



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, April 16, 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 Michael Hudak
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Commissioner Ben Preston
Vice Mayor Todd Drosky
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 - April 2, 2024

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2024

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

April 16, 2024

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

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

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Certificate of Recognition presented to Keneisha Etienne and Laveena Bhuiyan for participating in the City of Deerfield Beach's Academic Scholarship Award.

Mayor Ganz presented certificates to Keneisha Etienne and Laveena Bhuiyan, the recipients of the City of Deerfield Beach Education Advisory Board Academic Scholarship Awards.

2. Certificate of Recognition presented to the City of Deerfield Beach 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year.

Mayor Ganz presented various certificates to the Deerfield Beach Teachers of the Year and School Related Employees of the Year.

3. Proclamation declaring April 21 - 27, 2024 as National Volunteer Week.

Mayor Ganz presented a proclamation to Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, in recognition of National Volunteer Week.

4. Certificate of Recognition presented by Captain Hofstein to BSO Law Enforcement staff.

Captain Hofstein recognized various deputies for their ongoing efforts with keeping the community safe.

Commissioner Preston said we all must acknowledge the greatness of what these individuals do, as they are risking their lives on an everyday basis. Thereafter, he applauded them for a job well done.

5. Presentation regarding the greenhouse gas inventory and sustainability roadmap.

Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the greenhouse gas inventory and sustainability roadmap. Thereafter, she outlined the City's Sustainability Program, which includes waste reduction through the compost pilot program; energy efficiency through building automation, lighting retrofits, etc.; emissions reduction through complete streets projects, Freebee rideshare service, etc.; and natural resource preservation through the DFBee apiary and beach and dune management plans.

Dr. Samantha Danchuk, Climate and Coastal Resilience Lead, provided a brief overview of the greenhouse gas inventory. In 2022, there were about 22,000 tons of carbon dioxide omitted from the City, whereby, over half of the emissions come from managing waste and transporting waste, 1/3 comes from the buildings and electricity usage, and 13% comes from vehicle use. Since 2017, the total emissions decreased by 4%, whereby, emissions from electricity use decreased by 16%, emissions from fleet decreased by 2%, and emissions from solid waste increased by 13% due to tonnage increases. Dr. Danchuk explained that the emission information is important because it outlines the City's strengths and where improvements can be made. Further, she said the Sustainability Roadmap aligns with existing policies, as well as the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact and County Action Plans, and is customized for Deerfield Beach's opportunities and needs. She stated that the roadmap includes 15 strategies that cover the categories of engaging the community, reducing or using alternative fuels, electric efficiency, and waste reduction. Dr. Danchuk explained that the roadmap was presented to the director's and various staff, who helped identify specific actions and projects that should be included.

Ms. Silverstone outlined the next steps, which includes a public input session on April 30th.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Preston's questions, Ms. Silverstone provided a brief overview of some of the efficiency upgrades that were done at the Water Plant. Further, she said these changes will protect the environment for years to come.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Dr. Danchuk replied that the 22,000 tons is per year.

In response to Vice Mayor Drosky's question, Ms. Silverstone replied that the Siemen's savings are encompassed in the Sustainability Program. Further, she said the roadmap is not about making huge monumental investments every year, but looking at what's available at low to no cost, i.e. grants, county and regional alignment, etc.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING

- 6. P.H. 2024-057: ORDINANCE 2024/007 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," SECTION 66-88 "PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR COVE PARKING LOT; PENALTY" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO EXPAND THE EXISTING TWO-HOUR CONTINUOUS PARKING RESTRICTION FOR THE COVE SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT TO INCLUDE SUNDAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the item, which was discussed during the first reading.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the only change is expanding the existing two-hour continuous parking to Sundays.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, outlined the 1999 guiding principals of the Community Redevelopment Agency. Thereafter, he commented on conversations he had with some of the Cove business owners. Lastly, he suggested providing the merchants with plastic numbered parking identifiers, one for employees and one for patrons, and metering the entire parking lot.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance and suggested numbering the entire parking lot and require all to pay by plate.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, said the two-hour parking is only on the parameter of the parking lot. Further, she spoke in support of the Ordinance, but stated that it will not alleviate the parking issues, as more needs to be done. Thereafter, she said adjustments will have to be made as there are times when two hours is just not enough time.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, said allowing an unlimited time frame for the center parking spots is the issue. Thereafter, she spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Drosky agreed that more must be done, but unfortunately nothing can be done to the interior spaces for another year. Although he had originally suggested modifying the hours, it was not something that the businesses wanted; nevertheless, he spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Mayor Ganz spoke in support of the Ordinance. Thereafter, he agreed that more must be done, but this commission is limited due to the agreement that ends in a few years. Lastly, he commented on the parking lot being the only unmetered parking lot, east of Federal Highway.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 6, adopted Ordinance 2024/007. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen Kenny, 615 SE 7th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, recognized Sandy Coyman.

Sandy Coyman, 602 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the SE 8th Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition to removing the trees as they enhance the quality of life and requested that the City preserve the trees located in the swales.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, suggested the use of drones to music in lieu of the Fourth of July fireworks. Thereafter, he commented on a notice of violation he received and asked that staff contact him for further clarification.

Michael Lubin, 16 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach, thanked the Commission for funding the scholarship awards.

William DeCarlo, 1460 SW 11th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for the City's help with the building that houses the Deerfield Beach Café.

Toula Amanna, 5030 SW 109th Avenue, Davie, commented on the process for the pier restaurant lease.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, asked what will happen to the property adjacent from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commended Commissioner Hudak for inducting Amie Kay Tanner into the Women's History Hall of Fame. Thereafter, he commented on the city's legal services, the use of piggyback contracts, and the beach lot purchase.

Felipe Koscky, 1444 SW 47th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he has been bombarded with information regarding the Asphalt Plant. He stated that he's been in the City for quite sometime and there has always been an asphalt plant in that location and there have never been issues with the plant. Thereafter, he said the plant is an asset to the City, as asphalt is needed.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked that a list of registered Airbnb's be placed on the city's website. Further, she asked that street renaming include an individual's commitment and dedication to the City. Ms. Freitag said the ULI density workshop should have been properly noticed; thereafter, she asked who is overseeing the workshop. Lastly, she thanked the City for the Women's History event.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the ULI Workshop will be available via Zoom. Further, she said there was a parcel shown at the District 2 meeting, and asked who owns the land to the west of it.

Mayor Ganz, as well as Commissioner Preston, the City Manager, and City Attorney addressed comments/questions/concerns posed by the public. Thereafter, he reopened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Jason Miller, 700 SE 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, recommended two lanes in and one lane out on Hillsboro Boulevard, with a dedicated bike lane. Further, he suggested extending the hours of parking along Ocean Way to after the businesses close. Lastly, he said there are only six electric charging spaces available and asked that individuals be allowed to back in.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing on Items 7 - 14.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Item 10. He asked what GT Supplies is charging the City to perform container deliveries, removals, exchanges, and container repairs.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, provided a brief overview of the services GT Supplies provides, which is \$7,000.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Items 7 - 14 in concert. Roll Call:

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

7. **Resolution 2024/049 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Second Amendment to Contract #JZ023-06-2024 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Program to reallocate \$35,844.00 in existing funding; authorizing execution of the Amendment; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
8. **Resolution 2024/050 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the purchase of the annual subscriptions for the Comprehensive Geographic Information System Software and Extensions from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. pursuant to Master Agreement No. 310196; authorizing execution of the small enterprise agreement for the annual subscriptions for a three-year period in the total amount of \$170,100.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #001-1400-513-30-04 - Software Maintenance*)**
9. **Resolution 2024/051 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Award of ITB #24-09-BA for the supply of plant materials on an as-needed basis to Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc.; authorizing execution of a contract with Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc., the sole responsive and responsible bidder, for a one-year term with four additional one-year optional renewal terms, in an annual amount not to exceed \$299,305.00; and providing an effective date. (*Funds from Account #001-7020-539-35-10 - Agriculture and Horticulture Supplies*)**
10. **Resolution 2024/052 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Nextran Corporation for the purchase of a container delivery truck in the amount of \$145,868.00, utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. FSA23-VEH21.0; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #452-4551-534-60-41 - Solid Waste Capital Fund/Automotive Equipment*)**
11. **Resolution 2024/053 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a first amendment to the Contract with Cummins, Inc. d/b/a Cummins Sales and Service for generator maintenance and repair services to include the maintenance of portable generators for an annual increased amount not to exceed \$100,831.98 for year one of the portable generator services, and renew the Contract for the second renewal period commencing on May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025; providing for implementation and an effective date. (*Fund from Account #401-5030-536-32-99- Other Contractual Services*)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

12. Resolution 2024/054 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with McKim and Creed, Inc. to provide professional engineering services related to the Cybersecurity Assessment and Water Treatment Plant SCADA Standards Project in an amount not to exceed \$185,311.00; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #401-5020-533-60-31 - Improvements Other than Buildings & Account #413-5020-533-65-30 - CIP Infrastructure)*
13. Resolution 2024/055 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a first amendment to the construction agreement with Intercounty Engineering, Inc. for the West Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Conversion Project to extend the substantial completion date for the project to December 31, 2024, and the final completion date to January 31, 2025; providing for implementation and an effective date.
14. Resolution 2024/056 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, to provide professional engineering services related to the West Water Treatment Plant Reverse Osmosis Pilot Testing and Refurbishment Project in an amount not to exceed \$79,740.00; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Fund from Account #413-5020-533-65-30 - CIP Infrastructure)*

ADDENDUM

15. Resolution 2024/057 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the first one-year renewal term of the contract with Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Company for fireworks display for city events; providing for a price adjustment and additional cost for the use of a barge for the event in accordance with the Contract terms; authorizing execution of the Contract renewal; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #190-1500-579-35-74 - CRA/Special Events & Account #001-7015-579-35-74 - Parks and Recreation/Special Events)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, said the renewal comes with a cost increase, due to the increase in fireworks. Further, the pier will be under renovations during the Fourth of July celebration, so a barge must be secured now, which is another increase; nevertheless, staff believes the costs are justified but recommends going out to bid after this event.

In response to Commissioner Parness' question, Mr. Santucci replied that the City does not have the real estate on the beach or pier to launch drones, so a barge would be needed. Furthermore, the drone show is also more costly than a firework display.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked if the same vendor from last year is being used. Thereafter, he commented on the disappointment of last year's display and asked if a price break was ever given.

Jason Miller, 700 SE 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, disagreed with the use of fireworks and spoke in support of the use of drones, as they are more environmentally friendly.

Vice Mayor Drosky temporarily left the meeting at 8:38 p.m. and returned at 8:39 p.m.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, believes it is the same vendor as last year, and stated that they were supposed to provide a discount on another event.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

ADDENDUM - CONTINUED

Mr. Santucci said it's a contract renewal, so it's the same vendor as last year. Further, he said there were issues with last year's Fourth of July event, which was rectified during Pioneer Days.

Mayor Ganz asked that staff explore the usage of drones.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 15 adopted Resolution 2024/057. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY - NONE****CITY MANAGER**

Apologies - David Santucci, City Manager, apologized to Commissioner Preston, as he feels he took his frustration out on him during public comment.

Johnin McKeithen Park - Mr. Santucci commended staff for cleaning up the park. Further, he said the wood fence will be removed and repurposed at other parks.

Broward County School Board - Mr. Santucci stated that Dr. Licata has announced her retirement, and Dr. Howard Hepburn has been appointed.

ULI Workshop - Mr. Santucci said the workshop will take place on Wednesday, April 17th. He is unsure if zoom will be an available option. Further, he said the property Ms. Clarke-Reed is referring to is owned by Natura.

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 8:46 p.m. and returned at 8:47 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**16. Discussion regarding establishing an expense allowance for the Mayor and City Commissioners.**

Commissioner Parness provided a brief overview of his tenure. Thereafter, he listed various municipalities who offer expense accounts to their elected officials and suggested that \$200/month be provided to the Elected Officials to cover expenses, i.e. gas, etc. Commissioner Parness provided a brief overview of the duties he undertakes as an elected official, i.e. drives around his district to ensure there is no illegal dumping. Further, he ensures that he is available seven days a week, and never turns his city cell phone off. Thereafter, he outlined the expense allowance for various municipalities. He said increases were given to city staff in order to stay competitive with other cities, but neglected the Elected Officials.

Commissioner Preston said this job is considered part-time, but this commission treats it like a full-time job. Further, he has not considered what other cities are doing, and is unsure if it would be appropriate in Deerfield Beach; nevertheless, he will continue to do what he has to in order to represent his constituents. Commissioner Preston does not think the answer should be based on other cities, but based on the effectiveness it would have on this commission serving the residents of Deerfield Beach. Lastly, he feels that it would be the right thing to do, but is not going to make it a big deal.

Commissioner Hudak said this commission is not doing this for financial gain, but to serve the community; nevertheless, regardless of the outcome of this item, he will not stop doing what he's doing. Further, he said the City does pay for the events that this commission attends, so he is unsure if an expense account will offset what is already offered. Commissioner Hudak said this commission must look into the future to ensure that we are attracting individuals who want to serve the community; therefore, he believes it should be

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

considered.

Vice Mayor Drosky said whatever is established must be carefully crafted to ensure that it is not perceived as the Commission receiving an extra benefit. Further, he agreed that this position is not a part-time job, and stated that he uses his own money all the time; therefore, if something is established it must be directly tied to our official duties. He spoke in opposition to a generic amount, and said traveling within city boundaries should not be reimbursable, but outside should be, and currently is through mileage reimbursement. Vice Mayor Drosky said the travel policy needs to be reviewed as it is outdated. Thereafter, he commented on the per-diem rates for meals. Lastly, he said if you can tie the expense to the activity in an ordinance, he may considerate it and reiterated that the travel policy needs to be reviewed.

Mayor Ganz agreed that the travel policy is extremely restrictive and needs to be updated. Thereafter, he commented on boards/committees he's sat on, which are volunteer positions; therefore, he does not expect to be reimbursed as it is a privilege to serve. Mayor Ganz spoke in opposition to an expense account as it is not warranted but reiterated that the travel policy must be updated.

Discussion ensued regarding expense allowances for the City Commission.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that travel related expenses are budgeted through the City Commissions budget. Further, he said the Commission is eligible for local mileage reimbursement, which would have to be tracked by each of you. Thereafter, he outlined allowances provided by other cities, i.e. cell phone, auto, etc. Mr. Santucci said if an expense account was provided, things that are already provided would have to be taken into consideration. Lastly, he said the travel policy is currently being re-evaluated.

After a brief discussion, the Mayor directed Commissioner Parness to work with the City Manager and City Attorney on an ordinance to bring forward.

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

SE 8th Avenue Drainage Improvement Project - Commissioner Hudak said a community meeting will be held on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the project and stated that he is working with the City Manager to see what types of trees can be planted. Commissioner Hudak said storms are becoming more severe and occurring more often, so it's imperative that the City stays proactive to ensure homes are being saved.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Leola Blatche-Brooks - Commissioner Preston said Ms. Blatche-Brooks, longtime resident, has passed. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of her background.

Braithwaite Center for Active Aging - Commissioner Preston said the ribbon cutting will take place on May 11th at 9:00 a.m. and urged all to attend. Thereafter, he asked how the information is getting disseminated to the public.

David Santucci, City Manager, provided a brief overview of how the information will be disseminated.

COMMISSIONER PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

Voting - Commissioner Parness said voting checks will be conducted at Century Village; dates are forthcoming.

VICE MAYOR DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

SE 8th Avenue Drainage Improvement Project - Vice Mayor Drosky requested that the petition provided by Sandy Coyman be provided to him.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Leola Blatche-Brooks - Vice Mayor Drosky requested the funeral arrangements.

Sip & Stroll - Vice Mayor Drosky said the event will take place on Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Constitution Park.

MAYOR GANZ

Accolades - Mayor Ganz thanked BSO - Law Enforcement, code compliance, city staff and Commissioner Preston for advising the Commission of the illegal dumping that was occurring, whereby, an arrest was made. Further, he thanked Captain Hofstein for his efforts, but requested more enforcement on speeding.

Sip & Stroll - Mayor Ganz said he will unfortunately have to miss the event.

Leola Blatche-Brooks – Mayor Ganz said her passing is a huge loss to the City.

Increased Rates - Mayor Ganz said the County is threatening to raise their rates due to the new laws regarding PFA's. Thereafter, he commended staff for being proactive.

Pollinator Garden Planting - Mayor Ganz thanked Patrick Bardes, Coastal and Waterway Coordinator, Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, as well as the residents for their efforts.

Braithwaite Center for Active Aging - Mayor Ganz said the grand opening is a tremendous accomplishment, not just for District 2 or the City of Deerfield Beach, but for the surrounding area.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk