



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, October 21, 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
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 - September 15, 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

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2025
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - September 11, 2025
Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - September 9 & 23, 2025
Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - September 15 (Regular), September 15 (1st Reading Budget), & September 22 (2nd Reading Budget), 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

October 21, 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. Proclamation presented to Deerfield Beach High school in recognition of Florida League of Cities Government Week.

Mayor Drosky presented the proclamation to Mahaleigha Goddard in recognition of Florida League of Cities Government Week.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentations by the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Professional Fellows Program.

Chad Grecsek, Director of Municipal Services, introduced Amonnat Noiyeen, Thailand, and Yuthmaryna Phon, Cambodia, 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.

Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, thanked Ms. Noiyeen and Ms. Phon for their efforts while in Deerfield Beach.

Thereafter, each provided a brief presentation on what they've learned and how it will be implemented moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Brad Masters, District Fire Chief, commended fire rescue staff for their efforts on a call.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on the ongoing negotiations with BSO. Thereafter, he recommended that Vice Mayor Preston lead the negotiation process. Lastly, he asked why the State of the City has not been added to the website calendar.

Julie Rodriguez, 150 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns regarding the trees on 2nd Avenue and 7th Street. Thereafter, she asked how the City is spending the money from the school speed zone cameras.

Major Christopher DeGiovanni, 2601 W. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, commended the City for the Fellows Program. Thereafter, he reminded the Commission that he is willing to engage with the City regarding the BSO contracts, and commented on his due diligence with all of BSO's municipal partners.

Janice Fulmore-Tigner, 1090 SW 4th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, thanked the City and the American Cancer Society for their collaboration with the Church of the Living God on the breast cancer walk. Thereafter, she briefly commented on the history of the event, and thanked everyone involved.

Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, commended city staff for their efforts with removing trees and cleaning up a sign.

Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, commented on the upcoming stormwater projects in the western portion of the City. Thereafter, he commented on the stormwater fee and usage of funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, thanked the City for replacing the street lights on US1 from Hillsboro to SW 10th Street. Thereafter, he recommended adding speed cameras to Century Village. Lastly, he asked if the current contracts will be provided to the residents during the public safety workshops.

Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on the school speed zone cameras, economic development, and BSO negotiations.

Lisa Earhart, 1820 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on an issue that occurred with a fire hydrant while she was home.

Willie Rosetta Graham Bracy, 501 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the traffic being blocked at 3rd Avenue and Hillsboro. Thereafter, she commended city staff for their efforts with tree trimming and the Palms for their efforts with a bee issue.

Demetrius Givens, 1150 SW 7th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he is honored to be a part of the Deerfield Beach community, and expressed gratification with giving back to his community. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the various activities being provided to the youth. Lastly, he briefly commented on Joy Fest.

Pastor Ron Harper, 432 SW 10th Court, Deerfield Beach, thanked the City, as well as Vice Mayor Preston for their efforts prior to and during the backpack giveaway. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the Joy Fest event.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked Mayor Drosky for implementing the connect cards, as they are extremely informative. Thereafter, she asked that they be placed at all city facilities, as well as the local churches.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

3. **Resolution 2025/183 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Takiyah Jenkins to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to fulfill an unexpired term; and providing for an effective date.**
4. **Resolution 2025/184 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Najaim Musto to the City of Deerfield Beach Non-Uniformed Employees Retirement Committee to fulfill a vacancy on the Committee; providing for an effective date.**
5. **Resolution 2025/185 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Steve Rossman as the fifth member to the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Officers' Retirement Trust Fund of the City of Deerfield Beach to fulfill an unexpired term; providing for an effective date.**
6. **Resolution 2025/186 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, confirming the election results for a member to the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Police Officers' Pension Retirement Trust Fund; providing an effective date.**

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

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, replied that Items 5 & 6 do not impact BSO's contract, nor any other service provider.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Items 3 - 6 in concert. Voice Vote:

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

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 7 - 11.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if composting cans can be placed near the venues for Items 10 & 11.

Melvin Nass, 3081 Oakridge U, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of Items 10 & 11.

Emily Lilly, 800 S. Ocean Blvd., Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of Items 10 & 11. Thereafter, she provided a brief overview of her background in agriculture and farming, as well as the history of farmers markets in Boca Raton.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on Items 8 - 11.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to approve Items 7 - 11 in concert. Roll Call:

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

7. **Resolution 2025/187 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a work authorization with Kenneth R. Carlson - Architect, P.A. to provide professional architectural and engineering services related to the interior renovations to the Planning and Zoning Department and Building Department offices in an amount not to exceed \$48,050.00; authorizing carry forward of funding for the Work Authorization; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-100-150-1500-000-51500-503299 - Other Contractual Services)**
8. **Resolution 2025/188 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Shiff Construction and Development, Inc. utilizing the Sourcewell, Inc. invitation for bids #FL-092524 and Job Order Contract No. FL-R6-GC-092524-SCD for the removal and replacement of eight shower towers on Deerfield Beach in an amount not to exceed \$124,405.66; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-100-360-1901-000-51900-506031 - Impr Other than Buildings)**
9. **Resolution 2025/189 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of ITB #25-032 for vending machine services to Compass Group USA, Inc.; authorizing execution of a contract with Compass Group USA, Inc., the responsive and responsible bidder with the highest revenue share to the City, for a three-year term with two additional one-year renewal options; and providing an effective date. (Fiscal Impact - Revenue)**
10. **Resolution 2025/190 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the special event permit application submitted by Premier Productions, LLC. to host the "Original Green Market" special event taking place within Trail Plaza located at 1801 W. Hillsboro Boulevard every Saturday during the months of October 2025 through April 2026 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; providing for an effective date.**
11. **Resolution 2025/191 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the special event permit application submitted by Real Food Boca, LLC, to host a farmers market taking place on the northwest side of the Cove Shopping Plaza every Saturday during the months of October 2025 through May 2026 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; authorizing execution of a parking lot license agreement for use of the City's parking area; providing for an effective date.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 12. 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 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2018 CONSTRUCTION REVENUE BOND FUND BY \$4,685,443, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; APPROVING REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND BY \$10,000 AND PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE SHIP GRANT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, provided a brief overview of Item 12.

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 approve Item 12 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

Slanderous Comments - Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, commented on recent comments made and encouraged anyone within the community to reach out to their elected officials, as they are the best resource. Additionally, he urged everyone to do their own research.

CITY COMMISSION - BUSINESS

- 13. Resolution 2025/ - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending Resolution 2018/014 relating to rules of procedure for commission meetings to require a majority vote of the City Commission to extend city commission meetings past midnight; providing for conflicts and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Hudak said although it's rare the meetings go past midnight, this resolution will provide the Commission with the ability to pause the meeting if it appears deliberations will take longer than anticipated and reconvene at a future date, rather than continuing until 2:00 a.m. to allow everyone to return with a fresher mindset.

Vice Mayor Preston said although he understands the intent, debate is healthy, needed, and sometimes long; therefore, he spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

Commissioner Shanetzky said it's this commissions job to ensure everyone's voice is heard when matters are discussed, and although some items may be debated longer than others, the Commission has the ability to table items; therefore, he spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

Commissioner Plaut said this commission meets twice a month, and it's important that we keep the pace and ensure things are getting accomplished, whereas, he agreed that it is very rare for meetings to go past midnight; therefore, he spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

CITY COMMISSION - BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Drosky expressed concerns with pausing items to a future date, as some have noticing requirements. Additionally, he agreed that we are here to debate and stated that this is a business meeting, so everyone must ensure they are knowledgeable about the items. Mayor Drosky said there are things that can be implemented to run the meetings more efficiently, i.e. process for proclamations, reducing commission comments, etc.

Commissioner Hudak said this resolution is not to stop debate, nor to push items, whereby, this resolution will provide the Commission with an opportunity to decide at midnight whether to continue or not. Furthermore, this will allow the Commission to recompose themselves and make decisions with a clearer mindset.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief explanation of tabling vs. deferring an item.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said she understands both sides, but agreed that a clear mindset is crucial when making decisions. Further, she suggested that the agenda not include multiple controversial items.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said there was something previously in place requiring that the Commission decide whether or not to go past 11:00 p.m. Further, she agreed with ensuring that the agenda is properly setup, so that there is not more than one controversial item. Additionally, she asked that the controversial items be placed up front.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hudak stated that this commission must be cognizant of people's time as well, whereby, this resolution will allow the Commission to decide if it's more appropriate to finish the discussion on another day. Thereafter, he recommended deferring the item to allow his colleagues to have more time to think about it.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to defer Item 13 to November 4, 2025. Roll Call:

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

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION

MAYOR DROSKY

BSO Contracts - Mayor Drosky explained that Vice Mayor Preston suggested reengaging BSO at the last meeting and although he was in opposition to the substance of the motion, he was not against the concept; therefore, he requested that the Commission direct the City Attorney to engage with BSO and bring back the best contract, so this commission has all options once the workshops have concluded.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of directing the City Attorney and City Manager to engage with BSO.

Commissioner Hudak said although we are in the transition period, there has never been direction to not engage with BSO; however, he expressed concerns with BSO not adhering to the contractual obligations. Thereafter, he commented on the contract recommendations provided to municipalities by BSO, whereby, entering into a contract without a cap is fiscally irresponsible.

Mayor Drosky agreed and shares the same concerns, whereby, his suggestion is to have the City Attorney bring forward the best possible contract for us to decide upon.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

In response to various comments made by the City Commission, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, clarified that the City Commission is looking for contracts with an effective date of April 1, 2026. Additionally, the City Commission is looking to have the contracts ready by the time the study is completed.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of having the City Attorney engage with BSO, and ensuring that the Commission has the contracts at the same time as the study. Further, he requested that an update be provided at each commission meeting.

Mayor Drosky spoke in opposition to having an update at every meeting, as it dilutes the negotiation process. Further, he stated that the City Manager must be included in the negotiation process.

Commissioner Plaut agreed with Commissioner Hudak. Thereafter, he commented on the negotiation process thus far, and spoke in support of the City Attorney and City Manager bringing forth the best possible option.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with Mayor Drosky, whereby, the City Manager must be included in the process. Thereafter, he commented on the contracts the City has received thus far, which have not changed.

Vice Mayor Preston continued to express support in directing the City Attorney and City Manager to engage with BSO, whereas, this community deserves to see and review all options, so a decision can be made and this ongoing issue can be put to rest.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach, said negotiations have been ongoing, whereby, the Sheriff's tirades have muddled the process. Thereafter, he continued to express frustrations with the negotiating process thus far.

Thomas Noland, 406 SE 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the negotiation process.

Major Christopher DeGiovanni, 2601 W. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, reminded the Commission that the contractual increases were related to pay scales for the first responders assigned to Deerfield Beach. Further, he said this is a standalone contract, whereby, BSO is not subsidizing Deerfield Beach's contract with county funds or another municipality. Thereafter, he stated that he will continue to work with city staff on contract negotiations.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commended public safety staff for their efforts, but spoke in opposition to the Sheriff's tirades. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the City Manager being included in the negotiation process and encouraged the Sheriff to come to city hall to address the community.

Gwendolyn Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, wants assurance that the City Manager will be included in the negotiation process. Thereafter, she hopes the motion will provide clarity to everyone as to what is going on.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's questions, Mr. Soroka replied that the contract received a few months ago had a consideration number proposed, which was uncapped. Further, the City is now in the transition period, so actual costs are being paid.

Commissioner Hudak stated that there have been comments made about public safety staff not receiving their increases due to BSO not receiving their budget request from the County, which is concerning. Further, he met with the Sheriff and his staff because he was told that not all information had been provided, which was incorrect, whereas, everything presented had already been presented to him and the residents by the City Manager. Thereafter, he expressed frustration with the Sheriff not addressing this commission as a whole.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Commissioner Shanetzky said the emotions need to be taken out of the equation. Thereafter, he continued to speak in support of moving forward negotiating a best offer.

Vice Mayor Preston said although Commissioner Shanetzky is right about pushing past emotions, he understands Commissioner Hudak and Plaut's stance; nevertheless, he is requesting that they consider a reset on behalf of the residents.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, directing the City Attorney and City Manager to negotiate a contract for police and fire services with BSO that would have a term commencing on April 1, 2026, and the term would be 4½ years. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMISSIONER HUDAK**DISTRICT 1**

S-Curve - Commissioner Hudak commented on the new business openings and encouraged everyone to check them out.

City Events - Commissioner Hudak said the Haunted Arboretum is Friday, October 24th; some sessions still have availability. The Italian Festival is on November 1st, whereby, an Italian Mayor will be in attendance.

COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY**DISTRICT 3**

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

Tam O'Shanter - Commissioner Shanetzky said a community meeting will be held in December to discuss the golf course.

S-Curve - Commissioner Shanetzky said a business owner stated that the lights are out on the eastside.

City of Pompano Beach Public Safety Workshops - Commissioner Shanetzky provided a brief overview of the workshops, whereby, their study will be completed by March 2026.

City Hall Upgrades - Commissioner Shanetzky commended staff on the upgrades.

American Legion Commander 162 - Commissioner Shanetzky said he is working with the City Manager to setup teddy bear collections at city facilities.

COMMISSIONER PLAUT**DISTRICT 4**

City Events - Commissioner Plaut said the State of the City will be held on November 6th. Thereafter, he encouraged everyone to get their tickets.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Thank You - Vice Mayor Preston thanked his colleagues for listening. Thereafter, he encouraged the Major to take what was said this evening back to the Sheriff.

Breast Cancer Walk - Vice Mayor Preston said the event will occur on Saturday, October 25th at 12:00 p.m. at Oveta McKeithen. Thereafter he encouraged everyone to attend.

Packer Rattlers - Vice Mayor Preston commended the Packer Rattlers for their efforts, as many teams made the playoffs.

Speed Zone School Cameras - Vice Mayor Preston commented on calls he's received and suggested that it be revisited.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 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