



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, October 7, 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 7:01 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
Assistant City Clerk Samantha Charlemont

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 - September 8, 2025

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut 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

African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - July 10 & 17, 2025
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - August 12 & 26, 2025
Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - August 13, 2025
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2025
Charter Review Board Meeting Minutes - August 21, 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

October 7, 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. Introduction of ICMA YSEALI Fellows.

Chad Grecsek, Director of Municipal Services, introduced Amonnat Noiyeen and Yuthmaryna Phon, who are the fellows the City is hosting through the International City/County Manager Association and Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative. Thereafter, he thanked city staff for their efforts.

Thereafter, each provided a brief presentation on their countries and what they plan to accomplish while in Deerfield Beach.

2. Certificate of Recognition presented to the CVE Stickball Group for their ongoing dedication to the Game of Stickball.

Commissioner Shanetzky presented the certificate to the CVE Stickball Group.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation regarding the proposed Deer Run drainage improvements.

Eric Power, Deputy City Manager, highlighted a brief presentation, which outlined the project improvements, as well as the project area. Further, he said construction has begun and will take approximately 10 months to complete. Mr. Power explained that although traffic will be reduced, local traffic will not be inhibited, whereas, signage will be installed. Mr. Power said at the completion of the project there will be restoration of damaged irrigation in the swales, driveways, etc. Lastly, he said there will be nightly trench closures.

Mayor Drosky thanked staff for their efforts, as this area is in dire need of drainage improvements.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on Fort Lauderdale's flooding issues. Thereafter, he thanked staff for their efforts.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. 2025-128: APPLICATION: 06-OPc-1 Rev. 3

Applicant: North Broward Hospital represented by Lochrie & Chakas

Proposal: Seeking Major Site Plan approval to develop a new 6-story 114,000 square foot medical office building with associated site improvements on a 35-acre site in the OPc, Office Park zoning district.

Location: The property is generally described as NORTH BROWARD MEDICAL CENTER 178-158 B TRACT A and located at 199-201 E Sample Road.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Robert Lochrie, Lochrie & Chakas, P.A., 699 N. Federal Highway, Suite 400, representing the applicant, waived the quasi-judicial proceedings. Thereafter, he highlighted a PowerPoint presentation, which provided various photographs of the project location, as well as the future design of the facility. He stated that proposed development is a 1.5-acre parcel, located directly on Sample Road, east of I-95. Further, he said the area surrounding the building will be brought up to code, whereby, more parking will be available than what is currently existing. Mr. Lochrie said the building will consist of laminated glass and be modern contemporary, which is consistent with current campus style. Thereafter, he continued to outline the

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

materials of the proposed facility. Although the project complies with all code requirements, the applicant is requesting a variance because the property remains subject to the old county zoning regulations, which has a maximum plot size of 20%, whereby, this project exceeds that by six-tenths of 1%. Additionally, the applicant is requesting additional signage, which is compatible with the building.

Samantha Charlemont, Assistant City Clerk, advised that pursuant to Ordinance 2009/006, City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ethics, the applicant's representative made the following campaign contribution: Mayor Drosky - \$1,000 on February 12, 2025.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Lochrie replied that the building will provide cardiac, orthopedic, and neurology services.

In response to Mayor Drosky's question, Mr. Lochrie replied that a full traffic study was completed and most of the intersections work very well, with the exception of the northbound to westbound intersection on 3rd Avenue, as well as the southbound section; nevertheless, this project will not hinder the current issues. Additionally, the County is working on extending the lanes east of the site to add additional capacity and realigning the signal timing, which will help the intersection.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Caryl Berner, 3130 Cambridge F, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the timeline for the permitting process.

Bernard Parness, 3074 Hardwood F, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed project.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of the project. Thereafter, he commented on the variance requests, which are warranted.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 4, adopted Resolution 2025/169. Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marc Gave, 317 Durham I, Deerfield Beach, commented on North Broward Arts, which is a non-profit new local art. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the organization.

Gary Dunning, 6622 Villa Sonrisa Drive, Boca Raton, provided a brief overview of various events the North Broward Arts will be a part of.

Melvin Nass, 3081 Oakridge U, Deerfield Beach, commented on Farmer's Markets, which are in season, as well as various markets he has been a part of.

Jessica DelVecchio, 7505 Cedarwood Circle, Boca Raton, stated that she launched the Boca's Farmers Market and hopes to bring something to the Cove. Thereafter, she outlined various businesses who are interested in becoming vendors. Lastly, she commented on discussions she's had with staff, parking, as well as alternative locations, should the Cove not be a viable option.

Germil Agenor, 2200 SW 10th Street, Deerfield Beach, thanked the Commission for the proclamation, as well as their attendance to the South Florida Bible College's 40th Annual Gala. Thereafter, he invited them to attend a night to honor Israel on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. Further, Mr. Germil commented on their first ever athletic programs, men's basketball and soccer and women's volleyball. Thereafter, he requested the Commission's support in allowing them to secure the Oveta McKeithen Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

as their home facility.

Caryl Berner, 3130 Cambridge F, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the flag not being lowered on September 11th. Thereafter, she commented on building services and the BSO contracts.

Tamah Lettieri, 3302 Carambola Cir S, Coconut Creek, stated that someone from the Solid Waste Authority of Broward is trying to build a sewage/sludge dryer. Thereafter, she commented on the Broward County Commission Meeting. Lastly, she expressed concerns with the proposal and asked that the Commission get with Pompano to stop this.

Julie Rodriguez, 150 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the BSO extension, as well as the speed zone cameras.

Thomas Noland, 406 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the transition period. Thereafter, he commended the City for the social media outreach, as well as the town hall meetings, and hopes that the same outreach is done for other city issues. Further, he suggested that the townhalls be held in the fire stations. Lastly, if the City decides to bring police and fire services inhouse, everything else will be placed on the back burner, i.e. parks, events, etc.

Maria Blatch Dunigan, 425 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, asked that someone from the City come investigate the recent issues at the Palms.

LaTonya Coley-McKinley, 533 S. Dixie Highway, Deerfield Beach, thanked the Commission and City Manager for stepping in and helping the Housing Authority. Thereafter, she asked for gap funding support. Lastly, she advised that there will be a fundraiser at the Tigner Center on October 10th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the title of a previous agenda item regarding the school speed zone cameras. Thereafter, he asked for clarification as to where the money from the speed cameras goes. Lastly, he asked when the bid protest committee meeting will be held.

Bernie Parness, 3074 Hardwood F, Deerfield Beach, commented on the importance of adhering to contract obligations. Thereafter, he commented on the issues surrounding the police and fire contracts.

Patricia Saunders, 252 SW 34th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the cost for the composting program, as the City should cover the costs, not residents.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 5. Resolution 2025/170 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Barbara Gerson and Kathy Sklare to the Education Advisory Board to fulfill an unexpired term; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of the appointments.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commended Commissioner Plaut for the timely appointment.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2025/170. Roll Call:

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

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of Item 14.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 7 - 10, 12 - 16.

Mychal Estrada, 1431 SW 6th Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of Item 14, as the City is in dire need of shade.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Items 7 - 10, 12 - 16 in concert. Roll Call:

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

- 6. Resolution 2025/171 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Firefighter Challenge Championship Series Hosting Agreement with First Responder Institute, Inc. for the 2026 Southeast Region Classic Event at the main beach parking lot; providing for execution, severability, and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's comments, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, provided a brief overview of the Item, which is comprised of various fire departments, not just local.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of the event, as it will be a great revenue generator for the City.

Commissioner Hudak expressed his excitement with the event being brought back to Deerfield Beach, as it will be great for the City. Thereafter, he commented on previous events held in the City.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the event being brought back to Deerfield Beach.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2025/171. Roll Call:

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

- 7. Resolution 2025/172 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 23BO2 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Hillsboro-Deerfield Beach Nourishment Project to increase the funding by \$117,500.00 and extend the Agreement until December 31, 2027; authorizing execution of the Amendment; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

8. **Resolution 2025/173 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposals for Wholesale Compressed Natural Gas; authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Interconn Resources, LLC, the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, for CNG for a one-year term; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #450-340-34000-0000-503812 - Compressed Natural Gas)**
9. **Resolution 2025/174 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Lakdas/Yohalem Engineering, Inc. to provide professional engineering services related to the new seawall at the south end of SE 18th Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$76,400.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #460-300-360-3800-000-53800-503299 - Other Contractual Services)**
10. **Resolution 2025/175 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving change orders with Heavy Civil, Inc. in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$82,380.46 for additional services related to drainage improvements for the Pioneer Grove Local Activity Center Drainage Improvements Project; approving a twenty-day extension to the final completion date for the project; providing for execution, implementation, conflicts, and an effective date. (Funds from Account #460-300-360-3800-000-53800-503299 - Other Contractual Services)**
11. **Resolution 2025/176 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of ITBC No. 25-031 for the Pioneer Park Pier No. 5 Dock Replacement Project to Brothers' Construction, Inc.; authorizing execution of a contract with Brothers' Construction, Inc., the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,103,331.00; providing an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-700-360-7200-000-54100-506530 - CIP Infrastructure)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Shanetzky expressed concerns with the vendor, as it is the same one that constructed the pier, which went over budget due to unforeseen costs.

Eric Power, Deputy City Manager, replied that the pier went through a cost correction that the City Commission requested, whereby, additional items were added. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the bid process for this project. Lastly, he said there have been no issues with Brothers' Construction and the pier project, wherein, it was delivered on time and under budget.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that there was also a change due to the fire line, which fell on the City, as the vendor was unaware.

Mayor Drosky spoke in support of the Item. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on previous comments made regarding Brothers' Construction.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 11, adopted Resolution 2025/176. Roll Call:

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

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

12. Resolution 2025/177 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a funding agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, Inc. for assistance with program services at the Deerfield Beach location in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #100-500-640-5400-000-55400-504094 - Other Community Contributions)*
13. Resolution 2025/178 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of an amendment to the Butler House Funding Agreement with the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc. to extend the term of the Agreement for one year through September 30, 2026 to provide for completion of Phase II of the Rehabilitation Project; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #100-500-640-5400-000-55400-504094 - Other Community Contributions)*
14. Resolution 2025/179 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of an application to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the 2024 Urban and Community Forestry Capacity Grant Program funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be utilized for the retention and expansion of the Tree Canopy within the City; authorizing in-kind staff contributions to fulfill the 25% matching fund requirement of the Grant; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement, if the grant is awarded to the City; and providing for an effective date. *(Fiscal Impact: In-Kind Contribution)*
15. Resolution 2025/180 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of an application to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Fiscal Year 2025 Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grant Program in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the implementation of critical pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements along school corridors within the City; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement, if the grant is awarded to the City; and providing for an effective date.
16. Resolution 2025/181 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of an application to the United States Department of Transportation for the 2025 Promoting Resilient Operations for the Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant funding in the estimated amount of \$3,400,000.00 to be utilized for the SW 11th Way Infrastructure and Resilience Improvements Project; authorizing necessary actions to satisfy the 20% matching requirement and the execution of a grant agreement, if the grant is awarded to the City; and providing for an effective date. *(Fiscal Impact: In-Kind Contribution)*

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

17. Resolution 2025/182 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with The Center for Public Safety, Inc. to provide a revised staffing and management study for public safety services in an amount not to exceed \$72,500.00; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #399-200-210-2100-000-52100-506104 - Administrative)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

Vice Mayor Preston stated that he's been requesting a study and hopes this will provide answers.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the vendors the City of Pompano Beach are utilizing, as well as conversations he's had with the community, whereas, they want to see numbers.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's comments, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, clarified that there is a cost analysis that is a part of the staffing and management study. Further, the City of Deerfield Beach already paid for a staffing study based on the contractual services.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Sean Gladieux, Director of Public Safety, highlighted a brief Power Point presentation. He explained that the original analysis conducted by the Architects Design Group included the evaluation of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) staff projections within existing facilities. The proposed study encompasses a comprehensive financial and operational framework for two city-operated public safety agencies, including personnel, operating, and capital costs. Further, he explained that facility costs are not included within this scope, as they are being analyzed separately and will require a detailed facility master plan that will reflect the City's long-term public safety infrastructure strategy.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of moving forward, as the costs of bringing services inhouse are needed. Further, he stated that this commission, as well as the public need to be provided with more clarification prior to any decisions being made.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of moving forward with obtaining the information, as everyone involved must be aware and informed. Thereafter, he commented on the upcoming public safety workshops and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of the study, as this commission has demanded that an in-depth study be performed. Thereafter, he commented on the certifications that the Fire Department receives, which provides residents with tax breaks. Although the City is in a transition period, he will continue to keep an open mind while considering all available options until the true costs of each option are determined. Commissioner Hudak expressed concerns with BSO violating the previous contract, as well as them violating the current contractual obligations, which will certainly be a factor in his decision making.

Commissioner Shanetzky said police and fire services went to BSO because of the costs and coverage. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the study, and expressed concerns with unforeseen costs.

Mayor Drosky agreed that this commission wants the facts and figures; however, he cautioned the Commission to be prepared when they see the numbers, as they will be big, regardless of the direction. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the events leading up to this point. Further, he is also keeping an open mind, but in order to move forward, all detailed options are needed prior to an informed decision being made. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the study.

Thomas Noland, 406 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the study is a great step and will be eye opening for many. Thereafter, he commented on messaging the City is putting out, and stated that it needs to be corrected to reflect the Commission's message. Lastly, he commented on the fire stations.

Mychal Estrada, 1431 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the upcoming workshops, and suggested that more be provided. Thereafter, he asked that the City be clear when providing the data and information.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on an article in the Century Village newspaper.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said when the study is conducted, the Memorandum of Understanding's with other cities should be included with the numbers.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 17, adopted Resolution 2025/182. Roll Call:

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

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Vice Mayor Preston said Mr. Brimlow does not make decisions for the City, as that is the responsibility of this commission, who are extremely capable of leading.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that the last contract that was received from BSO had no cap in years 1 and 2, and then a 5% cap in years 3 - 5.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, stated that the contract would have begun April 1, 2026.

Vice Mayor Preston recommended that a proposal be sent to BSO requesting that both parties enter into a two-year contract with a 7% cap in year 2.

Thereafter, motion was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, requesting that the City enter into a two-year contract with BSO, with a 7% cap in year 2.

Prior to roll call, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, asked for clarification on the start date.

Vice Mayor Preston stated that he would like this recommendation presented to BSO, and it take effect as soon as it can be implemented, i.e. April 1, 2026.

In response to Mr. Soroka's question, Vice Mayor Preston replied that if BSO is amenable to the two-year contract, with a 7% cap in year two, then yes, he would like the contract to come back before this commission to vote on. Further, he said there would be no cap in year one, only in year two, which would be 7%, for both police and fire. Thereafter, he commented on the fire stations, whereby, entering into a two-year contract will provide the City with more time to look into other options.

Commissioner Plaut stated that the City already had a contract in place, with a 5% cap, and BSO cancelled the contract; therefore, he spoke in opposition to entering into another contract.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on a letter that was sent out by BSO, whereby, they defaulted on the transition period. Further, he spoke in support of Vice Mayor Preston's recommendation, and seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hudak said if this proposal begins on April 1, 2026, then what are the current costs for services, whereas, the contract that the City previously had with BSO had a 5% cap in place, but BSO increased it; therefore, he asked if Vice Mayor Preston wishes to currently pay an 11% increase for fire and 10% for police services.

Vice Mayor Preston replied no, as there is currently no contract. Currently, the City is paying actual costs, whatever that may be. Further, he believes having a two-year contract in place would be more beneficial to the residents, as it would re-establish some continuity, provide a solid foundation, and allow city staff to research other alternatives. Thereafter, he continued to speak in support of entering into a two-year contract with BSO.

Commissioner Hudak asked if the City will be paying actual costs until April 1, 2026, then an uncapped cost in year one, how will anyone know what the costs will be.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's comment, Commissioner Hudak clarified that the City is in this current situation because the contract that was approved in 2021 had a 5% cap, and in May 2025, BSO disagreed with that cap and recommended 10% for police and 11% for fire. When the City pushed back, BSO terminated services, and then came back with other options that consisted of fire remaining at 11% and police reducing personnel, which already has vacancies, in order to reduce costs.

Vice Mayor Preston agreed, as the City did not cause this fight; however, the City is still obligated to do something, as we are in unchartered waters, which is not good. Thereafter, he continued to speak in support of entering into a two-year contract, as it will provide the City with some sort of stability.

Commissioner Hudak expressed concerns, whereas, they did not follow the 2021 contractual obligations.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

In response to Vice Mayor Preston and Commissioner Hudak's comments, Mr. Soroka stated that the guardrails would be based on the contractual language, which is why he is seeking clarification on what exactly he would be negotiating.

Vice Mayor Preston asked if there is no cap outlined within the contract, can BSO go as high as they want too.

Mr. Soroka replied that no cap, means no cap; however, a consideration letter may be provided with a number, but he does not want to speak on a contract or language that has not been presented.

Commissioner Hudak stated that negotiations should continue to be ongoing during the transition period.

After a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Preston stated that since they have not brought any new proposals, he is recommending that the City provide them with a proposal.

Commissioner Hudak stated that the City has been negotiating since receiving the 90-day termination letter and reiterated that it is his understanding that negotiations will continue through the end of the transition period.

Thereafter, discussion continued between Vice Mayor Preston and Commissioner Hudak regarding current and future proposals for fire and police services.

Commissioner Shanetzky read an excerpt from the September 16, 2025 letter from BSO, which he believes states that BSO is agreeing to adhere to the 5% cap until March 31, 2026. Thereafter, he spoke in support of Vice Mayor Preston's recommendation.

Mr. Soroka stated that he understood the letter, dated September 16, 2025, as BSO looking for modified considerations until March 31, 2026, whereby, the six months would go under either option 1 or option 2 for police services, which exceeds the 5% cap.

Commissioner Plaut provided a brief overview of the events that have transpired thus far. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition of the 7% increase, as it will not provide BSO what they need; therefore, he does not believe BSO will agree to it. Further, BSO has already provided the City with two options, and both are still 5% more than the cap. Although he agreed with the raises for public safety personnel, he does not believe Deerfield Beach can do it. Commissioner Plaut stated that if they watch our meetings like they say they do, then they should be bringing forth a third option with 7% for this commission to review.

Mayor Drosky expressed concerns with this item being discussed in this manner, whereas, it should have been placed as an agenda item. Further, he said BSO is a contract vendor of the City, so negotiations should not be done on the dais. He said no one in the City has stated that more time is needed, so he is unsure why time is the main factor in this argument. Thereafter, he spoke in opposition of BSO breaching the City's contract. Mayor Drosky stated that not having a cap in year one is extremely concerning and then offering a cap of 7% in year two is meaningless because the 5% cap in the current contract was not followed. Lastly, he said this commission just approved the study; therefore, he suggested that decisions not be made until this commission has all the facts and information.

Vice Mayor Preston stated that there are many people who call him daily and are in his ear saying the City has not done enough to bring closure to this situation; therefore, he believes it's important to bring something forward. Although he is making this recommendation he still wants to continue with the study, as this commission needs to acquire all information; nevertheless, this commission should provide a proposal to BSO to gauge a response.

Commissioner Plaut continued to express concerns with providing BSO with a proposal, and reiterated that they should be providing us with a third option.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on feedback he's received from various Century Village groups.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to entering into a contract, as BSO has already broken the contractual obligations once. Thereafter, he commented on his experience sleeping in firehouses and stated that our firehouses will never get fixed if this city continues to live by the Sheriff's rules.

Thomas Noland, 406 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, stated that the Sheriff is trying to pay his employees, as did the City when they performed their own study. Although he understands that a contract was in place, which was terminated by the Sheriff, the City has various contracts in place that far exceed what the original amount was, i.e. pier project and SE 8th Avenue. Thereafter, he commented on the transition period.

Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with this item being discussed in this manner, as well as the 5% annual increases not being allocated to salaries. Thereafter, he asked for clarification on where the money is going, and expressed concerns with allowing BSO to have no cap on their costs. Lastly, he said this all needs to be done behind closed doors and not in the media.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, directing staff to reach out to BSO to see if they would be amenable to a two-year contract, uncapped in the first year and a 7% cap in year 2, effective April 1, 2026. Roll Call:

Yeas: 2 - Commissioner Shanetzky & Vice Mayor Preston

Nays: 3 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, and Mayor Drosky

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - *None*.

CITY MANAGER

Public Safety Workshops - Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated the workshops will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the West Deerfield Community Center; Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers; and Monday, November 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Tigner Center.

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

Public Safety Facilities - Commissioner Hudak stated that regardless of the direction the City goes in for police and fire rescue services, we must address the police and fire stations; therefore, he requested that this commission direct the City Manager, City Attorney, and staff to explore a bond referendum for the March 2026 ballot. Thereafter, he outlined the age of each station.

Mayor Drosky spoke in support of the request, but does not believe March 2026 would be a viable option. Thereafter, he commented on the recent referendum done by Pembroke Pines, which was rushed and it failed miserably. Further, he reiterated his support, but recommended placing it on the November 2026 ballot.

Commissioner Hudak said if the City decides to bring services in-house, it may be harder to find employees due to the conditions of our stations. Furthermore, with all the current messaging being put out regarding public safety services, he believes March would be the right time.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that staff can come up with a list of pros and cons, as well as considerations and other factors that may be impactful to the timing of the referendum.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, stated that he would be able to draft up an ordinance, but he would need the information.

Commissioner Hudak suggested that it be mentioned during the public workshops to see where the public stands.

COMMISSIONER PLAUT**DISTRICT 4**

Sheriff House Watch - Commissioner Plaut commended those in the program. Thereafter, he commented on an issue that occurred while he was out of town.

Florida League of Cities - Commissioner Plaut commented on his upcoming meetings with the Finance and Taxation Committee.

Upcoming City Events - Commissioner Plaut mentioned the various events occurring on Saturday, October 11th.

COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY**DISTRICT 3**

Public Safety Facilities - Commissioner Shanetzky suggested that the City reach out to Broward County and the State to see if they can allocate funding to Fire Station 66 during the SW 10th Street Project.

District 3 - Commissioner Shanetzky provided various updates on ongoing projects and events throughout his district.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) - Commissioner Shanetzky commended BCPS for being named an Academically High-Performing School District by the Florida State Board of Education. Thereafter, he commented on the school's grades in Deerfield Beach, and stated that the City must remain vigilant.

Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce - Commissioner Shanetzky recommended that the City create their own chamber, which he has discussed with Michelle Caba, Director of Economic Development.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

9/11 - Vice Mayor Preston reiterated his request that the City have a 9/11 observance day. Thereafter, he commented on the lowering of the flag, whereby, the City does not have the ability for various reasons.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's questions, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, replied that the 9/11 observance day is in the FY26 budget. Further, staff is looking into solutions to lower the flag at city hall, as it is extremely dangerous to access it.

South Florida Bible College - Vice Mayor Preston thanked his colleagues for attending the gala. Thereafter, he commented on the influx of students.

Hispanic Heritage Month - Vice Mayor Preston said each nationality and their respective events should be embraced; therefore, he encouraged everyone to embrace this month.

Palms of Deerfield - Vice Mayor Preston said a breakfast will occur at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday, \$7 per plate.

International Fishing Pier - Vice Mayor Preston expressed satisfaction with the pier upgrades. Thereafter, he commended Commissioner Hudak for the free admission recommendation.

Debate - Vice Mayor Preston thanked his colleagues, as he is humbled for the platform for debate.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**MAYOR DROSKY**

Upcoming City Events - Mayor Drosky mentioned other events occurring on Saturday, October 11th. Thereafter, he commented on the Super Reader Event, which will occur on October 24th.

Debate - Mayor Drosky agreed with Vice Mayor Preston.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.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