



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, August 5, 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 7:05 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 - July 8, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, 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

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - June 9, 2025
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2025
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2025
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - July 2, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, 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

August 5, 2025

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, 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 Joseph Albarino, Recycling Drop Off Attendant, for 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Deerfield Beach.

Mayor Drosky presented the certificate to Mr. Albarino. Thereafter, he thanked him for everything he has done throughout his tenure.

Mr. Albarino thanked the Commission and residents. Thereafter, he commented on his tenure and stated that it has truly been a pleasure serving this community.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation by Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser, regarding property taxes and values.

Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser, provided a presentation on property taxes, homestead exemptions, and title protection for homeowners. He advised that everyone will receive their Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice, which shows the homeowner what they should be paying, exemptions, and when governments are discussing the budget and tax rates. He encouraged people to reach out to him by September 17th if there is a problem with their tax bill or if they are not receiving an applicable exemption. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the exemptions. Further, he said property values within the City have increased because people are coming from all over the world and paying top dollar for these properties. Mr. Kiar said the taxable value increased by 7.89% from 2024 to 2025 and should the Commission decide to keep the millage rate the same at 6.0018, it would yield another \$5.3 million to the City. He said most of this revenue comes from new property owners since current property owners are homesteaded. Thereafter, he commented on the long-term senior exemption, which was recently adopted by the City.

Continuing, Mr. Kiar said the median sale of a single-family home in Deerfield Beach is approximately \$775,555 with a taxable value of \$271,000; condo sales are \$244,000, with an average taxable value of \$139,000. Lastly, Mr. Kiar said South Florida is the title fraud capital of the world and many criminals file fake deeds on peoples' property and try to extort people for money or sell their homes. To combat this crime, they developed Owner Alert which allows people to register with proper documentation and if anything is filed changing ownership of the property, the owner will be notified immediately. Thereafter, he provided various examples of individuals who have committed title fraud.

In response to Mayor Drosky's question, Mr. Kiar replied that in addition to law enforcement, he is also working with the judges on the title fraud cases.

Mayor Drosky thanked him for his efforts with the title fraud cases.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Kiar provided a brief overview of what will occur should someone receive an alert.

Commissioner Hudak temporarily left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED

3. Discussion and potential action regarding public safety services.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. Thereafter, he outlined the events that have transpired thus far, whereby, on July 9, 2025, he requested an additional meeting with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) to discuss the contract caps, which occurred on July 16, 2025. As previously mentioned, Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser, stated that the City's tax revenues will increase about \$5 million, whereby, the increase for these two contracts alone is about \$7.25 million, exceeding the City's total tax revenue increase. Furthermore, he outlined the recommendations made by law enforcement and fire rescue on July 16th. Law Enforcement recommended freezing eight vacant positions for six months; removing about \$202,000 in capital for the year; and reducing some of the operating expenses by \$15,000 for the year. The revised letter received from BSO for law enforcement was for a six-month period, so for the first six months of fiscal year 2026, the reduced contract costs would go from \$3 million/month to \$2.9 million/month, roughly a \$75,000 savings, which does not bring the City below the 5%, nor do anything to the cap because its freezing positions; nonetheless, it represents a \$448,000 savings. Mr. Brimlow stated that the current contract expires on March 31, 2026, so a new contract would need to be renegotiated and new costs would become effective April 1, 2026, making it challenging to budget for fiscal year 2026; notwithstanding, the half-year contract would be \$17.4 million, the second six-month period is unknown, but will likely be \$17.9 million based on BSO's original letter sent on May 1, 2025, for a likely total of \$35.3 million in lieu of \$35.7 million.

Continuing, Mr. Brimlow stated that fire rescue could not make any recommendations to adjust costs, so the total remains at \$39.5 million; however, they recommended increasing the transportation fees, which are currently \$1,000 for the transport, plus \$15/mile. Additionally, they recommended increasing the fire assessment fees and fire inspection fees, eliminating the transportation fee waiver for residents, and stated that they will reinvestigate Deerfield Beach being compensated for responses to unincorporated Broward County. Further, Mr. Brimlow stated that currently, law enforcement and fire rescue services will terminate on September 30, 2025, whereby, the City will enter into a transition period that can occur for 24 months. During that time, the City will be billed actual costs per the contract, which will be determined based on conversations with BSO; therefore, he will be hiring a transitional manager prior to October 1, 2025 to oversee the processes and maintain the integrity of the details throughout the transitional period.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's questions, Mr. Brimlow provided a brief overview of what the Transitional Manager will be overseeing. Thereafter, he reiterated the recommendations made by law enforcement and fire rescue.

Commissioner Hudak stated that the City is moving towards a transitional period based on the termination letter that was received from BSO, which stated that services would be terminated on September 30, 2025.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's comments, Mr. Brimlow stated that the City can elect to move forward with the transition period, which the City would. Further, he agreed that the services provided by both law enforcement and fire rescue are professional and excellent. Mr. Brimlow stated that the termination notice was made June 30th by virtue of the letter, effective September 30th.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in opposition to fire rescue's recommendation to eliminate the transportation fee waiver for residents.

Mayor Drosky said the steps being taken by the City have nothing to do with the services currently being provided. Additionally, this was not initiated by the City of Deerfield Beach, but rather brought to us, and we are responding accordingly; nonetheless, he does not believe all is lost, as there are still opportunities, but the Commission must protect the residents. Furthermore, he stated that whatever happens, public safety will never be compromised and urged the residents to not be concerned.

Mr. Brimlow agreed, whereby, services will remain as is and will not diminish during the transitional period.

Commissioner Plaut agreed that services will never be compromised.

PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Plaut's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the rate of increase of the two contracts far exceeds the City's property tax revenues this year, and by fiscal year 2029, the City will have no choice but to increase the millage rate, fire assessment fee, or make cuts in essential services elsewhere.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. P.H. 2025-103: APPLICATION: 23-I2-09

Applicant: RMT-SDE LLC REPRESENTED BY THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES, INC

Proposal: Seeking Major Site Plan approval to construct a new one-story 212,240 square foot industrial building with associated site improvements on an 11.283-acre site.

Location: The property is described as LEDDS ADDITION 176-33 B 9- 48-42 POR PAR A DESC AS: BEG SW COR PAR A, N 484.49, E 60.02, N 150.06, W 60.02, N 501.73, E 1015.14, SLY 260.02 TO POINT REVERSE CURVE, SLY 818.18, S 207.02, W 50, SLY 38.92, WLY 69.01, NW 100.72, WLY 150 ALG CURVE, NWLY 31.63, NW 80, SWLY 41.19, NW 807.74 TO POB, LESS POR OF PAR A DESC IN INSTR# 117639886 & 117639887 and located at 1701 SW 45th Way.

5. P.H. 2025-104: APPLICATION: 23-I2-10

Applicant: RMT-SDE LLC REPRESENTED BY THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES, INC

Proposal: Seeking Major Site Plan approval to construct a new one-story 220,200 square foot industrial building with associated site improvements on an 11.5-acre site.

Location: The property is described as LEDDS ADDITION 176-33 B 9- 48-42 POR PAR A DESC AS: COMM SW COR OF PAR A, N 297.72 TO POB, N186.77, E 60.02, N 150.06, W 60.02, N 58.81, E 1207.99 TO P/C, SLY ALG ARC DIST 406.07, W 1307.44 TO POB, TOG WITH W 60 OF S 150 OF NW1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SW1/4 SEC 9-48-42 and located at 1801 SW 45th Way.

Items 4 & 5 were discussed simultaneously, but voted on separately. Thereafter, both Resolutions were read by title only.

Julian Lucco, 412 SE 18th Street, Fort Lauderdale, representing the applicant, waived the quasi-judicial proceeding. Thereafter, he highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. Further, he said the applications consist of two vacant parcels that are 22.77 acres and zoned I-2 limited heavy industrial. Thereafter, photographs of the area were displayed, as well as the proposed site plans. The buildings will feature a contemporary design with architectural details, i.e. wall offsets, parapet projections, and canopies. The mechanical equipment will be fully screened and the loading bays will not be visible from the roadways. Thereafter, photographs of the elevations, materials, and landscaping were displayed. Further, he said a vehicle tracking analysis was conducted to ensure there was a safe ingress/egress for semi-trailers, fire trucks, and garbage trucks. Lastly, he briefly outlined the drainage design.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the project. Thereafter, he stated that the Commission must do more to incentivize development.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 4, adopted Resolution 2025/124. 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 Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2025/127. Roll Call:

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

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED**6. P.H. 2025-105: APPLICATION: 23-B3-116****Applicant: ARON GROUP LLC REPRESENTED BY KURT ARON**

Proposal: Seeking Major Site Plan approval to construct a warehouse facility of approximately 2,240 square feet with associated site improvements on a 0.20-acre site in the B-3, General Business zoning district.

Location: The property is generally described as J R HORNE'S SUB 5-30 PB PORTION LOT 10 BLK 4 DESC AS BEG NW COR LOT 10, SE 58.01 ALG N/L, SWLY ARC DIST 55.88, NWLY 13.20, N 71.26 TO POB AKA and J R HORNE'S SUB 5-30 PB LOT 8,9 LESS W 5 BLK 4 LESS BEG SE COR SAID LOT 9, NW 77.17 TO P/C, NELY 100.37, SE 54.42 TO P/C, SWLY 101.18 TO POB FOR PAR 109 (CACE-03-016513-03) and located at 282-284 NE 1st Avenue.

7. Resolution 2025/129 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, accepting a five-foot-wide and ten-foot-wide right-of-way dedication to the City from Aron Group, LLC, along NE 1st Avenue, as depicted on Exhibit "A", in connection with the Aron Warehouse Development Project located at 282-284 NE 1st Avenue; providing for conflicts, implementation, and an effective date.

Items 6 & 7 were discussed simultaneously, but voted on separately. Thereafter, both Resolutions were read by title only.

Kurt Aron, 20882 Sonrisa Way, Boca Raton, waived the quasi-judicial proceeding, stated that he is requesting to construct a small storage warehouse with two bays and a single bathroom, and site improvements, which will include parking, paving, and site and landscape design. Thereafter, the project location was displayed. Furthermore, three variances are being requested to allow for a rear setback of two feet, five inches, in lieu of ten feet; perimeter buffer of five feet, in lieu of ten feet; and a rear buffer of two feet, five inches in lieu of the five-foot requirement. Thereafter, the site plan, survey, and elevations were displayed, which follow the Pioneer Grove design standards.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's questions, Mr. Aron replied that the variances are being requested due to the dimensions of the site. Further, if the variances are not approved, he would reduce the size of the building and amend the usage.

In response to Mayor Drosky's question, Chris Suneson, Assistant Director of Planning & Development Services, replied that the variances are warranted due to the shape of the property, as it has been modified many times due to the construction of the Dixie Highway flyover, Florida East Coast Railway, etc. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the variances.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's question, Mr. Aron replied that one of the variance requests does allow for adequate parking. Further, he said if the variances are not approved, the property would be difficult to develop.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of the project, and agreed that the variances are warranted.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Aron replied that he will be occupying the building.

Vice Mayor Preston agreed that the variances are warranted, but also agreed that variances are not just given out by this commission; therefore, the information must be conveyed properly, so informed decisions can be made.

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

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2025/128. Roll Call:

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

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2025/129. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST READING

8. **ORDINANCE 2025/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, REZONING APPROXIMATELY .869 GROSS ACRES LOCATED AT 110, 120, 130 & 140 SW 2ND TERRACE FROM RESIDENCE, SINGLE-FAMILY (RS-7) TO RESIDENCE, MULTI-FAMILY (RM-10) (APPLICATION 25-R-205); PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT TOWNHOUSE DWELLING UNITS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Juan Chapa, 301 E. Atlantic Boulevard, representing the applicant, waived the quasi-judicial proceeding. Thereafter, he highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property from RS-7 to RM-10. Currently, the existing plat note is restricted to eight townhouse units on Lots 1 through 4 and four single-family detached units on Lots 5 through 8; however, the applicant will also be requesting a plat note amendment to restrict 16 townhouse units on Lot 1 through 8. Thereafter, the site location was displayed. He explained that the surrounding existing uses are single-family homes, multi-family, and commercial uses; therefore, the proposed redevelopment of multi-family townhomes is compatible. Additionally, the City's land use map allows up to ten dwelling units per acre, whereby, this proposal allows eight. Lastly, Mr. Chapa said the application aligns with the goals, objectives, and policies outlined in the City's Comprehensive Plan, whereas, it does not result in spot zoning, provides housing opportunities, accommodates infill development within an established neighborhood, and provides transition from commercial strip to single-family/multifamily development.

Heather Montemayor, City Clerk, advised that pursuant to Ordinance 2009/006, City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ethics, the applicant's representative made the following campaign contributions: Commissioner Hudak - \$500 on November 14, 2022; Commissioner Shanetzky - \$500 on November 4, 2024; Commissioner Plaut - \$500 on January 16, 2025; and Mayor Drosky - \$500 on November 19, 2024 and \$500 on January 16, 2025.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, encouraged the Commission to reach out to the surrounding homeowners to ensure they are comfortable with the project.

Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the development of multi-family units, as the neighborhood needs single-family homes.

Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the project, as new projects are needed. Further, he said redevelopment must be incentivized, and suggested that planning staff be more involved when these items are presented.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if this project will adhere to the Pioneer Grove architectural design guidelines. Further, she agreed with single-family home development in District 2; therefore, she spoke in opposition to the project.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the project, as there is never adequate parking for these multifamily developments.

Sandra Jackson, 386 SW 35th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the project, as single-family home developments are needed. Further, she expressed concerns with the lack of parking.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST READING - CONTINUED

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Mr. Chapa said a community outreach meeting was held. Thereafter, he provided a brief history of the property. Further, the architectural features and parking will be outlined in the site plan application.

Commissioner Plaut stated that the applicant owns property in the surrounding area, so he does not believe many will be affected by the project. Further, multifamily units are needed as they are more affordable.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Chapa replied that the current single-family home will be demolished in order to add the townhomes.

Vice Mayor Preston said although single-family is more desirable, multifamily is more accommodating to families. Thereafter, he outlined other multifamily projects within District 2 that are thriving; therefore, he supports this project.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, clarified that the property is currently zoned RS-7, which allows for single-family, not multifamily, so rezoning is required. Further, he said this rezoning will permit a maximum of eight townhome units, not four. Lastly, he said this is first reading, whereby, the plat note amendment will be heard at the second reading.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in opposition to the project.

Mayor Drosky provided a brief overview of the process, whereby, more information will come during site plan approval; therefore, he supports the rezoning.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING

- 9. P.H. 2025-106: ORDINANCE 2025/004 - 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.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, encouraged the Commission to find other ways of saving money to ensure budgets are not taken elsewhere, especially if they affect children.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 9, adopted Ordinance 2025/004. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcus Lima, 2208 Congressional Way, Deerfield Beach, commented on the services provided by Church International Peace. Thereafter, he asked for the Commission's assistance in finding a place where they can meet.

Joseph Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, commented on a meeting that was held in Century Village regarding traffic issues on Military Trail and 10th Street and asked that the installation of traffic signalization be investigated. Thereafter, he commented on fire trucks having issues accessing certain areas of the City.

Casey Palacious, 220 SW 10th Street, Deerfield Beach, said the South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary has been serving the community for over 40 years. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of their history. Lastly, he invited everyone to attend their special chapel service on September 15th at 10:30 a.m. and their gala on Friday, September 26th.

Paulo Figueredo, 4394 Fox Ridge Drive, Weston, said Deerfield Beach has a large Brazilian community, so he is going to try encouraging them to get more involved in the meetings and other events.

Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, thanked staff, as well as the Commission for the adult swing at Mayo Howard Park.

Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the campaign contributions being announced. Thereafter, he commented on the School Speed Zone cameras.

Wayne Adams, 1431 SW 5th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, asked that more amenities, i.e. pool tables, ping pong tables, etc. be added to the Johnny L. Tigner Center for the children, whereby, he heard space for these types of activities is now being utilized by administration.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, briefly outlined the areas within the Johnny L. Tigner Center. Further, he advised that staff will issue messaging regarding the programs offered.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on increases to police and fire services.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Johnny L. Tigner Center, whereby, the community was expecting more based on staff's comments, i.e. banquet hall was supposed to be larger and located upstairs, etc.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the Deerfield Beach Democratic Club, as well as public safety. Thereafter, he asked why the City Manager has not had discussions with the City of Pompano Beach, as they are in the same situation as Deerfield Beach, and only extended their BSO contract for one year.

Carrie Hellenbrecht, 884 NW 47th Street, Deerfield Beach, said she is a big supporter of bringing police services inhouse. Further, current law enforcement services are short staffed, so freezing positions will cause deputies to work overtime, which would not be a cost savings. Additionally, she recommended that the alarm permits be reestablished, so fines can be issued.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, agreed with Mr. Scott's comments regarding the Johnny L. Tigner Center. Further, she asked that the budget information be provided to the community in a timely manner. She commented on rezoning projects and a letter she received from a city board member. Lastly, she said the Women's Club is hosting an event on August 23rd, and all funds received will be given back to the community in various projects.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the summer camp yearbook could be available to the public free of charge, so they have an understanding of what the program entails. Thereafter, she asked for clarification on the salary and duties of the Transitional Manager. Lastly, she agreed with the comments made regarding the Johnny L. Tigner Center and stated that the location for Parks & Recreation is still listed as the Bernard Adams Municipal Complex.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

There was a brief recess at 9:39 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor Drosky reopened the public comment.

Dan Rakofsky, 5397 Orange Drive, Davie, said he is the President of IUPA Local 6020. Thereafter, he commented on the services provided by law enforcement.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 10. Resolution 2025/130 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Angela Falzone as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Board; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

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 Shanetzky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 10, adopted Resolution 2025/130. Voice Vote:

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

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 11. Resolution 2025/131 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of Quote No. #25-004 for the Sullivan Park Splash Pad UV Filtration System Upgrade to Commercial Energy Specialists, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$70,670.00; authorizing execution of a contract with Commercial Energy Specialists, LLC, the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, for a three-year term with two additional one-year renewal options; and providing an effective date. (Funds from multiple accounts)**
- 12. Resolution 2025/132 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. to provide professional engineering operations and administrative consulting support services at the West Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$138,404.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #401-300-360-3602-000-53600-503099 - Utilities Fund/Other Professional Services)**
- 13. Resolution 2025/133 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with the Watts Group, LLC, utilizing the Sourcewell, Inc. Invitation to Bids #FL-092524 and Job Order Contract No. FL-R6-GC-092524-WATT for interior renovations to the Department of Public Affairs and Marketing Office in an amount not to exceed \$72,054.86; providing for execution, implementation, and an effective date. (Funds from Account #358-100-360-1901-000-51900-506112 - Construction)**

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 11 - 13; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Items 11 - 13 in concert. Roll Call:

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

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

14. ORDINANCE 2025/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY ("OBLIGATIONS"), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,750,000, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY THE COST OF PURCHASING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY FOR PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED EQUIPMENT TO THE EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING THAT SUCH OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE SECURED BY AND PAYABLE FROM MONEYS DEPOSITED IN THE DEBT SERVICE FUND ESTABLISHED FOR THE OBLIGATIONS DERIVED FROM THE CITY'S COVENANT TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE NON-AD VALOREM REVENUES, AS SHALL BE SET FORTH OR PROVIDED FOR IN A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING THAT, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS HEREIN CONTAINED, THE TERMS OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR PROVIDED FOR AND THE OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE SOLD AS PROVIDED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS RELATING TO THE OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ted Cole, Davenport, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He explained that a request for proposal was prepared and sent to a wide array of banks for a direct bank loan, whereby, five proposals were received. Further, he said if the loan moves forward and closes, it will largely be a reimbursement back to the City for monies already expended. Thereafter, he displayed a summary of the proposals, whereby, TD Equipment Finance and Webster were the most competitive. Mr. Cole explained that for both the four and five-year options, TD provided an Option A and B, whereby, Option A allows for the prepayment of the loan, but it comes at a penalty that would be the greater of the yield maintenance payment or 1%. Option B also provides for prepayment, but it is strictly with a 1% penalty. Webster provided a four and five-year fixed rate option, whereby, the four-year prepayment option includes no payment in year one, 2% in year two, and no penalty on/after year two. Their five-year prepayment option includes no payment in year one, 2% in year two, 1% in year three, and no penalty on/after year three.

Continuing, Mr. Cole stated that revised proposals were provided on August 4th, and the rates decreased; whereby, TD still has the more attractive rate. In order to lock in the new rates, the Commission would have to accept the proposal by tomorrow, whereby, if TD bank was selected, the amount could not be changed by more than 5%, and closing would have to occur by August 28th. Further, he said neither TD, nor Webster have additional bank fees, and both will use outside counsel to draft the documents; whereby, TD will cover the costs for their legal counsel, but Webster will pass the \$5,000 cost to the City. Thereafter, he outlined other considerations outlined in the proposals. Mr. Cole outlined the debt service for the 5-year option, whereby, the payback rate for TD's Option B, would be about a \$23,000 savings over the life of the loan compared to Webster. Thereafter, he briefly highlighted the 4-year option.

Commissioner Plaut commented on the interest rates; thereafter, he spoke in support of TD's five-year, Option B.

Lastly, Mr. Cole said it is recommended that the City move forward with TD's five-year, Option B. Further, should the Commission decide to move forward, the rates would be locked in tomorrow morning, and staff would execute the applicable term sheet.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commended Mr. Cole for his efforts. Further, he asked if the banks were aware that per city policy, the City is only required to keep a 10% reserve requirement. Additionally, he asked if the City continues to hold a Fitch AA+ and S&P AA ratings. Lastly, he asked for clarification on the fire platform line item.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Cole replied that there is not a complete, unanimous expectation that rates will continue to decrease; nonetheless, the market tries to anticipate as much as possible. Further, if the Federal Reserve System (FED) were to move the rate lower in September, there wouldn't be an immediate 25 basis point reduction in all rates. Additionally, Mr. Cole explained that if the Commission were to wait, financing would be delayed.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Oleg Gorokhovsky, Chief Financial Officer, agreed that there is a decline in interest rates, whereby, the market reacts based on those actions, and anything can happen in the next 30 days. Further, he recommended the five-year option, as it will provide for a lower debt service cost and the lower interest rate.

In response to Mayor Drosky's question, Mr. Gorokhovsky replied that he does not recommend, nor anticipate prepayments. Further, there is a five-year schedule, which will allow the utilization of cash for other purposes, whereby, the City does have upcoming expenditures.

Commissioner Plaut said you cannot predict what will happen, whereby, he has seen interest rates fall, and mortgage rates remain high; therefore, he recommended moving forward this evening.

Mr. Gorokhovsky explained that the equipment being used for this financing has already been purchased and budgeted for in the current year; whereby, the money coming into the City will be additional cashflow, etc.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to direct staff and bond counsel to negotiate a loan agreement with TD Bank, pursuant to Option B for a five-year. 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 14 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 ATTORNEY - *None.*

CITY MANAGER

ICMA - YSEALI Fellowship Program - Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, said the City will receive two municipal leaders in September, one from Cambodia, and the other from Thailand. Thereafter, he commended Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, for his efforts.

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

First Day of School - Commissioner Hudak reminded everyone that school will begin on August 11th, whereby, the school speed zone cameras will be active.

BSO Contracts - Commissioner Hudak commended Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, for his efforts during the negotiation process. Thereafter, he commended the police and fire personnel for their continued efforts in protecting the community. Lastly, he said services will remain as is and will not be hindered.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY****DISTRICT 3**

Century Village - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on a meeting that occurred with the Community CARES Foodbank. He said there will be food trucks and a carnival gala on Wednesday, August 6th and Wednesday, August 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Further, he commended city staff, as well as law enforcement for their efforts with speeding on Hillsboro Boulevard.

Crystal Lake - Commissioner Shanetzky stated that on August 7th, the American Red Cross will host a hurricane preparedness seminar. Additionally, the Areawide Council on Aging will be in attendance to advise the community of their services. Thereafter, he commended city staff, as well as law enforcement for their efforts with speeding on Green Road. Additionally, he commended code compliance staff for their efforts with Meadows of Crystal Lake and city staff for their efforts with the lights on SW 10th Street, as well as other streets.

Broward College - Commissioner Shanetzky commended Mr. Brimlow for his efforts on bringing the jazz concerts back to the City.

American Legion Post 287 - Commissioner Shanetzky said their facility is lacking AC; therefore, he is working on solutions to better assist.

COMMISSIONER PLAUT**DISTRICT 4**

City Manager - Commissioner Plaut commended Mr. Brimlow for a job well done. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the July 9th budget workshop.

Events - Commissioner Plaut commented on various back to school events, which have all been successful.

Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Meeting - Commissioner Plaut briefly commented on the meeting, which took place on July 17th. Further, the hope is that FIND will host one of their meetings in Deerfield Beach next year.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Back to School Block Party - Vice Mayor Preston commended staff for a job well done; however, he requested that Harold Morrison's name be larger on the shirts next year.

City Parks - Vice Mayor Preston stated that he would like the American, state, and city flags displayed at every city park.

Mr. Brimlow stated that the costs for this project are outlined in the upcoming budget.

City Seniors - Vice Mayor Preston said it has been extremely hot outside and asked that staff ensure seniors have an adequate water supply.

Code Amnesty Program - Vice Mayor Preston encouraged everyone to take advantage of the program, which ends in September.

MAYOR DROSKY

Back to School Block Party - Mayor Drosky commended staff for a job well done, whereas, Deputy Morrison would be proud of the event's growth; nonetheless, he agreed with Vice Mayor Preston and asked that the family's wishes are respected in the future.

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.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

First Day of School - Mayor Drosky reiterated that school begins on August 11th, whereby, the school speed zone cameras will be active. Thereafter, he stated that Deerfield Beach is following the regulations outlined in the State Statutes. Lastly, he said the cameras were implemented to protect the children, not to make money.

Human Trafficking Symposium - Mayor Drosky commented on the symposium that he and Commissioner Hudak attended. Thereafter, he urged everyone to be cautious of their surroundings.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 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