



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 7:03 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present:

Commissioner Todd Drosky
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Commissioner Ben Preston
Vice Mayor Michael Hudak
Mayor Bill Ganz

Also Present:

City Manager David Santucci
City Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - January 24 & February 7, 2023

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes - October 27, 2022
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2022
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2022
Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2022
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to acknowledge the board minutes. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

February 21, 2023

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to approve the agenda as submitted. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation presented to Dr. Liz Gruber, Home for Balance Psychotherapy Group, LLC, in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Mayor Ganz presented a proclamation to Dr. Liz Gruber, Home for Balance Psychotherapy Group, LLC, in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Month. Thereafter, he thanked Dr. Gruber for conducting an outreach program on February 10th at the Teen Center.

Dr. Gruber thanked the City of Deerfield Beach on behalf of Home for Balance Psychotherapy Group, LLC, for advocating and supporting National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

2. Presentation regarding the SW 10th Street Aesthetics Survey and Recommendations.

Will Suero, HDR Engineering Consultants, introduced Vanita Saini, FDOT Project Engineer. Thereafter, he highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Suero stated that there are two primary segments on SW 10th Street that will undergo construction, SW 10th Street Connector/I-95 Interchange improvements and SW 10th Street Connector improvements. During the construction of these projects, FDOT will have the ability to monitor congestion in these construction areas, so motorists are aware to bypass them. Further, he said construction for the SW 10th Street Connector/I-95 Interchange will begin at the end of 2024, beginning of 2025 and construction for the SW 10th Street Connector (west of SW 24th Avenue) will begin at the end of 2025, beginning of 2026. The SW 10th Street Connector consists of two primary systems, local SW 10th Street, which provides access for all businesses and residential communities, and SW 10th Street Connector lanes, which provides regional connection.

Continuing, Mr. Suero said the project will consist of noise walls, retaining walls, bridges, and aesthetics, which is a request and commitment from FDOT. He said after the September 19, 2022 Aesthetics Charette, a survey was published online seeking public input regarding different aesthetic treatments for this project. Thereafter, a diagram was displayed outlining the structure elements, i.e. bridges, noise walls, retaining walls, etc. that were evaluated for different structural aesthetic options. He stated that there was strong public support for naming the western corridor sawgrass and eastern corridor seagrass. Thereafter, various photographs were displayed of the aesthetic elements. He explained that the noise barrier walls will be Ashlar Stone, which was supported in the online survey, and will be approximately 22 feet tall, with each panel being 20 feet wide. Lastly, various photographs of the aesthetic elements were displayed.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Suero replied that FDOT has been erecting noise barrier walls since the 1980s; nonetheless, different variations have been done throughout the years due to advancement in technology.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION - CONTINUED

In response to Commission Parness' question, Captain Hofstein replied that the City has a noise regulation of 60 decibels, and after 8:00 p.m. it is reduced to 55.

Commissioner Parness stated that he was advised that the highway will generate 96 decibels, and the wall will reduce that by 5; therefore, the City's noise ordinance will not be adhered to. Thereafter, he continued commenting on conversations he's had with FDOT regarding this project, the negative impacts this project will have on the City, as well as a request he made for a traffic signal on Green Road.

Mr. Suero said a study was conducted and the 96 and 91 decibels is not what the noise model proposed; nevertheless, he will compile the results and provide them to the Commission as it will help address the noise concerns. Further, he advised that FDOT would not fund the construction of the walls if they didn't serve their purpose, which is to deter noise.

Commissioner Parness suggested investing the \$750 million into public transportation instead of adding more cars to the road. Thereafter, he continued to express his frustrations with adding more cars to the already overpopulated roadways.

Mr. Suero explained that the roadway network for SW 10th Street is in addition to the County's 2018 penny sales tax; whereby, the County took on a leadership role for a billion-dollar program, which is expected to grow to \$3 billion or more over its life to do mass transit. These improvements on 10th Street are related to the identified regional highway network, in addition to all the rail improvements that are in the County plan. He said this project will assist with traffic through 2040 - 2045 as the population continues to increase and roadway work must be done; nevertheless, he understands the concerns, but reiterated that something must be done.

