



**CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 6:03 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Todd Drosky
Commissioner Bernie Parness - excused absence
Commissioner Ben Preston
Vice Mayor Michael Hudak
Mayor Bill Ganz

Also Present: David Santucci, City Manager
Anthony Soroka, City Attorney
Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk

Absent: None

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

David Santucci, City Manager, briefly outlined some of the items discussed during yesterday evening's workshop; thereafter, he advised that the operational departments will be discussed this evening.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Recent Achievements - Rodney Brimlow, Director of Public Safety, stated that the Department of Public Safety oversees public safety, emergency management, code enforcement, parking enforcement, park rangers, ocean rescue, fire rescue and law enforcement divisions. Thereafter, he listed various FY22 achievements: public safety has evaluated all contracts, including Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), varying fees being charged, and increased interdepartmental communication. Emergency management established new policies and protocols, conducted trainings, etc. Code enforcement established a minimum cost recovery for cases reviewed by the magistrate to offset costs, mitigation protocol for the City; reduced continuances; adopted an ordinance increasing daily fines on nuisance cases; and recovery of costs for foreclosures and enforcement of vacation rental registrations. Parking established the rolling 12-month permits; cancelled liability transfers; reduced credit card fees by renegotiating; renegotiated collections; and completion of the amnesty program which resulted in approximately \$100,000 savings.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY - CONTINUED

Continuing, Mr. Brimlow said ocean rescue completed the junior lifeguard camp; increased certified watercraft safety and rescue personnel; and enhanced public education which includes videos on rip currents and safety warnings. Fire rescue implemented the P-25 alert system for all six (6) stations; maintained the Class 1 ISO rating; set the grand opening of Station 51; and various upgrades were completed at various stations. Lastly, law enforcement implemented a retail theft initiative, which has decreased the overall crime rate, which attracts businesses, and the bolstered traffic unit has been successful; the impact will be seen over time.

Current Initiatives - Mr. Brimlow listed the current initiatives: public safety continues evaluating contracts; reviewing the cross-department cost savings with Finance; recovering fire rescue transport fees; and establishing a master plan. Emergency management is implementing a standardized staff training and continues the infrastructure assessment. Code Enforcement continues to investigate outstanding fines on foreclosed properties; working to provide a quicker turnaround on code cases through stronger enforcement; and working with volunteer groups and churches to assist residents with compliance. Parking is onboarding a new supervisor; assessing code and parking fees; and completing the meter wrapping. Park rangers are onboarding a new supervisor; recruiting quality rangers and beach ambassadors; and changing the park ranger mission. Ocean rescue hopes to maintain staffing; provide continued public education; and replace towers. Fire Rescue is working to maintain accreditation; increase public education programs; and evaluate annual inspection protocols. Lastly, law enforcement is looking to open the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex (OMRC) substation; implement the animal reunification; and recently received countywide infrastructure access for the license plate readers, which is a 60% cost savings.

Future Considerations - Mr. Brimlow outlined the future considerations: public safety - infrastructure recommendations and target area trust fund improvements. Emergency management - EOC upgrades and reconfiguration, and comprehensive emergency management plan (CEMP). Code Enforcement - add an inspector at a cost of \$156,000; review COLA/CPI; and operate as a task force to assist with search warrants, that is cooperative across all public safety.

David Santucci, City Manager, explained that staff is not recommending increasing code enforcement, but showing the cost of a code compliance officer. Further, the COLA/CPI needs to be reviewed as the contract has not changed since inception; therefore, a significant cost increase should be expected in the future.

Mr. Brimlow continued outlining the future considerations: parking - evaluate daily boat parking fees; establishing new parking apps since the current parking app wants to charge almost \$12,000 when other cities are using free apps; evaluating the collection process. Crossing guards - there are 36 posts with 9 being city employees and 27 are agency staffing, which is becoming cost prohibitive to maintain. Ocean rescue - maintain staffing and increase coverage to all 10 towers during daylight savings, which is a \$38,000 increase. Fire rescue - adding an executive officer at a cost of \$317,000 and three (3) EMS captains for each shift for a total cost of \$759,000. Law enforcement - replace two (2) vacant deputy positions with a sergeant, for a cost savings of \$70,000, and enhance PAL/community engagement.

Mr. Santucci advised that the operating budget for fire rescue does not include the recommended positions, as it is not his recommendation due to the other requested increases; nevertheless, he agreed that an executive officer is needed. Further, he spoke in support of the recommendation for the sergeant position due to the vacant deputy positions.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the law enforcement contract assures services are being provided; however, vacancies occur across all districts because there aren't enough deputies within their organization to fill all the spots, but shifts are covered through overtime.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the City receives a vacancy credit for all positions not filled.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's questions, Mr. Brimlow replied that he is keeping an eye on the vacancy credits, which are discussed monthly with BSO, along with a quarterly report that is provided. Further, he stated that if a deputy from another district is reassigned to Deerfield, it would offset the vacancy credit only if it deals with the minimum staffing levels. Mr. Brimlow explained in detail the number of deputies assigned between shifts.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY - CONTINUED

Office of Public Safety - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said the largest increases are from fire rescue and law enforcement services, but there is a reduction in parking and school crossing guards. Further, he said the nuisance abatement assessment fund is now under public safety. The \$120,000 in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund consists of money BSO seized throughout the year, which funds the Deerfield Beach PAL Program. Lastly, Mr. Brimlow said crime prevention funds and PAL donations are from civic organizations.

Public Safety and Administration - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said this department was created in FY22 causing unknown expenses; whereby, personnel services increased due to the non-uniformed pension plan, and sick leave conversion pay; operating expenses increased due to mandatory training. Further, the \$255,000 in the beatification/landscape fund is coming out of the targeted trust fund for enhancements to parks in District 2.

Code Enforcement - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said the \$3,000 increase in operating expenses is due to increased magistrate expenses. Also, the code compliance contract has not increased since 2015, so staff is currently reviewing, as it will most likely increase substantially in the future.

In response to Vice Chair Hudak's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the contract for building services was recently renegotiated.

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion regarding the potential increase to the code compliance contract.

Parking Authority - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said a little under 19,000 citations are projected for FY22, which is a 9% increase, and parking revenue and fines increased to \$4.1 million. Further, he said there was a reduction in capital outlay due to the completed installation of new screens and meters. Personnel services increased due to insurance services and retirement and a budget transfer for one part-time employee. Lastly, he said operational expenses decreased due to contractual services negotiations and credit card fees.

School Crossing Guards - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said maintaining the current positions is becoming cost prohibitive; whereas, contracting them out completely will be a cost savings of \$100,000.

Park Rangers - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said this operating expense was previously under the Parks & Recreation Department. Further, there was an increase in personnel services due to the insurance allocation.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the 40 and 50-year inspections are done by a code compliance officer who works with the building department to ensure they are being completed. He advised that any structure requiring this inspection is cited if they don't comply, and the magistrate is unwavering in assessing fines from the beginning to assure compliancy.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the contracts for installation and maintenance of the parking meters were done prior to him; therefore, he is looking into new providers as he is unhappy with the customer service and fee structures.

Commissioner Preston commented on an issue he and others had with parking meters.

Mr. Brimlow said the companies that have been on his radar are very well known; nevertheless, staff is also investigating a text to park app option.

Commissioner Drosky said it is becoming difficult to match the slides up from previous years due to the reallocation of items and asked when it will be more consistent.

Mr. Santucci said increases to personnel services look off due to the dissolution of non-departmental, the allocation of insurance services and retirement; and although costs look higher, they are absorbing existing costs into new line items, so next year will only include changes based on compensation strategy and personnel recommendations.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY - CONTINUED

Ocean Rescue - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said beach attendance has increased by 41%, medical calls increased 14%, and rescues are up almost 20%. Currently, there is a nationwide issue filling lifeguard positions, but Deerfield stations are always staffed, as the beach averages over 10,000 people a day and on a spring break week, the beach averages 50,000/day. Further, the operating expenditures slightly increased and although insurance services and retirement were added to personnel services, it remains flat due to Chief Brown allocating his staff properly.

Commissioner Preston commented on will-call employees and the importance of having qualified individuals overseeing our beach, as he has seen firsthand what challenges lifeguards face.

Mike Brown, Ocean Rescue Chief, stated that inhouse, fulltime staff is the preference, but as previously mentioned, there is a nationwide issue with lifeguard vacancies; thus, will call is currently necessary especially with operating all 10 towers during daylight savings.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding the importance of lifeguards and the nationwide issue with vacancies.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Chief Brown replied that he believes the salary range is comparable to surrounding beaches.

Commissioner Preston suggested partnering with Deerfield Beach High School to introduce a public safety program with three (3) components, fire rescue, law enforcement and ocean rescue, and recruit students upon graduation.

Fire Rescue - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said there has been an increase in calls for service and building inspections; fire hydrant inspections remain flat; and plan reviews decreased. The increase in personnel services is related to the city's fire pension fund and operating expenses increased to \$31.7 million due to the contract. He explained that staff has been thoroughly reviewing the contract to see if there are items that can be pushed for a couple years; notwithstanding, the contract allows for BSO to increase retirement and health insurance based on staffing. Further, he said the annualized increase since the merger in 2011 is 3.8%.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Chief Whitehorne replied that the City has effectively addressed the rodent issues at Fire Station 4.

Mayor Ganz expressed concerns with increasing the fire assessment fee as the current revenue exceeds the budgetary change for fire rescue; therefore, he asked for clarification when the recommended increase is brought forward.

Law Enforcement - Operating Budget - Mr. Brimlow said calls for service have increased over the last four (4) years; crashes have increased 7%; arrests have steadily increased; and tickets have increased 52% due to additional traffic enforcement personnel. The increase in personnel services is related to the city's police pension fund. Also, the operating expenditures increased to \$28.5 million due to contractual services. Further, he explained that the revenue outlined in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund and crime prevention fund are based on assets seized from the current year. Mr. Brimlow stated that the retirement portion of the contract increased 12% and health insurance 4%; however, if those are removed, the overall contract increased 3.5%, which is consistent with the contract language.

Commissioner Drosky commented on the yearly cost increases to the BSO contracts and expressed concerns with the city's tax rate eventually not being enough to support the substantial increases.

Mr. Brimlow advised that he has vigorously reviewed the BSO contracts and met with the Chief many times to scrutinize the contract; nevertheless, increases are going to happen. Furthermore, staff has required BSO to perform a cap analysis, which breaks the contract down into categories that are limited by the contract language; whereas, everything is capped at 5% except for retirement and health insurance. Thereafter, he commented on a vehicle analysis he requested from BSO.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY - CONTINUED

Commissioner Preston said although the numbers have increased, they could be higher if it wasn't for the creation of the Public Safety Department.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's questions, Mr. Brimlow replied that the grant funding was outlined during Community Services presentation; however, staff also applied for federal funding and continues to research a wide array of grants. Further, there have been substantial revenue increases and cost savings, i.e. collection fees, credit card fees, fire rescue transport fees, etc.

Mayor Ganz called for a five-minute recess prior to hearing the remaining presentations.

PARKS & RECREATION

Recent Achievements - Teresa Rynard, Director of Parks & Recreation provided the mission statement for the department and described the theme of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thereafter, she outlined various FY22 achievements: initiated the community engagement café, which brings people together to answer questions; engaging local non-profits to collaborate on special events, destination playground at OMRC; community center improvements; pressure washed and sealed playgrounds; field renovations at Pioneer Park and OMRC; as well as others.

Current Initiatives - Ms. Rynard listed the current initiatives: pool renovations; GPS mapping of all parks and park amenities; implementation of the computer maintenance management system, coordination with GIS for completion between 12 to 18 months; new incentives for youth influencers to share the City's information, i.e. \$15 gift card; partnership with Community Cares and includes initiatives such as Ignite with approximately 100 children attended funded through an American Rescue grant; continued work on updating the park master plan; create a recreation program plan in collaboration with a third-party vendor; etc.

Future Considerations - Ms. Rynard outlined the future considerations: programming the new Tigner Center and possible collaboration with other organizations as it would be a great opportunity for multigenerational programming and a place for gatherings. Other considerations listed in the presentation include: implementing median arterial roadway guidelines; explore more options for burial space expansion; continue seeking grants, and others.

Parks & Recreation - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard explained the reorganization of the department; whereby, various positions have been eliminated under each division and functions divided. Aquatics and athletics were split which makes it simple to determine cost recovery. Special events were removed from administration and is a separate division. Also, the reduction is not a savings, but a shift to a new division. Ms. Rynard advised that software and training will continue through administration.

Athletics - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said although athletics is no longer combined with aquatics, the numbers did not change because the ballfield maintenance crew will move from parks maintenance to athletics to allow cross-training and coordination.

Aquatics - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said under this new division, the full-time assistant aquatics manager and two (2) part-time water safety instructor positions were eliminated but two (2) full-time lead guards are being added and 12 part-time water safety instructors remain. She advised that only four positions are filled due to pool renovations. Staff hopes these proposed changes will provide better coverage and recruitment opportunities.

Cemetery - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said the increase in operating expenses is due to sod replacement at Memorial and Pineview cemeteries, and hedge replacement at Memorial cemetery.

Parks Maintenance - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said the increase in personnel services is due to the addition of a full-time small engine mechanic, which will offset outsourced repairs and provide savings. Additionally, a full-time parks project manager is being proposed, who will oversee mowing the medians, capital projects, and contractor accountability. The increase in operating expenses is based on staff trying

PARKS & RECREATION - CONTINUED

to complete tasks and implement a capital replacement cycle.; however, these items are not a part of the CIP, i.e. increased tree maintenance, some on medians, and increasing median maintenance, slide replacement, fencing, etc.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, David Santucci, City Manager, replied that staff is looking to either enter into a partnership with an outside entity to assist with remediating and programming the field next to Quiet Waters Elementary School or doing so inhouse.

Ms. Rynard said the area was redone a few years ago. Water and soil tests were performed this past year, which confirmed that remediation must be done to the City's irrigation system; therefore, staff is seeking P3 opportunities, which is accounted for in this budget.

Mr. Santucci said if staff is unsuccessful with obtaining a P3 opportunity, then the project will have to be completed through a CIP in the future.

Mayor Ganz asked that something be done this year.

Recreation - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said currently there are 19 part-time rec leaders, and only two (2) are filled. Further, staff is proposing to eliminate the superintendent of recreation, parks and recreation manager I, and eight (8) part-time recreation leaders and adding three (3) full-time assistant parks and recreation managers and move two (2) full-time and one (1) part-time transportation specialists to special events and changing their titles to event specialist. Ms. Rynard also commented on potentially promoting by adding an assistant parks and recreation manager. Lastly, the parks and recreation manager I and adaptive recreation coordinator will be move to Community Services.

Special Events - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard reiterated that this division was removed from administration; therefore, staff is proposing the reclassification of the superintendent of community events to administrator of special events and athletics and the addition of a parks and recreation manager II would work in the Special Events office, so the administrator can oversee both divisions. Thereafter, the special events were displayed along with the costs associated for each. She explained that there is an increase in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event to allow for a national keynote speaker; Fourth of July and Pioneer Days increased due to fireworks. Ms. Rynard said some larger special events i.e. movies in the park, etc. are being pulled out of recreation and added to special events. Thereafter, Ms. Rynard outlined other special events that will continue, but will also move to Special Events: Sip N' Stroll, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and the egg hunt.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's question regarding Juneteenth, Mr. Santucci replied that in previous years, a line item was created for every event which was not the best practice. He said adding the event to Special Events is an accounting mechanism whereas a project code is assigned and allows for tracking expenses.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Ms. Rynard replied that sponsorships are not impactful; nevertheless, staff has discussed putting a sponsorship package together for every event to create revenue opportunities.

Mayor Ganz asked that this be done by next year, as sponsorships were previously discussed.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding event sponsorships.

Summer Program - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said staff is proposing to eliminate positions that are vacant and provide more creativity to programming.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Ms. Rynard replied that a camp counselor must be 18 years or older and a high school graduate, and the starting salary is \$15/hour. Further, she said staff is hoping to implement junior counselor positions in an effort to assist with vacancies, but nothing has been finalized. Lastly, she said the DFB Leadership Program was moved into the summer camp budget.

PARKS & RECREATION - CONTINUED

Transportation - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said six (6) full-time bus driver positions were filled and although there were six (6) part-time positions, one position was eliminated; notwithstanding, some of those positions do not have to be filled. Further, transportation is provided for summer trips to the recreation division to eliminate outsourcing.

Mr. Santucci explained that the personnel increase is related to the cost allocations for insurance services and retiree health benefits.

Waterfront Operations - Operating Budget - Ms. Rynard said staff is proposing the reclassification of the waterfront operations manager to administrator of waterfront operations & aquatics; eliminating three (3) part-time pier attendants; and adding two (2) full-time pier attendants.

Commissioner Preston commended Ms. Rynard for a job well done in such a short amount of time. Further, he commented on rebranding this department to become more attractive to families and requested adding sports turf to all fields and implementing a sports ethics program; whereas, volunteers would teach sports etiquette in conjunction with the parks and recreation objectives. Thereafter, he commented on the importance of proper tackling techniques to alleviate injuries. Commissioner Preston also suggested that additional sports be offered, i.e. lacrosse and volleyball, to assist with city growth. Thereafter, he commented on a Packer Rattlers game he attended.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

Recent Achievements - Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, listed the FY22 achievements: reinstated beach and community cleanups; waste watch and bulk re-route to ensure operational efficiency; electric charging station which has an annual service charge that is covered by FP&L; CNG fueling; and maintained service levels through staff and equipment shortages.

Current Initiatives - Mr. Grecsek listed the current initiatives: fuel management system upgrades which provides staff with the ability to manage fuel usage; alternative fuels and electric vehicle transition planning; beach nourishment; mechanic apprentice program; DFBe apiary program; and solid waste rate sufficiency study, which is nearing completion and results will be presented at a future commission meeting.

Future Considerations - Mr. Grecsek outlined the future considerations: residential re-route to reduce vehicles; commercial solid waste invoice changes, so staff can begin invoicing in advance; the state of recycling, as many local communities have eliminated curbside recycling due to costs, staffing levels, etc., whereas, reinstating the City's curbside recycling program is not being recommended; solid waste working group; long term solid waste fund viability which will be discussed when the rate sufficiency study is presented; as well as others.

Coastal and Waterways - Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said the artificial reef program will not be funded this fiscal year, but staff is working on obtaining public-private partnerships.

Fleet Management - Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said there is a slight reduction in personnel services due to the reallocation of one master truck mechanic position to the Solid Waste Fund.

Recycling and Solid Waste - Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said capital outlay was moved from this fund and staff is recommending reclassifying the container service worker to a driver collector, which is a \$7,800 savings. Other major changes to operating expenses are due to cost increases, i.e. fuel, equipment and vehicle repairs.

Key Expenses - Mr. Grecsek said the City has been fortunate with disposal costs, but the contract will be renegotiated, and costs are expected to increase. Further, he said steel has increased by 220%, capital equipment increased 9%, and fuel is up 30%.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's questions, Mr. Grecsek replied that half of the solid waste vehicles are CNG and the other half are diesel. Light duty fleet is around 60% unleaded, and 40% are a mixture of diesel and CNG. Further, a replacement plan is in place to allow staff to switch 3-4 solid waste vehicles a year from diesel to CNG, within a 5-year period.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT - CONTINUED

Solid Waste Fund Expense - Mr. Grecsek said the Solid Waste Fund is comprised of personnel - 35%, disposal - 28%, general admin & debt service - 20%, and operating - 18%.

Mayor Ganz asked that the status of the capital improvement budget items be provided in the future.

Commissioner Preston commented on another city that has had issues with garbage not being properly handled, which is not the case in Deerfield Beach. Further, he commented on a city truck leaking oil that was taken care of quickly and wants to ensure staff has the proper resources to perform at the current level.

Commissioner Drosky asked that staff keep the Commission informed on the state of recycling and artificial reef.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recent Achievements - Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, listed the FY22 facilities and capital project successes: Pioneer Park boat ramp dock the final gangway was completed this week; pier restroom renovations; Fire Station 111 trailer replacement; new Fire Station 51, was built in connection with the Lennar development to service the Crystal Lake area; Fire Station 66 life safety improvements; and middle school athletic complex roof replacements. The FY22 utilities successes include: lift station 25 replacement; well rehabilitations which improved water quality; water plant access control and camera upgrades in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations; and mechanical integrity test. The FY22 stormwater successes consist of the adoption of the Stormwater and Flood Resiliency Master Plan; completed the design and received permits for city hall drainage improvements, associated with a FEMA grant; SE 13th Avenue drainage improvements; and NE 3rd Avenue storm drain lining. The FY22 infrastructure successes consist of B-tactical NE 3rd Avenue quick build project; pavement condition index of city roads, which is very good at a 79-service level. She advised that an investment request in this infrastructure will continue, so this service level can remain. Additional successes include traffic calming devices installed at 20 locations and pilot of chevron led lights and stop signs, which has been very successful.

Current Initiatives - Ms. Cygielnik listed the facilities and capital projects underway: aquatic facility renovation, Tigner Center, Center for Active Aging, and parking lot drainage design; Fire Station 102 building envelope to water-proof the facility; Fire Station 75 generator to provide emergency backup power; truck wash at central city campus is being guided for environmental compliance; as well as others. She advised that the truck wash is essential for the inspection by the EPA in September and is performed every five years. The following utility projects are underway: lift station 5 generator installation for largest sewer shed; electrical and controls system upgrades to improve network security; bulk chemical storage tank design to replace aging infrastructure; automatic meter reading to improve accuracy and track water loss; as well as others. The current stormwater projects under design consist of the design of SE 8th Avenue, West Deerfield, Crystal Lake and NW 45th Street stormwater drainage improvements. She advised that the documents will be 60% completed this fall, and staff will begin conducting public workshops to encourage public participation. The current infrastructure projects are being partially funded through Broward County surtax due to the escalation of costs.

Future Considerations - Ms. Cygielnik outlined the future considerations: automatic meter reading and water lateral data collection will be done over the course of a three-year cycle, so two (2) concurrent systems will be running simultaneously; the first reclaimed waterline is under negotiations with FDOT to share costs with the SW 10th Street Connector Project; water plant treatment process improvement by moving from lime softening system; pier structural assessment to ensure life cycle; grant funding will be heavily pursued to ensure City needs are being met; lead and copper rule, which is a federal requirement to inventory the laterals, and the City may be asked to do replacements beyond the public right-of-way and possibly onto private property; increased regulation for level of service to address stormwater quality; HB 53 requires the City to perform a condition assessment on sanitary and stormwater systems, which has been completed and will be submitted at the end of the month; as well as others.

Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said construction \$ facilities operates from the General Fund, road and bridge, stormwater and utility each have its own enterprise fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - CONTINUED

Construction & Facilities - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said the increase from personnel services is due to the reclass of non-uniform pension from non-departmental division. Capital was increased to \$100,000 due to the pier bollard replacements.

Infrastructure Maintenance - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said no additional personnel is being requested. Further, she explained that this is the only enterprise fund where the capital budget is not separated, so the full cost of the road & bridge capital projects is included in capital outlay. She stated that the FAU Research Park Boulevard Project is \$7 million and Pioneer Grove is \$5 million, but both are partially funded through surtax funds and the Safe Routes to School project is significantly funded through a state grant at \$382,419. Thereafter, other capital projects were displayed, as well as the costs associated for each. Lastly, she explained that the FEC fence is an 80/20 split through a grant, which will allow for a decorative fence from 10th Street to Sample Road.

Stormwater - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said the decrease in capital outlay is due to the creation of a stormwater capital project fund.

Administration/Engineering - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said the increase in operations is due to the non-departmental expenses that include legal services.

Utilities Maintenance - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said the personnel increase is due to the addition of a wastewater crew leader, which was previously eliminated, but now needed because of HB 53 rules.

Wastewater Service - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said staff does not have control over this budget, as it is a direct pass through expense; nevertheless, there was a significant increase last year but no projected increases from Broward County for FY23.

Water Plant - Operating Budget - Ms. Cygielnik said staff is requesting reorganization to be more consistent with operations, which includes the addition of a water plant manager and reclassification of a water lab technician to quality assurance and control officer due to various requirements and regulations. Operating expenses have increased due to chemical and lime sludge hauling and disposal increases.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Ms. Cygielnik replied that as part of the ION exchange analysis, staff is researching ways to pilot a program to reduce chemical usage.

Commissioner Drosky said he receives numerous calls regarding traffic calming devices and requested significant funding for that the line item. He also asked why the west community center project is being delayed.

Ms. Cygielnik replied that staff is currently working with contractors to obtain costs for the improvements based on the plans produced by Ken Carlson. Further, she said staff did discover that there is a funding mechanism through the parks impact fees; however, if additional funding is needed, it will be brought before the Commission.

Commissioner Preston commended staff for their expedited response regarding the issue at Buck Pride Way.

Mayor Ganz commended staff on tackling many of the drainage issues and requested that Palm Plaza drainage improvements be added to a future budget. He also requested that license plate readers be added to other areas, i.e. Deer Creek, Deer Run, etc. since the cost has been decreased. He applauded staff for the continued pier upgrades but asked that it be cleaned regularly. Lastly, Mayor Ganz commented on potential partnerships with the Historical Society and encouraged staff to find areas for them to operate.

PUBLIC INPUT

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on departments responsibilities and the importance of ensuring that job functions are properly defined, ensuring repairs are being completed in a timely manner so replacements are needed and thus, money is being saved.

PUBLIC INPUT - CONTINUED

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, asked if businesses are required to have heart paddle machines within their establishment. Further, she suggested that Commissioner Drosky bring the ocean rescue programming suggestion to the Broward League of Cities.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the building code does not require heart paddle machines to be installed in private establishments; however, they are installed at city facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Hudak and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk