



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, February 6, 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 7:00 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
City Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2024

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, 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

Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2023

Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2023

Cultural Committee Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2023

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, 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

February 6, 2024

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

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING

- 1. P.H. 2024-039: ORDINANCE 2024/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 16.5 GROSS ACRES LOCATED AT 600 & 700 WEST HILLSBORO BOULEVARD FROM HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-2) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) (APPLICATION 21-R-196); PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM OF 360 DWELLING UNITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Heather Montemayor, City Clerk, advised that pursuant to Ordinance 2009/006, City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ethics, the applicant's representative's firm, Greenspoon Marder, made the following campaign contributions: Commissioner Michael Hudak - \$500 on February 5, 2019 & \$500 on November 21, 2022; Commissioner Ben Preston - \$500 on February 9, 2023; Vice Mayor Bernie Parness - \$500 on January 19, 2021; and Commissioner Todd Drosky - \$500 on December 23, 2020.

Dennis Mele, 200 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, representing the applicant highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He stated that the applicant does not own the hotel, but owns the surrounding properties, which are located near I-95 and Hillsboro Boulevard, and bordered by Natura Boulevard. The land use designation was changed from commercial to medium high (25) mixed use-residential, with the actual density per acre being a little less than 22 for this proposal. The current zoning designation is B-2, whereby, the applicant is requesting to change the designation to Planned Development District (PDD). Thereafter, the proposed master site plan was displayed. He explained that one of the current office buildings will be demolished and replaced with the proposed residential building, the other two existing office buildings will be significantly renovated to accommodate the new site circulation. Further, he said there will be access to Hillsboro Boulevard and three access points onto Natura, two have median openings, and the northern one has a right turn in and out. He said the future phases include two additional office buildings.

Continuing, Mr. Mele displayed the community enhancements, which include lengthening the left turn lanes, north and south, at the intersection of Natura Boulevard and Hillsboro Boulevard; installing sidewalks where they are missing; drainage improvements along Natura Boulevard; \$200,000 contribution for improvements at Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex; and \$500 per dwelling unit will go to the City's affordable housing programs. Thereafter, the circulation and phasing plans were displayed. He explained that Phase 1 includes demolishing one of the existing office buildings, constructing the new residential building and parking garage, Building C improvements, and offsite and site improvements. Phase 2 includes façade improvements to Building D; Phase 3 includes the construction of Building A, which includes landscaping; and Phase 4 includes the construction of Building B, which will be located above the existing parking garage. He explained that the site plans for Phases 3 and 4 are not completed, so the applicant will be coming back to seek approval. Thereafter, the proposed Phase 1 site plan was displayed, as well as various photographs of the current and proposed site and facilities.

Joaquin Vargas, Traf Tech Engineering, Inc., reiterated that the turn lanes will be extended on Natura Boulevard and Hillsboro Boulevard, and signal optimization will be performed. Additionally, the State, after their review, requested supplemental analysis, which was provided; whereby, they focused their review on the main intersection on Hillsboro Boulevard, as well as the intersection of Hillsboro Boulevard and Natura Boulevard. Although, a dedicated turn lane is not required, the State did request that one be

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - CONTINUED

incorporated at the main entrance on Hillsboro Boulevard. Thereafter, various signal assemblies were displayed. The existing lanes consist of one left turn lane, one through lane, and one right turn lane, whereby, improvements include extending the left turn lane. The neighbor's recommendation included making the center lane a shared lane to go straight or left but it requires split phasing, which showed that it performs worse; nevertheless, an alternative was conducted which consists of leaving the left turn lane as is, and turning the center lane into a left turn lane and making the right lane a shared through and right turn. Thereafter, he outlined the various signal timing scenarios.

Mr. Mele said improvements are needed on the corner of Natura Boulevard and Hillsboro Boulevard, whereby, extending the left turn lane is the best possible option.

Commissioner Preston said drivers are currently using the center lane to turn left, which is going to eventually cause an accident; therefore, he expressed an interest in turning the center lane into a left turn lane. Further, he stated that drivers look at Natura Boulevard as a short cut, so the addition of this project will impact the surrounding neighbors even more.

Mr. Mele said more capacity is needed for drivers to make that left turn from northbound Natura to westbound Hillsboro, whereby, adding a second turn lane will not allow that to happen; nevertheless, they will bring it forward to Broward County and the Department of Transportation (DOT), but approval is not hopeful due to the split phasing.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Mele replied that the traffic analysis was performed on the entire PDD, not just Phase 1. Further, he said both lanes will be lengthened as much as they can.

Mayor Ganz said something needs to be done to revitalize that area and this project is the perfect location because of its close proximity to I-95.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Mele replied that the density is 21.82. Further, he said the community enhancements will be outlined in the Development Agreement, and must be completed prior to the applicant obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for the residential building.

Mayor Ganz said this development project is significantly less impactful than another one that was just brought forward. Further, he said almost every single Broward County major artery, east of I-95 is an F-graded road. Mayor Ganz spoke in support of the rezoning, as it fits the area, and reiterated the need for an upgrade. He applauded the applicant for bringing the neighbor's suggestion to Broward County and DOT.

Mr. Mele said there was also a discussion regarding installing a crosswalk near the corner of Natura Boulevard and Natura Avenue but both the applicant and neighbors felt it would be dangerous; nevertheless, the applicant did discuss it with the County, who was not encouraging about that location, whereby, if the County does approve a crosswalk somewhere along Natura Boulevard, adjacent to the proposed property, the applicant will install it.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Mele replied that the County disagreed with the proposed location because of its close proximity to a curb and it's located at an intersection.

In response to Commissioner Preston's comments, Mr. Mele stated that the applicant will meet with the neighbors prior to the second reading of the rezoning ordinance to address their concerns, and will also look into how much longer the left turn lane can be lengthened.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's questions, Mr. Mele replied that for a crosswalk to be installed, 20 people must cross within one hour. Further, he is unsure what the requirements are for an overpass, but some type of justification would be needed.

Commissioner Drosky said this area is the gateway into Deerfield Beach, and is in dire need of an improvement but the major issue stemming from this proposal is traffic moving northbound on Natura to go west; therefore, he suggested extending that lane as far as possible.

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - CONTINUED

Mr. Mele said they will look into it, and whatever distance is allowed will be added to the Development Agreement.

Vice Mayor Parness spoke in support of the project and stated that if issues arise, the applicant can make changes along the way.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gina Johnston, 500 SW Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said during the Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, the applicant was directed to go back to the County to come up with a better traffic pattern. She spoke in opposition to lengthening the lane because if traffic doesn't move at the same speed through an intersection, the light will stop. Further, she expressed concerns with the entire proposed development exiting southbound on Natura Boulevard. Ms. Johnston said the units on Fairway Drive, which have one way in and one way out, are not at full capacity, so turning to yield will not work in the future. Lastly, she said Natura Boulevard cannot be widened in the future due to the wall.

Charles Ryan, 512 Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns for those that will be affected by this project and asked that the neighboring resident's safety be considered. Further, he suggested all lanes on northbound Natura be allowed to go at the same time.

Pamela Ethridge, 608 SW Natura Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, agreed that Natura Boulevard is used as a short cut. Thereafter, she expressed concerns with the current and future traffic. Lastly, she disagreed with this project occurring at the same time as the SW 10th Street Project.

Tom Caputi, 405 SW Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of development and growth, as long as its well planned, well thought out, and does not have a negative impact on the quality of life. Thereafter, he commented on the rezoning application, as it's going to be higher than what is currently allowed. Further, he does not want over development affecting the underground infrastructure, i.e. water, sewer, and drainage lines. Lastly, he commented on the parking allocations, which need to be revisited as they do not fit with the times.

Jim McGuire, 608 SW Natura Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the one turn lane on Natura Boulevard, going west on Hillsboro Boulevard, and suggested that two turn lanes be installed as it will help push the cars through quicker. Further, he said emergency vehicles must have room to maneuver through the area as well. Thereafter, he continued expressing concerns regarding the traffic.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the traffic study being conducted during COVID and expressed concerns with the height of the development. Further, he suggested that the City require the redevelopment of the office buildings prior to the development of the residential building.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked what type of variances will be given for this development.

Bob DiChristopher, 517 NE 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said although he agreed that this is a perfect location for a mixed-use development, why can't these proposals come from the City and not a developer. Further, he said extending the turn lane, and making the green signal time longer will impact the traffic on Hillsboro Boulevard. Thereafter, he commented on the height of the residential building and traffic study.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the community enhancements, whereby, if additional sidewalks are needed, they should be installed by the City; the contribution to Oveta McKeithen is not enough; and if the \$500 per unit is a one time cost, then it is not enough. Although she agreed that the area needs to be improved, she spoke in opposition to the amount of traffic this development will bring. Lastly, she said adding businesses will not create havoc, but the addition of the residential component will.

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - CONTINUED

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed project, as the developer is willing to work with the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and returned at 8:14 p.m.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on lengthening the lane, as she is concerned it will impact the park. Further, how many cars will the lane hold when it is lengthened. Thereafter, she expressed concerns with the traffic and suggested that an additional study be performed.

Cristina DiChristopher, 517 NE 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the comments outlined in the development plan application.

April Bolowich, 899 NE 4th Street, Deerfield Beach, said the area is already unsafe, and adding additional cars will make it worse.

Genie Danner, 530 SW Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach, provided a brief explanation as to how she leaves her residence, which is a nightmare. Thereafter, she commented on trash pickup which is lagging and additional development will create more of a lag.

Aaron LoCascio, 615 SE 12th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed development as development and redevelopment need to occur, and agreed that this project will improve the area; nevertheless, the neighboring residents do have real concerns which should be taken into consideration.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he remembers when Natura was built, which was not wanted. Furthermore, he has seen many developments brought forward throughout the years, which people thought would impact the roads and didn't.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Mele answered questions/comments/concerns posed by the public. He provided a brief overview of the steps taken prior to the applications coming before the Commission. Further, he said the Planning & Zoning Board asked the applicant to ensure the crosswalk location was safe and to see if the crosswalk could be lit underground; to see if a no U-turn sign could be placed at the corner of Natura Boulevard and Natura Avenue, whereby, the City's engineer must make the request; and that the signal timing be re-evaluated after the building receives its CO and is occupied. He said the property has four access points, with two being at a median; whereby, a right turn lane will be installed on Hillsboro Boulevard. Mr. Mele said regardless of when a traffic study is performed, there is always an adjustment made based on a DOT formula. He stated that all facilities will either be re-built or newly built; thereafter, he reiterated each Phase of construction. Mr. Mele said the development agreement will outline the number of units, so additional units will not be added. In addition to the monies allocated for Oveta McKeithen, the various offsite construction and contributions to various programs account for over \$3 million, as well as monies allocated toward city impact fees. Lastly, he said the drainage and sidewalk improvements were requested by city staff.

Vice Mayor Parness stated that many properties are built by developers, which is normal. Thereafter, he commented on the growth of Deerfield Beach and the importance of development. Further, he said if issues arise once the development is established, changes can be made, as it's been done in the past.

Commissioner Preston said he lives in close proximity to the proposed development, and also drives on the surrounding roadways, so he understands everyone's concerns. Further, he said no one asked for the project not to be developed, they just asked that the issues be mitigated, which the developer should take into consideration.

Mayor Ganz said this commission has the ability to say no, which has been done on previous applications. Furthermore, the City does develop, i.e. Pioneer Grove, but development is usually developer driven; nevertheless, this commission ensures that each development proposal fits the needs of Deerfield Beach

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - CONTINUED

and it's residents. He explained that this project will have some type of impact because you are going from nothing to something. Thereafter, he commented on other projects, i.e. Sandpiper, that were not wanted due to traffic concerns; however, complaints have never been made. Although change is scary, it must happen and redeveloping is a necessity; nonetheless, he agreed with re-evaluating the traffic patterns to ensure it improves the situation, and also suggested re-evaluating the extension of the lane as it may impact the park, as well as other areas.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, replied that he is unaware of any non-conforming height issue for the existing building, but will research and advise accordingly. The proposed building is measured from the flat roof but there may be a stairwell, elevator shaft, etc. Further, he said the height requirements for this area is currently 75 feet, but PDD allows the applicant to request their own height.

Mayor Ganz agreed that this area needs to be improved, and asked that staff contact FDOT and advise them to remove their materials, which are located on the eastside of I-95 and Hillsboro Boulevard. Further, he reiterated the need for redevelopment, as the City must grow. Thereafter, he thanked everyone for attending and providing their input and expressing their concerns.

Commissioner Hudak thanked all for attending and ensured the residents that this commission understands as these projects affect them as well. Further, he said this commission will ensure this project impacts the community in a positive way.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 1 on first reading. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING

- 2. P.H. 2024-041: ORDINANCE 2024/002 - 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.**

There was a brief recess at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He explained that during first reading, the Commission asked to include the Planning & Zoning Board, pension boards, if permitted by law, and an appeals process. He explained that the pension boards are still under legal review; nonetheless, a separate ordinance would be required because the pension boards do not fall under Chapter 2. Furthermore, the police and fire pension boards are not advisory boards and are regulated by F.S. 175 and F.S. 185, which dictates their membership. Thereafter, he briefly outlined which boards the proposed ordinance is applicable to, as well as the offenses the Level II Background Check includes. He explained that the Level II does not include misdemeanors, i.e. petty theft, vandalism, etc., nor infractions, i.e. speeding, etc.

Continuing, Mr. McHugh said a member would qualify for an appeal if the proposal is within three years of satisfaction of felony sentence/conditions or if the initial felony was subsequently downgraded to a misdemeanor. A member would not qualify for an appeal if it's fewer than three years after satisfaction of felony sentence/conditions or it's a sexual offense that deems an individual to be a sexual predator, sexual offender, or career offender. Thereafter, he outlined the appeal process.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition of the Ordinance, as the original language was not well received by some.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Further, he stated that the original language is outlined in other existing ordinances. Although this ordinance was originally geared toward protecting children and the elderly, he spoke in support of including the Planning & Zoning Board. He said background checks are not a cure all, but putting this ordinance in place is a step in the right direction.

Commissioner Preston reiterated his opposition to this ordinance, as it's extremely invasive. He said these are volunteer positions, and this is creating a solution looking for a problem. Lastly, he said the appeals process should include a 2 - 3 member committee, not the special magistrate.

Vice Mayor Parness spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Commissioner Hudak said this Country was built on second chances; therefore, if someone has turned their life around, they deserve an opportunity to give back, but this commission also has an obligation to protect the community. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the Ordinance, especially with the addition of the appeals process.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding the Level II Background Checks.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 2, adopted Ordinance 2024/002. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toula Amanna, 5030 SW 109th Avenue, Davie, commented on the lawsuit between the Deerfield Beach Café and City, as well as events that transpired during the course of the pier restaurant lease negotiations. Thereafter, she said her machine to grind garbage is broken and asked if she can repair it at her own expense.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Commission Workshop, which addressed code compliance. He suggested that staff look into other amnesty programs and spoke in support of adding additional code compliance officers. Thereafter, he outlined the pros and cons of bringing code compliance services inhouse. Lastly, he suggested streamlining the permitting process to make it more efficient.

Katy Freitag, 318 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked what the Commission's vision is for the future. Thereafter, she commented on smart development and the importance of ensuring new development fits the need of Deerfield Beach.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Black Heritage Banquet, which he is unable to attend, so he would like to give his tickets to Commissioner Preston. Thereafter, he commented on the new beach garbage cans, as well as various situations that have occurred in the past involving previous elected officials and city staff.

Mayor Ganz responded to comments made by the public.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 3 - 6; 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 3 - 6 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

3. **Resolution 2024/015 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, designating the City Manager as the certified officer authorized to execute all documentation relating to environmental reviews associated with Community Development Block Grant Fund and Home Investment Partnership Program Projects; authorizing the City Manager to designate an environmental officer to oversee environmental review tasks to comply with 24 CFR Part 58 of the Code of Federal Regulations; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
4. **Resolution 2024/016 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the First Amendment to the Facility Use and Grant Agreement and Renewal Agreement with DPR Enrichment Association for Academics and Athletics, Inc. to include 7 on 7 football; ratifying execution of the First Amendment; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
5. **Resolution 2024/017 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with McKim & Creed, Inc. to provide professional engineering services related to the Wastewater Collection System Radio Communication Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$45,221.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Fund from Account #401-5030-53-63-099 - Other Professional Services*)**
6. **Resolution 2024/018 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with McKim & Creed, Inc. to provide professional engineering services related to SCADA programming and support at the West Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Fund from Account #401-5020-53-33-099 Other Professional Services*)**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

7. **Resolution 2024/019 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of ITB #2024-06-PC for the City Hall Building Hardening Project to Sleiman Construction, LLC; authorizing the execution of a contract with Sleiman Construction, LLC, the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,567,865.80; and providing an effective date. (*Funds from Account #358-5060-519-61-12 - City Hall Renovations Construction*)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, outlined various projects that have been completed due to the 2018 Revenue Bond. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the City Hall Building Hardening Project.

Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, said the scope of the project includes hardening and strengthening the existing building by removing all existing windows, doors, and shutters and replacing them with impact resistant; patching and repairing damaged interior and exterior walls and repainting; removing existing wood framed roof structure and replacing it with a metal deck over steel joists and a new 60 mil TPO roofing system; anchoring mechanical equipment; and remodeling the lobby entrance. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program will partially fund the project, whereby, the remaining funding will come from the 2018 Revenue Bond. Thereafter, she outlined the procurement process. Lastly, staff is recommending to execute a contract with Sleiman Construction, LLC.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

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

Commissioner Drosky said this building is in dire need of a tear down in lieu of a hardening; nevertheless, he will support the project. Thereafter, he commented on other City's he's visited, as well as those that have rebuilt their city hall. Further, he said throwing money into this building seems wasteful but he understands how long government takes.

Commissioner Hudak agreed, but stated that there were many projects that were accomplished with the 2018 Revenue Bond, which he is extremely proud of.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2024/019. 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**

Pre-Grant Requirement Meeting - David Santucci, City Manager, said the meeting will take place at the Central City Campus on February 7th. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the grant which will come before the Commission for their approval on February 20, 2024.

Special City Commission Meeting - Mr. Santucci said the meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13th in the City Commission Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the agenda.

School Board Meeting - Mr. Santucci provided a brief overview of the discussions that transpired at the February 2nd meeting. Thereafter, he said all upcoming meetings will be added to the Elected Officials calendars.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8. Resolution 2024/020 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing participation in a lawsuit seeking a declaration that the provisions of Section 112.144(1)(d), Florida Statutes, that require Municipal Elected Officials to file Form 6 Financial Disclosure Forms is unconstitutional and invalid; providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the item. He said 20 cities thus far who have approved a resolution and have decided to join the lawsuit, whereby, 46 elected officials from those cities have decided to join on an individual basis in their individual capacity. Further, he said the agreement is for a flat fee of \$10,000.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of the item, as the Form 6 is grossly intrusive. Although he understands that state elected officials file the Form, but they are at a different level, whereby, municipal elected officials are extremely active within their communities.

Commissioner Preston said he was the one that asked that this be brought forward; therefore, he supports the Resolution.

Commissioner Drosky agreed that the Form 6 is intrusive, whereby, Sun-Sentinel reported that over 125 elected officials, statewide, have resigned; however, he spoke in opposition to the Resolution because

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

when it was first required by state legislatures, they also filed a lawsuit and lost, so he does not see the legal merit to it.

Mayor Ganz thanked Commissioner Preston for bringing this forward. Thereafter, he provided a brief explanation as to why this requirement was brought forward. Further, he said this form will scare many away and, in the end, it will prevent citizens from having good representation. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the Resolution.

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 Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 8, adopted Resolution 2024/020. Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER HUDAK (DISTRICT 1) - None****COMMISSIONER PRESTON****DISTRICT 2**

Black Heritage Banquet - Commissioner Preston thanked Mr. Herz for the tickets. Thereafter, he would like to thank those who purchased tickets, as the event is sold out. Lastly, he thanked staff for their efforts with finding the speaker.

VICE MAYOR PARNES (DISTRICT 3) - None**COMMISSIONER DROSKY****DISTRICT 4**

School Resource Officer Contract- Commissioner Drosky said the Broward League of Cities has been working with the Broward County City Manager's Association and the Police Chief's Association on a revised contract with the School Board for the reimbursement of School Resource Officers (SROs). Furthermore, a contract has been finalized and will be disseminated shortly. Although it's not exactly what we would have hoped for, the School Board has agreed to increase funding at 5%, each year, for the next three years.

Valentine's Day - Commissioner Drosky wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.

MAYOR GANZ

Broward County Commission Meeting - Mayor Ganz thanked staff for attending the meeting, whereby, the County Commission tabled the Waste Management item.

BSO Presence - Mayor Ganz said speeding is still an issue, so he encouraged police presence.

Black Heritage Banquet - Mayor Ganz said the event is amazing and he suggested purchasing the tickets sooner in the future because it does get sold out.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 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