Commissioner Drosky stated that this project adversely affects District 4 as well; nevertheless, he commented on a New York Times article the Commission received regarding the widening of highways not having an impact on traffic. Thereafter, he thanked Mr. Suero and Ms. Saini for working with city staff on the aesthetics. Further, he spoke in support of the proposed aesthetics, but asked that they be properly maintained throughout the years, which he will continue to advocate for throughout this project.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Mr. Suero replied that the noise walls, retaining walls, bridges, etc. will be maintained by FDOT, but the City would be involved in maintaining the landscape and lighting on the local section of SW 10th Street.

Mayor Ganz explained that this project has been going on for six years, whereby, funding has always been available, and was initially set at \$1 billion. He said this was the only project earmarked for Broward County that was approved by the Governor's office, so it was going to happen whether the City was on board or not and although this project is needed on a regional level, the City's argument is that this project will not fix all the traffic concerns. Thereafter, he commented on the development of Waterways and Independence Bay, and the amount of accidents that have occurred due to the dangerous intersection. Further, Mayor Ganz said the current decibel level exceeds the City's regulations and stated that the public has been fantastic throughout this process as they have assisted in molding the project into what it has become, i.e. local access points, aesthetics, etc. Although he is unsure if Century Village wishes to have a sound wall, he knows residents living along the turnpike have been requesting one for years but could not get one because FDOT does not build them unless there's new construction; nevertheless, these decisions will be up to the residents. Mayor Ganz thanked FDOT for listening to the residents and incorporating their ideas into the project. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the original design, which was proposed to be a tunnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, commented on the fitness center and artwork installed at Pastor Willie James Ford Sr. linear park, and suggested installing automated external defibrillators (AED's) and stop the bleed kits in all city parks. Thereafter, he commented on a conversation he had with the City of Coral Springs, whereby, ARP funds can be used to purchase these life saving devices.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Patricia Saunders, 252 SW 34th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on issues regarding illegal dumping and stated that Quiet Waters Elementary needs a shade shelter and asked if the City could provide funding.

Alvina Harris, 116 NE 6th Court, Deerfield Beach, said there is a lot of illegal dumping occurring on Deerfield Avenue, Eller Street, etc. which she has complained about, but nothing has been done; therefore, she asked for the Commissions help.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Ms. Harris replied that the illegal dumping is occurring in empty lots.

Daniel Turner, 1278 SE 7th Court, Deerfield Beach, commented on code violations he's been cited for, but others have not, i.e. noise ordinance, unanswered voice mails he's left with city staff, and no longer being allowed to remain anonymous when making a code complaint.

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked all those involved with Festival of the Arts and Pioneer Days, as they were wonderful events, and although she hopes they will be separate events in the future, she truly enjoyed them.

Willie Graham-Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commended a sanitation worker for assisting with the cleanup near her home.

Patricia Link, 252 Ventnor R, Deerfield Beach, thanked the Commission for advocating for the residents on the SW 10th Street Connector Project. Further, she asked if this project will affect the property values in the City.

Tom Schuessler, 59 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if any city action has taken place regarding generator noise and possible solutions to alleviate the noise. Thereafter, he commented on the generator noise being equivalent to the highway noise.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said she received a piece of literature from one of the District 2 candidates with the City logo and asked that it be addressed with the candidate.

Willis Moorer, 331 NW 2nd Terrace, Deerfield Beach, asked for information regarding the sewer project near Alwood Homes on NW 3rd Court and NW 2nd Avenue and stated that there is a black tarp creating a blind spot on the corner of NW 2nd Avenue and NW 2nd Street. Further, he said code compliance is randomly picking who they wish to enforce codes upon and agreed that illegal dumping is an issue. Lastly, Mr. Moorer asked if a study can be performed on Hillsboro, west of MLK Boulevard, as the traffic is terrible.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Moorer replied that the tarp doesn't have to be removed but asked that it be tied back more.

William Galsterer, 1102 Little Harbor Drive, Deerfield Beach, said recycling has not been discussed in quite some time and requested that the program come back to the City. Thereafter, he commented on a pizza box being a contaminated item and suggested fining those that contaminate recyclables.

Mayor Ganz answered questions/comments posed by the public. He said AED's are located within city facilities but not all city parks and asked that staff research it. Mayor Ganz said he is aware of the illegal dumping within the mentioned areas, and said it's happening elsewhere, and asked that staff follow up. He thanked the city employee for assisting the resident and advised that generator noise is being researched by city staff. Mayor Ganz advised that he will be addressing certain Airbnb advertisements when he goes to Tallahassee. Further, not being allowed to remain anonymous when making a code complaint is a state requirement, which has caused many people to not report; nonetheless, he has never been satisfied with code enforcement, as it is either too aggressive or too lenient.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied that the City's logo is not to be utilized and the issue has been addressed with the candidate.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz said recycling is not just a City of Deerfield Beach issue, but a regional and national issue; nevertheless, while some cities are still recycling, a regional solution is being investigated. Unfortunately, the City does not have the resources to verify who contaminates the recyclables, so implementing fines would be difficult; nonetheless, city staff continues to seek options, as this Commission has not given up on recycling.

David Santucci, City Manager, said staff is aware of the issues near Deerfield Avenue, and are currently looking into ways to remediate the situation. Further, he asked that Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, discuss the sewer project with Mr. Moorer.

Commissioner Preston provided a brief overview on how AEDs work and suggested implementing a citywide CPR program.

Commissioner Drosky expressed concerns with the residents' comments regarding illegal dumping, whereas, an additional code officer was hired to oversee these issues; therefore, he asked that it be added to an upcoming agenda for further discussion. Thereafter, he commented on the cost for the additional code officer and stated that he previously advised that if the additional officer was not serving the needs of the community, then he would no longer support it.

Vice Mayor Hudak agreed with Commission Drosky regarding the additional code officer and spoke in support of Commissioner Preston's suggestion regarding the CPR program.

Commissioner Parness stated that he has advised his constituents to contact him if they are uncomfortable with reporting a violation, whereas, reporting these violations could save lives. Thereafter, he commented on a situation regarding a handy man performing illegal work, which was against city code and could have caused an electrical fire.

Commissioner Preston said illegal dumping has been an ongoing issue and occurs throughout the City, but District 2 has been unfairly targeted; nevertheless, nowhere in this city should be considered a dumping ground. Thereafter, he commented on a situation that occurred regarding a person illegally dumping tires. Further, Commissioner Preston said when he contacts Code Compliance with an issue, it's addressed immediately.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENT

- 3. Resolution 2023/032 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Joseph Murray as a member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to serve a two-year term; providing an effective date.**

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2023/032. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 4 - 7; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Items 4 - 7 in concert. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

4. **Resolution 2023/033 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Reciprocal Use Agreement with the St. Ambrose Catholic Church and School for the reciprocal use of facilities for a three-year term; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
5. **Resolution 2023/034 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of three infrastructure project applications to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") for funding from the Mobility Advancement Program; and providing for an effective date.**
6. **Resolution 2023/035 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of first amendments to the two Interlocal Agreements with Broward County for Surtax Funded Municipal Transportation Projects Pioneer Grove Infrastructure and Complete Streets (Deer-005 and 006), and FAU Research Boulevard Roadway Improvements (Deer 007) to provide for an extension of time for completion; providing for implementation, and an effective date.**
7. **Resolution 2023/036 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a change order in the amount of \$187,098.58 and execution of a contract amendment with MBR Construction, Inc. to provide security improvements for the Johnny L. Tigner Community Center Project, for an updated total project cost of \$11,332,852.20; approving the use of target area trust funds in the amount of \$187,098.58; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #620-3000-513-39-99 - Target Area Trust Funds/Contingency*)**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

8. **Resolution 2023/- A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with MBA Development Partners of Florida, LLC, for the sale of city property located at 1045 SW 11th Way to MBA Development Partners of Florida, LLC, subject to referendum approval; providing for execution, implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that staff has requested the deferral of this item due to the timing of the agreement; nevertheless, once staff completes their presentation, he advised that he will provide a brief overview of the terms of the proposed purchase and sales agreement.

David Santucci, City Manager, reiterated that staff is requesting deferral to March 7th; thereafter, a brief video of the project was displayed.

