



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present:

Commissioner 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

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - July 9, 2024

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, 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

Police Pension Fund Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2023, March 6 & May 23, 2024
Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2024
Firefighter's Pension Fund Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2024
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - May 2, 2024
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2024
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - May 31 & June 11, 2024
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2024
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2024

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

August 6, 2024

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

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

Nays: 0

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser, regarding property taxes and values.

Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser, provided a presentation on property taxes, homestead exemptions, and title protection for homeowners. He advised that everyone will receive their Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice, which shows the homeowner what they should be paying, exemptions, and when governments are discussing the budget and tax rates. He encouraged people to reach out to him by September 18th if there is a problem with their tax bill or if they are not receiving an applicable exemption. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the exemptions. Further, he said property values within the City have increased because people are coming from all over the world and paying top dollar for these properties. Thereafter, he commented on the increased market value and taxable value from 2023 to 2024, which resulted in a 10.5% increase. Should the Commission decide to keep the millage rate the same at 6.0018, it would yield another \$5.75 million to the City. He said most of this revenue comes from new property owners since current property owners are homesteaded. Mr. Kiar outlined the homestead exemptions throughout the City, homesteaded properties, low-income seniors, widows, disabled veterans, and disabled first responders; neither disabled veterans or disabled first responders pay property taxes.

Continuing, Mr. Kiar said the median sale of a single-family home in Deerfield Beach is approximately \$600,000 with a taxable value of \$203,000; condo sales are \$185,750, with an average taxable value of \$99,000. Lastly, Mr. Kiar said South Florida is the title fraud capital of the world and many criminals file fake deeds on peoples' property and try to extort people for money or sell their homes. To combat this crime, they developed Owner Alert which allows people to register with proper documentation and if anything is filed changing ownership of the property, the owner will be notified immediately. Thereafter, he provided various examples of individuals who have committed title fraud.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Kiar provided a breakdown of what occurs once a resident is alerted that someone tried to obtain a fake deed.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

Captain Hofstein recognized various law enforcement staff for their ongoing efforts with keeping the community safe.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. P.H. 2024-085: Resolution 2024/106 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and adopting the fiscal year 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Annual Action Plan and use of the projected \$708,864.00 in CDBG funds; authorizing the reallocation of \$77,754.40 in CDBG funds from program years 2018-2021; providing for implementation and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Aneisha Nicholas, Assistant Director of Community Services, highlighted a brief PowerPoint Presentation. The CDBG, established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is a federally funded program, designed to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and better economic

PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

opportunities for low to moderate-income city residents. The City of Deerfield Beach, as an entitlement community, has received an annual allocation since fiscal year 2000. She explained that CDBG eligible activities must benefit low- and moderate-income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, which is designated by the City Commission; or address urgent community development needs. The fiscal year 2024/2025 allocation of funds is around \$709,000, whereby, at least 70% must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Thereafter, she outlined the income limits as of April 1, 2024 and displayed the CDBG Target Area map.

Continuing, Ms. Nicholas listed the eligible CDBG activities, public services, rehabilitation, microenterprise assistance, homeownership assistance, program administration costs, as well as others. Thereafter, she outlined the requirements for the Annual Action Plan, as well as the funding allocation assigned to each activity. Additionally, the City has around \$77,700 from previous years, which will be reallocated to a parks improvement project. Lastly, she outlined the citizen participation throughout the process, and stated that the Plan must be submitted by August 16, 2024.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, commended staff for the creation of the Annual Action Plan. Further, she suggested increasing the awareness and support for the microenterprise assistance component.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the funding from previous years, as the draft had a different figure.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Ms. Nicholas replied that the draft stated that the amount was an estimated figure, whereby, the reconciliation process provided the true amount of \$77,700.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2024/106. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Marod, Gunster, said he represents John Castellano, 1056 SW 42nd Street, Deerfield Beach. Thereafter, he commented on the Asphalt Plant.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Delray Beach lowering their millage rate, free coffee for seniors, and the District 4 vacancy on the Education Advisory Board. Further, he asked for an update on the pier renovation project. Lastly, the federal case against the City will not be dropped, as Ms. Amanna will not be running out of money.

Linda Ruise, 425 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commented on the community room at the Palms, and asked why seniors have to pay for coffee at the Braithwaite Center for Active Aging.

Chris Clews, 1460 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked Sustainable Management staff for their efforts after the Fourth of July event. Thereafter, he expressed concerns with how the beach was left on July 5th. He suggested changing the event to a different location or providing more enforcement. Lastly, he asked that a portion of the beach be used as a dog park.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, suggested having drones for the next Fourth of July event and having a community event the day after the Fourth of July to help clean up the beach. Further, she agreed with establishing a dog park on the beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Willie Graham-Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commented on the restrooms at the Braithwaite Center for Active Aging and BSO Law Enforcement.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, suggested adding signage along the beach in various languages during the Fourth of July event advising visitors to keep the City clean.

Carrie Hellenbrecht, 884 NW 47th Steet, Deerfield Beach, said the garbage cans along the beach are continuously overflowing; therefore, she suggested adding more not only during events but throughout the entire year. Further, she suggested adding signage along the beach cautioning the public about digging holes in the sand. Lastly, she asked for an update on the hometown hero banners she previously requested.

Thereafter, Mayor Ganz entertained questions/comments/concerns posed by the public.

Commissioner Preston suggested including the schools in the day after the Fourth of July event, as it would be a way for them to receive community service hours.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing on Items 4 - 12.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Item 10.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Greg Warner, Director of Parks & Recreation, displayed photographs of the new playground equipment. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the procurement process, which involved community input.

Commissioner Preston temporarily left the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and returned at 8:32 p.m.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Warner replied that staff looked into the existing market before securing the piggyback contract, which was the less expensive route. Further, the project is \$92,000 over budget, whereby, the additional monies will be coming from another project that will not be moving forward at this time.

Mayor Ganz spoke in support of the project, as Villages of Hillsboro Park is in dire need of repairs.

Commissioner Preston said he received phone calls regarding this item, and urged those concerned to come to the meeting, but unfortunately none of them attended; nevertheless, he hopes the explanation provided clarity.

Vice Mayor Drosky said he and Commissioner Preston attended the Community Meeting, which was well attended, whereby, the residents were extremely clear as to what they wanted within the park; therefore, he supports this project, as it is consistent with their requests.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 4 - 12 in concert. Roll Call:

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

- 4. Resolution 2024/107 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Shiff Construction and Development, Inc., utilizing the Sourcewell, Inc. Job Order Contract #FL-R10-GC-02-111821-SCD for building improvements at the West Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$124,472.82; providing for execution and an effective date. (Fund from Account #401-5020-533-60-21 - Building Improvements)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

5. Resolution 2024/108 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the artwork permit application submitted by LMR Cove, LLC aka The Cove Marina for the installation of two murals on the building located at 1756 SE 3rd Court; providing for an effective date.
6. Resolution 2024/109 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Contract #JP024-06-2025 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,431.76; authorizing execution of the Contract; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-0000-331-69-91 - General Fund/HOME Emergency Assistance)*
7. Resolution 2024/110 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Contract #JL024-06-2025 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Local Service Program in an amount not to exceed \$118,380.00; authorizing execution of the Contract; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-0000-334-69-97 - General Fund/Local Service Program)*
8. Resolution 2024/111 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Contract #JZ024-06-2025 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Program in an amount not to exceed \$417,649.85; authorizing execution of the Contract; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-0000-331-69-99 - General Fund/Senior Citizens Grant)*
9. Resolution 2024/112 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Doosan Bobcat North America, Inc. utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. FSA23-EQU21.O for the purchase of a bobcat compact track loader with CAB plus package in the amount of \$73,894.40; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #399-7020-539-64-10 - Capital Projects-Parks Maintenance/Machinery)*
10. Resolution 2024/113 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. d/b/a Gametime, utilizing the City of Charlotte/Omnia Contract No. 2017001134, RFP No. 269-017-028, for the design of the playground and purchase and installation of the associated equipment to be located in the Villages of Hillsboro Park in the amount of \$541,669.00; providing for execution, appropriations and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #399-7020-539-65-30 - CIP Infrastructure & Account #399-7035-572-65-30 - CIP Infrastructure)*
11. Resolution 2024/114 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Facility Use Agreement with Toastmasters International d/b/a Toastmasters Club Paradise - 1567808 for public speaking and leadership classes at the community center within Constitution Park and Arboretum; approving the waiver of facility use fees to support the training within the City; providing for execution, implementation, and an effective date.
12. Resolution 2024/115 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Special Event Permit Application submitted by Floating Frog, LLC dba Mindtravel Foundation for a silent piano concert on Deerfield Beach north of the International Fishing Pier on September 13, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; providing for an effective date.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

13. Resolution 2024/116 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, adopting the amended parks and recreation schedule of fees and charges; providing for conflicts and an effective date. *(Deferred from July 9, 2024)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Greg Warner, Director of Parks & Recreation, highlighted a brief presentation, which outlined the changes requested by the Commission at the last meeting.

Thereafter, Mr. Warner entertained questions posed by the Commission.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Further, although the City of Delray Beach is lowering their millage rate, they are proposing to charge non-residents \$35 to park at their beach.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 13, adopted Resolution 2024/116. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

14. Resolution 2024/117 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with WGI, Inc to provide professional planning services related to the Central City Rezoning Study Project in an amount not to exceed \$48,635.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-1500-552-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)

15. Resolution 2024/118 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposal No. 24-20-VP to L.M. Genuine Solutions, LLC for community outreach and collaboration services related to the Central City Area - Dixie Highway Rezoning Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the top ranked, responsive and responsible proposer, L.M. Genuine Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-1100-515-32-99 - Other Contractual Services & Account #001-1500-552-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)

Items 14 & 15 were discussed simultaneously, but voted on separately. Thereafter, both resolutions were read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, highlighted a presentation, whereby, staff has determined that an outreach program is needed for stakeholder input; therefore, Item 15 is seeking the approval of an outreach coordinator who can engage the community and increase communication to residents and business owners. Item 14 consists of utilizing a consultant to help staff with the implementation of the code changes, land use amendments, etc. necessary to incorporate the ULI recommendations.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Power replied that as part of the outreach program, the City will be seeking stakeholders and champions who are residents or business owners, interested in moving the development of the area forward.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of Items 14 & 15, as they will create serious conversations pertaining to the Central City area.

Mayor Ganz said the ULI provides ideas of what can be done to an area. Those ideas are then brought to the community for their input and feedback, which is then put into the planning, which should then be brought back to the ULI to see if it works.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on previous comments made during a previous meeting by some of the Elected Officials.

Toula Amanna, 5030 SW 109th Avenue, Davie, said the restructuring of the downtown area should start with the leaders, i.e. city manager.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said this area has been discussed numerous times, and a committee was developed but she is unsure what happened. Thereafter, she spoke in opposition to Items 14 & 15.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the scope of services.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Thereafter, David Santucci, City Manager, and Mr. Power answered questions/comments/concerns posed by the public.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 14, adopted Resolution 2024/117. Roll Call:

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 15, adopted Resolution 2024/118. Roll Call:

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

16. Resolution 2024/119 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Tolling Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the City of Deerfield Beach Municipal Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund regarding medical insurance related payments; providing for execution and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief history of Item 16. Further, he said the City is willing to forgo litigating the matter, and engage in mediation with the Pension Plan to try and resolve the issue. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the Tolling Agreement. Lastly, Mr. Soroka stated that Adam Levinson, pension plan attorney, has stated that they are ready to sign the agreement and engage in mediation, but he is on the call if questions arise.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Soroka replied that this is going to mediation because there is a difference in qualifications and language in the 1989 and 2006 MOU's. Further, there is a difference of opinion with the respect to the interpretation of the 2006 MOU; nevertheless, both parties have agreed, orally, to share all the documents to see if it can be resolved.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the Plan Administrators are notifying the City of individuals who are retiring.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Sherry Ring, 2231 NE 33rd Street, Lighthouse Point, said she is unsure what is going on with the MOU, but it involves a lot of money and a lot of people who deserve their stipend. Thereafter, she briefly commented on her interpretation of the MOUs, as well as the events that have occurred thus far. Lastly, she hopes that this can be resolved.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the Tolling Agreement. Further, he commented on an e-mail he received from the pension plan attorney, as well as comments that were previously made by the City Manager and Mayor.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Thereafter, David Santucci, City Manager, and Mr. Soroka entertained questions/comments/concerns by the public.

Mr. Levinson said the main objective this evening is to move things forward. Thereafter, he thanked the City Attorney's Office for agreeing to expeditiously move through mediation. Lastly, he spoke in support of Item 16.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 16, adopted Resolution 2024/119. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - *No comments*

CITY MANAGER

Resignation - David Santucci, City Manager, said his last day will be October 3, 2024. Thereafter, he briefly commented on his time in Deerfield Beach. Lastly, he thanked the Commission for trusting in him and city staff for everything they have done, as the culture of this organization has changed for the better.

Upcoming Meetings - Mr. Santucci said due to scheduling conflicts the Budget Workshop will be scheduled to August 28th at 7:00 p.m. and the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting will be rescheduled to August 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Packer Rattlers - Mr. Santucci said unfortunately they will not have a season. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the organization. He stated that the misappropriation of funds were not city funds, as the expenditure of city funds must be cost reimbursement or direct invoice payment, per the agreement; nevertheless, staff is investigating the situation. Further, he said the new leadership has stepped down, and Mr. Philpart has stepped back in.

15th Avenue Bridge Survey - Mr. Santucci said the survey received over 600 responses. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the survey and community responses, and said the information will be brought before the Commission on August 20th.

Commissioner Preston thanked Mr. Santucci for the job he has done for Deerfield Beach, and wished him and his family nothing but the best.

Commissioner Hudak said he is extremely proud of how Mr. Santucci has grown into the City Manager position. Thereafter, he commended Mr. Santucci for some of the things he has done. Further, he suggested directing staff to move forward with securing a recruitment firm.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**17. Discussion on the City's Response regarding Monarch Hill.**

David Santucci, City Manager, said Waste Management through a Land Use Plan Amendment is requesting to convert the old waste to energy facility to additional landfill space, and requesting a rezoning change to increase the height to 325 feet, which requires a variance approval. The County Commission directed the County Attorney to draft up an ordinance that would amend the zoning code to increase the permitted height of the landfill to 325 feet, which will be heard by the Local Planning Agency on August 14, 2024, and then will be heard by the County Commission on September 17, 2024 (first hearing) and October 8, 2024 (second hearing).

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and returned at 9:41 p.m.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz briefly commented on conversations he's had with Mayor Greg Ross. Further, he said the City must have a calculated effort to get people together, i.e. busing people to the hearings, to ensure the County Commission is fully aware of Deerfield Beach's stance, as the City is hugely impacted.

Vice Mayor Drosky said he has done outreach with various communities in his district, as well as elected officials in Coconut Creek, who advised that they intend to bus people to the meeting. He stated that it is imperative that Deerfield Beach take a stance, as this change will not only impact Coconut Creek. Further, he said the County Commissioner's contact information is in the backup, and urged the community to reach out to their county commissioner. Lastly, he agreed with busing Deerfield Beach residents to the County Commission Meetings, and asked that staff coordinate.

Commissioner Parness said when he sat on the Planning Council, they voted 18-0 against this request. Further, he said there is a chance that this request gets denied again, but it will take everyone involved to fight and show up.

Mayor Ganz asked that each elected official receive a synopsis of the chain of events, what's being proposed, and current conditions compared to what is being proposed. Further, he said when Waste Management came before this commission, they had already submitted one of the items to county staff.

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

Out of Country - Commissioner Hudak said he will be gone from September 9th to September 20th, and is unsure if he will be able to attend on September 9th.

Charter Review Committee - Commissioner Hudak said the City's Charter was last reviewed in 2006. When he first took office, he asked that a charter review committee be created, but the Commission would not support it at that time; nonetheless, he hopes to now have the support to give the City Attorney the authority to begin the process of providing this commission with options on establishing a charter review committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness to direct the City Attorney to establish a city charter review committee.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ganz recommended that this be added to the next agenda as a discussion item.

Thereafter, Commissioner Hudak rescinded his motion.

Artificial Turf - Commissioner Hudak briefly commented on the pros and cons of artificial turf. Thereafter, he suggested that staff look into the guidelines implemented by other cities.

Mayor Ganz suggested that this also be added to the next agenda as a discussion item.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Cathedral Church - Commissioner Preston said they will be celebrating their 100 years on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Tigner Center - Commissioner Preston said increasing the size of the banquet hall was the right thing to do, as many amazing events will occur at this facility.

Backpack Giveaway Event - Commissioner Preston commended BSO and city staff for the event, and thanked those who came out. Thereafter, he briefly commented on Harold Morrison's legacy.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**COMMISSIONER PARNESS****DISTRICT 3**

City Manager Resignation - Commissioner Parness said he is sorry to see Mr. Santucci go, as it is a loss to the City, but wishes him nothing but the best.

VICE MAYOR DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

City Manager Search - Vice Mayor Drosky agreed with Commissioner Hudak that this commission needs to secure a replacement now; therefore, he suggested that direction needs to be given to staff to work towards contacting a firm to begin the recruitment process.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on what the Commission is voting on.

Mayor Ganz said the motion that will be made is to have staff move forward with securing a recruitment firm to search for city manager candidates.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the qualifications will change, i.e. living within city limits.

Carrie Hellenbrecht, 884 NW 47th Steet, Deerfield Beach, agreed with starting soon, as the process is lengthy, but said it should be a well thought out process.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, said it's important to start the process now because if someone is chosen prior to Mr. Santucci's departure, he could assist with the transition.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Further, he agreed with moving forward with the process.

Commissioner Preston said although he understands wanting to start the process, we may have the answer internally, so he is hesitant with moving forward with securing a firm at this time.

Commissioner Hudak said internal candidates will have the option to apply. Further, he disagreed with candidates having to live within the City, as it limits the candidate pool.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to direct staff to contact GovHR for the recruitment of a new city manager. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

MAYOR GANZ

Drainage Project - Mayor Ganz encouraged staff to continue to be vigilant with the resident complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 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