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OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
Daytona Beach City Commission
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The September 9 Daytona Beach City Commission meeting was the annual session to approve the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. To meet county deadlines for approving related fiscal items, the September meetings were moved from the usual first and third Wednesdays to the second and fourth Wednesdays.

The Commission approved the budget with an ad valorem property tax rate of 5.930 mills per $1,000 of assessed taxable value, unchanged from the current year.

The fiscal year budget sets both revenue and total operating expenditures, capital expenditures, and transfers at $406,371,540.

Only one resident commented on the budget. He opposed Amendment 3 on the November ballot but expressed support for the proposed city budget.

The Commission approved the 5.9300 ad valorem property tax rate by a 6–1 vote, with Commissioner Cantu casting the sole dissenting vote. It then approved the fiscal year budget by the same margin, again with Commissioner Cantu voting no.

The Commission adjourned temporarily so the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) could hold its annual meeting and approve its budget for the coming year. The DDA approved a $413,570 budget based on a 1.0000 millage rate, 3.712% above the rolled-back rate of 0.9642.

The City Commission then reconvened and resumed its meeting.

The Commission approved a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendment for approximately 54.74 acres, changing the designation from County Low Impact Urban to City Mixed Use and establishing Neighborhood “V” Issue (V). The property is in unincorporated Volusia County on the south side of U.S. 92 (West ISB), east of LPGA Boulevard. A public hearing and final action are scheduled for November 18, 2026.

A second amendment concerns **Interstate 75/LPGA Boulevard**. It would revise the Tanger retail agreement to permanently allow additional uses on the property, including a permanent change to the timeframe for “Special Events as a Temporary Use.” A public hearing and final action are scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Daytona State College requested an amendment to Section 4.9 of the Land Development Code to establish a **Colleges and University Overlay District**. The district would support the orderly, coordinated, and unified development of a college or university campus. A public hearing and final action are scheduled for September 23, 2026.

The **Brown Rezoning** request would rezone approximately 62.9 acres from Multifamily Residential-12, Single-Family Residential-5, and Tourist/Office Retail to Planned Development-General (PD-G), allowing development of a **new museum facility** and related infrastructure. The site is on the north side of Museum Boulevard, west of South Nova Road. A public hearing and final action are scheduled for September 23, 2026.

The meeting concluded with comments from the commissioners and mayor, followed by resident comments. The meeting was then adjourned.