Mr. Soroka said on December 15, 2022, the City Commission approved the key proposed business terms for this purchase and sale agreement, which served as the basis for negotiations with the developer. He said the purchase price is \$6.5 million, and the sale is contingent upon referendum election approval, which is scheduled for March 14, 2023; however, if the sale is not approved, the agreement immediately

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

terminates and the \$80,000 referendum deposit will be returned to the buyer, but if approved the development of the property will be subject to all applicable public hearings and development related approvals and findings. Further, he said within three business days of referendum approval, the buyer is required to deposit 5% of the purchase price, \$325,000, which was agreed to in the letter of intent in the key business terms. Mr. Soroka explained that there is a 60-day due diligence period for the buyer to conduct inspections on the property, as warranted, which begins on the date the City Commission approves the agreement; therefore, if approved on March 7th, the buyer will have until May 7th to terminate the agreement if they determine, in their reasonable discretion, that the property's physical conditions are not suited for development.

Moreover, Mr. Soroka said the agreement provides for the \$7.5 million in community enhancements, which will be addressed during the development review process through a developer's agreement; whereby, if they fail to execute a development agreement with the City, it provides the City with termination rights. Further, he reiterated that the development of the property, development applications, approval of proposed amendments, etc. is not mandated by this agreement. Following the due diligence period, there will be an entitlement period, which is 15 months from the end of the due diligence period, where the developer must prepare all drawings, submit the necessary applications, etc. There is a requirement within the agreement stating that the developer must diligently pursue those applications during the 15-month period; however, there is a built in six month extension period, so long as they are diligently pursuing, due to some of the applications being out of the City's control, i.e. plat approval and land use plan approval, which must be approved by the County. Any further extension would require a written agreement by both parties, each of which have a right to terminate if the developer fails to obtain the approvals within the entitlement period.

Continuing, Mr. Soroka explained that the City has the right to terminate if the developer fails to execute the development agreement, fails to obtain the final approvals within the entitlement period, and if they become bankrupt. The buyers can terminate if they are unable to obtain final approvals, county denial of the plat, etc. Further, the City will be the owner during the entitlement process; therefore, as the owner the City will sign the development applications, which will be diligently reviewed and evaluated by city staff. Mr. Soroka said closing will take place within 60 days of receipt of final development approvals. Lastly, he said if the buyer defaults the City receives the deposit as liquidated damages, if the seller, the City, defaults, the buyer can seek specific performance to the court or they can terminate the agreement, but they cannot seek damages.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's question, Mr. Soroka replied that there is language within the purchase and sale agreement providing that they provide security for the community enhancements; nevertheless, it will be further addressed in the development agreement.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Patricia Saunders, 252 SW 34th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked when the City will receive the \$7.5 million.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, said development is needed as the population is rapidly growing. Thereafter, he commented on a tent that was displayed at the Festivals of the Arts event, that showcased aerial photographs of Deerfield since incorporation in 1925. He also commented on other developments that were built by MBA. Mr. Shanetzky said MBA has partnered with US Mortgage and Development Group, a Boca Raton real estate investment firm, who will be underwriting this project and are financially stable. Lastly, he said this project will provide a \$25 million windfall to the City, which could accommodate additional public safety, park enhancements, etc., as well as provide 1200 jobs during the 2-year construction phase; therefore, he supports this project.

Willis Moorner, 331 NW 2nd Terrace, Deerfield Beach, asked if there is language within the agreement stating that construction must be bid out to a certain amount of minority business owners. Also, once the development is completed, will Deerfield Beach residents have priority over others during the hiring process. Lastly, he spoke in support of the project, but asked how will the \$7.5 million be distributed.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Maria LoRizzo, 1551 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach, said the letter of intent was recently changed to the letter of agreement for the sale of the property. She explained that at the February 15th District 1 Meeting, staff advised that the terms for the \$7.5 million would be clearly defined by tonight's meeting; nonetheless, terminology has already changed from capital improvements (s/b community improvements) to community enhancements, whereby, capital improvements are long lasting investments, i.e. infrastructure, and community enhancements are projects that improve the City's appearance. She said the letter of intent does not protect the City in the way that it should, instead it references a comprehensive development agreement, which has yet to be negotiated; therefore, she suggested that once the referendum passes, the \$7.5 million be given to the City directly through a letter of credit. Further, she said 95% of MBA's proposal given to the City is the work of Hensel Phelps Development Work Construction Financing and asked if there is a direct agreement between MBA and Hensel Phelps, and if so, it should be presented prior to referendum approval.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Soroka answered questions/comments posed by the public. He advised that the letter of intent, which served as the basis to negotiate the purchase and sale agreement, was reviewed and approved on December 15, 2022; nonetheless, the purchase and sale agreement will be voted on, on March 7th. The \$7.5 million will be used for community enhancements/community improvements, whereas, there are no changes for the proposed utilization of the monies. Furthermore, what has been proposed are conceptual drawings and ultimately the drawings for the community improvements will be signed, sealed and reviewed by staff, and the developer may have a phasing plan for certain developments. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the requirements and reasoning behind a development agreement. Mr. Soroka said this agreement is for the purchase and sale of the property and does not address construction needs, methods, or local construction requirements; however, there may be content with respect to that within the developer's proposal.

Mayor Ganz said this project is different than federal projects, whereby, those type projects state that they will utilize local construction firms, which means the State of Florida, not City of Deerfield Beach; nevertheless, this is not a federal government project and does not apply to this project.

Mr. Soroka said correct. Further, he said the timeframe for the \$7.5 million will be addressed in the development agreement.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Soroka replied that the project the City Commission rejected was offering \$3.2 million to build a 40,000 square foot office facility.

Mayor Ganz said multiple meetings occurred for the \$3.2 million project, but no one ever commented on it; nevertheless, the Commission rejected that project, because it was not the best deal for the City, and decided to put the property on the market for voter consideration. Thereafter, he commented on the misinformation being given and reiterated that this commission made the better deal for the citizens of this city, than what was originally proposed. Mayor Ganz thanked those for attending and asking questions and urged people to continue, so misinformation is not being provided.

Commissioner Parness said he originally spoke in support of the \$3.2 million project, but after ongoing discussions, he saw that the City was being short changed. Thereafter, he commented on the benefits of the proposed project, i.e. \$6.5 million project, \$7.5 million in community improvements, etc.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to defer item 8 to March 7, 2023. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

9. **Resolution 2023/037 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking for Request for Proposals #22-10-PC for Enterprise Resource Planning Software System; authorizing the appropriate city officials to negotiate an agreement with the top ranked, responsive and responsible proposer, Tyler Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,507,859.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-0600-513-64-10 - General Capital Project-Finance/Machinery)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. Thereafter, he outlined some of the concerns surrounding the current enterprise resource planning (ERP): aging systems; general accounting standard (GASB) updates not being accommodated; current solutions not integrating, causing things to be done manually; no web based payments; and no self-service or vendor portals. He advised that a request for proposals (RFP) was issued in August 2022, whereby, seven proposals were received, but only three were short listed, with four site visits conducted in January 2023; and based on that, staff is requesting to begin negotiations with the top ranked firm, Tyler Technologies. Furthermore, the City hired the Government Finance Association (GFOA) to assist with preparing an assessment of current processes to help facilitate the RFP process. GFOA held a series of meetings with stakeholders from each city department to review current processes and provide recommendations for improvement. They also worked with purchasing to develop an RFP and the seven proposals received ranged from \$600,000 to \$7.5 million, whereby, the two remaining vendors range from \$3.5 million to \$5.7 million. Mr. McHugh said the City prepared a project charter outlining the readiness activities required to improve the implementation and a steering committee was established to ensure resource allocation and project advancement. Also, in recognizing the importance of this project and the long-term phase of implementation, the City hired a project manager who will take staff through the implementation process.

Continuing, Mr. McHugh said currently staff uses various systems to accomplish daily tasks that are not all integrated, causing issues. He said the core financial systems are Navline, i.e. payroll, W-2's, fleet inventory, year end processing, certificate of uses, etc., which is then integrated into Financial Enterprise, i.e. bank reconciliation, budgeting, invoice approval, etc. He stated that the City needs a system that can handle changes in GASB rules/methodology. Thereafter, he outlined the anticipated outcomes to include revising the City chart accounts, defining positions and job classifications to allow for efficient administration of personnel, budget and position control, etc. Further, upon approval, staff will move forward with contract negotiations and seek commission approval in April/May 2023. The implementation of Phase 1, financial module, will occur May 2023 - April 2024, and implementation of Phase 2, HR module/testing and data verification, will occur November 2023 - October 2024, with a go live goal in November 2024. Lastly, he reiterated that this project is a citywide initiative, so every department will be impacted to some degree.

Vice Mayor Hudak spoke in support of the project, as the current system does not meet the City's needs.

Mayor Ganz said the ERP system is the backbone of what is done in the City and these changes will have positive impacts not only on city staff but the residents. He expressed frustration with the go live date, but is glad that a plan is in place, and spoke in support of the project. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve item 9, adopted Resolution 2023/037. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY**

Advertisement - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, said currently there is a case in the 4th District Court of Appeals, which covers Broward and Palm Beach counties, whereby, advertising for second readings was called into question. He explained that a second reading is advertised when it comes before the City Commission, but if the item is deferred during that second reading, standard municipal practice for decades has been to not re-advertise, which was called into question in Jupiter Island; therefore, moving forward he recommends that these second readings be re-advertised when the time comes. Further, he explained that there was another court case in the 3rd District Court of Appeals, which covers Miami-Dade County, with similar facts, but the decision went the other way; nevertheless, he still recommends re-advertisement should this occur here.

CITY MANAGER - No Report.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER DROSKY****DISTRICT 4**

Saturday Office Hours - Commissioner Drosky advised that he will be available virtually or in person on March 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and asked those interested to contact him or the City Manager's Office to schedule an appointment.

Chamber Upgrades - Commissioner Drosky spoke in support of the new features, and suggested marketing city events prior to the Commission meetings.

COMMISSIONER PARNESS**DISTRICT 3**

District 3 Meetings - Commissioner Parness said he will be meeting with his constituents at Meadow Lakes on Thursday, February 23rd to discuss the sale of the property to MBA, as well as other topics. Further, on March 15th he has a meeting in Century Village and on Friday, February 24th there is a District 3 meeting at Century Village to inform the residents as to what is happening in the City.

African American Heritage Banquet - Commissioner Parness said his personal club purchased a table and looks forward to the event.

Broward County Planning Board - Commissioner Parness said he sits on the Board and represents the City to the best of his ability. Thereafter, he commented on issues they've encountered, i.e. Waste Management wanting to expand the dump.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

City Events - Commissioner Preston thanked staff for the Pioneer Days event, as all city residents were involved and enjoyed themselves. Further, he said Community Days will take place on March 4th, which is intended to celebrate diversity in Deerfield Beach, and asked staff to provide him with an agenda for the event. He explained that the event will begin in District 2 and rotate thereafter. He stated that he attended the Brazilian Festival, which was an amazing event. Lastly, the Black Heritage Banquet will take place Saturday, February 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Double Tree and invited all those to attend.

District 2 Meeting - Commissioner Preston said the meeting will take place on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center and urged all to attend.

David Santucci, City Manager, thanked Commissioner Preston for inviting the residents to the Black Heritage Banquet but unfortunately it is sold out.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**VICE MAYOR HUDAK****DISTRICT 1**

Pioneer Days - Vice Mayor Hudak thanked city staff, police, fire and all the volunteers for all their hard work and long hours put in.

Stop the Bleed Kits - Vice Mayor Hudak said although there are AED's within all city parks and facilities, he asked that stop the bleed kits be added as well.

Palm Plaza - Vice Mayor Hudak said he was disappointed in the appearance and asked that staff investigate unpermitted work. Further, staff has been made aware of the issues and he expects that they be remediated.

MAYOR GANZ

City Events - Mayor Ganz thanked staff for the recent events, as they have been outstanding.

BSO - Police and Fire - Mayor Ganz thanked BSO staff for their work along Hillsboro Boulevard, as well as other areas, as the statistics from the recent check points were staggering.

Misinformation - Mayor Ganz commented on misinformation that's been given out regarding the March referendum, property values, and city taxes. Thereafter, he provided a brief explanation on how taxes are changed. He also commented on the average assessed values throughout the years. Lastly, he said this commission is competing to provide the same services as other cities, i.e. talentwise, materials, etc.; therefore, new development is needed for this city.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk