



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, December 17, 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 Ben Preston
Vice Mayor Todd Drosky
Mayor Bill Ganz

Also Present:

Interim City Manager Rodney Brimlow
City Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

Excused Absence:

Commissioner Bernie Parness

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2024
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2024

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

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

December 17, 2024

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

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to excuse Commissioner Parness' absence. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Certificate of Recognition presented to Joel Smith for his contributions to the schools.

Commissioner Preston presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Smith for his efforts.

Mr. Smith thanked the Commission for the acknowledgement. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the ophthalmology program that was recently implemented at local schools.

2. Certificate of Recognition presented to N.E. Focal Point CASA, Inc. for their commitment and dedication to the N.E. Focal Point at the Braithwaite Center of Active Aging.

Mayor Ganz presented a Certificate of Recognition to the N.E. Focal Point CASA, Inc. for their efforts.

3. 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

4. P.H. 2025-005: Resolution 2024/188 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Deerfield Beach Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Incentive Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; authorizing submission of the Incentive Report to the Florida Housing Coalition and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; providing for implementation and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. Thereafter, he listed and briefly explained the adopted incentives, which include expedited permitting, process of ongoing review, public land inventory, density flexibility, flexible lot configurations, and support of development near transportation hubs.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Salas replied that the density flexibility category does not have any association to the Live Local Act.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Salas replied that the City can use the Sadowski Funds for affordable housing, but each year it's scrutinized.

Mayor Ganz provided a brief overview of the Sadowski Fund. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, commended Mr. Salas and his staff for a job well done.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 4, adopted Resolution 2024/188. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

5. P.H. 2025-013: Resolution 2024/191 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report ("CAPER") for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Programs; authorizing submission of the CAPER to HUD; providing for implementation and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. The CAPER is designed to report the accomplishments and progress outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The first priority consists of increasing access to affordable housing, whereby, the City was able to assist 19 households, 12 through purchase assistance and seven homeowner rehabilitations. Priority two consists of providing infrastructure improvements, whereby, the City was able to finish the playground at Oveta McKeithen Park, implemented a sidewalk improvement project, and asbestos pipe replacement project, which will be completed in phases. Priority three consists of increasing access to public serves, whereby, the City provided transportation services to 27 seniors, provided health and wellness services to more than 100 seniors, and provided services to 26 Alzheimer's & Adult Day Care clients. Mr. Salas said \$752,383 in CDBG funding was expended in FY23, and the City received \$244,451 in HOME funding and \$1,003,002 in SHIP funding. Lastly, he said the CAPER must be submitted by December 30, 2024.

In response Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Salas replied that he is satisfied with the CAPER and the accomplishments that have been made under each of the priorities.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2024/191. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Bolowich, 899 NE 4th Street, Deerfield Beach, commended the N.E. Focal Point CASA, Inc. for their efforts. Thereafter, she briefly commented on a previous rezoning application that came before the Commission.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the importance of safety at the beach. Thereafter, he suggested hiring a security firm to man the beach in lieu of uniformed officers due to the rate increase.

Chauncey Chapman, 191 NW 47th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Freebee program.

Joe Hines, 559 NW 47th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, commented on the March 11, 2025 election. Thereafter, he posed various questions to Vice Mayor Drosky.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, suggested adding the CRA video recordings to the city webpage. Thereafter, she spoke in opposition to the City not having a Chamber.

Philip Bradley, 4330 NW 12th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on various meetings that have occurred over the past year.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on comments made at previous meetings. Further, he commented on a building in Palm Plaza that is in dire need of repairs. Lastly, he wished everyone a happy holiday.

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, expressed disappoint with the rezoning application that was approved on Eller Street.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the process for appointing board members who are volunteers. Thereafter, she urged everyone to stay till the end of the meetings.

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, briefly commented on the possibility of the rezoning application on Eller Street becoming a Live Local Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Thereafter, Mayor Ganz and Rodney Brimlow, Interim City Manager, entertained questions/comments/concerns posed by the public.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing on items 6 - 15.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Item 9. Further, he suggested increasing the amount to the Deerfield Beach Little League, Inc.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on Item 9. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition to giving grant money to the Deerfield Beach Little League, Inc., and encouraged them to fundraise on their own. Further, he asked if all background checks have been completed.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Greg Warner, Director of Parks & Recreation, explained that the \$18,000 is a part of their current agreement, whereby, additional monies can be requested next year in the new agreement. Further, they have been extremely successful and all background checks have been completed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve 6 - 15 in concert. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

6. **Resolution 2024/192 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending the 2024/2025 schedule of City Commission meetings; providing for an effective date.**
7. **Resolution 2024/193 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Ferraro Law Firm, P.A. to serve as outside counsel representing the City in litigation related to the insulin pricing scheme; approving and authorizing execution of an agreement for retention of outside counsel on a contingent fee basis; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
8. **Resolution 2024/194 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a sixth work authorization with Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC and the Town of Hillsboro Beach for professional engineering services for post-construction physical and biological monitoring and permitting services in an amount not to exceed \$179,871.40 for the City's 50% share of the cost; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-4553-539-65-30 - CIP-Infrastructure - Joint Beach Renourishment)**
9. **Resolution 2024/195 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of a community participation grant to Deerfield Beach Little League, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000.00 to support the youth baseball programs in the City; providing for implementation, conflicts, severability and an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-720-72002-0000-503914- Athletic Program Supplement)**
10. **Resolution 2024/196 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Gurri Matute, P.A. to provide professional design and engineering services for the Constitution Park Community Center Project in an amount not to exceed \$257,473.90; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-7035-572-65-30 - CIP-Infrastructure)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

11. Resolution 2024/197 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Accenture, LLP for American Rescue Plan Act Grant Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, utilizing the terms of State of Florida, Department of Management Services Request for Proposal No. 06-80101500-J and State Term Contract No. 80101500-20-1; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #100-360-19001-0000-503099 - Construction and Facilities Maintenance Professional Services*)
12. Resolution 2024/198 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Strategic Philanthropy, Inc. to provide grant consulting services related to the Community Participation Grant Program and other grant projects for a one-year term, with one year renewal option, in an annual amount not to exceed \$75,000.00; and providing for an effective date. (*Funds from Account #001-1701-564-32-99 - Other Contractual Services*)
13. Resolution 2024/199 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the City of Deerfield Beach 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; authorizing execution of the plan; and providing for an effective date.
14. Resolution 2024/200 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and adopting the 2025 Security Program Plan for the City's Community Shuttle; and providing for an effective date.
15. Resolution 2024/201 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and adopting the 2025 System Safety Program Plan for the City's Community Shuttle; and providing for an effective date.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**16. Discussion regarding the Code Amnesty and Neighborhood Improvement Programs.**

Rodney Brimlow, Interim City Manager, highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, which was established by Ordinance in 2020. The purpose of the Code Amnesty Program is to improve neighborhoods by offering an incentive for compliance; give clear title to residents and businesses who wish to sell property, improve property with a loan, obtain a mortgage/loan, or bequeath property to loved ones; reduce taxpayer costs; and reduce the amount of unpaid fines and liens on properties. The three types of properties that qualify under this program are, Type I: Residential Property with Homestead Exemption; Type II: Residential Property without Homestead Exemption; and Type III: Non-Residential Property, i.e. commercial, industrial, etc. Type IV: Non-Qualified Property, i.e. bankruptcy, foreclosure, auction, etc., does not qualify under the program. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of how code mitigation would work with Type I, Type II, and Type III.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of the Code Amnesty Program, whereas, the purpose of code compliance is to ensure residents are able to get their homes into compliance, not fine them.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that if this commission were amendable to moving forward, staff would recommend a six-month timeframe to allow individuals to take advantage of the program.

Vice Mayor Drosky agreed, whereby, the purpose of code compliance is not to fine individuals, but to have homes and properties be in compliance with the Code.

In response to Vice Mayor Drosky's questions, Mr. Brimlow replied the City will have additional resources, whereby, the City Commission approved an internal code manager, which allows for an additional code inspector, who will be strictly dedicated to this program. Further, he said all properties will receive letters advising them of specific point of contact.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the City does not take away homesteaded properties, unless they are an unsafe structure where it is not inhabitable; nonetheless, the first and highest priority of this program is to get properties into compliance.

Commissioner Preston said code compliance must be understanding and rationale. Thereafter, he provided examples of concerns posed by residents.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Brimlow replied that individuals will have a six-month window to participate, and if they choose not to, the City will have a much shorter list that staff can be more attentive too.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied that when a code violation or fine is not corrected during the allocated time period, the case comes back to the Special Magistrate and ultimately the City receives an order and imposition of lien, which is filed and puts everyone on notice that the City has a claim on the property. Further, homesteaded properties are challenging due to the constitutional protection; however, foreclosures are an option for non-homesteaded properties. Thereafter, he continued outlining ways the City could obtain a non-homesteaded property. Lastly, he agreed with the Mayor that foreclosure is the last resort.

Mr. Brimlow said city staff is notified of all foreclosures within the City, and they are heavily reviewed by him, legal, etc.

Mayor Ganz stated that he does not want the program to be a one-time option, and suggested that it be taken by a case-by-case situation. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the issues and concerns he's had with code enforcement throughout the years. Further, he said code compliance cannot be everywhere, so he asked that the residents be vigilant, and if they are uncomfortable calling with a complaint, he asked that they call him.

In response to Mayor Ganz's comment, Mr. Soroka and Mr. Brimlow both stated that staff cannot investigate an anonymous complaint.

Mr. Brimlow stated that a grant opportunity was discussed at last week's CRA Meeting, whereby, the submission of the letter and application will come from the City, so City Commission approval is needed.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to authorize staff to submit the application. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

17. Resolution 2024/202 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the amended Building Permit Fee Schedule, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A", to address the use of private providers, provide for a zoning review fee and make additional adjustments based on changes in law; providing for conflicts and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. The fee schedule has not been updated since 2021, whereby, the proposed changes include the addition of private provider fees, notice of commencement change, addition of zoning review fee, and adding additional language. The State of Florida amended Section 553.73 of the Florida Building Code, widening the extent in which a private provider can be utilized; however, city staff must still retain permit data, verify provider certification, and ensure compliance of permitting in perpetuity, so it is appropriate to charge a fee.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Power said staff does not expect a private provider to come into the City, but staff believes it's important to have the fee in place.

Continuing, Mr. Power said the State has amended F.S. 713.135(1)(e), regarding notice of commencement fees, whereby, the minimum fee has changed from \$3,000 to \$5,000; however, at this time, staff is only proposing a change to line item "Single Family Residential High Velocity Installations for Windows, Doors, and Roofs," from \$75.00 to \$125.00. Further, staff is proposing a zoning review fee, which is collected by other cities, for the zoning review of residential alteration, sign permit - \$50.00, and zoning review of new construction, multi-family & commercial alteration - \$100.00. The fee would go into the General Fund, not the Building Fund, and would generate \$150,000 annually.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Power reiterated that not all cities charge a zoning review fee, and although Deerfield Beach does not have to charge the fee, he wanted to bring it to the Commission's attention that there are some cities that do.

In response to Mayor's Ganz's question, Mr. Power replied that zoning staff reviews the majority of building permits, whereby, the review is based on the discipline. Further, he said a building permit can be reviewed by seven different agencies, all of which charge a fee, except for zoning. He said zoning reviews around 2,000 permits annually.

Lastly, Mr. Power said new language is being included to assist contractors with understanding costs and values, and some language is being rearranged for ease of use.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the Item; however, if staff has to make multiple visits to a property, then additional charges should be billed to the contractor, builder, or homeowner.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for the status of bringing building services inhouse.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if fees are going to be added and increased, will timelines be more stringent.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Power briefly commented on the timelines. Further, the five-year contract expires in September 2025, whereby, a procurement bid is in place, and should go out early 2025. Once the information is received, staff will then evaluate all options. Lastly, he said the permit fee includes permit inspections; nevertheless, it does need to be re-evaluated.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Power replied that if an issue occurred due to a virtual inspection, it would become a civil matter between the private provider and homeowner. Further, he said the affordable housing fee can be re-evaluated, but would have to be done through the Land Development Code.

Vice Mayor Drosky said he doesn't see the need for a private provider fee in this city, but the changes to the private provider fee, along with the notice of commencement fee are required by State Statutes, so the changes are warranted. Further, he said the zoning review fee is more discretionary, and believes changing it this evening is not needed. Lastly, he spoke in support of the language change as well, and recommended approving all changes with the exception of the zoning review fee.

Commissioner Hudak made a motion to approve the item as is, but it failed due to lack of a second.

In response to Mr. Power's comment, Vice Mayor Drosky stated that he understands the need for the zoning review fee, but believes the timing is not right and stated that the fee should be brought forward when all fees are re-evaluated.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 17, as amended, adopted Resolution 2024/202. Roll Call:

Yeas: 3 - Commissioner Hudak, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 1 - Commissioner Preston

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY**

Executive Session - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, requested an Executive Session in the litigation styled *Class Act Restaurant Group, LLC vs. City of Deerfield Beach*, and *City of Deerfield Beach vs. Class Act Restaurant Group, LLC*; case numbers 23-020060 and 23-020079 in the 17th Judicial Circuit of Broward County, as well as *Class Act Restaurant Group, LLC vs. City of Deerfield Beach*, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, case number 24-CV-61127.

CITY MANAGER

Residential Garbage Routes - Rodney Brimlow, Interim City Manager, briefly outlined the new schedule, which will be cost effective and improve collection efficiency. Furthermore, outreach will be provided to the residents.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

18. Resolution 2024/203 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of an agreement with Gwendolyn McDonald, Barri McMillon, and Jeffrey Copeland, Jr. for the operation and maintenance of a community garden at the property located at 448 NW 1st Terrace and 455 NW 1st Avenue for a term commencing upon execution and ending on December 31, 2026, with two, one year renewal options; providing for water infrastructure and water service to the Community Garden; and providing for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Preston stated that bringing a community garden into the City has been discussed for several years, and is excited to finally bring the vision to fruition. Thereafter, he thanked all involved, and stated that Mr. Copeland is an amazing grower. Further, he said this garden, which will be on private property, can also be used as a mentoring tool and will benefit the entire community. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the item.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, stated that staff is requiring that they indemnify the City in terms of liability exposure and provide for appropriate insurance.

In response to Mayor Ganz's questions, Mr. Soroka replied that the irrigation is a reoccurring cost to the City. Additionally, there are upfront capital costs associated with installing some of the landscaping. Further, as a safety measure, the operators are required to install a fence that is reasonably acceptable to the City. Lastly, he stated that the applicant is responsible for the security measures, and daily maintenance and operation of the garden.

Mayor Ganz spoke in support of the garden, as the soil is extremely rich with nutrients. Thereafter, he thanked the families for bringing this forward.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka replied that the operators are responsible for maintaining the irrigation equipment.

Vice Mayor Drosky commented on a Florida League of Cities webinar that discussed community gardens, whereby, he believes this one will be successful because it's on private property. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the garden, and thanked all who are involved.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz asked that everything be fully vetted prior to the garden being open to the residents. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked what items will be provided in the garden.

Barri McMillon, 456 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve the entire city. Further, she said the operators are looking to form a membership club to ensure the users are residents. Lastly, she said the garden will include vegetables and flowers.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Ms. McMillon replied that the membership will allow for individuals to purchase plots.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he asked that the operators work with city staff on the membership club.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 18, adopted Resolution 2024/203. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky, and Mayor Ganz
Nays: 0

19. Update regarding City Manager Recruitment and Potential Shortlisting of Candidates.

Jim Dinneen, MGT/GovHR Recruiter, provided a brief overview of the recruitment process for the City Manager position, whereby, he interviewed nine candidates, six of which he believes are viable. Thereafter, he outlined the next steps.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to hold a special city commission meeting to shortlist the candidates.

Mr. Dinneen recommended that the Commission think of a maximum number they would like to interview.

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

Holiday Holidays - Commissioner Hudak wished everyone a happy holiday.

FP&L - Commissioner Hudak expressed concerns with lights being out, powerlines being down, and trees not being trimmed.

Rodney Brimlow, Interim City Manager, stated that unfortunately, FP&L still has many of their staff deployed outside of the area; nevertheless, he has a meeting with the City's local representative to discuss the issues, and will report back.

Small Businesses on the S-Curve - Commissioner Hudak expressed concerns with the businesses who are suffering due to the closure of the pier, and said something must be done.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Small Businesses on the S-Curve - Commissioner Preston agreed that something should be done.

School Closures - Commissioner Preston said he has received many phone calls asking what the City plans to do, whereby, the City cannot build a plan, as that is a School Board function. Thereafter, he encouraged everyone to reach out to the School Board and voice their concerns.

Packer Rattlers - Commissioner Preston said he has been in many meetings and hopes the program can be brought back next summer.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Happy Holidays - Commissioner Preston wished everyone a happy holiday.

VICE MAYOR DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Residential Garbage Route - Vice Mayor Drosky asked that it be added to the January 14, 2025 Commission Meeting, as an additional outreach to the residents.

Businesses Citywide - Vice Mayor Drosky stated that other businesses are hurting; therefore, he recommended that they all be included.

Boat Parade - Vice Mayor Drosky thanked those who came out to Sullivan Park, as the event was well attended.

Happy Holidays - Vice Mayor Drosky wished everyone a happy holiday.

MAYOR GANZ

Kirk Cottrell Pavilion - Mayor Ganz said he's received phone calls regarding the installation of a memorial plaque in honor of Hugh Andison, former city employee and asked that staff explore it further.

BSO - Law Enforcement - Mayor Ganz thanked Captain Hofstein and his staff for their efforts. Thereafter, he commented on a fatal accident that recently occurred and encouraged everyone to slow down.

Operation Santa - Mayor Ganz said the event will occur Saturday, December 21st.

Economic Development - Mayor Ganz stated that the Water Taxi announced new stops in Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point, etc. Unfortunately, Deerfield Beach does not have a lot of commercial property along the Intercoastal waterways to fill the gap, but stated that staff should be creative. Further, he stated that the businesses vary on the S-Curve, whereby, one will have a long wait and another will not. He agreed that all businesses need the City's support, and reiterated that its staff's responsibility to be creative. Thereafter, he commented on the Sullivan Park Boat Parade event, and thanked the Interim City Manager for his efforts on bringing the event to fruition. Lastly, he said Economic Development and the CRA must work hand in hand to help businesses along the S-Curve and citywide.

Happy Holidays - Mayor Ganz wished everyone a happy holiday.

Policy/Procedure for Public Meetings - Mayor Ganz asked that the City Attorney see what can be done about the inappropriate behavior that occurs during meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Drosky, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk