



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, September 13, 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 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present:

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

Also Present:

City Manager David Santucci
Attorney Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney's Office
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Vice Mayor Parness temporarily left the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and returned at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2023
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes - August 16, 2023

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2023
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - August 9, 2023
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - August 22, 2023

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

September 13, 2023

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

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

Nays: 0

BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. ORDINANCE 2023/008 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; STATING THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE AS COMPUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney's Office, advised that the City's fiscal year 2024 millage rate is proposed as follows: operating millage - 6.0018, voted debt service - 0.2520, and total millage - 6.2538. The operating millage rate of 6.0018 is 10.63% more than the rolled back rate of 5.4253 mills calculated pursuant to State Law.

David Santucci, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the budget process thus far, whereby, this is the final hearing of the millage rate and fiscal year 2024 budget.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, read a statement from a previous city resident regarding the construction of the Braithwaite Center for Active Aging, reduction of the operating millage rate, fee increases, employee health insurance, ERP implementation, etc. Thereafter, he thanked Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, for answering his questions related to the City and CRA budgets; however, in writing or public forum is preferred, so others can be made aware of the responses.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, commented on governmental entities spending and then expecting to recoup the costs from the residents, which is a lot due to the number of taxpayers. Further, she suggested that there be a moratorium on spending, so the emergency reserves can be increased. Thereafter, she reiterated the need to stop spending in order to save, and stated that beatification to the medians is not needed at this time.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the amounts in the reserves and emergency fund. Further, she stated that if the City stops giving property away for free, taxes would not have to be increased.

Maria LoRicco, 1551 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on a property that has a 21% tax increase, which is unaffordable for many residents. Thereafter, she commented on other increases, suggested decreasing the millage rate, and asked what two cities reduced their millage rate and why it cannot be done in Deerfield Beach.

Mark Craddock, 1428 SE 4th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked Commissioner Preston for voting against the increase last year. Thereafter, he commented on other increases and asked that a reduction be reconsidered.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Preston's comment, Ms. Delgenio suggested reevaluating the costs for the lifeguard stands in an attempt to reduce costs. Thereafter, she commented on the average cost to build a home in Florida. Further, she said beautifying the City can wait.

Mayor Ganz answered questions/comments/concerns posed by the public. He stated that the City is decreasing the millage rate; nevertheless, the increase in taxes is due to the increased value in homes, so if you live on the Intracoastal and are not homesteaded, a 21% increase is what you will see. Further, the increase in taxes received has not put the City ahead of the expenses for the services being provided. Thereafter, he commented on the various increases the City has incurred and the concerns that have been mentioned regarding the use of emergency reserves to reduce the millage rate. Mayor Ganz said this commission disapproved the lifeguard stands last year because of the costs; nonetheless, due to the dilapidation of the stands, the Commission had no choice but to approve the cost this year, which were based on the bids the City received.

Thereafter, Mayor Ganz and Mark Craddock, resident, briefly discussed the increase in property taxes.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, David Santucci, City Manager, replied that Mr. Craddock's total tax bill is \$393/year. Further, he said the high bid for the lifeguard stations was \$313,000.

Mayor Ganz said during the first public hearing there was discussion regarding using emergency reserves to reduce the millage rate, which is not a great plan for the City; nevertheless, he understands the concerns with the increases but services must be provided. Further, he said other cities increased their millage rate, while ours was reduced. He said an additional reduction has been suggested by a few individuals, but no one has mentioned what projects, services, etc. they want cut, besides the reduction in beautification, which most people do not want cut. Thereafter, he commented on statements made by a previous city resident.

Mr. Santucci said the undesignated reserve balance is approximately \$24.2 million, and the emergency reserves are \$5 million.

Vice Mayor Parness said trees are not regulated by the City, but the County. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the rules and regulations.

Mayor Ganz clarified that Ms. Delgenio was talking about the trees within the medians.

Vice Mayor Parness continued commenting on the County's regulations regarding trees, open space, etc. Further, he said water restrictions are also governed by the County, but enforced by the City.

Commissioner Preston said it's being suggested that everyone on this commission is being insensitive to the needs of the people, which is the furthest thing from the truth. He has opined that at this time something can be given back to the residents due to the amount of money in the undesignated reserves, but after the various discussions and debates, he agreed that \$24 million is not a lot. Furthermore, he disagreed with decreasing the millage rate this year, and then jacking it up next year to recoup the costs. Thereafter, he commented on various devastations that have occurred in other areas. Commissioner Preston said although he would like to see the millage rate reduced further, it is not feasible at this time.

