



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, May 21, 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 7:03 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present:

Commissioner Michael Hudak
Commissioner Bernie Parness - *via Zoom*
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

Mayor Ganz asked that everyone keep Jimmy Langlois, former firefighter, and Kelvin Clark, driver/collector, in their thoughts and prayers. Thereafter, was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

ULI Workshop Minutes - April 17, 2024
Lunchtime Workshop Minutes - April 26, 2024
Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - May 7, 2024

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

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2024
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - March 29, 2024
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2024

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, 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

May 21, 2024

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, 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 Mrs. Deborah Rothberger on her retirement from Deerfield Beach Elementary.

Mayor Ganz presented a certificate to Mrs. Rothberger in recognition of her retirement.

Mrs. Rothberger thanked the Commission, as well as the community for the recognition and their support.

2. 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.

3. Presentation by Joshua Niemann, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, regarding the Environmental Protection Agencies final compliance ruling on P.F.A.S. and P.F.O.S.

Joshua Niemann, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, highlighted a brief presentation. He explained that per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances are manmade chemicals that are manufactured in the United States through a variety of industries. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed national drinking water standard for six PFAS substances; whereby, the proposal has now been finalized and will regulate the PFOA and PFOS contaminants and will also regulate four additional components of those chemicals. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the ruling that establishes the maximum containment levels. Under the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Ruling, the City is required to monitor all 29 PFAS compounds at the point of entry, as well as several other areas within the distribution systems. Thereafter, the City's results were displayed, which outlined PFAS in the drinking water after treatment. He stated that the majority of the PFAS in the City's drinking water, post treatment, are coming from the lime softening.

Continuing, Mr. Niemann said the EPA is going to require that initial monitoring be started by 2027, which the City has already undergone. The water systems must also provide information about the PFAS and what the levels are to the EPA and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The public water systems have until 2029 to implement solutions that will reduce the PFAS within the drinking water; therefore, the Water Plant has measured what is coming out of reverse osmosis (5%), nano filtration (35%), and lime softening (60%), which is beginning to migrate to membrane treatment. Furthermore, lime softening will be phased out through the City's Ion Exchange Project, which should be completed October 2026. Lastly, he stated that the City has been working with Ferraro Law to join a class action suit against companies that have manufactured PFAS compounds.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Niemann replied that from a treatment standpoint the City is ahead of the curve; nonetheless, some of the manufactured chemicals are not good for the body and studies are showing long term health effects.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's questions, Mr. Niemann replied that it is difficult to tell whether the City has current pollutants that are making matters worse, whereby, a lot of the pollution has been there for quite some time. Further, he said Broward County will be required to follow the same standards and regulations; unfortunately, he is unaware of their plan, but will find out and report back.

Vice Mayor Drosky said Broward County recently approved their systems, which will cost millions of dollars; therefore, their users water bills will double or triple.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION - CONTINUED**4. Presentation and summary regarding the City's Commercial Brokers Breakfast held on May 2, 2024.**

Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, displayed a brief video. Thereafter, she highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation that was presented at the May 2nd Commercial Brokers Breakfast. She explained that there is a tightening labor market and labor shortage; however, Florida has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation. Further, consumer prices surged by 0.4% in March 2024, marking the third consecutive month of robust inflation; however, construction costs have stabilized. Ms. Mory said Deerfield Beach has a fantastic economic base, with a population of 75,000 jobs; however, only 4,000 of those jobs are held by residents. Thereafter, she outlined the office, retail, industrial, and multifamily market trends, whereby, Deerfield Beach has one of the most affordable office markets and the retail market is stabilizing. With persisting inflation expected to push the U.S. into a recession, grocery-anchored retail assets will remain stable; therefore, a national grocery store chain will be a catalytic project within the Dixie Highway area. Deerfield Beach has remained consistently strong within the industrial trend, with the City's vacancy rate at 2.5%. Although, there has been an increase in rents, Deerfield Beach prices are still more affordable than the larger Broward County and South Florida averages.

Continuing, Ms. Mory outlined the 2024 emerging trends, higher for longer interest rates, inflation, labor market to soften, etc.; nevertheless, the City is going to focus on value based polices, mobility and connectivity, major civic investments, and infrastructure and public spaces. Thereafter, she outlined the City's public investments, i.e. Braithwaite Center for Active Aging; private projects, i.e. Mayla Deerfield; Public Private Partnerships, i.e. 1045 SE 11th Way; opportunities, i.e. Downtown Deerfield.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**5. P.N. 2024-061: Resolution 2024/067 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and adopting a substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$426,482.05 of unexpended Community Block Grant CV-1 and CV-3 Program Funds from rental and utilities assistance, and planning administrative assistance to sidewalk projects in eligible areas; authorizing the City Manager to execute all applicable documents relating to the substantial amendment; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, explained that Deerfield Beach, as an entitlement city, is eligible for federal funds through CDBG. During the pandemic, the City received two tranches of funds; however, due to various changes throughout the process it was difficult to assist residents, so staff has been working with HUD to determine what eligible projects the remaining funds can be used toward.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if all city sidewalks in need of repair are included.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that the sidewalk repairs are for CDBG areas.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2024/067. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST READING

6. **P.H. 2024-069: ORDINANCE 2024/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH LAND USE PLAN DESIGNATION FOR THE CITY-OWNED PARCEL CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.52 GROSS ACRES LOCATED AT 555 SW 3RD AVENUE FROM CITY CONSERVATION TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM 16 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE (LUPA #66A); PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, said the City has owned this vacant land since the 1970s, which is adjacent to the Tivoli Sand Pine Preserve. The current land use designation is conservation, which was originally known as open space; nonetheless, the County has changed their conservation land use to open space. The City intends to amend the land use and zoning designations to allow the property to be used as affordable housing, whereby, the proposed new land use designation would be RM-16, which would allow townhomes and villas. Further, he said approximately 25 units or less could be built and reiterated that it will only be affordable housing. Thereafter, he displayed an aerial of the location.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 6 on first reading. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING

7. **P.H. 2024-067: ORDINANCE 2024/008 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS TO AND WITHIN VARIOUS CITY FUNDS, AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2018 CONSTRUCTION REVENUE BOND FUND BY \$7,794,885, AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, briefly outlined the Item.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 7, adopted Ordinance 2024/008. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, said the amount of revenue the City receives from the additional beach amenity setups may have been the reason why only one bid was received. Thereafter, she commented on the way vendors are treated.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, commented on the floods in Brazil and advised that a local doctor is accepting gifts and donations, if anyone is interested.

Joe Hines, 559 NW 47th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commented on the height increase for Monarch Hill and suggested moving the waste to Conservation Area 2.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the fireworks display not being discounted, shuttle services for the Ocean's Blues and Brews event, and an article in the Pelican regarding the Deerfield Beach Café.

Mayor Ganz said Broward County has pushed Waste Management's item to sometime in September; nevertheless, he urged Mr. Hines to contact the County Commission.

David Santucci, City Manager, answered comments/questions/concerns posed by the public. Further, he said the fireworks were made up in the quality of the show that was provided at Pioneer Days. Unfortunately, the free parking will be taken up in the Cove, regardless of where the shuttle services are provided, but moving forward shuttle services will be provided at alternate locations. Thereafter, he commented on the article in the Pelican.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, said it did state in the request for proposals and scope of services, that the City shall have the right to increase or decrease the number of locations at the discretion of the City.

Commissioner Preston said the quality of the fireworks display should have been definitively outlined and not made up during another event.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing on Items 8 - 15.

Dan Herz 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Item 11. Further, he said the verbiage sole responsive and responsible bidder is a disturbing trend and is occurring more often; therefore, he asked that it be further investigated.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Items 8 - 15 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 8. Resolution 2024/068 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Jason Leet as a regular member to the Community Appearance Board to fulfill an unexpired term; and providing for an effective date.**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 9. Resolution 2024/069 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending the 2023/2024 schedule of City Commission meetings; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

10. Resolution 2024/070 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Amended and Restated ARPA Subrecipient Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, Inc. to extend the project completion date to June 30, 2024; authorizing execution of the Amended and Restated ARPA Subrecipient Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date.
11. Resolution 2024/071 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Award of ITB #24-15-VP for structural related vehicle equipment repairs on an as-needed basis to ASR Services, Inc.; authorizing the execution of a contract with ASR Services, Inc., the sole responsive and responsible bidder, for a five-year term, with two additional two-year optional renewal periods; and providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #450-4551-534-38-06 - Sustainable Management/Material to Maintain Equipment)*
12. Resolution 2024/072 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Broward County for the maintenance of bus shelters to update the current list of bus shelters maintained by the City and add seven additional bus shelter installation locations; authorizing execution of the Second Amendment; providing for implementation and an effective date.
13. Resolution 2024/073 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, accepting a drainage, flowage, and utility easement from Sandpiper Pointe Community Association, Inc., pursuant to the Development Agreement between the City and Toll Southeast, Inc. related to Sandpiper Pointe Development; providing for implementation and an effective date.
14. Resolution 2024/074 - 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 upgrade of Wells 17 and 18 in an amount not to exceed \$149,659.00; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Fund from Account #413-5020-533-65-30 - C.I.P. Infrastructure)*
15. Resolution 2024/075 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. to provide professional engineering services related to the NF and RO sand strainer modifications located at the West Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$342,110.00; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Fund from Account #413-5020-533-65-30 - CIP Infrastructure)*

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

16. ORDINANCE 2024/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 78, "COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD," SECTION 78-5 "POWERS AND DUTIES; APPEALS", SECTION 78-6 "SUBMISSION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS", AND SECTION 78-7 "EVALUATION CRITERIA; MINIMUM DESIGN CRITERIA PREREQUISITE TO ISSUANCE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT" TO UPDATE THE PROVISIONS AND CROSS-REFERENCES CONSISTENT WITH THE SIGN CODE UPDATE; AMENDING CHAPTER 98, "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS", ARTICLE III, "ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS", AND ARTICLE VI, "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS" TO REMOVE SIGNAGE REGULATIONS FROM CHAPTER 98 THAT ARE ADDRESSED IN THE NEW SIGN CODE; REPEALING EXISTING CHAPTER 102, "SIGN CODE" IN ITS ENTIRETY; REPLACING THE EXISTING SIGN CODE WITH THE NEW CHAPTER 102 "SIGN CODE" SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, highlighted a brief presentation. He explained that updates include new definitions and regulations for additional types of signs, reorganization of the Code

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

sections for ease of navigation, increased grand opening sign regulations, and amended master signage plan, variance, and submission criteria. Additionally, staff intends to create a user-friendly document for business owners, sign contractors, and the general public. Mr. Power explained that the Community Appearance Board handles many signage approvals, to include master signage plans, so staff has clarified the master sign plan process. Other changes include specifying that any color change on a sign background requires a building paint change, and variance language was amended to address safety, place, design, and aesthetics. Thereafter, he continued outlining the Code changes, which include changes to building signs, lighting, prohibited signs, and temporary window signs.

Commissioner Preston said the changes are business friendly, which is important. Thereafter, he thanked staff for their efforts.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance, but expressed concerns with the feather flags.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance, but asked what other options could be utilized should a business not be able to use a feather flag, i.e. Golden Krust.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on signage for businesses within strip malls.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Power said staff has been working with Golden Krust on the grand opening banner program to ensure it worked. Further, he said every business with a public entrance is allowed to have one wall sign; however, the Code does prohibit ground signs being within 100 feet of each other.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 16 on first reading. Voice Vote:

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

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY**

Live Local Act - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, said the amendment has been signed by the Governor, and is effective immediately.

CITY MANAGER - NONE**CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS****17. Presentation by Dr. Ronald Shultz and potential action by the City Commission regarding redistricting for the City's Municipal Election pursuant to City Charter.**

David Santucci, City Manager, said the analysis shows that redistricting must occur, so there options will be presented. Further, the methodology and criteria that was used in determining the three options will be discussed.

Dr. Ronald Schultz, Professor Emeritus, provided a brief overview of his background. Thereafter, he introduced his team and outlined the backgrounds as well.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

James Gammack-Clark, University Instructor, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He said the City's Charter states that redistricting must be done every four years, each district should be as nearly as practicable on an equal population, and no sitting commissioner shall be disqualified from completing his or her term as a result of redistricting. Further, the data used consists of the U.S. census redistricting summary files, which is the same data that is used across the Country; however, municipalities must use the smallest enumeration unit, which is the census block. Additionally, housing data that was provided by city staff was utilized to update new housing since the April 1, 2020 census day and to create population projection. Thereafter, the existing district map was displayed, whereby, the City's population was 86,859 on April 1, 2020, and the average population for each district was 21,715. The existing district analysis showed that District 3 was the largest at 22,548 or 3.8% higher than the mathematical average, and District 1 was the smallest at 19,769 or 9.0% fewer than the mathematical average; therefore, the current districts are out of balance, whereas, the total deviation is 17.9%, with a mean of 4.5%, which is not bad, but the spread, which is the difference between the largest and smallest district is 12.8%. Since the spread exceeds 10%, the districts are out of balance and redistricting is warranted.

Continuing, Mr. Gammack-Clark said 1,396 people are estimated to be added to the City by the end of 2024, with the majority being in District 3. The population is estimated to be 88,255, and the average population for each district is 22,064, whereas, District 3 is the largest at 23,615 or 7% higher than the mathematical average, and District 1 is the smallest at 20,038 or 9.2% smaller than the mathematical average, expanding the population imbalance, whereby, the total deviation is 18.4%, with a mean of 4.6% and the spread being 16.2%, which exceeds that 10% threshold. Due to the imbalance, he reiterated that the City needs to redistrict, whereby, the overall pattern of district boundary changes will need to increase District 1 and reduce District 3. Thereafter, he outlined the redistricting parameters, which includes striving for a reasonable population equality across districts by ensuring that the City is not exceeding the maximum 10% deviation threshold and is adhering to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which arbitrary dilution of minority population clusters and other discriminatory practices are prohibited; and ensuring geographic contiguity and appropriate compactness by seeking spatially compact districts, following major natural and manmade boundaries where possible, respecting the integrity of communities of interest, and minimizing the degree of change in pre-existing patterns of districts to the extent possible. Although these are significant in guiding decisions toward reasonable population balance, population equality is of primary focus. Furthermore, House Bill 411 states that districts may not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for, or a member of, the governing body based on their residential address; each municipality shall create districts that are as nearly equal in proportion to their respective populations as practicable; and such changes may not be made in the 270 days before a regular general election for the governing body of the municipality; therefore, new districts must be adopted before June 14, 2024, as the City's next election is March 11, 2025.

Thereafter, Mr. Gammack-Clark displayed the three alternatives. Alternative 1 improves the overall deviation, whereby, the total deviation falls from 18.4% to 9.3%, the mean deviation falls from 4.6% to 2.3%, and the spread falls from 16.2% to 7.0%, which is under the 10% threshold. Alternative 2 improves the overall deviation, whereby, the total deviation falls from 18.4% to 8.0%, the mean deviation falls from 4.6% to 2.0%, and the spread falls from 16.2% to 4.7%, which is under the 10% threshold. Alternative 3 improves the overall deviation, whereby, the total deviation falls from 18.4% to 5.1%, the mean deviation falls from 4.6% to 1.3%, and the spread falls from 16.2% to 2.5%, which is under the 10% threshold. Mr. Gammack-Clark said having a high degree of population balance would provide the City with more margin of error moving forward and although the City will have to review the districts in four years, redistricting may not be warranted. Lastly, he said each alternative improves population equity, whereby, Alternative 1 makes minimal adjustments to achieve reasonable population equity, Alternative 2 provides improved population equity and compactness, and Alternative 3 further improves equity, compactness, and boundary recognizability by effective splitting the City into four quadrants.

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 9:11 p.m. and returned to 9:13 p.m.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the message he received from this presentation is that District 1 needs to have more babies.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Joseph Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, said over half of the residents in Century Village are non-voting foreign nationals, so the summertime population is less than normal.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said she would like to discuss the alternatives with each elected official prior to a decision being made.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Mr. Santucci said tonight is the presentation only; however, staff is hoping to receive some direction as to which alternative they would like to see brought forward in June.

Commissioner Parness spoke in support of Alternative 1, as it is the least invasive and makes the districts more equal.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of Alternative 1, as it meets the redistricting criteria and is less invasive.

Vice Mayor Drosky also spoke in support of Alternative 1.

Commissioner Hudak agreed that Alternative 1 is less invasive of the three alternatives, but stated that this commission must look down the road and see how the City is evolving, so the districts should match the evolution of the City. Although Alternative 1 is a simple fix, Alternative 3 is what the City will look like one day; therefore, he suggested that it be considered.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to bring Alternative 1 back to the Commission for their approval in June, but it was suggested to include all three alternatives in the backup.

18. ORDINANCE 2024/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III, "OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 2 "TRAVEL EXPENDITURE POLICY," SECTIONS 2-221 "GENERALLY" AND SECTION 2-222 "PROOF OF EXPENDITURES; PER DIEM RATES; SETTLEMENT" TO PROVIDE FOR A \$200.00 MONTHLY ALLOWANCE TO THE MAYOR AND EACH COMMISSIONER TO ADDRESS TRAVEL, MEAL AND PARKING EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE TRI-COUNTY AREA IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR DUTIES OF OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, explained that the \$200 monthly allowance would cover travel, meals, and parking within the tri-county area. If approved, the travel policy procedures would need to be amended.

Commissioner Parness commented on the expense accounts other cities elected officials receive, and the amount of traveling he does within the City to ensure there is no illegal dumping, and the costs he incurs when meeting someone for lunch/dinner. Further, he said many people may not run for office because they cannot afford it; therefore, an expense account could possibly allow those people to run for office and expand the pool of candidates.

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, outlined the benefits currently received by the City Commission. Thereafter, he commented on previous actions and comments made by Commissioner Parness and asked that the Ordinance be amended to state that if approved, it will not be effective until March 11, 2025.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Joseph Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Ordinance, since the Commissioners have to travel.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, said this ordinance covers the tri-county area only. Further, she does not believe the tax payers should have to incur a cost for an elected official driving around looking for code violations, as that is what Code Compliance is paid for. Thereafter, she continued to express opposition to the Ordinance.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said the City has reimbursement policies for the Elected Officials; therefore, she does not think the reasoning behind this ordinance is worthy, and spoke in opposition to the Ordinance.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Preston said Commission Parness' heart is in the right place. Further, he said these positions are not a part-time job, and although he can live without the monthly allowance, this city is ever changing and, in the future, it may be a direction taken, especially since many other cities allow it. Further, he does not think Commissioner Parness' request is outlandish, and it deserves consideration.

Commissioner Hudak urged those who may run for the salary and/or the \$200 monthly allowance to not run, as this position is a position of service to the community, which this commission loves doing. Thereafter, he commented on the position being difficult because people are always questioning this commissions character, motives and decisions; therefore, he reiterated that those who may run for the perks, to not run. Further, he said the expense account is only there if it's needed; therefore, he is unsure of the apprehension.

Vice Mayor Drosky agreed that Commissioner Parness' heart is in the right place, and he does not disagree with the thought process behind it, as he spends, out of his own pocket, \$1000 to \$2000 annually on parking, gas, etc. for locally attended meetings and events; nonetheless, the allowance differs from the travel policy, as the monthly allowance covers the tri-county area only. Further, he said the amount does not bother him, but the rationale behind it, as he believes the Ordinance should be directly tied to the duties of this commission. Vice Mayor Drosky disagreed, whereby, he is reading the Ordinance that the Commission will receive the \$200 regardless of use; therefore, he said there should be some correlation between the amount and what the Commissioner is doing. Lastly, if approved, it would go into effect immediately, which he also disagreed with.

Mayor Ganz outlined the various boards/committees Commissioner Parness has sat on since being in office. Further, before running for office, Mayor Ganz said he asked the then sitting commission, individually, how many hours they put in a week, and he received varying responses, i.e. 6 - 35 hours, which is what you can do with this position. Further, he believes this commission is compensated and adopting this ordinance adds a layer of complication that does not make it worth it in his opinion. Thereafter, he outlined the various boards/committees he's served on since being in office. Although, he understands the intention of the ordinance is coming from a right place, he spoke in opposition to it and asked that the City's travel policy be amended.

Mr. Soroka clarified that this ordinance provides a \$200 monthly travel allowance in lieu of reimbursement.

Commissioner Parness continued to speak in support of the Ordinance, as it will assist this commission, as well as future commissions, in doing their jobs.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 18 on first reading. Roll Call:

Yeas: 3 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, and Commissioner Preston
Nays: 2 - Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

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

Employee Recognition Program - Vice Mayor Drosky suggested that a program be implemented to recognize city employees, which he was advised from the City Manager is forthcoming. Thereafter, he recognized Ron Moss, Sustainable Management, and Jessica King, Parks & Recreation, for their recent efforts.

COMMISSIONER PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

Thank You - Commissioner Parness thanked his colleagues, as well as others for their support.

Clean Program - Commissioner Parness said he is working on a program to make the City cleaner and more beautiful.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Braithwaite Center for Active Aging Grand Opening - Commissioner Preston thanked staff for their efforts, as the grand opening was a huge success.

Kelvin Clark - Commissioner Preston said his passing had a huge effect on staff; therefore, he asked that a critical debriefing policy be put into place.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, said he will look into it and report back.

Emergency Numbers - Commissioner Preston said he receives phone calls from residents advising that emergency numbers are not being answered, and asked that it be addressed.

COMMISSIONER HUDAK**DISTRICT 1**

Braithwaite Center for Active Aging Grand Opening - Commissioner Hudak commended staff for a job well done.

Events - Commissioner Hudak thanked staff for Ocean Brews and Blues, as it was a great event. Thereafter, he said the Memorial Day event will take place on May 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Braithwaite Center for Active Aging.

MAYOR GANZ

Events - Mayor Ganz thanked staff for all the recent events.

Kelvin Clark - Mayor Ganz said the City mourns the loss of Mr. Clark.

Braithwaite Center for Active Aging Grand Opening - Mayor Ganz said many individuals are to thank for the reconstruction of the Center, whereby, Commissioner Preston suggesting the renaming really tied the historical portion into the Center. Thereafter, he thanked all involved in the grand opening, as it was a huge success.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 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