



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Monday, September 23, 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 - August 20, 2024
Special City Commission Meeting Minutes - September 4, 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

Police Pension Fund Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2024
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2024
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - July 26, 2024
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - August 19, 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

September 23, 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

BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. ORDINANCE 2024/013 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; STATING THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE RATE EXCEEDS THE ROLLED-BACK RATE AS COMPUTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 200.065, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that Items 1 and 2 will be discussed simultaneously but voted on separately; thereafter, he read both titles into the record. Additionally, the final operating millage rate for fiscal year 2025 is 6.0018 mills, which is 8.9% more than the rolled back rate of 5.5112 mills calculated pursuant to Florida State law. The voted debt service millage is equal to .1833 mills, for a total overall millage rate of 6.1851.

David Santucci, City Manager, highlighted a brief presentation, which was provided during the August 28th Budget Workshop.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the City of Port St. Lucie lowering their millage rate. Thereafter, he commented on future projects, the importance of decreasing the City's millage rate, etc.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke on the importance of city fees and taxes, as they assist with providing the necessary maintenance and development to city facilities, infrastructure, etc.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, said services should not be cut, whereby, funds just need to be properly prioritized.

Maria LoRicco, 1551 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach, said services should not be cut in order to lower the millage rate. Thereafter, she said a plan should be put into place in order to get businesses into Deerfield Beach, so the burden can be taken off the taxpayers.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked how the Bezos Center effects the budget.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Further, he said individuals are taxed, based on the millage rate, whereby, if an individual's taxes went up it's because their value went up. Mayor Ganz said Port St. Lucie has more of a leeway due to their higher population and budget.

Mr. Santucci said the City entered into an agreement with Bezos Academy to bring the free, Montessori style education to the City of Deerfield Beach. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the estimated costs of the preschool building, which have doubled; nonetheless, the school will be able to serve double the population than anticipated. The City previously operated the preschool at a cost to the City; nevertheless, moving forward there will be no operating costs to the City for the Bezos Academy, as they were incorporated into the capital expenditure.

BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 1, adopted Ordinance 2024/013. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 1 - Vice Mayor Drosky

- 2. ORDINANCE 2024/014 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AUTHORIZING ENCUMBRANCES AND CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDING TO FULFILL OUTSTANDING PURCHASE ORDERS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the contract for code compliance services expires on June 30, 2025, and asked for clarification, as the taxpayers were advised that it wouldn't expire until September 30, 2025. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the budget presentation.

John Slattery, 1455 SE 5th Place, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the vote for Item 1.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Drosky stated that there is a \$2.6 million increase in personnel services, which he believes is not a necessity at this time, and should be cut from this budget; nevertheless, an in-depth explanation as to why he is opposed to the millage rate and budget was provided during first reading.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 2, adopted Ordinance 2024/014. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 1 - Vice Mayor Drosky

- 3. ORDINANCE 2024/015 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE DEERFIELD BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AS PROVIDED FOR IN PART III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Patricia Link, 252 Ventnor R, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to allowing free electricity for electric vehicles. Furthermore, she disagreed with the Freebee program, as government should not play a role in helping businesses.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked staff for posting the Freebee ridership numbers on the City website. Thereafter, he commented on the potential agreement with the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science and the groundbreaking ceremony that recently occurred.

James Kopkowski, 2159 Discovery Circle W, Deerfield Beach, asked for the cost for the electric vehicle stations.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Further, he said Freebee has only been in service for six months; nonetheless, there are other ridership services the City provides. He stated that Freebee may have a longer wait time than Uber, because there are less Freebee drivers and it's a free program. Although he has been impressed with the program thus far, he does agree that stronger parameters be put into place. Mayor Ganz stated that the CRA received a \$3.36 million grant that will go toward the Sawgrass to Seagrass

BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

Project; thereafter, he thanked staff for their efforts. Lastly, he asked that staff provide the figures for the electric vehicle charging stations.

David Santucci, City Manager, said he does not have the figures at this time, but will provide them accordingly.

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the Freebee program, as many use it to go to the grocery store or doctor appointments; nonetheless, if the program begins to negatively impact the community, he will no longer support it.

Commissioner Parness briefly commented on the importance of government assisting businesses.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 3, adopted Ordinance 2024/015. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Parness left the meeting temporarily at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, thanked city staff for the Johnny Tigner Center grand opening ceremony. Thereafter, she asked for an update on the city manager recruitment process, and asked that candidate interviews be delayed until after the March 2025 election. Lastly, she asked how often the strategic plan is reviewed, and if the public will have any future input.

Justin Philipps, 402 SE 7th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the recent installation of his water meter, which has caused significant issues to his home; therefore, he asked that his claim be re-evaluated.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the SE 8th Avenue Drainage Project.

Commissioner Preston temporarily left the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

Willie Rosetta Graham Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commented on the recent flooding in her neighborhood. Further, she expressed concerns with boats going down her street and asked that they be directed down 3rd Avenue. Lastly, she commented on the amount of garbage left at the bus stop in front of the Fire Station on Hillsboro Boulevard, and spoke in support of the Braithwaite Center for Active Aging.

Dave March, 523 SE 12th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for an update on the lifeguard stations, and expressed concerns with the AMI installation.

Dave Monks, 829 SE 16th Court, Deerfield Beach, said he is a new resident. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the time he spent in Deerfield Beach as a child, and CRA's being eliminated in California. Further, he spoke in support of what the City is doing, and agreed with waiting until after the March 2025 election to hire the City Manager.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, said many people care about the suffering, so any assistance that can be provided is beneficial, i.e. Freebee.

David Santucci, City Manager, and Mayor Ganz answered questions/comments/concerns posed by the public.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the increase in municipal prosecution services for Item 4.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied that the last time the fee by Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L. was increased was in 2016. Further, he said city staff anticipates additional services due to the new state law and appeals from speed zone camera citations; nonetheless, there is currently a significant increase in services from the municipal ordinance side, as well as cost recovery from city liens, which he briefly outlined.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 4 - 6 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 4. Resolution 2024/146 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending the fee for municipal prosecution services by Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.; providing for implementation, conflicts, and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-3000-529-30-09 - Public Safety, Administration/Legal Services)**
- 5. Resolution 2024/147 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Broward County for the Percy White Library to extend the Lease Agreement for a five-year term; providing for execution, implementation, and an effective date.**
- 6. Resolution 2024/148 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Industrial Specialties, LLC, for a five-year term to furnish Wisprofloc N Polymer Chemicals in an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the City's West Water Treatment Plant in accordance with Section 38-116(3)(c) of the City's Procurement Code for sole source purchases; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #401-5020-533-35-11 - Chemicals)**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 7. Resolution 2024/149 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Option No. _____ for the SE 15th Avenue Bridge Replacement Design; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Deferred from September 9, 2024)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, stated that the survey was sent back out to the community with two options, whereby, the results were extremely close, with Option 2 winning by one vote. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the pros and cons of each option.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, replied that curb lining will be installed in lieu of the guardrail.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in support of Option 2:

- **Dave March, 523 SE 12th Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**
- **Maria LoRicco, 1551 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

- **Gary Mauck, 654 SE 15th Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**
- **Joel Barnes, 1628 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach.**
- **Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked if the Director of Public Safety could provide input on the safety of both options.

John Slattery, 1455 SE 5th Place, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of Option 2.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to move forward with Option 2.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Option 2, adopted Resolution 2024/149. 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

Misinformation - David Santucci, City Manager, stated that the Code Compliance contract expires at the end of FY25 and the costs that were previously presented were based off an analysis completed by staff.

Highland Gardens II Apartments - Mr. Santucci said the power outage occurred last Sunday, and has since been restored. Thereafter, he thanked staff for their efforts, as well as the Highland Gardens Management Company.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 8. ORDINANCE 2024/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II "BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS," TO CREATE DIVISION 4 "CHARTER REVIEW BOARD;" ESTABLISHING THE CHARTER REVIEW BOARD MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, explained that the Ordinance creates the Charter Review Board and establishes the structure, which is proposed to consist of five regular members appointed by each elected official, including the Mayor, and then the Commission as a body would appoint two alternates to serve on the Board. The City Manager's Office and City Attorney would serve in an advisory capacity. Further, the Ordinance contemplates that appointments to the actual board be made by Resolution with the first board establishment and appointment occurring after the March 2025 municipal election, and no later than March 31, 2025 (s/b May 31, 2025). Mr. Soroka said the Board would convene and start the review process within two months of appointment. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the Board's responsibilities. Lastly, he said the term of the Board members is about a year, but could be extended at the Commission's discretion; nevertheless, once the Board is complete it would sunset and thereafter at a later date could be re-established by the City Commission.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka clarified that the later date would be May 31, 2025, not March 31, 2025.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak requested that language be added to the Ordinance that the Board be established every 10 years.

Commissioner Preston said the majority of city advisory boards has a regular member and an alternate member that is appointed by each elected official, including the Mayor; therefore, he suggested that the composition be the same for this board.

Vice Mayor Drosky agreed with Commissioner Preston. Further, he is unsure it is necessary that it be outlined in writing that the Board be established every 10 years, as the Commission can review the Charter at any time; nevertheless, he is not fully opposed to the language.

Commissioner Parness agreed with Vice Mayor Drosky, as the Charter can be reviewed at any time, and any changes made, must first be brought to the voters. Further, he agreed with each elected official, including the Mayor appointing a regular member and alternate. Lastly, Commissioner Parness said the qualifications should be up to the appointing commissioner.

Commissioner Hudak said he has no issues with each elected official, including the Mayor appointing a regular member and alternate. Further, he spoke in support of including that the Board be established every 10 years, as it will allow residents an opportunity to review the Charter.

Commissioner Preston said although he understands Vice Mayor Drosky's stance, he spoke in support of adding the language into the Ordinance, as it allows some measure of dialog in the future.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and agreed with adding the 10-year review.

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

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Soroka replied that the Charter was last reviewed in 2006.

Thereafter, Mayor Ganz provided a brief history of the review of the City Charter throughout the years, whereby, there have been times changes brought forward were politically driven; nonetheless, he does not feel that is the case at this time, and is unsure how to prevent it from happening in the future. Although, he does not mind adding language outlining that a review be done every 10 years, he does not want it to be mandatory. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the membership being made up of five regular and five alternate members, if that is the majority of the consensus of this commission.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's questions, Mr. Soroka replied that in lieu of making it a requirement, language can be added that the item be added to an agenda every 10 years for commission consideration. Further, he clarified that the motion will be amended to include each elected official, including the Mayor, will appoint one regular member and one alternate, and every 10 years after May 30, 2025 (s/b May 31, 2025) an item will be placed on an agenda for commission consideration.

In response to Vice Mayor Drosky's question, Mr. Soroka replied that a second reading will occur on October 15th.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 8, as amended, on first reading. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 1 - Vice Mayor Drosky

9. Resolution 2024/150 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, ratifying the appointment of Horace McHugh as Interim City Manager, effective October 4, 2024; approving and authorizing execution of an employment agreement with Mr. McHugh for service as Interim City Manager; and providing for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, briefly outlined the employment agreement.

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

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 9, adopted Resolution 2024/150. Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER PRESTON****DISTRICT 2**

City Leadership - Commissioner Preston commented on meetings he's had with staff regarding city improvements, i.e. Johnny Tigner Community Center. Further, he commented on his meeting with the Deputy City Manager and Director of Public Safety regarding Narcan boxes. Thereafter, he thanked David Santucci, City Manager, for all he's done and suggested that the Commission allow Mr. Santucci to leave earlier than October 3rd and allow Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, to begin his duties as Interim City Manager.

Motion was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness to allow Mr. Santucci to leave earlier than October 3rd.

Prior to the vote, and in response to Anthony Soroka's, City Attorney, question, Commissioner Preston replied that the motion is not to terminate the City Manager.

Mr. Soroka just wanted to clarify due to the language outlined in the City Manager's contract.

In response to Mr. Soroka's question, Commissioner Preston replied that he is just wondering if the City Manager is willing to leave earlier or resign at an earlier date, to allow the appointment of Horace McHugh, Deputy City Manager, to begin earlier.

Mr. Soroka stated that he just wants it to be clear for the record that the City Commission is not terminating Mr. Santucci. Further, the City Manager has a 60-day notice requirement outlined in his current contract, which is why October 3rd was originally chosen.

David Santucci, City Manager, said contractually, he is obligated to have his last day of employment be October 3rd, and he fully intends to do that at the Commission's will; nevertheless, if the Commission desires to end it earlier, he will accept, but cautioned the Commission as there are still things occurring this week that he should be a part of. Further, he may plan to use October 3rd as a vacation day.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion amongst the Commission regarding allowing Mr. Santucci to leave earlier than October 3rd.

Mr. Santucci stated that he would be amenable to his last day of employment being Friday, September 27, 2024.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

The following individuals commented on the item:

- ***Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach.***
- ***Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach.***

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to allow Mr. Santucci to leave Friday, September 27, 2024. Roll Call:

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

The motion failed by a 2-3 vote.

Johnny Tigner Community Center Ribbon Cutting - Commissioner Preston said a ring was found at the ribbon cutting, and asked that the individual who lost it to call city hall or him directly. Thereafter, he commended staff for the event.

COMMISSIONER PARNESS**DISTRICT 3**

Voting - Commissioner Parness urged everyone to vote.

COMMISSIONER HUDAK**DISTRICT 1**

City Services/Accomplishments - Commissioner Hudak outlined various services the City provides, i.e. Braithwaite Center for Active Aging, Bezos Academy, Freebee, Sawgrass to Seagrass Center at Sullivan Park, etc. Thereafter, he thanked Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, for the \$3.36 million grant that will assist with the Sawgrass to Seagrass Center.

Charter Review Committee - Commissioner Hudak reiterated that the Charter Review is for the residents, whereas, they will be making the decisions, not the Commission. Further, he said this commission is doing everything possible to better the City.

VICE MAYOR DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Florida League of Cities (FLC) Conference - Vice Mayor Drosky apologized for missing the Johnny Tigner event, as he was attending the FLC conference. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the event, which consisted of a roundtable session with the inhouse lobbyist for the FLC. He stated that the 2025 legislative session begins in January, and advised the Commission and public to stay vigilant as the attack on home rule will be coming back.

MAYOR GANZ

Bocce - Mayor Ganz suggested using the sand at the Bernard Adams Municipal Complex as a pilot program for Bocce.

Legislative Session - Mayor Ganz urged the public to contact their representatives in Tallahassee expressing their concerns with Airbnb's, etc.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Johnny Tigner Community Center - Mayor Ganz thanked staff for their efforts. Further, he thanked former commissioner Gloria Battle, as she was one of the elected officials that voted in the affirmative to move forward with the bond funds that allowed the City to move forward with Braithwaite Center for Active Aging, Tigner Center, etc.

Sawgrass to Seagrass Center - Mayor Ganz thanked staff for their efforts with the grant that was received.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 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