Commissioner Hudak said the individuals requesting a further reduction to the millage rate are the same ones that do not offer any suggestions on what they want to see cut; nonetheless, there are things this city must improve upon, i.e. infrastructure. Thereafter, he commented on non-homesteaded properties and why their taxes are so high. Furthermore, he suggested ways to increase tax revenue for those who are considering to run for office and stated that the people who sit on the dais are residents as well. Commissioner Hudak said there were numerous complaints regarding the lack of beautification to the medians, which is why they have been improved. Lastly, he reiterated that there have been no ideas or solutions brought forward on how to increase revenue or how to decrease costs.

Commissioner Drosky reiterated that the individuals sitting on this dais are residents and pay the same taxes; nonetheless, this commission represents 86,000 residents who expect a minimum level of service. He stated that these services, which cost money, maintain and showcase the City and make residents

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proud and make others want to come to Deerfield Beach. Thereafter, he commented on the various services provided, i.e. movies in the park, summer camp, etc. and the importance of keeping residents and bringing new residents to the City. Commissioner Drosky stated that his goal was to reduce the millage rate, but unfortunately it is not realistic due to inflation and other pressures on the budget. Thereafter, he commented on Hurricane Irma and how fast bulk pickup was done. Commissioner Drosky suggested limiting bulk pickup or decreasing the service levels for police and fire, which would be catastrophic. Furthermore, the property values in the City are less than the County average, so our tax rate is higher to maintain services; nevertheless, the millage rate was reduced. Lastly, he said this is not an easy decision, but his vision is to be the best city and in order for that to be achieved money must be spent; nevertheless, projects are forthcoming that could expand the tax base.

Mayor Ganz said there were three cities that reduced their millage rate, Cooper City - .01, Oakland Park - .015, and Deerfield Beach - .029, which was the lowest reduction in Broward County. He said Tallahassee passes laws that cost cities more money, which is unfortunate. Thereafter, he commented on increases and decreases he's seen since being in office. Mayor Ganz thanked those for attending and expressing their concerns, but stated that no one has mentioned what projects they'd like to see reduced. Since the budget workshops, reductions to the budget have been made; however, he reiterated that the services provided far exceed the revenue.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 1, adopted Ordinance 2023/008. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

2. ORDINANCE 2023/009 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on various statements that have been made by this commission, i.e. cutting various services. Furthermore, the millage rate was reduced by debt services, not operating millage. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the roll back rate increases throughout the years. Mr. Herz suggested using the reserves to reduce the millage rate, instead of cutting services. Lastly, he commented on the credit card fee that was implemented.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he said the undesignated reserves were used to complete projects that needed to be taken care of, i.e. infrastructure, and it was determined by this commission that the reserves cannot be lowered any further; therefore, in order to further reduce the millage rate, projects would need to be cut. Furthermore, a user fee was implemented on credit cards, but the \$850,000 went toward the multimillion-dollar difference between the City's cost going up and revenue increases. Thereafter, Mayor Ganz continued to entertain questions posed by Mr. Herz.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 2, adopted Ordinance 2023/009. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

3. **ORDINANCE 2023/010 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE DEERFIELD BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AS PROVIDED FOR IN PART III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) had two hearings adopting the budget; nevertheless, because the City's ad valorem tax revenue supports the CRA budget it is required that the City Commission adopt the budget as well.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on regular salaries; other professional services; Guy Harvey Foundation's involvement; and the removal of the motel on the CIP list that is located on the NE corner of A1A and Hillsboro Boulevard. Thereafter, he provided a brief update of the motel. Lastly, he asked for clarification on the \$5 million allocated for a parking garage at the Cove.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if the ride share program will be provided outside of the CRA area; and if it is, why are parking garages needed in the Cove or main beach parking lot. Further, she stated that both the ride share program and parking garages are not needed.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, said salary and other contractual services are broken down and outlined within the backup and the additional monies allocated are for implementation of new programs, which would need board approval. Further, she said the Cove and main beach parking lot improvements have been outlined within the capital improvements plan (CIP) for several years. Thereafter, she provided a brief overview of what a CIP is and stated that a parking garage is not a budgeted item, nor in the CIP until 2026, so discussions will not begin until 2025. Ms. Mory stated that it is very common for a ride share program to coexist with parking structures, i.e. Delray Beach, Pompano Beach, etc. Lastly, she provided a brief overview of the motel, which was discussed during the first hearing of the CRA budget.

Vice Chair Parness spoke in support of the ride share program, which is voluntary and would not interfere with a parking garage.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 3, adopted Ordinance 2023/010. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. **P.H. 2023-102: Resolution 2023/152 - A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, relating to the provision of fire rescue services, facilities and programs in the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida; confirming the preliminary rate resolution; reimposing fire rescue assessments against assessed property located within the City of Deerfield Beach for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023; approving the rate of assessment; approving the assessment roll; and providing an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

David Santucci, City Manager, said the preliminary rate resolution was presented at the July 18th commission meeting, which was adopted, whereby, this is the final hearing to adopt the rate.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Santucci replied that the preliminary rate was \$324. Further, he said staff budgeted at \$310, which was prior to the additional FRS contribution.

In response Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Santucci replied that \$310 is the lowest without making changes to the budget.

Commissioner Preston spoke in opposition to the \$324 rate and suggested keeping the \$310 rate.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Maria LoRicco, 1551 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with basing the budget on a rate that was never adopted.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney's Office, stated that Florida Law requires the millage rate to be adopted first.

Ms. LoRicco continued to express concerns with basing the budget on a rate that was not adopted.

Thereafter, Mayor Ganz provided a brief overview of the budget process and the events that have transpired thus far.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the \$324 rate, as long as the monies are being used to rebuild the fire stations or improving the current ones, as they have reached the end of their useful life.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Further, he agreed that the fire stations need to be evaluated but unfortunately it cannot be done with the fire assessment fee as it is used to offset the cost for fire rescue services.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that last year's fee was \$295, which has been increased at a lower rate than comparable cities. Further, he said the maximum rate was \$372, but the Commission adopted a not to exceed rate of \$324. Lastly, he stated that the \$310 rate and the approved millage rate were both discussed during the first hearing of the budget.

Commissioner Preston said although the services are needed, he cannot support the \$324, but spoke in support of the \$310 rate.

Vice Mayor Parness commented on the minimal increase and his experience using the services. Thereafter, he continued commenting on the importance of EMS and fire rescue services.

Commissioner Drosky said the fire assessment fee is the same rate for all, no matter where you reside within the City. Further, he understands the issues surrounding the increase and will support the \$324 rate as long as it does not change next year.

Commissioner Hudak said regardless of the adopted rate, this commission is not looking to cut services. He stated that the rate cannot go above \$324 and although the budget was based on \$310, he suggested a rate of \$315 to assist with the additional FRS contribution.

Mayor Ganz said the overall cost for fire rescue services is \$40 million, whereby, a rate of \$372 would cover \$21 million. The fire assessment fee allows the City to incur a user fee to those who may not pay property taxes. Further, he spoke in opposition to \$324, but spoke in support of \$315 as it will assist with the additional FRS contribution.

Commissioner Preston spoke in opposition to increasing the rate above \$310.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve a residential rate of \$315 for the fire assessment fee; adopted Resolution 2023/152. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Preston

- 5. P.H. 2023-103: Resolution 2023/153 - A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, relating to the collection of Nuisance Abatement Services Assessments; adopting findings of fact; approving the rate of assessment for each affected property; adopting the Assessment Roll; providing for notice and providing an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2023/153. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 6. P.H. 2023-108: Resolution 2023/154 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and adopting the inventory list of city owned property deemed appropriate for use as potential affordable housing pursuant to Section 166.0451, Florida Statutes; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that this is a requirement pursuant to Section 166.0451, under the Live Local Act. He stated that this is an inventoried list of city-owned property that is appropriate for potentially building affordable housing.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Paula Cook, 62 Centennial Court, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Live Local Act, which ties the City's hands. She asked who lobbied for this item and what is an RFA.

Mayor Ganz said is he unsure who lobbied for this item.

David Santucci, City Manager, said he is unsure what RFA stands for; nevertheless, staff will reach out to Ms. Cook to discuss further.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2023/154. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**7. P.H. 2023-107: APPLICATION 23-P-236**

Applicant: **Z & B Investment Group, LLC represented by Jim McLaughlin of McLaughlin Engineering Company**

Proposal: Request to amend 14,328 square feet of church use to a duplex on the "B T H C Plat" (Plat Book 157, Page 18).

Location: The property is generally described as B T H C PLAT 157-18 B PARCEL A, more particularly described in the file, and located at **488 NW 1st Terrace**.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney's Office, explained the quasi-judicial proceeding and asked whether the applicant will proceed or waive.

Vice Mayor Parness temporarily left the meeting at 8:43 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

Jim McLaughlin, representing the applicant, waived the quasi-judicial proceeding. Further, he stated that the applicant is requesting to revise the note amendment to allow for a duplex.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Willie Graham-Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to allowing a duplex in the area as it is an already high trafficked area.

Evelyn Price, 482 NW 1st Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to allowing a duplex, apartments, etc. being brought into the community, as it brings people in who do not care. Thereafter, she commented on the current issues surrounding the church, i.e. traffic.

Commissioner Drosky temporarily left the meeting at 8:52 p.m. and returned at 8:54 p.m.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Mr. Maurodis stated that the area is zoned RM-10; therefore, a duplex is a permitted use.

Jerry Burke, 216 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the duplex as it will increase traffic to an already high trafficked area. Thereafter, he asked that the applicant be a good steward to the community and suggested building a single-family home in lieu of a duplex.

Janice Fulmore-Tigner, 1090 SW 4th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of development within the community, especially District 2, but agreed that a single-family home would be more beneficial than a duplex. Further, she suggested that an Ordinance be implemented to ensure that renters live there for a certain period of time.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Preston agreed with the stability of building a single-family home, but encouraged all to understand that a duplex falls under the permitted use. Thereafter, he commented on the housing issue. Commissioner Preston reiterated that the duplex is a permitted use, but hopes that the applicant would consider adding a stipulation regarding the length of time renters had to remain in the duplex.

Commissioner Hudak commented on the requests to reduce the millage rate, as well as people having issues with developments coming into their neighborhoods; whereby, reducing the millage rate can be done by increasing the number of residents through responsible development. Further, he understands the residents' concerns, but development is going to happen, and spoke in support of a stipulation being added.

Mayor Ganz agreed that a single-family home is always preferred but the same issues brought forward can occur in a single-family home as well; nevertheless, he agreed that there is a need for housing.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Mr. Maurodis stated that a duplex is a permitted use and of right, it is not discretionary.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Drosky thanked the residents for coming out and providing their feedback.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's question, staff stated that there is no site plan review for this item.

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion regarding site plan approval and the renter length stipulation, which was inaudible.

Commissioner Preston reiterated that this commission does not have a choice as a duplex is a permitted use, nor can a stipulation be given for renting the duplex for a specific timeframe.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2023/155. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Lubin, 16 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach, congratulated Ocean Rescue on winning the championships. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the brag board and suggested placing one near the pier and one near the parking lot right off the beach. Further, he said the Education Advisory Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged all to attend. Thereafter, he commented on student career day and encouraged all to take part in the reading to children program. Lastly, he commented on commercial landscaping being performed on Sunday's and asked that it be re-evaluated to enhance the quality of life and suggested allowing construction from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, commented on homestead exemptions within Broward County. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of an additional exemption that is offered to senior citizens, which has been adopted by other cities.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commended the Deerfield Beach Women's Club for a job well done on their fashion show. Thereafter, he encouraged all to donate to the Women's Club as they need a new roof.

Paula Cook, 62 Centennial Court, Deerfield Beach, asked where the bids are advertised and when are they advertised.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, thanked Mr. Herz, as the event was sold out. Further, she asked that the website be updated so the agenda provides links to the items and processes are properly filtered, i.e. starting a new business. Lastly, she said her husband submitted a public records request, which has not been completed.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he answered questions/concerns/comments posed by the public. He asked that the additional senior exemption be brought forward as an agenda item.

David Santucci, City Manager, said bids are advertised throughout the year, and are outlined on Purchasing's webpage, as well as the Sun-Sentinel newspaper.

Mayor Ganz said he is unsure with the issues surrounding the agenda, as he is able to pull the agenda up and click on the provided links to access the backup for each item. Further, all applications are on the website; nevertheless, he encouraged Ms. Freitag to reach out to staff for assistance. Lastly, he asked that the response to the public records request be provided in a timely manner.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 8 - 11; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 8 - 11 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 8. Resolution 2023/156 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing David Evoy to the City of Deerfield Beach Non-Uniformed Municipal Employees Retirement Committee as the fifth member; providing for an effective date.**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 9. Resolution 2023/157 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Kenneth L. Lewis, Jr., Esquire as Code Enforcement Special Magistrate and Special Magistrate for Sports Volunteer Background Screening Appeals in accordance with the provisions of the City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ordinances; and providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-3009-524-30-26 - Code Compliance/Code Enforcement/Special Magistrate & Account #001-7025-572-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)**
- 10. Resolution 2023/158 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of Request for Proposals #23-29-VP for a citywide unified key management system; authorizing execution of an agreement with the top ranked, responsive and responsible proposer, Broward Century Locksmiths II, Inc. in an annual amount not to exceed \$146,786.90 for a one year term with two additional one year renewal options; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-5060-519-65-30 - CIP - Infrastructure)**
- 11. Resolution 2023/159 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC, to provide professional engineering services to develop a city sustainability roadmap and greenhouse gas inventory in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-4553-539-32-99 - Coastal & Waterways/Other Contractual Services)**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 12. Presentation by Colliers International regarding the 2023 Central City Area Retail Market Analysis.**

Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief overview of the item. Thereafter, she introduced Ken Krasnow, Colliers International, who highlighted a brief PowerPoint Presentation.

Mr. Krasnow said the hope is to attract businesses and retail to the City's central city corridor. He stated that cities don't choose retailers, retailers choose cities and retail follows rooftops. The central city corridor encompasses Dixie Highway to Sample Road. The demographics for the City indicate notable growth between 2010 and 2023, surpassing the growth rates of Broward County, a fair median household income, and a homeownership rate higher than the South Florida average; whereby, the population is diverse and the growing population appeals to a wide variety of demographics. The City's strengths outlined in the SWOT analysis include location, diverse customer base, amenities, large trade area, and economic growth; weaknesses include competition, seasonal fluctuations, central city corridor and NIMBYism; opportunities include rezoning, embrace nodes, retail/flex uses, diverse commercial uses, and streamline permitting

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process; threats include competition, rising costs, natural disasters, traffic/mobility improvements, and other obstacles to redevelopment.

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 9:35 p.m. and returned at 9:38 p.m.

Continuing, Mr. Krasnow explained that retailers are very focused on population and there are some housing areas within the central city corridor that are concerning due to the declining population and households, aging housing inventory, and lack of supply and new development. Thereafter, housing statistics for Deerfield Beach and Broward County were displayed. Further, he said there are several indicators that would support an increased spending potential to include the presence of families starting out or raising children in the City, diverse population, both affluent and middle-income households, and the attraction of migrants and small businesses. Mr. Krasnow said the psychographic analysis outlined the top five categories of residents within the corridor, retirement communities - 13.7%, the elders - 11.4%, metro fusion - 11%, home improvement - 8.5%, and American dreamers - 7.1%.

Moreover, Mr. Krasnow said the annual consumer expenditures showed that residents use their discretionary income on entertainment and recreation, household furnishings and equipment, and apparel and services. The retail supply/demand analysis showed that there is a declining vacancy rate, and while inventory has remained relatively unchanged the rental rate is on a steady increase; nevertheless, the market can support additional retail space. Further, the gap analysis showed that there's a lot of opportunity to capture discretionary spending within the central city area. The void analysis showed which brands, i.e. restaurants, big box, retail, clothing, healthcare, are missing and which should be considered in the central area. Thereafter, various photographs were displayed highlighting the locations in Broward County that are void in Deerfield Beach. Examples of retail uses were displayed, i.e. breweries, bakeries, quick service restaurants, etc. that would assist with filling the void. Lastly, he said the data is encouraging and is a starting point to develop a plan so a more definitive action plan can be brought forward.

13. Presentation regarding the Aesthetic Enhancements to the International Fishing Pier.

Commissioner Drosky temporarily left the meeting at 9:52 p.m. and returned at 9:56 p.m.

David Santucci, City Manager, explained that a structural analysis has been completed on the entire pier to enhance the fishermen and sightseeing experience, lower the maintenance costs, and preserve the longevity of the pier. Further, he said along with the base bid, two additional options will be presented; whereby, the base bid of \$3.6 million can be put out within 15 - 30 days, but option two and three would require bid specifications to be developed, which could take 60 - 90 days. He explained that the Commission can also decide to move forward with the base bid, and price options out through the bid process in option two and three, if desired. Thereafter, he introduced the consultants who highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Lakdas Nanayakkara, structural engineer, provided a brief overview of the item. Thereafter, he introduced Pravin Nanayakkara, who is part of the structural team.

Mr. Nanayakkara highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the primary focus for Option 1 is the structural repair of the pier, which includes repairs to the supporting columns, pier deck beams, wood deck, handrails, and the pavilion structure. The improvements include replacing hand rails throughout and adding a collapsible aluminum railing at T pier-end.

Walter Wernecke, architect, said Option 1 will also include an aluminum top handrail on the wood railings, new furnishings, i.e. fish cutting areas and cleaning stations, and the pavilion will be restored. Thereafter, various photographs of Option 1 were displayed. He stated that Options 2 and 3 will encompass the tower at the front entrance on A1A and 2nd, and also include a second pavilion on the pier. Thereafter, various photographs of Option 2 were displayed, which include a hybrid scheme of wood and aluminum elements and indirect lighting that would need approval by Florida Fish and Wildlife. Option 3 is similar to Option 2, but includes aluminum elements only and periodic panels depicting marine life. Thereafter, various photographs of Option 3 were displayed. Lastly, cost breakdowns for each option were displayed.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Wernecke replied that he is not an avid pier fisherman, whereby, the fishing ideas stemmed from neighboring piers, i.e. Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, etc.

Commissioner Preston said he has fished piers for over 30 years, and many of the ideas presented will not work for fishermen, i.e. aluminum railings. Thereafter, he continued to express concerns as to why these options will not work and wished his input was sought beforehand.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Nanayakkara replied that Option 1 proposes to add an aluminum top rail to the wood railings. Further, he explained that the wave action causes the wood to break off, whereby, aluminum is light, lasts longer and more durable.

Commissioner Preston said these options are more conducive to sightseeing, not fishermen and will change the entire fishing experience. Thereafter, he continued to express his concerns with the aluminum railings.

Mr. Nanayakkara said many times fishermen will use the top railing as a cutting board, so solutions were brought forward to discourage individuals to use the hand rails as cutting boards.

Commissioner Preston agreed but the aluminum does not allow fishermen to fish effectively.

Commissioner Drosky suggested pricing everything out and holding a workshop or charette for public feedback and then make the final determination.

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' question, Mr. Nanayakkara replied that a bracket with a pole holder can be used on a rail.

Mr. Santucci said staff will work with the consultants on solutions for allowing poles to lean on the handrails.

Mayor Ganz agreed with Commissioner Preston that the improvements are not fishermen friendly. Further he suggested that the cutting and cleaning stations be covered and spoke in support of the second pavilion and indirect lighting. Mayor Ganz agreed with pricing everything out, but reiterated that the fishing aspect is missing and asked that staff reach out to Commissioner Preston, or himself for input.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with pricing the options out, but suggested moving forward with Option 1, base bid, so the process can begin on ensuring the pier is operable.

Mr. Santucci said staff will move forward with the base bid, and then come back with a change order for any additional enhancements.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Mr. Santucci stated that staff will move forward with the wood railing at the T of the pier, if that is the Commission's desire.

There were no objections.

14. ORDINANCE 2023/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90 "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT" OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, SPECIFY ELEVATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENCY WITH APPLICABLE BUILDING CODE AND FEMA POLICY PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that this item adheres to FEMA requirements as it relates to building homes within flood zones.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

There was no discussion from the Commission.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 14 on first reading. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

15. Resolution 2023/160 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of ITB #2023-32-BA for citywide median landscape improvements to VisualScape, Inc.; authorizing the execution of a contract with VisualScape, Inc., the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,048,945.35; providing an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-7020-539-65-30 - CIP - Infrastructure)

The Resolution was read by title only.

Elizabeth Ricci, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. She said staff developed guidelines in order to provide clear design aesthetics to citywide maintained medians, which was presented on June 7, 2022. Staff began working on improving certain entry way medians through a formal competitive solicitation and various locations were proposed. All the medians are on state-owned roadways and must follow FDOT guidelines; therefore, they are required to be reviewed, permitted and approved by FDOT. Further, 18,849.6 linear feet of medians have been completed by parks staff, 14,775.1 are in progress, and 6,602.5 are entryway medians. Thereafter, photographs of the upgraded medians were displayed, as well as the background and timeline of the median landscape improvements, which should be completed in March 2024. Lastly, she said staff recommends approving the contract for entryway median improvements to VisualScape, Inc.

Commissioner Hudak commended staff as the medians look great. Thereafter, he commented on the various improvements and spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked how the improvements will impact traffic.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, stated that the contractor would have to request a motion of traffic (MOT), and ensure that the lanes would be properly blocked off; nevertheless, a lane may be blocked but they will be moving quickly.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Power replied that staff is working as quickly as possible to get the approvals and bid the prices; nevertheless, the bid would have to be redone if the project was held off longer.

Commissioner Drosky also commented on the median upgrades as it has enhanced the curb appeal of Deerfield Beach. Although, the cost is high, the alternate bid was higher and this is something that needs to be done, as beautification and upgrades attract people and businesses to the City.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 15, adopted Resolution 2023/160. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

16. Resolution 2023/161 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Shiff Construction and Development, Inc., utilizing the Sourcewell, Inc. Job Order Contract #FL-R10-GC-02-111821-SCD for the construction of interior improvements to City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00; authorizing appropriations to fund the project; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-5060-519-62-00 - General Capital Project - Construction & Facilities Maintenance/Buildings)

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, provided a brief background of the item.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, explained that the customer service experience consists of planning services, building services, code compliance, utility billing, and cashier, whereby, all other service experiences are behind doors. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of a customer applying for a building permit. Further, he said improvements include a new window and door system to create a better entryway to city hall, additional service windows, etc. to make it easier for customers. Additionally, these improvements will provide better opportunities for city staff to be protected.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the improvements, as it will help the customer service experience and protect our employees.

Commissioner Drosky spoke in opposition to the project, as city hall is deteriorating and these improvements do nothing to renovate the building, which was previously proposed. Furthermore, he does not agree with spending \$500,000 on these improvements due to the lack of supporting documentation in the backup. Although, he understands the additional protection, he reiterated that there are no police or incident reports in the backup justifying these additions. Commissioner Drosky stated that he has expressed the need for staff to seek P-3 opportunities for redevelopment, i.e. city hall and the police station, and stated that the money should be used to find a new campus or building, not improving the current city hall.

Commissioner Hudak said \$500,000 does not go very far, and if the customer service experience can be enhanced and safety can be improved for our employees, he supports it. Furthermore, he disagreed with acting after an incident occurs, and stated that it will be years before city hall can be completely renovated, as costs have increased since the initial discussion of this project in 2017.

Vice Mayor Parness commented on situations that have occurred where he's had to assist customers in the lobby. He said providing excellent customer service and protecting employees are extremely important; therefore, he supports the improvements.

Mayor Ganz agreed with both sides; nevertheless, city hall is desperately in need of repairs. Although he supports the safety of our employees and making it customer service friendly, he reiterated that he sees both sides and is torn.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the improvements and suggested improvements be done to the commission chambers, i.e. additional security measures, seating, etc. and asked that the clocktower be fixed.

Dan Herz, 33 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the seating capacity of the chambers is sufficient and stated that police presence is enough.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, agreed with Commissioner Drosky, as city hall needs to be redeveloped. She suggested putting the money away for next year and using the Tigner Center to house city hall employees while city hall is being rebuilt.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that moving staff around is costly.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the money to rebuild city hall will not be available next year.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding the customer service improvements and security enhancements to city hall.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 16, adopted Resolution 2023/161. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Drosky

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - None.

CITY MANAGER - None.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**17. City Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation.**

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 10:54 p.m. and returned at 10:56 p.m.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that a memorandum, along with backup documentation was provided to the City Commission, which consisted of the evaluation form, as well as achievements and accomplishments for this year. Furthermore, the completed evaluations should be turned into the City Clerk.

Commissioner Preston said he has seen significant growth in Mr. Santucci and knows he cares about the City; nevertheless, he thinks having the City Manager reside in the City provides a vested interest. Thereafter, he commented on his interactions with Mr. Santucci and the leadership he has shown.

Commissioner Hudak said he is also pleased with Mr. Santucci's growth, as he sees the difference from where he started to where he is at today, but there is always room for improvement. Thereafter, he commended Mr. Santucci for his accomplishments, i.e. beach renourishment project. Although there has been turnover within management, which is concerning and needs stability, he is pleased with the hiring of the CFO and Director of Public Safety. Further, he said being proactive instead of reactive must be percolated down to the general staff and he wants to see more proactiveness; nevertheless, when resident concerns are brought forward, they are addressed. Commissioner Hudak stated that Mr. Santucci has taken ownership of the position and done a fabulous job since taking over.

Vice Mayor Parness has also seen the growth in Mr. Santucci and is pleased with his work, attitude, and treatment of people, as he is very respectful to everyone. Further, he said Mr. Santucci doesn't just have love for the City, but love for what he does, which is important. He stated that Mr. Santucci does not make decisions for himself, but takes direction from this commission, which he is doing well. Vice Mayor Parness spoke in support of an increase.

Commissioner Drosky spoke in support of the new form, as the structure is more concise. Further, he said Mr. Santucci's biggest accomplishments this year have been the referendum for the 10th Street project and the pier lease. Future goals consist of P3 opportunities, i.e. city hall, fire stations, Pioneer Park, etc.; four corners; and maintain millage rate, whereas, a reduction is not feasible and should not solely fall on Mr. Santucci. Moving forward, Commissioner Drosky would like to see a software implemented to track issues/concerns the Commission brings forward and would like information provided beforehand, i.e. budget presentations, etc. Lastly, he agreed that Mr. Santucci has grown in the role and stated that he attends many of the events which shows his investment in the City.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz commended Mr. Santucci on the referendum for the 10th Street project, beach renourishment project, and presenting a balanced budget with inflation and infrastructure needs was impressive. He also commended Mr. Santucci on the budget presentation as it was easy to digest, addressed challenges the City's facing, and clarified misinformation. Mayor Ganz said the feedback he has received from business community stakeholders and other agencies has been very positive, and stated that Mr. Santucci makes the City of Deerfield Beach look good, which is appreciative. Further, he disagreed with the City Manager living within the City limits, as living in the City has no bearings on a job well done but agreed that Mr. Santucci does spend a lot of time in the City. Although additional improvement is needed, he has seen improvements on communication and Mr. Santucci's ability to work with staff.

Continuing, Mayor Ganz said following up on questions in a timely manner needs to be approved upon, and agreed that a system needs to be put into place; nevertheless, Mr. Santucci does a good job with keeping him informed. Although Mr. Santucci follows the many directives given, he must ensure that what is being presented, provided and voted upon is deemed appropriate by this commission. Furthermore, issues/concerns he sees at parks, the beach, etc. should be handled, as he should not be the one finding the issues. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the City's home values and millage rate, and stated that it is unrealistic to think the City will have the lowest millage rate, but said a long-term plan could be put into place to slowly reduce the millage rate. Mayor Ganz said engaging the Commission earlier would be beneficial before getting to deep into projects, i.e. pier improvements. He commended Mr. Santucci for maintaining his demeanor when being publicly attacked and agreed that he's seen Mr. Santucci grow over the years.

Vice Mayor Parness said last year Mr. Santucci was given a 6% increase and suggested a 10% this year.

Commissioner Preston agreed with an increase but spoke in opposition to 10% and suggested 7% - 8%.

Commissioner Hudak said the results of the pay and class study showed that city staff was underpaid by 6%, so that's the baseline for him; nevertheless, he believes Mr. Santucci has done better than the baseline and spoke in support of 7% - 8%, which is comparable to other city managers.

Commissioner Drosky said city managers are competitive and agreed with the suggested increase posed by Vice Mayor Parness.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the results of the pay and class study resulted in a 6% across the board increase over FY23 and FY24, as well as minimum and market adjustments for specific positions.

Commissioner Preston stated that whatever is decided should be agreed upon by the entire commission.

Vice Mayor Parness made a motion to approve a 10% merit increase for City Manager Santucci. Prior to a second, Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the increase provided to Mr. Santucci last year. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of Mr. Santucci's performance over the last 12 months. Further, he said if this commission is going to be fair to the taxpayers, an increase would not be given due to his lack of performance.

Vice Mayor Parness temporarily left the meeting at 11:31 p.m. and returned at 11:33 p.m.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to 10%, as fees, expenses, etc. have increased; therefore, she stated that 8%, which is higher than what the employees received, should be the max due to the number of projects that are needed.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, said he is amazed by Mr. Santucci's performance; therefore, he spoke in support of a raise.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Further, he agreed that Mr. Santucci has done an outstanding job, but additional improvements are needed. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition to 10%, and stated that his max would be 6.5%, as that is what the employees received, but he would be willing to go a little higher.

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion regarding the percentage increase for Mr. Santucci.

Vice Mayor Parness revised his motion to approve an 8% merit increase for City Manager Santucci, but the motion failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve a 7% merit increase for City Manager Santucci. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER HUDAK****DISTRICT 1**

District 1 Meeting - Commissioner Hudak said the meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the agenda.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Accolades - Commissioner Preston commented on a situation that occurred at Mayo Howard Park on Labor Day; thereafter, he thanked staff for their efforts with cleaning up the park. Further, he thanked the Commission for coming together to represent the City.

VICE MAYOR PARNESS**DISTRICT 3**

Insurance Premiums - Vice Mayor Parness stated that a meeting will be held in the Century Village Club House on September 14th at 1:00 p.m. regarding the increases.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Broward League of Cities - Commissioner Drosky stated that he has a magnet with frequently used phone numbers as well as a QR code that will direct you to the County services, if anyone is interested.

Live Local Act - Commissioner Drosky stated that the Commission and staff must stay abreast of the Live Local Act. Thereafter, he commented on the Cleveland in Miami Beach.

Homestead Exemption - Commissioner Drosky said when this item is put together that the following information be provided, how many people will it affect and what will it do to the City's budget.

Jr. Angler's Day - Commissioner Drosky said the event will take place Saturday, September 16th.

MAYOR GANZ

Accolades - Mayor Ganz thanked all who were involved in the Community Cares event.

Code Hearings - Mayor Ganz said when issues are resolved, they do not trickle down to all involved; therefore, he suggested that a sign up be available to those who are interested in receiving information regarding the outcome.

Code Violations - Mayor Ganz said he's received many complaints regarding a motel near the beach and asked staff to investigate. Further, he is aware of other violations, i.e. abandonments, disrepair, etc. that

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

have been issued to places on the S-curve and asked for updates.

Updates - Mayor Ganz said the market located on the S-curve has been scheduled to be open for quite some time and asked for an update.

Jr. Angler's Event - Mayor Ganz said he may not be able to attend, but will do his best; nevertheless, he looks forward to hearing the stories.

Garbage Cans - Mayor Ganz asked if a resident requests a smaller garbage will they receive a reduced rate.

David Santucci, City Manager, does not believe so, but will confirm and follow up.

Debate - Mayor Ganz agreed that some of the decisions made, should be a 5-0 vote, and thanked the Commission for their feedback and debate as it causes him to rethink his stance.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk