



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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 7:07 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
City Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2023

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - July 13 & September 14, 2023

Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2023

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2023

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2023

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

January 23, 2024

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

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

Nays: 0

PRESENTATIONS BY ADMINISTRATION**1. Certificate of Recognition presented by Captain Hofstein to BSO Law Enforcement staff.**

Captain Hofstein, BSO District X, presented certificates of recognition to deputies for their efforts with various events that have occurred within the last two weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, expressed concern with code compliance, whereby, she submitted a complaint a week ago and has not heard anything. Thereafter, she asked what the turnaround time is.

Sandra Jackson, 386 SW 35th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on statements that were made at the last commission meeting regarding a former employee. Thereafter, she expressed concerns with defaming a person's character and asked that everyone be respectful.

Willie Rosetta Graham-Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commented on a letter she received from Code Compliance regarding her shutters and fence. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition to the new garbage cans, as they are too large.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, commented on fencing, which was previously mentioned, around new homes in Florida, whereby, state law does not require homeowners to build fences around their properties. Thereafter, he commented on Senate Bill 7004.

Patricia Saunders, 252 SW 34th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Bill of Rights.

Joel Smith, 959 SE 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, invited everyone to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00 p.m. to address the school grade concerns, whereby, the Superintendent will be in attendance.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on recent vacancies within the Financial Services Department, city finances, the purchase of the beach lots, and the Pier Restaurant lease.

Julie Rodriguez, 150 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, said she is excited to announce that Broward County schools had a .4% increase in Blacks and Hispanics graduating from High School. Further, she asked for some clarification on the building inspection recertification process.

Janet Castrogiovanni, 1523 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, asked for an update on the contamination of the water supply.

David Santucci, City Manager, said Deerfield Beach's water supply was not contaminated; however, there was a recent boil water notification for Lighthouse Point. Further, he provided a brief overview of the requirements for building inspections, which are mandated by the State.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, said all letters regarding the 25-year inspection requirement have been submitted. Further, if issues arise with individuals obtaining an architect, surveys, etc., there is an extension process, which must go through the City's Building Official.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz answered questions/comments/concerns posed by the public. He stated that the fencing that was previously discussed was geared toward screening being put around homes while they were being developed. Further, individuals can request a smaller can in lieu of the new larger one. Mayor Ganz said Code Compliance should be immediately responding to a complaint, whereby, code staff may not follow up with the person who made the complaint; nevertheless, he will look into the situation. Thereafter, he apologized for previous comments made, stated that individuals have a right to speak, but rules must be followed, and inaccurate facts that have been made.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 2, 4, & 5; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 2, 4, & 5 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 2. Resolution 2024/009 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Janelle Richards as an alternate member to the Community Appearance Board; and providing for an effective date.**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 3. Resolution 2024/010 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending the rules and regulations for Deerfield Beach Memorial Cemetery and Pineview Cemetery to revise the dimension requirements for headstones, markers and memorials and update various provisions to be consistent with the administrative operation of the cemeteries; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that the Resolution is being amended to allow a headstone to have three names. Additionally, administrative procedures are being updated to reflect the current processes.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Janice Fulmore-Tigner, 1090 SW 4th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, asked if different monument markers could be purchased and when markers are broken or damaged due to landscaping maintenance, who should the community notify and how long should it take to replace. Further, when the costs for cemetery plots increase, the community should be notified. Lastly, she asked if Deerfield Beach cemeteries are for residents only.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the monuments must be addressed, whereas, Pineview has all flat markers, and Memorial has some that are standing. Further, he said increases should have been done in increments until 2026, as that is what was presented at a previous workshop. Mr. Scott said the previous Parks & Recreation Director did reach out to the funeral homes about the increase in prices. Thereafter, he commented on the discussion regarding who can and cannot be buried in the Deerfield Beach cemeteries. Lastly, he said the markers must be addressed as there are some in disrepair.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the Pineview plots have been reviewed, whereby, it was previously suggested that the youth plots be combined.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

Mr. Santucci said he will work with the Director of Parks & Recreation on the markers that are in disrepair. Further, he will look into the history of the markers at both cemeteries. Mr. Santucci said the youth plots are being handled on a case-by-case basis until capacity is reached. Deerfield Beach cemeteries are for residents and immediate family members only. Lastly, he said if the markers are damaged by city staff, the repairs are handled by the City but he needs to investigate how and why damages are occurring.

