



Special Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:30 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 7:36 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 Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Heather Montemayor

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

January 21, 2025

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. Interview short-listed candidates for city manager position and potential appointment of a permanent city manager pending the negotiation of an employment agreement.**

Jim Dinneen, MGT/GovHR Recruiter, provided a list of questions to the Elected Officials.

Mayor Ganz stated that although questions have been provided, they can be amended, if so desired, and additional questions can be added by both the Commission and residents. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the interview process.

After review and discussion of the questions, the Commission agreed upon 13, and determined that the Mayor would ask all the questions.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked that the racial makeup of their previous counties be provided.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he stated that he believes the information can be obtained from their resumes; nonetheless, the Commission would not be able to fact check the responses on the fly.

Thereafter, the following individuals were interviewed for the City Manager position: Rodney Brimlow, Randy Cross, Jason Davis, and Horace McHugh.

Commissioner Hudak said he was impressed with all the candidates and believes that they can all do the job; however, his top choice is Mr. Brimlow as he has a great management style and is passionate about the City.

Commissioner Parness said although all the candidates are qualified, he does not believe they outshined Mr. Brimlow; therefore, he spoke in support of appointing Mr. Brimlow as the City Manager.

Commissioner Preston thanked Mr. Dinneen for his efforts throughout the process. Further, he said Mr. McHugh and Mr. Brimlow are his top candidates, but spoke in support of appointing Mr. Brimlow as the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Drosky also thanked Mr. Dinneen for his efforts throughout the process, as well as the candidates. Thereafter, he briefly commented on each of the candidates, and stated that his top two are Rodney Brimlow and Randy Cross.

Mayor Ganz briefly commented on each of the candidates, and stated that his top choice is Mr. Brimlow.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to appoint Rodney Brimlow as the City Manager, pending negotiation of a successful employment agreement.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he was disappointed that questions regarding the promotion of the municipal election were not asked to the candidates. Thereafter, he spoke in support of Mr. Cross.

Wayne Adkins, 1004 SE 14th Drive, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the appointment of Mr. Brimlow.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, suggested offering the Public Safety Director position to Mr. Davis once Mr. Brimlow is appointed to the City Manager position.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to appoint Rodney Brimlow as the City Manager, pending negotiation of a successful employment agreement.
Roll Call:**

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

Mayor Ganz stated that on behalf of the City Commission and residents, he wanted to thank the candidates for their participation.

Mr. Brimlow thanked the Commission for the opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 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