



## Meeting Minutes City Commission

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### **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 23, 2024  
Lunchtime Workshop Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2024

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

Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - September 6 & December 6, 2023  
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - November 29, 2023  
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2024  
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2024

**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**

*February 20, 2024*

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

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

**Nays:** 0

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

**1. Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022.**

Stephanie Tinsley, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), presented a Certificate of Recognition to staff for receiving the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Report.

**2. Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY2024 Annual Budget Document.**

Stephanie Tinsley, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Certificate of Recognition to staff for receiving the GFOA Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Thereafter, the City Commission thanked Ms. Tinsley for her efforts during her tenure as the Chief of Financial Services and wished her well in her future endeavors.

David Santucci, City Manager, thanked Ms. Tinsley for all her efforts and wished her well. Thereafter, he advised that she is currently working with the Interim CFO; nevertheless, the recruitment process for the permanent CFO is underway. Lastly, he stated that Sharon Haynes, Assistant Financial Services Director, has returned to assist the department.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING**

**3. P.H. 2024-045: ORDINANCE 2024/003 - 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.**

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4. P.H. 2024-046: Application 21-P-232**

**Applicant:** G&C Hillsboro Investors, LLC. represented by Greenspoon Marder, LLP/Dennis Mele, Esq.

**Proposal:** Seeking Plat application approval to plat a 4.244-acre site to be restricted to 360 mid-rise units to be known as "GC Hillsboro Residential".

**Location:** The property is generally described as a portion of Tract A, "Hillsboro-95 Office Park," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 105, Page 30, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, together with Tract 1, "Crocker South," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 122, Page 8, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, together with a portion of the South ½ of Government Lots 2 and 3, in the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 1, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, more particularly described in the file, and located at **600 & 700 W. Hillsboro Boulevard**.

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED****5. P.H. 2024-047: Application 21-PDD-03**

Applicant: **G&C Hillsboro Investors, LLC. represented by Greenspoon Marder, LLP/Dennis Mele, Esq.**

**Proposal:** Seeking Major Site Plan approval to demolish an existing two-story 41,700 square foot office building, to partially demolish and renovate another office building, and construct a new 360-unit, multi-family apartment complex and parking garage with associated site improvements.

**Location:** The property is generally described as a portion of Tract A, "Hillsboro-95 Office Park," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 105, Page 30, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, together with Tract 1, "Crocker South," according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 122, Page 8, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, together with a portion of the South ½ of Government Lots 2 and 3, in the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 1, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, more particularly described in the file, and located at **600 & 700 W. Hillsboro Boulevard.**

**6. Resolution 2024/024 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Development Agreement with the Developer of the development located at 600 & 700 West Hillsboro Blvd. and consisting of approximately 16.5 gross acres; authorizing execution of the Development Agreement; providing for an effective date.**

Items 3 - 6 were discussed simultaneously but voted on separately. Thereafter, each item was read into the record 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 waived the quasi-judicial process. Thereafter, he highlighted a brief PowerPoint presented. He explained that the current turn lane on northbound Natura Boulevard to westbound Hillsboro Boulevard is 75 feet long and holds three cars. The applicant originally proposed to extend the lane to 200 feet, which would hold eight cars; however, at the last meeting, it was requested to make the lane even longer, so the applicant is proposing to extend the lane to 350 feet, holding 14 cars, which is the most it can be extended due to the curve on Natura Boulevard. Mr. Mele stated that although the request requires Broward County approval, the applicant is doing their very best to ensure that the community's issues are being addressed. Thereafter, he displayed the proposed plat and provided a brief overview of the Development Agreement, which outlines the community enhancements.

Commissioner Preston said the 350 feet lane extension should significantly address the concerns; thereafter, he thanked Mr. Mele for his efforts.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

**Kathleen Williams, 419 SW Natura Avenue, Deerfield,** asked if the traffic lights will be adjusted to allow for adequate queuing.

**Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach,** spoke in support of the proposed project, as the buildings need to be upgraded. Further, he said the residential portion will be affordable, which the City needs. Thereafter, he commented on other properties that were developed by the applicant.

**Tom Caputi, 405 SW Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** thanked everyone for their efforts with addressing the neighboring community's concerns. Further, he said additional speed limit signage is needed on Natura Boulevard, as well as no parking signs on the soft shoulder as they are no longer legible. Thereafter, Mr. Caputi commented on the height of the residential building, and suggested that it be within the 75 feet height limit. Lastly, he asked if a sound buffer, i.e. fence, could be installed along Natura Boulevard.

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED**

**Gina Johnston, 500 SW Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** spoke in support of the project but expressed frustration with residents being put aside for development. Further, she said various suggestions have been made, i.e. addition of buffers, traffic calming device, extension of a right lane, etc., and asked if these suggestions have been reviewed by the City Engineer. Although she appreciates the extension of the turn lane, there will continue to be issues with people not wanting to wait. Thereafter, she expressed concerns with pedestrian safety.

**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** spoke in opposition to the 20-foot setback, increasing the height of the building and relying on developer paid traffic studies. Further, he recommended that the City hire a professional negotiator when dealing with developers. Thereafter, he expressed concerns with pedestrian safety, and suggested that a cross-walk or traffic calming device be installed.

**Charles Ryan, 512 Natura Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** said although there have been traffic adjustments, the lanes could be re-evaluated to be ran at one-time. Thereafter, he provided various scenarios of the current light timing. Lastly, he stated that another traffic study be conducted, as the previous one was done during COVID.

**Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach,** expressed concerns with the traffic, as there will be development happening at the same time on SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Hillsboro Boulevard. Although she agreed that development is needed, single-family homes would be more beneficial to the community, not condos or apartments. Thereafter, she expressed concerns with the business vacancies and asked if they will be occupied once the buildings are re-developed. Lastly, she continued to express concerns with the residential component.

**Sreedhar Atluri, 700 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach,** said he operates a dentist office in one of the office buildings that will be demolished, and asked that they be provided ample time to relocate their business.

**Cristina DiChristopher, 517 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** stated that residents are not against development or redevelopment, they just want to ensure that it's sustainable development. Thereafter, she commented on the importance of adhering to the City's Codes and Comprehensive Plan and if they are outdated, she suggested that they be updated.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Mele answered questions/comments/concerns posed by the public. Mr. Mele said the traffic light timing will be adjusted based on the new turn lanes. The building is 79 feet tall, which is the same height of the 600 building. Furthermore, the traffic light will operate more effectively with one left turn lane, than with two. Mr. Mele explained that a traffic circle is only installed when both roads carry the same amount of traffic, which Natura Avenue and Natura Boulevard do not. The residential building abuts Hillsboro Boulevard, so individuals can walk directly to the sidewalk on Hillsboro Boulevard, and cross Natura at the light. There are no variances being requested. Mr. Mele said the traffic study is prepared by the applicant's traffic consultant, and then submitted to the City's traffic consultant. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the process for submitting rezoning, site plan, and plat applications. The current businesses have been advised of the proposed redevelopment; nonetheless, all businesses will be provided ample time of the demolition.

Commissioner Preston said this commission listened to the previous concerns posed by the residents, and asked the applicant to take them into consideration, which they have; nonetheless, there is only so much the applicant and commission can do, as the County and State have the ultimate authority on many things. Although he agreed with single-family homes instead of condos and apartments, this commission cannot tell developers what they can and cannot build.

Vice Mayor Parness stated that the traffic is controlled by the County; therefore, he suggested that residents contact their county commissioner to voice their frustration. Thereafter, he commented on his efforts in trying to get a light on Green Road. Further, he said the applicant has tried to accommodate the community as best as possible; nonetheless, growth is necessary, as it will keep the City moving.

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED**

Commissioner Drosky commended everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns. He reminded everyone that the Commissioners are also residents and want the best for Deerfield Beach. Furthermore, there will be times requests cannot be granted, but times when requests are granted, i.e. further extending the lane, which was done. Commissioner Drosky said he's had many discussions with the Natura residents and a roundabout was requested; however, Mr. Mele is correct as the northbound/southbound traffic has to be approximately the same as the eastbound/westbound traffic, which it is not, so the County will not approve that request. Thereafter, he outlined other requests made that did not get county approval, and briefly commented on the community enhancements that will result from this project. Commissioner Drosky agreed with the installation of the additional speed limit and no parking signage; therefore, he asked staff to reach out to the County. If you are traveling northbound on Natura Boulevard and come to Hillsboro Boulevard, there is a left turn arrow in the middle lane, which he brought to Mr. Mele's attention, as correcting it may fix some of the confusion. He said this area needs a facelift and the applicant has accommodated the requests as best he can; therefore, he spoke in support of the project.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's comment, Mr. Mele stated that communication has been extended to the hotel, and will continue throughout the duration of the project.

*Vice Mayor Parness temporarily left the meeting at 8:21 p.m. and returned at 8:22 p.m.*

Commissioner Drosky thanked everyone for coming out, as the project is better because of their input.

Commissioner Hudak thanked everyone for their input. Further, he stated that the property owner has the right to develop their property anyway they see fit; nevertheless, this commission ensures all processes and procedures are followed and that the project has a very minimal impact to the community. Commissioner Hudak said development is extremely important, whereby, there are many businesses that are vacant because the residents are not there to support them, which is challenging. Thereafter, he commented on development in other cities and stated that housing is a challenge, as costs have skyrocketed. Lastly, he thanked the community for coming out and encouraged them to stay engaged.

Mayor Ganz said developers should not solely dictate how the City develops; whereby, the City comes up with a visioning plan, which sets guidelines that are based on resident feedback. Further, he said there are processes and procedures that are put into place that developers must follow and adhere to. Thereafter, he commented on the traffic study, which is a lengthy process. Unfortunately, many of the suggestions that were made cannot be applied, and although it's frustrating it does not mean this commission is not listening. Mayor Ganz agreed with keeping Deerfield Beach a sleepy village type town, but smart development must be made.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Mele replied that the decisions that were made have nothing to do with how much they cost.

Mayor Ganz stated that people cannot afford single-family homes, so there is definitely a need for rentals.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Mele replied that operational changes can be made; whereby, capital changes can also be made depending on what they are. Further, he said the timing of the lights can be recalibrated once the facilities meet capacity.

Commissioner Preston asked that everyone have faith in their government. Further, he spoke in support of a sound wall and asked the applicant to work with the community.

Mr. Mele said they will work with the community.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 3, adopted Ordinance 2024/003. Roll Call:**

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

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED**

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 4, adopted Resolution 2024/022. Roll Call:**

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

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 5 as amended, adopted Resolution 2024/023. Roll Call:**

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

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2024/024. Roll Call:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There was a brief recess at 8:42 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:44 p.m.*

**Sophia Gayle, 643 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Way, Deerfield Beach**, commented on the recent fiber optic construction that was performed in her neighborhood, which was city approved, that caused damage to her property.

**Roger Freitag, 318 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, asked if the bollard posts, along Hillsboro Boulevard were installed by the County or City. Further, he said there are crosswalks installed along the S-Curve, and asked why they cannot be installed in other turn areas of the City. Lastly, he said businesses are closed along the S-Curve because they cannot afford the rent.

**Al Bova, 718 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach**, said his project was approved by the Commission on December 12, 2023. During the development process, community meetings were held, whereby, neighbors spoke in opposition to the open carport design, which was a directive from the Department of Planning & Development Services due to the floor area ratio; however, he does not agree with their interpretation of the floor area ratio and asked that the same floor area ratio used on surrounding properties be allowed for on his project.

**Carolyn Benefield, 533 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Way, Deerfield Beach**, said fiber optic construction was recently done in her neighborhood and she was not notified that her yard would be torn up. Thereafter, she expressed frustration with not being notified and asked that her yard be restored.

**Jackie Diaz, 278 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, said people are illegally dumping on her property, so she installed a fence. Thereafter, she received two violations, one for the garbage, and another for installing a fence without a permit; therefore, she asked for the Commission's help.

**Jake England, 278 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, commented on the garbage in the swale area, which has become a nuisance. Thereafter, he said the fence was installed to curb the illegally dumping, so a violation is unnecessary.

*Vice Mayor Parness left the meeting temporarily at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.*

**Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, said there is a light pole that needs to be fixed on NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, and there are street lights out on NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that must be fixed. Further, she agreed with development as the City must continue to grow.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED**

**Willie Rosetta Graham Bracy, 501 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Terrace, Deerfield Beach**, asked for the status of the Palms Apartments.

**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, commented on the purchase of the beach parcel.

**Katy Freitag, 318 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, said Charm City is not leaving Deerfield Beach, they are subdividing. Further, she said development is not the only factor that makes cities great, whereby, school grades, upgrading main thoroughfares, adding greenery, etc. also have an impact. Lastly, she said more needs to be done within our city, i.e. upgrading the parks, to make the City better without developing each piece of land.

Mayor Ganz responded to comments/questions/concerns posed by the public. Further, he said the fiber optic installation affected District 4 a few years ago, whereby, the residents were never notified, and properties were damaged.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, David Santucci, City Manager, replied that AT&T does have an engineering permit with the City; nevertheless, staff will check on the permit and make sure that they are informing the community and restoring properties accordingly. Further, he said the cross walks along the S-Curve are not on the actual curve, the road is two lanes, and the speed limit is different than that of Natura.

Continuing, Mayor Ganz said due to the severity of dumping on Ms. Diaz's property, BSO should be monitoring on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the City cannot exclude Ms. Diaz from installing a fence without a permit. Further, he asked staff to look into the pole and the streets lights.

Mr. Santucci said the Palms are looking to expand, but he unsure of the exact details.

Commissioner Preston suggested that staff routinely check contractors work to ensure it is being done properly.

Mr. Santucci reiterated that staff will check on the engineering permit, as well as the issues that were brought forward this evening.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the case going before the Special Magistrate is a five-month-old permit issue related to Ms. Diaz's fence, not the illegal dumping.

Commissioner Preston asked that staff look into how this dumping issue can be alleviated, i.e. planting of shrubbery. Thereafter, he expressed frustration with a resident having to deal with these types of issues.

**CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 7, 9 & 10; 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 Items 7, 9 & 10.**  
**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** 0

- 7. Resolution 2024/025 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Uniform Collection of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; authorizing execution of the Interlocal Agreement; providing for an effective date.**

**CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED**

8. **Resolution 2024/026 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing City Manager David Santucci, Interim Chief Financial Officer Marcia Fennell, Deputy City Manager Horace McHugh and Assistant Director of Financial Services Sharon Haynes to execute checks on behalf of the City; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

In response to Commissioner Preston's comment, David Santucci, City Manager, stated that this is a standard item, whereby, each check requires two signatories. Additionally, the item updates the recent staffing changes.

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 8. Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** 0

9. **Resolution 2024/027 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with MBR Construction, Inc. for construction services for the Constitution Park Restroom Project utilizing the terms of Broward County's Contract No. PNC2125403B1 in an amount not to exceed \$95,366.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-7020-539-65-30 - CIP - Infrastructure)**
10. **Resolution 2024/028 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Walters Zackria Associates, PLLC to provide professional architectural/engineering design services related to the Constitution Park Restroom Project in an amount not to exceed \$34,900.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-7020-539-65-30 - CIP - Infrastructure)**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

11. **Resolution 2024/029 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as the lead agency for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Program administered by the National Parks Service, for a grant in the amount of \$2,550,000.00 to fund improvements to Mayo Howard Park; authorizing the expenditure of 50% matching funds and execution of a grant agreement, if the grant is awarded to the City; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Greg Warner, Director of Parks & Recreation, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He outlined the existing elements at Mayo Howard Park. Prior to design, public input will be sought; nevertheless, elements to be considered include replacements of playground, picnic shelter and restroom, shaded fitness zone, skatepark, six-foot-wide concrete multi-purpose pathway, basketball court, expanded parking lot, security cameras and lighting, and Wi-Fi. Further, the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Grant is a federal grant that is administered through the State Department of Environmental Protection and National Parks Service. The grant funds projects that will provide outdoor recreational opportunities to the public; project must be located in a city with a population of more than 30,000; project must be located within a census tract that is determined to be disadvantaged per the climate and environmental justice screening tool; and the application has a two-step process.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

Continuing, Mr. Warner said the project is estimated at \$5.1 million, whereby, the grant will provide \$2.55 million, and city staff will seek a local match through a private partnership with the SW 11<sup>th</sup> Way developer. The application is due on February 29, 2024; on November 1, 2024 the selected projects will be announced; and the notice of award will be November 2025. Lastly, he said in preparation of submitting the full application, staff will seek public input during March – September 2025; grant agreement execution is anticipated for February 2026; and per the grant agreement the project must be completed in two years.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

**Katy Freitag, 318 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, suggested the addition of a pickle ball court. Further, she asked what happens if the City does not receive the grant money.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, said if the City cannot obtain the grant, staff will look into what can be completed through the private partnership. Further, the other enhancements can be completed later down the road.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 11, adopted Resolution 2024/029. 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 - NONE**

**CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**12. Resolution 2024/030 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, renaming the Central City Campus located at 401 SW 4th Street to the Bernard Adams Municipal Complex; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that he met with the family and they agreed with the recommendation.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the renaming, as Mr. Adams has truly made a difference and is more than deserving of this honor due to the contributions he's made to the City.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

The below individuals spoke in support of the renaming:

**Nathanial Knowles, 2605 SW 14<sup>th</sup> Drive, Deerfield Beach.**

**Janice Fulmore-Tigner, 1090 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Deerfield Beach.**

**Peggy Noland, 325 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, Deerfield Beach.**

**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he stated that previously he was in favor of doing renaming's once individuals passed, but he has since changed his position. He said prior to him becoming an Elected Official, he had the opportunity to see Mr. Adams display a bravery that was admirable. Lastly, he thanked Mr. Adams for everything he has done for the community and stated that it's an honor to provide him with this honor.

**CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 12, adopted Resolution 2024/030. Voice Vote:**

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

**Bernard Adams, 180 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Court, Deerfield Beach**, said he is extremely honored to have the complex renamed in his honor. Thereafter, he briefly spoke about his time as a city employee, which was a joy. Lastly, he thanked everyone for their support.

**13. Resolution 2024/031 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, changing the name and designation of a certain right-of-way on NE 20th Terrace (from Ocean Way/NE 21st Avenue to NE 2nd Street) to a dual designation in honor of Broward Sheriff's Office Deputy John Chikerotis in recognition of his contribution to the community; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the street renaming, as Deputy John Chikerotis was an extremely special person who steered kids in the right direction and made a difference in the City. Thereafter, he said provided a brief overview of his interactions with Deputy John Chikerotis. Lastly, he thanked Howard Noland for bringing this to the Commission's attention.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of his interactions with Deputy John Chikerotis, whereby, he was the best beat cop Deerfield Beach has ever had. Mayor Ganz continued to speak in support of the item and said he is extremely happy that we are able to honor Deputy Chikerotis.

*Mayor Ganz passed the gavel.*

**MOTION was made by Mayor Ganz, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 13, adopted Resolution 2024/031. Voice Vote:**

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

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

Pioneer Days - Commissioner Drosky said although Sunday was a washout, staff did a great job with the Saturday festivities. Further, he suggested promoting the 2025 event this fall.

**VICE MAYOR PARNESS****(DISTRICT 3)**

Thank You - Vice Mayor Parness thanked those from District 3 for attending.

District 3 Activities - Vice Mayor Parness requested that more activities be brought forward in District 3, which he will discuss with the City Manager.

**COMMISSIONER PRESTON****DISTRICT 2**

City Events - Commissioner Preston commended staff for a job well done on the Black Heritage Banquet, as he is still receiving compliments. Further, he commended staff for a job well done on Pioneer Days, as the event was great and very enjoyable.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED****COMMISSIONER HUDAK****(DISTRICT 1)**

Pioneer Days - Commissioner Hudak commended staff for a job well done. Thereafter, he agreed that next year's event must be promoted as soon as possible.

**MAYOR GANZ**

Ocean Way/Pioneer Days - Mayor Ganz suggested that there be more of a buffer between the vendors and stage, so the public can see the beach as well.

BSO Presence - Mayor Ganz suggested that BSO perform another joint task force with the City of Coconut Creek on Hillsboro Boulevard and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Beach Screening - Mayor Ganz asked that staff re-evaluate the beach screenings along the beach, as the current appearance does not look good.

Fatality - Mayor Ganz commented on the incident that occurred on Lauderdale-by-the Sea, whereby, a nine-year old girl was tunneling through the sand and it caved in. Further, he suggested adding signage to our beach.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no additional business to discuss.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Voice Vote:**

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

**Nays:** 0

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BILL GANZ, MAYOR

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Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk