



Special Meeting Minutes City Commission

Thursday, January 2, 2025

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:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ganz asked everyone to keep Tracy Spencer, Jr., former city employee, Debbie Wilson, longtime residents, the New Orleans victims, and Randy Perkins, Ashbritt, in their thoughts and prayers; thereafter, there was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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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 regarding the City Manager Recruitment and Potential Action regarding Shortlisting of Candidates.

Jim Dinneen, MGT/GovHR Recruiter, stated that a list of applicants was provided to the Elected Officials, whereby, of the 90, nine were qualified, and after extensive interviews with the nine, six are being recommended. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the interviews and the expectations he was seeking. Further, the Commission can decide how many they want to interview in person, but the most he has seen is five, as each candidate takes about an hour.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak outlined various issues that have occurred over the last few years. Thereafter, he recommended interviewing Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Jason Davis, and Horace McHugh.

Commissioner Preston agreed with interviewing Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Jason Davis, and Horace McHugh.

Commissioner Parness recommended interviewing Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Robert Hemminger, and Horace McHugh.

Vice Mayor Drosky stated that the main qualities he's looking for in a candidate are public safety, finance, procurement, and communication. Thereafter, he recommended interviewing Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Jason Davis, and Horace McHugh.

Mayor Ganz thanked the recruiter for his efforts. Further, he said he was willing to move six forward, but agreed to four; nonetheless, he recommended Rodney Brimlow, Jason Davis, Robert Hemminger, Jerome Wilverding, and Gina Fiandaca.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the majority of the Commission to move forward with four candidates.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Tom Plaut, 3920 NW 4th Court, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of moving forward with the internal candidates.

Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach, said it's important to look outside of the organization, as the City is in need of new ideas. Further, she spoke in opposition to making a selection prior to the March 11, 2025 election.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on a story in the Pelican, as well as events that have taken place with the Fort Lauderdale City Manager position. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition to making a selection prior to the March 11, 2025 election.

Daniel Shanetzky, 34 Keswick B, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of interviewing both internal and external candidates.

Philip Bradley, 4330 NW 12th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he is unsure of the qualifications for all the candidates; nevertheless, he spoke in support of promoting within, as it builds morale.

Chauncey Chapman, 191 NW 47th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, provided a brief overview of his background and credentials. Thereafter, he outlined various programs that can assist with best practices.

Judy Stanich, 2257 Deer Creek Alba Way, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of hiring Rodney Brimlow.

Avis Swenson, 810 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of hiring Rodney Brimlow.

Chad Cheleden, 109 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to making a selection prior to the March 11, 2025 election.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hudak, and seconded by Commissioner Preston to interview Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Jason Davis, and Horace McHugh.

Prior to the vote, Vice Mayor Drosky suggested establishing procedures, i.e. will interviews occur privately and/or publicly.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion regarding holding private or public interviews.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to publicly interview Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Jason Davis, and Horace McHugh. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Bernie Parness

In response to Anthony Soroka's, City Attorney, question, it was the consensus of the Commission to schedule a Special City Commission Meeting for the interviews.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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