



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Todd Drosky at 7:07 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present:

Commissioner Michael Hudak
Commissioner Tom Plaut
Commissioner Daniel Shanetzky
Vice Mayor Ben Preston
Mayor Todd Drosky

Also Present:

City Manager Rodney Brimlow
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 - June 17, 2025

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2025
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2025
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - May 13 & 27, 2025
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - April 23, May 14 & 28, 2025

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

July 8, 2025

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA - CONTINUED

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION**1. Certificate of Recognition presented to the Deerfield Beach Little League Board.**

Mayor Drosky presented the certificate to the Deerfield Beach Little League Board for their commitment in keeping the program thriving. Thereafter, he recognized the all-star players.

2. Certificate of Recognition presented by Captain Hofstein to the BSO PAL Program.

Commissioner Hudak provided a brief overview of the BSO PAL Program. Thereafter, he presented belts to members of the program for their recent accomplishments within their respective boxing divisions.

On behalf of the BSO PAL Program, Captain Hofstein, BSO District X, thanked the Commission for the recognition.

PRESENTATIONS**3. Presentation by Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, regarding public safety.**

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He said the City has been consistently supportive and pleased with the services received from law enforcement and fire rescue personnel; however, there have been two ongoing issues with BSO Administration, 1) the Sheriff has refused to meet with contract cities collectively to discuss future contractual terms, and 2) the Sheriff made an ultimatum to violate the existing contract, and when the City asked that he honor the contract terms, he instead decided to terminate services. The provisions outlined in both contracts state that BSO cannot exceed an annual increase of 5% over the previous year, which is extremely important because the City must be able to budget for future years; nevertheless, there are exceptions that are excluded from the 5% cap, which include workers compensation premiums, pension contributions, and health insurance premiums.

Continuing, Mr. Brimlow explained that BSO is contractually obligated to submit the proposed budget on or before May 1st, whereby, both contracts exceeded the 5% cap, fire rescue increased by 9.4%, exceeding the contractual cap by \$1.1 million, and law enforcement increased by 10.3%, exceeding the contractual cap by \$1.2 million. He stated that the increases are not uncommon, which is why each year city staff performs a cap analysis. Upon completion of this year's cap analysis, he sent a letter to the Sheriff on May 30, 2025 requesting that the consideration letters be reduced to align with the contractual obligations, which had been done in previous years. Additionally, he asked that the revised budget proposals be provided no later than June 16, 2025. Unfortunately, the City never received a response, so on June 17th a follow up e-mail was sent requesting that a response be provided, whereby, BSO acknowledged receipt of the May 30th letter on June 18, 2025. On June 23, 2025, the City received a letter from the Sheriff's Office stating that if the City is unwilling to agree to these increases, the only recourse BSO has is to terminate the contracts, whereby, the notice of termination would be June 30, 2025, and termination of services will be effective September 30, 2025. Thereafter, he continued to outline the events that have transpired thus far.

Moreover, Mr. Brimlow explained that in FY22, the contracts totaled \$56.6 million; FY25 contracts totaled \$68.0 million; the FY26 contracts are proposed to total \$75.3 million, with the 10.7% overall increase; FY27 contract costs are anticipated at \$83.5 million due to an 11% increase; and FY29 is projected at \$100.2 million. Since 2022, Deerfield Beach has been diligently working toward reducing the gap between ad valorem tax revenues and the BSO contract costs, whereby, in FY22 police and fire were \$6.7 million more than the City's ad valorem tax revenue, and this year the gap was \$3.3 million; notwithstanding, the proposed increase for FY26 sets the City back four years to a \$6 million deficit. The projected increases

PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED

will continue to outpace the ad valorem revenue, whereby, the City is expected to have a \$16.1 million gap in FY29, which is unsustainable unless the base millage rate is increased. Thereafter, he displayed last years proposed budget letters, which were later reduced by BSO due to the cap analysis that he conducted.

Furthermore, Mr. Brimlow stated that the City was notified on April 14, 2025 that BSO conducted a salary survey, and that the increases would be implemented in FY26; the preliminary increases for both contracts would be \$8.1 million over a two-year period, and would be for salary only, whereas, other increases and impacts to retirement, overtime, insurance, etc. are not included. Mr. Brimlow stated that BSO is attempting to transfer their responsibilities for recruitment and retention of employees to the City. Thereafter, he displayed the current and proposed pay plans. Services will be terminated on September 30, 2025, but there are clauses within the contract, which provide for the extension of services; therefore, on October 1, 2025, the City would automatically begin the 24-month transition period. During that time, consideration will be based on actual costs for providing services and staffing will be reasonably necessary to maintain the same quality of service. The transition period will end on September 30, 2027, but the City may opt to end earlier, when feasible. Lastly, Mr. Brimlow said BSO will continue to provide excellent, professional services; nonetheless, the City will explore options and alternatives and will reassess the City's needs in both police and fire services.

Mayor Drosky said although he appreciates the efforts of law enforcement and fire rescue personnel, this is something that must be investigated to protect our residents. Further, in his conversation with the Sheriff, the Sheriff did state that he, along with his staff would continue to negotiate, in good faith, with the City of Deerfield Beach and he stated that the City would continue to negotiate in good faith as well.

Commissioner Hudak said it's important to look at all options. Thereafter, he stated that the City of Pompano Beach conducted a feasibility study.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that he will follow up with the City Manager to see what the results were from the study.

Vice Mayor Preston said the residents must always be considered by both the City and BSO, as that is ultimately where the money would come from; therefore, both parties must compromise to ensure services remain as is. Thereafter, he thanked Mr. Brimlow for the information, but asked that negotiations continue and reiterated that compromises be made by both parties.

Commissioner Plaut commented on his conversation with the Sheriff, whereby, he expressed his satisfaction with BSO and their services; however, he agreed that negotiations must continue.

Commissioner Shanetzky stated that law enforcement and fire rescue personnel do an excellent job. Thereafter, he commented on the Town of Pembroke Park transitioning to their own police department. He said bringing the services inhouse will allow the City to have full control. Lastly, he commented on regional partnerships, which is another option the City has.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4. P.N. 2025-083: Resolution 2025/112 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2025-2029 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Five-Year Consolidated Plan; approving the CDBG Annual Action Plan for fiscal year 2025/2026; authorizing submission of the consolidated plan and action plan to HUD; 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. The goals of the CDBG Program are to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities. Each project must meet three national objectives, 1) benefit low to moderate income persons; 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight; and 3) urgent need. Grantees must use at least 70% of funding for activities that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Additionally, grantees may spend up to 20% of their allocation on planning and administration

PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

costs and no more than 15% on public service activities. Thereafter, he outlined the fiscal year 2023-2024 accomplishments. Mr. Salas said the CDBG allocations have steadily increased since FY20, which is great, as there is a need in Deerfield Beach. Further, as part of the plan, the City wants to continue maintaining public facilities and infrastructure, public services, affordable housing, economic development, and planning administration. Lastly, he said the total program year funds are \$721,028.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's questions, Mr. Salas replied that economic development consists of a commercial façade program, business incubator, tool lending library, etc. Further, he said economic development was left very umbrella, so it can be adjusted to the economic climate.

Commissioner Shanetzky said this program is also beneficial to our non-profit organizations.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, expressed satisfaction with the increase in funding, as it is important to Deerfield Beach. Further, she said as economic development moves forward, city staff can research other cities and implement similar programs. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Salas for his efforts.

Mychal Estrada, 1431 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, commended staff for seeking these type of funds. Further, he spoke in support of city staff seeking community feedback.

Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, thanked Mr. Salas for his efforts. Further, she spoke in support of the urgent need funding.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 4, adopted Resolution 2025/112. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING

5. **P.H. 2025-097: ORDINANCE 2025/003 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND CAPITAL FACILITIES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPOSITION OF STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS RELATED TO THOSE SERVICES AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS AND FINDINGS; ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER UTILITY AND PROVIDING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES; ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER UTILITY FUND; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS TO FUND THE COST OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND CAPITAL FACILITIES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR NOTICE AND ADOPTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND FOR CORRECTING ERRORS AND OMISSIONS; PROVIDING THAT STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON ASSESSED PROPERTY UPON ADOPTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND METHODS FOR THE COLLECTION OF STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY OF THE STORMWATER LIEN OVER PRIOR RECORDED LIENS OR MORTGAGES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

6. Resolution 2025/113 - A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, relating to the provision of stormwater management services; estimating the cost of stormwater management services provided by the City's stormwater management utility; determining that certain real property will be benefited thereby; establishing the method of assessing the cost of stormwater management services against the real property that will be benefited thereby; creating the stormwater service area; directing the City Manager to prepare or direct the preparation of the initial stormwater assessment roll based upon the methodology set forth herein; establishing a public hearing for the proposed stormwater service assessments and directing the provision of notice in connection therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (*Departmental Business*)

The Resolution was read by title only.

Items 5 & 6 were discussed simultaneously but voted on separately.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of Item 5. Further, he said Item 6 adopts the preliminary rate for the stormwater assessment.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 5 & 6.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if the fee will increase.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the fee will gradually increase over time.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Plaut commented on the importance of the stormwater plan, as flooding can be an issue.

Commissioner Hudak provided a brief overview of the Ordinance. Further, he said the stormwater fee is evaluated annually.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 5, adopted Ordinance 2025/003. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2025/113. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Freedman, 371 Tilford Q, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with streetlight outages on Powerline Road. Further, he said the grass has overgrown onto the bike lanes on various roads.

Melvin Nass, 3081 Oakridge U, Deerfield Beach, commented on the importance of bringing a Farmer's Market into the City. Thereafter, he urged everyone to come out to Boca's Raton's Farmer's Market.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the Budget Workshop will take place on July 9th. Thereafter, he commented on the City's 2024 audited financial statements.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on an incident that occurred at McDonald's with law enforcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said a third mass, which has drawn over 250 attendees, was instituted at Our Lady of Catholic Church for Portuguese and Spanish speaking residents; whereby, she asked that the ingress and egress be investigated to ensure everyone is safe.

Tina Wilson, 125 SW 1st Court, Deerfield Beach, commented on a large water bill that was received by First Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that the issue regarding the water bill was on the City's end, and it is being taken care of.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he is glad the City is taking care of the water bill.

Mychal Estrada, 1431 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, recommended adding a plaque to the Bernard Adams Municipal Complex. Further, he asked that the City think about how history can be highlighted when constructing future projects, i.e. Mayo Howard Park. Further, he asked for an update on the Tivoli Sand Pine Preserve, and requested that both gates be open.

Carrie Hellenbrecht, 884 NW 47th Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with streetlight outages on Military Trail from Green Road, south to Copans. Further, she asked why the City was not part of the class action lawsuit regarding the forever chemicals. Thereafter, she commented on the Solid Waste Authority Master Plan presentation. Lastly, she spoke in support of bringing law enforcement inhouse.

Mayor Drosky stated that the City of Deerfield Beach was a plaintiff in the class action lawsuit for the PFAS.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, said the Women's Club had a plaque at Sullivan Park, but it has gone missing; nonetheless, she asked that it be redone and rededicated, if applicable. Thereafter, she commented on the Budget Workshop only being one night. Lastly, she commented on the Christmas in July event and encouraged everyone to donate.

Benetta Phillips, 424 Lock Road, Deerfield Beach, commented on the issue that First Zion Missionary Baptist Church experienced, and asked if the City has a consideration plan in place, as their water was shut off, which was unnecessary.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 7. Resolution 2025/114 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Sheila Pascas as a regular member to the Charter Review Board; providing for an effective date.**

Commissioner Shanetzky provided a brief overview of Ms. Pascas's background and credentials.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the appointment.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Shanetzky, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2025/114. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

8. Resolution 2025/115 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing the use of Law Enforcement Trust Funds in the total amount of \$15,000.00 for programs meeting the statutory requirements of Section 932.7055, Florida Statutes, for use of law enforcement trust funds; providing for an effective date. (*Funds from multiple Accounts*)
9. Resolution 2025/116 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Memorandum of Understanding amongst the Broward Sheriff's Office and the participating agencies for the administration of the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds by the Broward Sheriff's Office; authorizing execution of the Memorandum of Understanding; and providing for an effective date.
10. Resolution 2025/117 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of an agreement with Sharp Marketing, LLC d/b/a Sharp Promo for the purchase of various uniforms, clothing and marketing items on an as needed basis utilizing the City of Fort Lauderdale's informal Quote No. 584/Event No. 238-2 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for fiscal year 2025; providing for implementation and an effective date. (*Funds from various accounts*)
11. Resolution 2025/118 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the special event permit application submitted by the Sheriff's Foundation of Broward County, Inc. for the "Italian Festival on the Beach" special event taking place at 2096 NE 2nd Street on November 1, 2025 from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm and November 2, 2025 from 10:00 am to 8:45 pm; and providing for an effective date.
12. Resolution 2025/119 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of an amendment to the contract with MBR Construction, Inc. for additional services related to the Johnny L. Tigner Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$135,901.67; providing for implementation and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #358-700-360-1901-000-57200-506112 - Capital Projects Construction*)
13. Resolution 2025/120 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of ITB #25-016 for the supply and delivery of Sulfuric Acid 93% on an as needed basis for the Water Treatment Plant to Shrieve Chemical Company, LLC as the primary vendor, and Interacid North America, Inc. as the secondary vendor, in a total aggregate annual amount not to exceed \$226,660.00; authorizing execution of contracts with the two responsive and responsible bidders for a three-year term with three additional one-year renewal options; providing an effective date. (*Funds from Account #401-300-360-3602-000-53600-503511 - Chemical Sulfuric Acid*)

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 8 - 13.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Item 10.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of Item 8.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Shanetzky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 8 - 13 in concert. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**14. Resolution 2025/121 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, accepting and adopting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; providing for an effective date.**

Brandon Lopez, CBIZ CPAs P.C., said the City received an unmodified, clean opinion. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Vice Mayor Preston thanked Mr. Lopez for the information.

Commissioner Hudak thanked Oleg Gorokhovsky, Chief Financial Officer, and his staff for their efforts.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commended Sharon Haynes, former Assistant Finance Director, for her efforts.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 14, adopted Resolution 2025/121. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

There was a brief recess at 9:27 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:34 p.m.

15. Resolution 2025/122 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a management agreement with the Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and the New World Aquarium, Inc., an affiliated entity of the Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc., ("New World") for New World to serve as the manager and operator of the Marine Science Center at Sullivan Park for a 10-year term with one additional ten year renewal term; authorizing execution of the Management Agreement; waiving the requirements for competitive solicitations set forth in Section 38-116 of the Procurement Code; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from multiple accounts)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

Kris Mory, CRA Director, highlighted a brief presentation, which was given at the July 8th CRA Meeting.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of the management agreement. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of MODS' accomplishments.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Greg Havlusch, 907 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on his time working in a public aquarium. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the project, as it will greatly impact the community.

Josh Bass, 100 Jim Moran Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, said he has the pleasure of working with the MODS team, who are great operators. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the project.

Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the project, but asked for clarification on parking.

Mychal Estrada, 1431 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the project. Thereafter, he asked for clarification on how much the City will be putting in, and agreed that the City must think about the future, i.e. parking, and how this project will coincide with the Cove.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the MODS is an excellent organization.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the project. Further, she asked if feasible amounts will be available for others to make donations.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Preston agreed that the parking should be further investigated, as we must anticipate growth.

Commissioner Hudak said it's great to see the community's excitement, and spoke in support of various donation levels. Thereafter, he thanked staff and MODS for their efforts.

Ms. Mory said parking was overbuilt for Sullivan Park, whereby, 66 parking spaces are available. Further, she said during the week, many of the visitors will arrive by bus. Lastly, 11 spaces will be available underneath the facility, and 12 will be available on the westside of the intersection.

In response to Ms. Mory's questions, Ms. Feder replied that visitors arriving by bus are scheduled in advance, whereby, it's very rare for a bus to just show up. Furthermore, she said smaller donation packages will be looked into.

In response to Commissioner Plaut's question, Ms. Feder replied that marketing will be done in Palm Beach County.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 15, adopted Resolution 2025/122. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

- 16. Resolution 2025/123 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending the guidelines relating to the reporting requirements for Community Participation Grant Program funding administered by the Department of Community Services to charitable and public purposes non-profit organizations serving the Deerfield Beach community; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, provided a brief overview of the Item.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 16, adopted Resolution 2025/123. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

- 17. Resolution 2025/ - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of RFP No. 25-010 for building services to Calvin Giordano & Associates, Inc.; authorizing execution of an agreement with Calvin Giordano & Associates, Inc., the top ranked responsive and responsible proposer, to provide building department services for a three-year term with two additional one-year renewal terms; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services/Interim Director of Environmental Services, highlighted a brief PowerPoint Presentation. In 2015, the City entered into a five-year contract with Calvin Giordano & Associates (CGA), and in 2020 the contract was renewed for another five years; notwithstanding, the contract extension is set to expire, so staff issued a request for proposals and received two responses, CGA and CAP Government. Thereafter, he outlined staff's longevity, the recognition they've received, as well as the various tasks they are assigned with. Mr. Power explained that the original contract was an 85/15 split; however, when services were renewed, the City sought to retain a minimum of \$750,000 a year to cover expenses related to the building fund, which is based on an annual \$3 million permit revenue. He explained that for the first \$3 million in permit revenue, the City retains 25% of permit fees and CGA retains 75%, whereby, after the \$3 million, the City retains 10% and CGA 90%. Further, the current building fund uses include fire inspection services for Florida Building Code compliance, administrative costs, imputed rent, software and maintenance, etc.

Commissioner Shanetzky said he has received some complaints and asked that the RFP be re-evaluated. Further, he asked that a presentation be made to the Commission by CGA.

Mayor Drosky said building services was brought up by many throughout his election campaign. Further, he expressed dissatisfaction with the backup and agreed that the RFP be sent back to the evaluation committee, so the applicants can be interviewed. Additionally, he recommended that the committee evaluate staffing issues and customer satisfaction, software integration, and process and procedure efficiencies.

Vice Mayor Preston agreed, whereby, his biggest complaint has been customer service. Further, he agreed that CGA should be providing a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Hudak agreed that there are challenges, but they do not all fall on building services. Further, he expressed frustration with the process still being so antiquated, and stated that an electronic process must be established. Lastly, he agreed with his colleagues, and recommended that the committee re-evaluate the RFP.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Marc LaFerrier, Regional Operations Manager for CAP Government, 100 SE 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, asked that presentations be given to the Committee and Commission by both vendors, as building services are extremely important. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of his background and credentials, and the services CAP Government provides.

Maureen Kenny, 615 SE 7th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on code violations she reported, and the retaliation she received from it.

Peggy Noland, 325 SE 3rd Terrace, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the RFP being re-evaluated by the Committee, as the current services are not up to par.

Greg Havlusch, 907 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on his experience with building services, whereby, the process was extremely inefficient and antiquated, but the individuals were very professional. Further, the current paper system led to plans being misplaced, not being submitted back to him, etc., which caused delays. Thereafter, he commented on conversations he had with staff, and agreed that the RFP needs to be re-evaluated, and recommended that a full analysis of the City's options be investigated.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed dissatisfaction with the backup. Further, he asked if code compliance is included within this RFP. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the proposed contract, and commented on the current, antiquated process.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to send the ranking and evaluation back to the Committee to conduct further evaluations consistent with the RFP. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to table Item 17. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

18. Resolution 2025/125 - A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, relating to the provision of fire rescue services, facilities and programs in the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida; establishing the estimated rates for fire rescue assessments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; providing for a vacancy adjustment procedure; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that city staff is requesting a maximum amount of \$372, which would be a \$4.75 increase per month.

Mayor Drosky stated that the current assessment is \$315 and the consultant is recommending \$372. Although he disagreed with \$372 as the final assessment, he agreed with setting that amount as the cap this evening.

Commissioner Hudak asked that a presentation be provided in the future, so the Commission and public can see all options.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the funds from the fire assessment go directly to the City to pay for fire services.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to setting \$372 as the cap.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if all properties are assessed the fire fee.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of setting the cap at \$372.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in opposition of setting a cap, and recommended the amount remain at \$315.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve a maximum residential rate of \$365 for the fire assessment fee; adopted Resolution 2025/125. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 1 - Commissioner Shanetzky

19. Resolution 2025/126 - A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, relating to the collection of Nuisance Abatement Services Assessments; adopting findings of fact; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; providing for notice; and providing an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, provided a brief overview of Item 19.

Mayor Drosky 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 Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 19, adopted Resolution 2025/126. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky

Nays: 0

20. ORDINANCE 2025/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS TO AND WITHIN VARIOUS CITY FUNDS, AND CARRY FORWARD OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET REDUCTIONS TO VARIOUS CITY FUNDS, AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Oleg Gorokhovskiy, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief overview of Item 20.

Mayor Drosky 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 Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 20 on first reading. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY MANAGER - None.

CITY ATTORNEY

PFAS Litigation - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, said outside counsel was hired to represent the City in this matter. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the payment process.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

21. Discussion regarding the selection of a voting delegate to the Florida League of Cities 2025 Annual Conference from August 14 - 16, 2025.

There was a brief discussion to select Commissioner Hudak as the voting delegate.

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

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Commissioner Hudak as the voting delegate. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

22. Discussion regarding the appointment of Commissioner Plaut to the Florida League of Cities Finance and Taxation Committee.

Commissioner Plaut provided a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities of the Committee.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to appoint Commissioner Plaut to the Florida League of Cities Finance and Taxation Committee. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

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

Deerfield Island Park - Commissioner Hudak said the park is now open and encouraged everyone to visit.

Deerfield Beach School Grades - Commissioner Hudak said Deerfield Beach Highschool increased from a C to an A. Thereafter, he continued outlining the school grades and expressed the importance of keeping our children educated.

Customer Service Issues - Commissioner Hudak said the City has remarkable staff, but we must ensure staff is being more proactive instead of reactive.

COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY**DISTRICT 3**

Century Village - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on various issues he's remedied, i.e. iguanas, broken elevators, etc. Further, he commented on street lights that have been replaced in various areas.

Crystal Lake - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the NW 45th Street Stormwater Project. Further, he said the American Red Cross will be providing a seminar to the communities on August 7th. Additionally, he is working with city staff to install a platform to allow pedestrians to crossover Military Trail.

Citywide - Commissioner Shanetzky said he has received complaints regarding restrooms being inoperable on the southside of the beach; however, they will be renovated through capital funding. Further, he asked for an update regarding the fireworks in the western part of the City, specifically in Crystal Lake.

Centennial Gala - Commissioner Shanetzky recommended hosting a gala every year.

COMMISSIONER PLAUT**DISTRICT 4**

Events - Commissioner Plaut commended staff for a job well done on both the Centennial Gala and Fourth of July.

Crime Alert - Commissioner Plaut commented on a missing child who was later found. Thereafter, he commented on a situation involving a golf cart, which was rectified by law enforcement.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Lighthouse of Broward - Commissioner Plaut briefly commented on the organization, which empowers the blind and visually impaired.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Centennial Gala - Vice Mayor Preston commended staff for a job well done.

Packer Rattlers - Vice Mayor Preston said the participation numbers are up for football players and cheerleaders.

Fourth of July Event - Vice Mayor Preston said although there were no fireworks, the drone show went well. Thereafter, he thanked staff for their efforts, as the event was fun and well attended.

Accolades - Vice Mayor Preston commended Captain Hofstein, District X, for his efforts in keeping the community safe. Further, he thanked Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, for taking ownership and rectifying the water bill issue.

MAYOR DROSKY

School Grades - Mayor Drosky requested that the school grades be provided, if they have not yet been done so already.

Bohemian Independence Day - Mayor Drosky said the Historical Society will be hosting an event on Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m. and urged everyone to attend.

Congressional Record - Mayor Drosky read the recognition for the Centennial Celebration for the City of Deerfield Beach from Congressman Jared Moskowitz.

Accolades - Mayor Drosky thanked his colleagues for their efforts this evening. Additionally, he thanked the residents for their input as well.

Budget Workshop - Mayor Drosky encouraged everyone to attend tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 p.m. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, Vice Mayor Preston, and Mayor Drosky
Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

TODD DROSKY, MAYOR

Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk