



Special Meeting Minutes City Commission

Wednesday, September 4, 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

Mayor Ganz asked that everyone keep Rhonda Quinn, longtime city employee, and the four individuals who lost their lives in the Atlanta, Georgia school shooting in their thoughts and prayers. Thereafter, there was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

September 4, 2024

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, 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

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Potential Appointment of an Interim City Manager.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the majority of the City Commission to appoint Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, as the Interim City Manager effective October 4, 2024.

Commissioner Preston clarified his previous comments, whereby, he is not opposed to the recruitment process, but believes the internal candidates should be fully vetted first.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the background

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

data is being put together by the recruitment firm, and the recruiter will be reaching out to each commissioner prior to the job being advertised.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, disagreed with only discussing an interim city manager, as \$20,000 to hire a recruitment firm is a lot of money. Thereafter, he continued to express concerns with hiring a recruitment firm.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, asked how much will it cost to replace the City Manager.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said the City has an assistant city manager, which is imperative in times like these; therefore, she spoke in support of appointing Mr. McHugh as the Interim City Manager.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the cost for recruiting a new city manager is \$24,500, and does not include travel costs, etc. Further, he does not believe that it will exceed \$30,000.

Mayor Ganz said although there are two great internal candidates, this commission owes it to the residents to expand the search further.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to appoint Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, as Interim City Manager, effective October 4, 2024. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Bernie Parness

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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