Commissioner Preston asked that the definition of infant be amended to include the first birthday.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 3, as amended. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

4. **Resolution 2024/011 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, waiving competitive solicitation requirements in accordance with Section 38-116(3)(E) of the City Code; approving an agreement with United Way of Broward County, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the United Way ReadingPals Program in the City of Deerfield Beach; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
5. **Resolution 2024/012 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Contract #JA124-06-2024 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Older American Act Title III Programs in an amount not to exceed \$192,840.00; authorizing execution of the Contract; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

6. **Resolution 2024/013 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the transfer of certain easement and other rights of the City to the Florida Department of Transportation for drainage purposes in connection with the FDOT SW 10th Street Project; providing for execution of the related Quitclaim Deed; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the item, which is outlined in the Resolution.

Vice Mayor Parness spoke in support of the item.

Commissioner Drosky said the expansion of the lake will be used for the drainage from the SW 10th Street Project, and will prevent future development; therefore, he supports the item.

Mayor Ganz said he is glad that the land will be returned to its natural state. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2024/013. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED**7. Resolution 2024/014 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, adopting the Vision Zero Master Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries within the City; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, said Vision Zero provides safer roads in Deerfield Beach. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the actions that have transpired over the last ten months. Mr. Power displayed a bar graph outlining the crash data from 2018 - 2022, whereby, there 29 serious injuries and 12 fatalities in 2023. Further, he said it is estimated that all state roadways within the City will be improved within the next 25 years through resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation projects; therefore, staff is recommending a goal of reaching zero fatalities by 2050. Mr. Power said there is 351 total miles of roadway, whereby, 67% of crashes occur on state roadways, which make up 18% of roadways.

Continuing, Mr. Power outlined the commitments of Vision Zero, which include shared responsibility, public health, emergency services, equity, and public involvement. Further, he said the Master Plan explains Vision Zero and possible implementation measures; the Action Plan is the living document designed to create a framework to reach a goal of zero deaths by 2050; Report Card is an annual document that will be presented each January, reflecting on accomplishments for the prior year and proposed changes for future years; and the Vision Zero Dashboard is a webpage showing the location of all crashes and relevant material and statistics. Thereafter, he displayed the Vision Zero Dashboard, which will be displayed on the City's website. He stated that there are six different strategies outlined in the Action Plan, data collection, culture of safety - creation, culture of safety - implementation, culture of safety - education, culture of safety - outreach, and public commitment. Lastly, he provided a brief overview of the timeline for the Action Plan.

Mayor Ganz said there are many things outlined in the Plan that are low cost, which is great to see.

Commissioner Drosky thanked Mr. Power for spearheading this project, as well as those staff members who have been involved.

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' question, Mr. Power replied that one of the City's commitments is working with other agencies, as the City is not responsible for all roadways within Deerfield Beach; therefore, creating the correct dialogue with county and state agencies is imperative.

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 7, adopted Resolution 2024/014. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Parness, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - NONE

CITY MANAGER

8. Discussion regarding submission of a letter to the Broward County School Board requesting assistance with the improvement of the Deerfield Beach school grades.

David Santucci, City Manager, said at the last commission meeting, Commissioner Preston recommended sending a letter to the School Board, which was the consensus of the Commission; therefore, a letter has been drafted to transmit accordingly. Further, he has spoken to Dr. Peter B. Licata, Broward County Superintendent, and he is aware of the letter and looks forward to working with the City and community on the school grades, as well as other issues.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

Code Compliance Workshop - Mr. Santucci said the workshop will take place on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center.

Lunchtime Workshop - Mr. Santucci said the workshop will take place on Friday, January 26th from noon to 1:00 p.m. He said the workshop will be held virtually, but the Commission Chambers will be open as well; however, there will be no public input. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the reasoning behind the workshop, as well as the items that will be discussed.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

9. **ORDINANCE 2024/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE II "BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE SECTION 2-26 "CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS" FOR CERTAIN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DEFERRED FROM JANUARY 9, 2024)**

The Ordinance was read by title.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, explained that the exemption for elected officials has been removed from the Ordinance.

Commissioner Drosky reiterated his stance, whereby, the boards/committees that were selected deal with children, the elderly, etc.; therefore, this ordinance is to protect the vulnerable population.

Commissioner Preston spoke in opposition to the Ordinance, as he feels it's extremely invasive and is creating a problem, not a solution.

Vice Mayor Parness said individuals should not be punished for minute offenses; therefore, he cannot support the Ordinance.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka replied that the Ordinance references State Statute 435.04, which is the standard statute for Level II screenings. Furthermore, the crimes, which are mostly felonies are outlined within the Statute; however, there is not a limitation on when the crime was committed. Thereafter, he read an excerpt from the Statute.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding the Level II Background Screenings for certain boards and committees.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Islah May Abdul Aziz, 425 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, provided a brief explanation of the definition of a background check. Thereafter, she commented on issues she faced as a young child, as well as accolades she's received throughout the years. Further, she said past experiences should not be held against individuals, as people change and grow up.

Maria LoRicco, 1551 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach, suggested that board/committee members sign an affidavit advising that there is nothing in their past. She also suggested that a training be conducted and a handbook be provided to the board/committee members. Thereafter, she commented on a training she took when she worked for a Catholic charity.

Sandra Jackson, 386 SW 35th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said she is not against the background checks, but stated that it needs to be done for all boards, as well as the Elected Officials. Further, records that are sealed and expunged will not show up. Ms. Jackson said board appointments are made by the Elected Officials, so they should know who they are appointing. Lastly, she reiterated that all boards, along with the Elected Officials should be included; nevertheless, these are advisory boards, and members are not with children, the elderly, etc. in a private setting.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Patricia Link, 252 Ventnor R, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said if this is going to be implemented, it should include all boards, as well as the Elected Officials. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the interactions the Elected Officials have with the schools and elderly. Further, he said he sits on several boards and is a part of many organizations that require background checks but reiterated that it should be done for all, to include nonprofit organizations. Lastly, he agreed that a training be conducted for all advisory boards.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the Ordinance, but agreed with the affidavit option and/or training.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance, but stated that second chances should be given as people do change.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said this ordinance should include all advisory boards, as there are different crimes that can be committed, i.e. embezzlement. Thereafter, he commented on the Firemen's Pension Board, as they are responsible for millions of dollars. Lastly, he asked that ordinances be fully vetted prior to them being brought forward.

Michael Lubin, 16 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach, said he currently serves on the Education Advisory Board, and has been background checked many times. Further, he agreed that this should be done for all boards, as well as the Elected Officials. Lastly, he said conducting background checks are a plus when individuals are dealing with the youth and general population.

Thelema Lamar, 660 NW 2nd Terrace, Deerfield Beach, said she is not opposed to background checks, but disagreed with it not being across the board, and suggested that it include vendors.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said advisory board meetings are held, so individuals can come and provide the information the boards are seeking, whereby, it is not a requirement of the Education Advisory Board to go into schools. Thereafter, she commented on events she's attended at schools, which are open to other organizations to attend. Further, she said the Elected Officials must understand the roles of each advisory board, and be more connected with each through the minutes. Lastly, she agreed that if this is being implemented, it should include all boards.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Parness reiterated that he cannot support the Ordinance, as individuals with minute offenses should be given a second chance. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of situations he has encountered, which were misunderstandings.

Commissioner Preston said these individuals are volunteers, and not being compensated. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the affidavit. Further, he spoke in opposition to it not being implemented for all advisory boards.

Commissioner Drosky said the good for one, good for all argument is a failure under the law because there is a concept within the law that requires an ordinance or statute to have a rational basis for its passage, which is why he rationally chose the three boards, as they deal with the youth, elderly, etc. Further, this commission can expand this ordinance at any time and include other boards, i.e. Planning & Zoning Board, but at this time no other boards fall under the rational basis that is being proposed for this ordinance.

Mayor Ganz said he has been a champion of background checks before becoming a commissioner. Thereafter, he commented on misstatements that have been made, which is disappointing and outlined the offenses that this ordinance relates too, which are felonies, not petty offenses, i.e. spitting on a sidewalk, misdemeanor burglary, etc. Mayor Ganz provided various examples of how the three boards interact with the community. Furthermore, he said this commission does not personally know each person they appoint; whereby, potential members are interviewed but this commission has no way of knowing each person's background. He said this is being put into place to protect the community and agreed with including other

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

boards, i.e. Planning & Zoning Board, because they deal with development projects. Mayor Ganz disagreed with the affidavit, as it is not foolproof. Thereafter, he commented on accusations that were made at the last commission meeting that were disappointing and distasteful; whereby, the implementation of this ordinance has nothing to do with race, and everything to do with protecting the children. Thereafter, he continued to express frustration with some of the comments that have been made, whereby, this is a solution looking to prevent a problem. Mayor Ganz said this ordinance provides a fiscal responsibility to the City, as it protects the City against any future lawsuits. Lastly, he reiterated that the Ordinance can be expanded to include other boards and suggested amending the City Charter, to include background checks for elected officials.

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.

Commissioner Preston said this is a forum to debate issues, which is being done.

Commissioner Hudak suggested including an appeals process, and expanding the Ordinance to those boards who have a fiscal responsibility, i.e. Planning & Zoning Board and Firemen's Pension Board.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Mr. Soroka stated that the Firemen's Pension Board is driven by state law.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka replied that with the appropriate justification the Planning & Zoning Board can be included in the Ordinance. Further, he will investigate to see if the Firemen's Pension Board can be included.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Soroka replied that there is also a Police Officer's Pension Board and one for general employees.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that he believes the Police Pension Board is comprised similar to that of the Firemen's Pension. Further, he will look into the makeup and laws surrounding the General Employees, and if applicable these boards can be included.

Commissioner Hudak motioned for approval; however, prior to a second, Mayor Ganz clarified that the motion is approving the addition of the Planning & Zoning, Firemen's Pension and Police Pension Board, as well as the addition of an appeals process.

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' question, Commissioner Hudak replied that the appeals process would be established prior to second reading.

Mr. Soroka stated that he will look into and provide a certain structure for the appeals process, which can be debated by the Commission during the second reading.

In response to Commissioner Preston's questions, Mr. Soroka replied that this ordinance does not include vendors; however, there is a separate code section that deals with contractors, who in the course of their work will be in close proximity to the elderly and children, that requires them to be background checked. Further, he understands the motion as approval of the Ordinance, with the following changes, include the Planning & Zoning Board, include the Pension Boards to the extent that the City can pursuant to law, and build in an appeals process. Lastly, the Commission would advise who oversees the appeals process.

Commissioner Preston said if the appeals process includes a committee in lieu of one individual he will vote for the affirmative on second reading.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 9, as amended, on first reading. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Vice Mayor Parness, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 1 - Commissioner Preston

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

Vacancies - Commissioner Hudak said there are a number of businesses, especially around the S-Curve that are vacant. He said he has spoken to Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, as well as a few businesses regarding how the economic engine can be improved, i.e. installation of meters within the Cove, creation of a mini-façade program, etc.

Broward Days - Commissioner Hudak commented on his trip to Tallahassee.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

MLK Festivities - Commissioner Preston thanked all involved with the events, as they all were well attended and the feedback from the community has been extremely positive.

Unnecessary Comments - Commissioner Preston addressed unnecessary comments that were made during and after the January 9th Commission Meeting. Thereafter, he apologized to Commissioner Drosky for the way that he was attacked. Lastly, he said if people believe things are unjust, to call him.

VICE MAYOR PARNESS**DISTRICT 3**

Lack of Development - Vice Mayor Parness said he has been approached by many developers, who advised that they are no longer developing in Deerfield Beach because their projects are denied. Thereafter, he commented on discussions he's had with developers. Further, he said this city is in competition with other municipalities and must think of the future; therefore, he asked that everyone keep an open mind and welcome development with open arms.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Accolades - Commissioner Drosky said although he can take the comments, he appreciates the comments that were made by Commissioner Preston and Mayor Ganz.

Letter to Superintendent - Commissioner Drosky said he wants the School Board to know how serious this commission is about improving our schools; therefore, he asked that a vote be taken on Item 8, to approve the submission of the letter.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of submitting the letter to the School Board of Broward County.

Michael Lubin, 16 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of submitting the letter to the School Board of Broward County. Thereafter, he commented on the implementation of testing.

Willie Rosetta Graham-Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, suggested bringing back Grandparents' Day as it is extremely beneficial for the children.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 8. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**MAYOR GANZ**

Broward Days - Mayor Ganz provided a brief overview of his trip to Tallahassee, which was extremely productive. Thereafter, he commented on various laws that have gone into effect, i.e. Form 6 and Live Local. Further, he said opposing the Form 6 is something that this commission should explore. Lastly, he thanked David Santucci, City Manager, and Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services.

Vision Zero - Mayor Ganz spoke in support of Vision Zero as it will help make the roads safer; however, speeding is a major issue and enforcement must be implemented.

Economic Development - Mayor Ganz said staff must do a better job with the appearance at the beach, whereby, the hedges must be cleaned up. Further, he expressed frustration of the beach area not being enforced like it should. He said a change is needed in economic development, as the approach is reactive and not proactive. Lastly, he disagreed with developers not wanting to come to the City.

Packer Rattlers - In response to Mayor Ganz's question, David Santucci, City Manager, said after the December 12, 2023 Commission Meeting, a large donation was provided to them and since then additional donations have been received. Further, he said they approached staffed with a new program, 7 on 7, which is a more contemporary style of football, whereby, additional costs are not being sought. Lastly, he said an agreement for the program is forthcoming.

Habitat for Humanity Build - Mayor Ganz thanked those who attended the Day of Service. Thereafter, he thanked former Mayors Sylvia Poitier and Jean Robb for championing for Habitat for Humanity.

Accolades - Mayor Ganz thanked Mr. Santucci for the relationship he's developing with the Broward County Superintendent. Further, he thanked Commissioner Drosky and Vice Mayor Parness for their hard work regarding the Waste Management expansion request, which came before the County Commission early today and was tabled thanks to County Commissioner Lamar Fisher. He also thanked the Coconut Creek commissioners for their efforts.

Apologies - Mayor Ganz said he's blunt, passionate, and will argue his point, which does not always make him the most pleasant person; however, for those he has offended, he apologizes.

False Accusations - Mayor Ganz said there have been accusations made regarding corruption, and asked those who make these accusations to bring them forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 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