



## Meeting Minutes City Commission

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Todd Drosky at 7:02 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 - October 7, 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**

Firefighters Pension Board Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2025  
Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - August 26, 2025  
Charter Review Board Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2025

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, 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**

*November 4, 2025*

## **APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA - CONTINUED**

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve the agenda as amended, adding a presentation regarding the SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project. 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 Richard "Rusty" Sievers, Emergency Management Coordinator, on his retirement.**

Mayor Drosky presented the certificate to Mr. Sievers in recognition of his retirement.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, provided a brief overview of Mr. Sievers tenure. Thereafter, he thanked him for everything he's done for the City.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2. Presentation regarding the SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project.**

Eric Power, Deputy City Manager, highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. Further, he said on October 26, 2025, South Florida experienced a record-breaking flood event that lasted for several hours, leaving many cities flooded. He explained that the average rainfall in October is 4.7 inches, whereby, the City received double that, 8.20 inches, within about two hours; flood levels were the highest on SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Johnny McKeithen Park area. Unfortunately, there was no previous notice of a severe rain event forecasted and the flood flash warning was not issued until after 11:15 p.m. Additionally, the forecast projected that three to five inches had already fallen with the possibility of one or two more inches, so the max projected was seven inches, and the City received over eight. Mr. Power outlined the recurring flooding events since 2009 with more than five inches of rainfall: December 18, 2009 - 5.63; June 7, 2017 - 7.52; November 9, 2020 - 5.49; and June 6, 2022 - 6.66. Thereafter, photographs of the rain event were displayed, which depicted that the rain event affected the entire city in some way, i.e. abandoned vehicles, power outages, street light outages, flooding.

Continuing, Mr. Power explained that Deerfield Beach Gardens was platted in 1957, whereby, SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue receives the most severe flooding as it is the lowest point of the subdivision. The substantial completion of the stormwater drainage improvements occurred on September 26, 2025, with final completion set for October 23, 2025; however, staff is still working on closing out a number of outstanding items. Thereafter, a map was displayed outlining the various impacted areas. Mr. Power stated that the flood analysis determined that the drainage system was overwhelmed, whereas, the storm was designed for a 6.5-foot flood elevation, but on October 26, 2025 there was a 7.5-foot flood elevation, equating to a 25-year storm. Thereafter, various photographs of the area were displayed.

Furthermore, Mr. Power outlined the various flood designations. He explained that the base elevation is supposed to be nine feet; notwithstanding, there are three homes on SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue that are the lowest point in the area at 6.11 feet, 5.67 feet, and 5.91 feet, whereby, the October 26, 2025 flood event was 7.22 feet, impacting roads, driveways, garages, and living areas. Mr. Power reiterated that FEMA requires a flood base elevation of nine feet, whereby, the SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue area has street elevations of 4 to 6.5 feet, and lies within the flood risk zone AE. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, there was a high precipitation storm that equated to a 25-year storm, whereby, the SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project was designed for a 10-year storm. Further, he said the storm coincided with the hightide, which overwhelmed the drainage system. Mr. Power stated that the flood elevation was up to 7.22 feet and the water receded within approximately four hours. Lastly, he said city staff is completing the evaluation of the project, expediting the Phase 2 analysis, evaluating state and federal resources to help with flood proofing alternatives, and looking into increasing the drainage improvement project area to the north.

Commissioner Hudak stated that although the City Manager is going to rectify the situation, he expressed concerns with the lack of response and attention to the afterhours emergency number, as we must be

## **PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED**

be proactive. Further, he said the City Manager is committed to the evaluation of this project to ensure that it was properly completed, and if it was not the City will look into legal ramifications. He stated that he spoke to many of the residents and understands their frustrations, and wishes something better could have been done. Thereafter, he thanked city staff for their efforts, and encouraged the residents to contact him or the City Manager to express their frustrations and concerns. Commissioner Hudak said the City Manager is looking into financial assistance, i.e. claims process, for those having to rent Airbnb's. Lastly, he thanked those for attending last night and this evening, and assured them that the City is doing everything to rectify the situation.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on a conversation he had with Boca Raton's Director of Public Works, whereby, they had minimal damage due to investing in 10 to 15 miles of swale areas and trees; therefore, he recommended that the City look into doing the same. Further, he suggested reaching out to MWI and adding pumps to the area, so water can be pumped to Little Harbor. Commissioner Shanetzky said the emergency response line in Boca Raton went directly to 911 and staff was on the ground the evening of the flood event. Lastly, he spoke in support of looking into financial assistance for those families who are displaced.

Commissioner Plaut commented on the October 26<sup>th</sup> rain event, as well as conversations he had with the residents on SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the independent study that will be conducted to review the project.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of the meeting last night, as it allowed the residents to share their feelings and concerns. Thereafter, he briefly commented on the October 26<sup>th</sup> rain event, and stated that if issues continue to occur after the event, then the City must be prepared to alleviate the strain on those affected, i.e. reserving pumps, adding cameras into the system, and find ways to ensure that this does not occur again.

Mayor Drosky thanked those for attending last night and this evening, as their concerns and frustrations are warranted and although SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the main topic of discussion, the entire city was affected. Further, he said city staff is cognizant and aware of the issues, and working diligently to find the answers, so everyone can be properly informed as to why this occurred. Mayor Drosky encouraged those who want to stay abreast of the situation to provide their e-mail addresses to city staff. He stated that along with the suggestions made by his colleagues, he would like to look into using the Shady Tree Program to plant trees within the swales. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that an update will be provided by city staff at the November 18<sup>th</sup> regular city commission meeting. Further, he encouraged everyone to continue e-mailing city staff as their concerns and inquiries are being provided to the independent contractor who is looking into the engineering of the project.

The below individuals commented and/or expressed concerns and frustrations regarding the flooding event that occurred on October 26, 2025:

**James McGeary, 1442 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Howard Noland, 325 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Martha Henry, 441 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Terrace, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Thomas Noland, 406 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.**  
**David Evanosky, 514 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Jameika Ricks, 414 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Terry Scott, 180 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Maureen Kenny, 615 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Greg Jones, 325 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**  
**April Bolowich, 899 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Way, Deerfield Beach.**  
**John Slattery, 1455 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Deerfield Beach.**  
**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach.**

## **PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED**

***Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.***  
***Joseph Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach.***  
***Carrie Hellenbrecht, 884 NW 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.***

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he again thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns.

Commissioner Hudak thanked everyone for attending. Further, he said the City must improve on the post event process, whereby, the rain stopped and the water was stagnant for four hours. Thereafter, he stated that the meeting being held on Thursday is not a city event, but a private event exclusive to District 1 residents only.

Commissioner Shanetzky reiterated his stance on the City investing in a pump system and the establishment of an emergency response system.

Vice Mayor Preston commented on the flooding in District 2, whereby, staff will ensure the residents are notified once solutions are established.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING**

3. **P.H. 2025-003: ORDINANCE 2025/012 - 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.

*There was no discussion amongst the Commission.*

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

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 3, adopted Ordinance 2025/012. Roll Call:**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

***Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach,*** requested that the Mayor contact him directly. Thereafter, he commented on permeable space.

***Gloria Battle, 1240 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Way, Deerfield Beach,*** stated that the costs for the State of the City are exorbitant; therefore, she asked if a separate one can be established.

***Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach,*** commended George Sullivan, Operations Manager, for his efforts with a damaged sign on Hillsboro Boulevard.

***Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach,*** said he is hosting the private event being held on Thursday and due to space limitations, it is only being offered to District 1 residents. Thereafter, he commented on why he's hosting the event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED**

**Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, commented on his interactions with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). Thereafter, he said all city services should be brought inhouse, so people can be held accountable for their actions. Lastly, he commented on the hardships being put on developers.

**CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of Item 5.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 4 - 6; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to approve Items 4 - 6 in concert. Roll Call:**

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

- 4. Resolution 2025/192 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing the carry forward of funding in the amount of \$108,401.56 from the 2025 fiscal year budget tree preservation fund account to the 2026 fiscal year budget tree preservation fund account; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
- 5. Resolution 2025/193 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of an amendment to the Work Authorization with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., to provide continuing engineering operations and administrative consulting support services at the West Water Treatment Plant for an additional 90-day period in an amount not to exceed \$138,404.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #401-300-360-3602-000-53600-503099 - Utilities Fund/Other Professional Services)**
- 6. Resolution 2025/194 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a work authorization with M.C. Harry & Associates, Inc. to provide professional architectural and engineering services for the beach restroom renovations project in an amount not to exceed \$100,358.00; providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-100-360-1901-000-51900-506530 - Capital Projects Construction)**

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**

- 7. Consideration and determination regarding the appeal filed by Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. concerning the Protest Committee's determination to deny the Protest related to the award of Request for Proposal 25-010 - Building Services.**

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief history of the events that have transpired thus far. Thereafter, he outlined the procedures for this evening.

Henny Shomar, Tripp Scott, representing Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. (CGA), highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the award to CAP Government, Inc. (CAP) was improper because the City did not adhere to the stated selection criteria outlined in the RFP, lacked key information regarding the relative positions, capabilities, and resources of CAP vs. CGA, was misinformed regarding CAP's performance, and had a desired outcome. He outlined the weighted criteria and stated that the evaluation committee ranked CGA higher than CAP twice. Thereafter, he displayed various photographs of the committee's score sheets. Further, the City Commission overruled the committee's evaluations, so they believe review is warranted because the Commission improperly based its decision on a misunderstanding of "David vs. Goliath," improperly considered certain information about CGA in its evaluation, and demonstrated a desire to achieve a particular outcome rather than use the RFP's selection criteria. Thereafter, he commented on statements made by the Commission at the September 15, 2025 commission meeting.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

Continuing, Mr. Shomar provided a brief overview of CAP, whereby, building departments are a small portion of CAP/Bureau Veritas' business. The evaluation committee consistently noted CAP's deficiencies, which included the small pool of BORA certified staff, sharing key individuals, and back-up staff not present. Further, he said CAP has been making offers to current CGA employees assigned in Deerfield Beach, which is concerning due to comments made by the Commission regarding the need for change; although CAP is much bigger than CGA, it is less equipped to handle the City's building services.

Matthew Cosley, Chief Operations Officer, explained that CGA is a mid-sized, U.S. based company, well-resourced in its own right. Further, he said CGA derives 75% of its total revenue from the delivery of municipal building department services, is focused on the expedition of code compliance projects, has a large pool of BORA certified staff, and has adequate full-time staff with clearly stated positions, plus sufficient back-up staff. Thereafter, he commented on the issues surrounding the Century Village permit, which fell on the applicant, not CGA, as well as the delay in the implementation of the electronic plan review. Although the price/fee proposal was the smallest weighted criteria and CGA ranked lower, the proposal is a flat percentage of fees, CGA has never charged Deerfield Beach hourly for any services, and there are no hidden fees or surprises.

Mr. Shomar stated that while the Commission has broad discretion, decisions regarding the contents of an RFP must withstand scrutiny to ensure they are not made in an arbitrary or capricious manner. Further, he said it is the hope that the Commission reconsider their decision, whereas, the evaluation committee got it right twice.

Mark Stempler, Becker & Poliakoff, representing CAP Government, Inc. (CAP), said they are not here to re-evaluate the proposals or to hear a new oral presentation, which differs from the one previously given. Further, he said the City Commission must determine if CGA's appeal has merit, whereby, there is no legal or factual justification for this appeal, and it must be denied. Thereafter, he commented on the protest committee meeting, whereby, the protest by CGA was denied unanimously, and suggested that the Commission do the same. Mr. Stempler said CGA's appeal is with merit, whereas the City followed the procurement procedure to the letter of the law in evaluating the proposals and ranking CAP above CGA. Additionally, the City Commission's ranking and approval was made hours after consideration and was the result of a thorough and reasoned selection process, all done on record. The City Commission awarded more evaluation points to CAP than CGA, then approved the ranking, whereby, there was nothing arbitrary or capricious about it. Furthermore, the alleged sunshine law violation is baseless, whereby, CGA is misinterpreting the law, which he explained.

Continuing, Mr. Stempler stated that for CGA's appeal to have merit, the Commission would have to conclude that its decision to rank CAP first was made arbitrarily or capriciously, which is untrue, as the Commission followed the proposal criteria. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the process that took place. Further, he said CGA takes issue with the scope of the evaluation criteria, which should have been brought up during the RFP process. Additionally, CGA's proposal focused on its experience with the City, but now they are stating that it was unfairly considered when the proposals were evaluated. Mr. Stempler stated that the City Commission spent hours evaluating the proposals, which is the exact opposite of arbitrary or capricious. He said the City Commission exhibited thought and reason, and the comments demonstrated the foundations of the determination in the rankings. He said there is no reason to overturn the appeal and CGA has not raised a meritorious ground for it. When comparing CAP's proposal to CGA's, CAP provides a potential of up to \$150,000/annually of additional revenue, which is significant.

Carlos Penin, CAP President, stated that they are not here to present any new information; nonetheless, if the Commission has questions, they will be happy to answer them.

Mr. Stempler said the appeal is without merit and the City followed the Code and procedures, whereby, there was nothing arbitrary or capricious about the process; therefore, CAP requests for CGA's appeal to be denied.

Mr. Shomar said no new information was presented this evening, whereby, all information was previously provided. Thereafter, he commented on the events that have transpired thus far, as well as comments made during the September 15<sup>th</sup> commission meeting. Further, he stated that the Commission should consider the appeal, as the information relied upon and the resulting decision were driven by an agenda,

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

for change, which the facts do not support. Lastly, he stated that if the proposed change results in selecting an entity with less experience while relying on the same employees to provide the same services, then what exactly is the change the Commission is pushing.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

**Donald Anderson, 400 Fairway Drive, Suite 106, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of CGA.

**Terry Scott, 180 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of the change.

**David Evanosky, 514 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, said regardless of who is chosen, Deerfield Beach must implement an online permitting process.

**Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach**, agreed that the Century Village main gate issue was not caused by CGA; nonetheless, he spoke in support of the change.

**Justin Shiff, 180 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Pompano Beach**, spoke in support of CGA.

**Kevin Malek, CEO of Pharos Biosciences, 740 S. Powerline Road, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of CGA and recommended putting it back out to bid.

**Greg Havlusch, 907 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of change.

**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of change.

**Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of change.

**Jonathan Ounjian, 1938 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of CGA. Thereafter, he expressed concerns with CAP, as he does not believe they have the staffing to support Deerfield Beach. Lastly, he stated that regardless of the outcome, he hopes it ends this evening.

**John Slattery, 1455 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in support of change.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Mr. Soroka stated that per state law the item was open to public comment prior to take official action; nonetheless, he reminded the Commission that their determination should be based on the arguments presented by the firms, as well as all the evidence in the record, to include the backup information.

Commissioner Hudak expressed concerns with the Commission's decision being completely based on emotions and not on the vendor's capacity and ability, whereby, CGA is ten times the size of CAP. Additionally, CGA provides 45 full-time onsite employees exclusively to Deerfield Beach five days a week, whereby, CAP's proposal identified 15 full-time employees, two for each discipline, who are not exclusive to Deerfield Beach. Further, he said CAP will need 24-hour notification for onsite inspectors, whereby, CGA provides full-time daily onsite inspectors. Thereafter, he continued outlining CAP's deficiencies. Although he agreed that online permitting should be implemented, the delay does not fall on CGA; once leadership within the City's IT Department changed, the roadblocks were quickly eliminated. Thereafter, he commented on the number of permits issued, which does not equate to the number of complaints heard, and delays caused by other factors, i.e. contractors. Commissioner Hudak said this decision is about which organization can best serve the residents and businesses, and unfortunately, this Commission did not consider the facts when scoring, but relied on their emotions from the failed digital permitting project, negative feedback during their campaigns, and frustrations over the Century Village front gate. Lastly, he said although CGA is not perfect, their proposal has the ability to serve the City more efficiently.

Mayor Drosky reminded the Commission that the decision tonight is to be based on the appeal filed by CGA, which consists of 1) whether the Commission's decision was arbitrary or capricious and 2) if the Sunshine Law was violated, neither of which occurred in his opinion. Thereafter, he continued to express concerns with the basis of the appeal.

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

Vice Mayor Preston believes the Commission's decision was arbitrary or capricious due to the reference of David vs. Goliath, as it changed the conversation and narrative and can be viewed as a measure of misconduct; therefore, he believes there is merit to the appeal.

Commissioner Plaut provided a brief overview of the process, which he believes was done according to the City's policies and procedures; therefore, he supports the Protest's Committee's decision.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding CGA's appeal.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to deny CGA's appeal.  
Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 3 - Commissioner Plaut, Commissioner Shanetzky, and Mayor Drosky  
**Nays:** 2 - Commissioner Hudak & Vice Mayor Preston

*There was a brief recess from 10:19 p.m. to 10:23 p.m.*

**COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**

**CITY ATTORNEY** - *None.*

**CITY MANAGER** - *None.*

**CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**8. Discussion regarding the selection of a voting delegate to the National League of Cities 2025 City Summit from November 20 - 22, 2025.**

There was a brief discussion to select Commissioner Hudak as the voting delegate and Commissioner Plaut as the first alternate for the National League of Cities.

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

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Commissioner Hudak as the voting delegate and Commissioner Plaut as the first alternate. Voice Vote:**

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

**9. 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. (Deferred from October 21, 2025)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Hudak said this will not require the meetings to end at midnight, but allow the Commission an opportunity to decide whether or not to continue past midnight.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in opposition to the Resolution as the Commission has the ability to table an item. Thereafter, he continued to speak in opposition to the Resolution.

Vice Mayor Preston said although Commissioner Hudak's recommendation is well intended, he agreed with Commissioner Shanetzky.

**CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Item 9:

***Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach.***  
***John Slattery, 1455 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Place, Deerfield Beach.***

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to deny Item 9.**

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

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

City Events - Commissioner Hudak said the Historical Society will host George was Here on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Tigner Center. Further, the Public Safety Workshops will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the West Community Center, Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, and Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Tigner Center. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to attend.

**COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY****DISTRICT 3**

District 3 - Commissioner Shanetzky provided various updates on ongoing projects and events throughout his district. Thereafter, he advised that Century Village will provide a bus shuttle to Century Village residents for the November 13<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Workshop.

SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street - Commissioner Shanetzky provided an update on the project.

Federal Government Shutdown - Commissioner Shanetzky briefly commented on the shutdown. Thereafter, he made a motion urging the U.S. Congress and President of the United States to ensure the immediate and full restoration of all federal government services and funding following the passage of the federal budget for fiscal year 2026.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

***Joe Cummings, 267 Oakridge P, Deerfield Beach,*** stated that the President of the United States has nothing to do with the budget.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing. Further, he said although the motion is well intended, he spoke in opposition to the motion, as it puts a target on the City.

Commissioner Plaut asked for clarification on the motion.

Commissioner Shanetzky stated that although he knows nothing will get done, approving this resolution will make a statement.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of the Resolution, as this commission must stand up for what is right.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Shanetzky, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, urging the U.S. Congress and President of the United States to ensure the immediate and full restoration of all federal government services and funding following the passage of the federal budget for fiscal year 2026.**

**Yeas:** 2 - Commissioner Shanetzky & Vice Mayor Preston  
**Nays:** 3 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Plaut, and Mayor Drosky

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

Community Cares - Commissioner Shanetzky said the City has over \$30 million in reserves; therefore, he made a motion to donate \$20,000 to Deerfield Beach Community Cares and Nina's Place.

Thereafter, discussion ensued regarding the process for adding items to an agenda.

*Commissioner Shanetzky made a motion, but it died due to lack of a second.*

BSO Negotiations - In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied that he's had discussions with BSO's legal counsel about the form of the agreement. Additionally, a meeting with BSO's command staff is scheduled for the middle of November.

City Hall - In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, replied that the color palette came from the Community Appearance Board and was needed due to the construction from the HMGP Grant.

**COMMISSIONER PLAUT****DISTRICT 4**

City Hall - Commissioner Plaut said new doors and windows were installed, so painting was necessary. Further, he received the color scheme from city staff prior to the building being painted.

Thank You - Commissioner Plaut thanked city staff for their efforts this year during all the Centennial events.

Tax and Finance Committee - Commissioner Plaut commented on meetings he's attended.

**VICE MAYOR PRESTON****DISTRICT 2**

Breast Cancer Walk - Vice Mayor Preston said the event was a huge success, and recommended hosting similar events in the future.

Accolades - Vice Mayor Preston said there was a scheduling issue with a developer, whereby, they scheduled the meeting at the Bernard Adams Municipal Complex. Thereafter, he thanked Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, for her efforts. Additionally, he thanked all Deerfield Beach employees as their efforts do not go unnoticed and he's extremely appreciative.

**MAYOR DROSKY**

City Staff Recognition - Mayor Drosky agreed with Vice Mayor Preston, and recommended that employees be recognized at commission meetings.

Renaming of Broward County - Mayor Drosky received a phone call from a county commissioner who would like Deerfield Beach's stance on the proposed renaming of Broward County to Lauderdale County; therefore, he asked his colleagues for their opinion, as a response must be provided prior to the next commission meeting. Although he would be amenable to changing Broward County to another name, he disagreed with Lauderdale County.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to keep the name as Broward County in lieu of Lauderdale County.

Business & Leadership Night - Mayor Drosky said the event will take place Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at JM. Thereafter, he encouraged all to attend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no additional business to discuss.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 p.m. Voice Vote:**

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

**Nays:** 0

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TODD DROSKY, MAYOR

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Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk