRA grant applicants, the CRA grant program, City incentives, and misinformation being disseminated.

Motion by Commissioner Nabicht, seconded by Commissioner Howington, to remove Commissioner Howington as the representative to Team Volusia.

Commissioner Howington stated there is no need for a vote she is out. The Mayor clarified that she is resigning from the board and she responded absolutely.

Commissioner Nabicht requested to formalize the action with a vote. The City Attorney stated there is a motion and second on the floor which would need to be retracted. However since the Commissioner is resigning it would render the motion moot.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. FY2025 Audit Discussion with Purvis Gray, CPA.

Tim Westgate and Lori Walker with Purvis Gray gave a brief presentation on the FY 2025 audit to include the levels of insurance, the definition of financial audit, requirements and statutes, the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association), internal controls, and recommendations.

The Commission, Tim Westgate and staff discussed enterprise funds and key positions with opportunities for influence.

Commissioner Santiago stated there is a possible conflict with the City submitting information to the Clerk of Court for review and approval because they employ Commissioner Howington. She requested the City Attorney seek an opinion from either the state agency or the Commission on Ethics. The City Attorney stated she would need a vote or a consensus to proceed.

Motion by Commissioner Santiago, seconded by Commissioner Nabicht, to have the City Attorney get an opinion from either the Ethics Commission or State Attorney in regards to if it is a conflict for Commissioner Howington working on our financials.

The Commission, City Attorney and staff discussed two items brought up during the audit engagement, the "related party disclosure", background checking elected officials, conflict analysis, piggybacking contracts, 501c3 organizations, and business with Seminole County.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 1 - Commissioner Colwell

6. DELTONA COMMUNITY EVENTS:

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice Mayor Avila-Vazquez request to pull Items 7-F and 7-J and Commissioner Howington requested to pull Items 7-C and 7-D for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Nabicht, seconded by Commissioner Heriot, to Approve A, B, E, G, H, I and K. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. Request for approval of minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of April 6, 2026, as presented.

Approved by Consent - to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of April 6, 2026, as presented.

B. Request for Approval of appointment of Representation to the Opioid Funding Advisory Board for the City of Deltona.

Approved by Consent - to approve appointment of EMS Assistant Chief Clatterback as the primary representative, and designate Training Assistant Chief Viccaro as the alternate representative.

C. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-33 and execution of Amendment 1 to the Agreement No. 24PLN24 between the City of Deltona and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment.

Commissioner Howington and the Deputy Public Works Director discussed the changes, completion dates, funding, delays, and the task list.

Motion by Commissioner Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to approve Item 7-C. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

D. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-34 and Task Authorization between the City and the Corradino Group for Phase I - Engineering, Design & Permitting of the Elkcam Boulevard roadway elevation project in the amount of \$776,551.54.

Commissioner Howington and the Public Works Director discussed issues with Demand Star.

Motion by Commissioner Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to approve Resolution No. 2026-34. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-36 for Citywide Park Improvement Projects.

Approved by Consent - to approve Resolution No. 2026-36.

F. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-38 for the approval of Broker / Agent for Insurance Programs

Vice Mayor and the Human Resources Director discussed the committee members and whether this is new medical insurance.

Motion by Vice Mayor Avila-Vazquez, seconded by Commissioner Heriot, to approve Item 7-F. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

G. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-39 and Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement Number H1302, Project Number 4734-018-R for the acquisition & demolition of 3101 Riverhead Drive, Deltona.

Approved by Consent - to approve Resolution No. 2036-39 and authorize the execution of the Federally funded Subaward & Grant Agreement Number H1302, Project Number 4734-018-R.

H. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-40 and Task Authorization between the City of Deltona & Pegasus Engineering for Grant Management Services, specific to the home acquisition & demolition at 3101 Riverhead Drive in an amount of \$19,895.

Approved by Consent - to approve Resolution No. 2026-40 and Task Authorization between the City of Deltona & Pegasus Engineering for Grant Management Services, specific to the home acquisition & demolition at 3101 Riverhead Drive in an amount of \$19,895.

I. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-41 and Task Authorization between the City of Deltona & Tetra Tech for engineering services to prepare construction drawings and obtain a permit modification for Pond GC-4 as part of the water quality mitigation improvements for the Theresa Basin Emergency High Level Overflow System in the amount of \$75,938.

Approved by Consent - to approve Resolution No. 2026-41 and the Task Authorization between the City of Deltona & Tetra Tech for engineering services to prepare construction drawings and obtain a permit modification for Pond GC-4.

J. Request for approval of Resolution No. 2026-32, Mid-Year Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Vice Mayor and the Finance Director discussed the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) proceeds and the relocation of Fire Station 62.

Motion by Commissioner Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Santiago, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-32 Mid-Year Budget Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Howington

K. Request for recognition(s):

Proclamation - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA)

Proclamation - National Day of Prayer

Approved by Consent - to approve the requested recognition(s).

8. ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 06-2026, Amending Chapter 82, "Communication Antennas, Antennas and Towers," of the Land Development Code to establish regulations for Small Wireless Facilities, at first reading.

The City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 06-2026 for the record.

Motion by Commissioner Heriot, seconded by Commissioner Nabicht, to approve Ordinance No. 06-2026.

The Community Development Services Director gave a brief presentation of the item.

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

The Commission and staff discussed changes being State mandated, cell tower sites, current applications, denying requests, and infrastructure improvements.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 08-2026, Establishing the Hickory Lakes Community Development District, at first reading.

As stated by the Mayor, Item 9-B, Ordinance No. 08-2026 was deleted from the agenda at the request of the developer.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consideration of appointment of an Alternate to the Planning and

Zoning Board.

The Mayor passed the gavel to the Vice Mayor.

Motion by Mayor Avila, seconded by Commissioner Heriot, to appoint the following Alternate member Norma Jean Guida to the Planning and Zoning Board for a term to expire on March 15, 2028. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

The Vice Mayor passed the gavel back to the Mayor.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

The City Manager stated the Theresa Basin Study was received by staff and they are doing their general evaluation right now. It will be publicly out to the Commission in a very short time.

12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS, REQUESTS & REPORTS:

Commissioner Nabicht and the Community Development Services Director spoke about drone deliveries (Wal-Mart) and possible regulations.

Commissioner Colwell spoke about concerns regarding unfinished developments.

The Commission, City Attorney and City Manager spoke about Enrico Ridge, regulations for developers, development time lines, enforcement of code, changing the code, incentives, safety regulations, the right to develop, bonds, land banking, time line restrictions, and Development Agreements (DA).

Commissioner Howington and the City Manager spoke about having an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) presentation, an additional Amazon facility, Chick-fil-A, non-disclosures, developers options and the approval process, the fraud policy, the impact study, the public forum, and quorum requirements.

Motion by Vice Mayor Avila-Vazquez, to extend the meeting. The

motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Santiago spoke about River of Lakes Heritage Corridor young adults photography contest and the Deltona Amphitheater Night of Jazz.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Santiago Avila, Jr., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Raftery, CMC, MMC, CITY CLERK