



Meeting Minutes

City Commission

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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

Mayor Drosky recognized the demise of Reverend Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Activist, and asked that everyone keep him in their thoughts and prayers. Thereafter, there was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2026

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2026

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2026

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

February 17, 2026

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

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

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Certificate of Recognition presented to Vanderbilt Carpenter III for receiving the 2026 Caliber Award for School/District Employee of the Year.

Mayor Drosky presented a certificate to Mr. Carpenter III for his achievements.

2. Proclamation presented to Kasia Orzechowska, Fight Colorectal Cancer Ambassador/Advocate, in recognition of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Drosky presented a proclamation to Ms. Orzechowska in recognition of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Ms. Orzechowska thanked the Commission. Thereafter, she provided a brief overview of her cancer battle and the importance of routine exams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Mayor Preston recognized Pastor Nathaniel Knowles, who will be recognized by the Florida Panthers as a black hero. Thereafter, he thanked Dave Hunt, Communications Manager, as well as his staff for their recent efforts.

Linda Ruise, 425 NW 1st Terrace, Deerfield Beach, said it recently took the Fire Department a considerable amount of time to respond to a fire alarm at the Palms.

Dan Herz, 330 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns that the recent decision regarding police and fire rescue services was made without a sufficient feasibility study. Thereafter, he continued to express concerns with the decision.

Valerie Rounkles, 278 SW 8th Court, Deerfield Beach, thanked the City for restoring the lights across from the Tivoli Park so quickly, but said there are some burnt out. Further, she expressed concerns with a school speed zone citation she received.

April Bolowich, 899 NE 4th Street, Deerfield Beach, stated that she hopes to have her questions answered during Item 14. Thereafter, she commented on the feasibility study, as well as the public safety workshops.

John Slattery, 1455 SE 5th Place, Deerfield Beach, asked for more transparency when it comes to bringing police and fire rescue services in-house.

Tyshieha Keitt, 255 SW 3rd Street, Deerfield Beach, provided a brief overview of Piermasters Fishing, which is responsible for providing educational classes.

Vincent Keitt, 255 SW 3rd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on his tenure in the City and provided a brief overview of his background and credentials.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, thanked the City for the Pioneer Day festivities. Thereafter, he commented on the recent Urban Land Institute (ULI) workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Carrie Hellenbrecht, 884 NW 47th Street, Deerfield Beach, asked for an update on the Solid Waste Authority Master Plan.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing on Items 3 - 5 and 8 - 10.

Greg Havlusch, 907 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed concerns with the logistics of Item 5, and asked that it be reconsidered and possibly moved to Pioneer Park.

John Slattery, 1455 SE 5th Place, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on Item 3.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Drosky's question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied that if issues arise with Item 5, the City may terminate for convenience upon 30-days' written notice.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on Item 8 and requested that staff look into adding a stop at the Community Cares food bank for Century Village constituents.

Commissioner Plaut agreed with Commissioner Shanetzky's request. Further, he clarified that individuals visiting the Community Cares food bank must pre-register. Additionally, he explained that deliveries occur on Wednesdays.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Items 3 - 5 and 8 - 10 in concert. Roll Call:

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

- 3. Resolution 2026/011 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a service agreement and addendum with ClearGov, Inc., to provide a budget software subscription platform for a five-year period in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$480,715.87; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-100-130-1301-000-51300-503004 - Software Maintenance)**
- 4. Resolution 2026/012 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Waste Innovations Systems, Inc. for the installation and licensing of solid waste management software and associated onboard cameras and equipment for live route management of city collection vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026; waiving the requirements for competitive solicitations set forth in Section 38-116 of the Procurement Code; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #450-300-340-3400-000-53400-503003 - Programming/Software)**
- 5. Resolution 2026/013 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a dock space revocable license agreement with Lighthouse Capital Partners Inc. d/b/a Dixie Divers for use of the floating dock at Sullivan Park for a one-year term, with a one-year renewal option; requiring Dixie Divers to conduct quarterly fishing pier cleanups; and providing for an effective date.**
- 6. Resolution 2026/014 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Sievers & Associates, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to provide public safety transition consulting services on an as needed basis to assist with the transition of fire rescue services; and providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-200-210-2100-000-52100-503299 - Other Contractual Services)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Shanetzky briefly commented on a conversation he had with the City's CFO. Further, he spoke in support of Mr. Sievers background and credentials, but expressed concerns with this information not being outlined in the feasibility study. Additionally, he asked for clarification on the bidding process. Lastly, he commented on a conversation he had with Mayor (s/b Commissioner) Sandra Welch, and stated that Pompano Beach's study will be presented on February 24th.

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

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that Pompano Beach's study pertains to police services, not fire. Thereafter, he outlined Mr. Sievers expertise, and stressed the importance of hiring a consultant now to flesh out the details.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Plaut, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2026/014. Roll Call:

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

- 7. Resolution 2026/015 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Accenture, LLP for American Rescue Plan Act Grant Management Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, utilizing the terms of State of Florida Department of Management Services RFP No. 25-80101500-25-RFP-V2 and State Term Contract No. 25-8010500-25-STC; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #186-600-640-5964-000-56400-503299 - Other Contractual Services)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Vice Mayor Preston asked for clarification on the approved projects.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for the cost of each project, the amount of funding available, and which additional projects or programs will be undertaken. Thereafter, she recommended tabling the item.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, agreed with Ms. Clarke-Reeds questions.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Mr. Brimlow briefly outlined the projects, which were approved by the City Commission in FY22. Accenture provides essential management and compliance support for the projects, including assistance with project federal reporting and closeout preparation. Lastly, the funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's question, Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, reiterated that the funds must be expended by December 31, 2026, so it is imperative that this item be approved to ensure the City stays in compliance.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2026/015. Roll Call:

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

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

8. **Resolution 2026/016 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of a shuttle stop public transit license agreement with Kimco Realty OP, LLC, for the City's use of designated areas within the Shoppes at Deerfield for the Community Shuttle Express Route I Service for a three-year term; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
9. **Resolution 2026/017 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of the Sixth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for community shuttle services to increase the funding rate; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
10. **Resolution 2026/018 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2026 Fair Share Contribution to the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. in the amount of \$82,343.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-500-640-5400-000-55400-504016 - Grants/Area Agency on Aging)**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

11. **Resolution 2026/019 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing acceptance of \$400,000.00 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") for the Tedder Neighborhood Pocket Park Project; approving the expenditure of \$250,000.00 for the project to meet the grant matching funds requirement; approving and authorizing execution of a grant agreement with FDEP for the project; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #399-700-720-7200-57200-506530 - CIP Infrastructure)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Jonathan Salas, Director of Community Services, highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the 37,000 square foot parcel located at 4575 NE 1st Avenue currently suffers from illegal dumping, vandalism, etc. The proposed park, which was displayed, would offer community benefits such as safety enhancements, stormwater management, etc. Further, he stated that the City was awarded \$400,000 with a City match of \$250,000, for a total project cost of \$650,000.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's questions, Mr. Salas replied that the City has one year to complete the project. Further, once executed, staff will send the agreement to the State to begin the process.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Thereafter, he thanked Mr. Salas and his staff for their efforts.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 11, adopted Resolution 2026/019. Roll Call:

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

12. **Resolution 2026/020 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending the Parks and Recreation schedule of fees and charges to modify the fees for admissions to the City's International Fishing Pier; providing for conflicts and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Greg Warner, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided a PowerPoint presentation, which outlined the recommendations made by the City Commission at the February 3, 2026 commission meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of the changes, specifically the fee waiver for resident sightseers. Thereafter, he commented on fishing clinics.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Pastor Nathaniel Knowles, 2605 SW 14th Drive, Deerfield Beach, asked if there are fee waivers for fishermen who are first responders and veterans/active military.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Preston agreed with waiving the fishermen fee for first responders and veterans/active military.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Shanetzky, to approve Item 12, as amended, adopted Resolution 2026/020. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

13. Resolution 2026/021 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a facility use agreement with DPR Youth Enrichment Association for Academics and Athletics, Inc., to provide Youth Football, Cheerleading and Academic Support Programs; approving and authorizing the use of \$35,000.00 in funds from the Parks and Recreation budget and use of the Target Area Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 to assist funding the Programs in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #100-700-720-7202-000-57200-503914 - Athletic Program Supplement & Account #620-200-210-2101-000-52100-503999 - Target Area Trust Fund)

The Resolution was read by title only.

Greg Warner, Director of Parks & Recreation, highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the 2025 season was very successful, with 308 youth registrations and a team fielded in every football age division. Additionally, the 8U and 11U cheerleading teams placed in several cheer competitions. Further, he stated that the DPR received partner donations totaling \$6,768, provided tutoring and homework assistance twice a week, offered STEM classes for athletes, and partnered with Primerica to provide family financial planning sessions for parents. Thereafter, he outlined the expenses for the 2025 season, the additions planned for the 2026 season, which include a 7 v 7 program during the tackle off season, off season conditioning and skills training, and coach trainings, and the terms of the agreement.

Vice Mayor Preston expressed gratitude to the DPR Board for their efforts. Thereafter, he encouraged children from every district to participate. Lastly, he recommended incorporating the Packer Rattlers logo into the new field design.

Commissioner Hudak commended the DPR Board for a job well done, as the program has become extremely successful. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the program.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of the program.

Vice Mayor Preston thanked Mr. Brimlow for his efforts with re-establishing the program.

Mayor Drosky opened the public hearing.

Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the program and requested that the press booth on the second floor at Oveta McKeithen be repaired.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, expressed support for the program and asked for information on the Target Area Trust Fund balance and funded projects.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

John Slattery, 1455 SE 5th Place, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the program and agreed with upgrading Oveta McKeithen.

Tremain Hall, DBR Board, thanked the Commission, as well as city staff for what they have contributed to the organization. Thereafter, he commented on his experience as a player, and encouraged everyone from all districts, to participate.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 13, adopted Resolution 2026/021. Roll Call:

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

14. Update regarding public safety.

Sean Gladieux, Director of Public Safety, provided an update on the City's progress in establishing independent police and fire departments. He stated that foundational leadership decisions must be made by the Police and Fire Chiefs before formal project plans or timelines can be finalized. Thereafter, he highlighted preparations and strategic actions undertaken since 2025, including: strategic partnerships and peer engagement with public safety leaders, city officials, and associations to guide the transition; regulatory and legal infrastructure progress, including FDID Number, ORI registration, and COPCN validation; education and training initiatives with local colleges and institutes to ensure ongoing professional development for officers and firefighters; technology, equipment, and operational readiness, including communications systems, fleet acquisition, and specialized public safety gear; human capital strategy focused on recruiting top-tier Police and Fire Chiefs, background vetting, and cultivating career pathways; grant funding and resource development at state and federal levels; and brand identity and community engagement through badges, marketing materials, websites, social media, and public education programs to foster trust and transparency.

Continuing, Mr. Gladieux outlined immediate priorities, including securing commission authorization to formally establish the departments and onboarding the Police and Fire Chiefs by April 30, 2026. Lastly, he stated that the City is actively executing readiness every day, with partnerships, infrastructure, and processes in place to ensure both departments are operationally excellent, community centered, and sustainable for generations.

Oleg Gorokhovskiy, Chief Financial Officer, explained that the City has been prudent in developing financial estimates to ensure the highest level of public safety services. The overall estimated implementation cost for establishing the new police and fire departments over the next 19 months is \$31.1 million, with \$10.1 million expected in 2026 and \$20 million in 2027. This estimate includes capital equipment startup costs, initial operating costs, overlapping costs during the transition, support staff, and potential inflation. Of the total, \$20.5 million is projected for capital equipment, including vehicles, body armor, weapons, uniforms, and technology, with \$9.4 million expected in 2026 and \$11.1 million in 2027. Equipment purchases may be financed through leasing, vendor financing, or loans, and a replacement fund will be built starting in 2027. Initial operating costs are estimated at \$4.1 million, covering transitional chiefs and staff, consumables, and pre-employment assessments, with \$310,000 in 2026 and \$3.8 million in 2027. Additional costs totaling \$5.5 million will account for overlap with BSO services during onboarding, city support staff (finance, HR, IT, maintenance), and potential inflationary increases (10% or \$1.1 million in 2027). In 2026, support costs will be offset by eliminated vacancies, with future costs incorporated into the annual public safety operating budget. Mr. Gorokhovskiy reiterated that the City is projecting \$20.5 million in capital equipment, \$4.1 million in initial operating costs, and \$5.5 million in contingency and inflation-related costs, ensuring a careful, comprehensive financial plan while maintaining full public safety services throughout the transition.

Vice Mayor Preston requested that PowerPoint presentations be provided in the future.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the fire stations, which need to be addressed regardless of services being brought in-house.

Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, agreed, stating that funds have been set aside to bring some facilities up to standard. Furthermore, staff continues to explore all options for replacing and rebuilding public safety facilities, which will come to the Commission separately.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's questions, Mr. Brimlow replied that the funds from the school speed zone cameras are designated for public safety, with a portion specifically required for crossing guards. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the vacancies that will be eliminated.

Commissioner Hudak commented on state funds for Fire Station 4.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's question, Mr. Brimlow replied that staff is using data from comparable municipalities in their analyses.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - *None.*

Commissioner Hudak left the meeting temporarily at 9:22 p.m. and returned at 9:25 p.m.

CITY MANAGER

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that the City earned the award and achieved higher scores than the previous year.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**15. Discussion and potential action regarding extending the time limit for public comment.**

Vice Mayor Preston requested that the Commission consider extending the time to 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

Commissioner Hudak stated that this is not the only opportunity for the public to speak; therefore, he expressed opposition to extending the time.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in opposition to extending the time, but agreed to allow someone an additional 10 seconds to wrap up their thoughts.

Commissioner Plaut expressed concerns regarding the unprofessionalism displayed by some individuals when addressing the Commission, whereby, those individuals should be called out rather than given additional time. Further, he expressed opposition to extending the time.

Mayor Drosky commented on the widespread lack of professionalism in municipalities and suggested that Commissioner Plaut work with the City Attorney to bring forward a proposal. Although he allows individuals to finish their thoughts, he expressed opposition in extending the time limit. Further, the additional minute was eliminated as it was not administered fairly and having standard rules helps maintain the flow of the meeting. Mayor Drosky agreed that this is not the only opportunity for the public to speak.

Vice Mayor Preston clarified that his request to extend the time was intended for the elderly, individuals with speech impairments, and similar situations, not for those who disrupt the meeting. Although, there are other ways for the community to reach the Commission, the meetings provide an additional opportunity for public input. Thereafter, he commented on the importance of allowing the public to voice their opinions.

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

Pioneer Days - Commissioner Hudak commended staff for a job well done.

COMMISSIONER SHANETZKY**DISTRICT 3**

Solid Waste Authority - Commissioner Shanetzky briefly commented on the meetings regarding the removal of methane gas and the potential addition of an incinerator or sludge dryer. Thereafter, he asked that someone from the City attend the next meeting, as we must remain vigilant.

Accolades - Commissioner Shanetzky commended staff for their assistance with helping a resident in need. Thereafter, he thanked city staff for their efforts with the mailers from Service Line Warranties and Florida Power & Light (FP&L).

1045 SW 11th Way - Commissioner Shanetzky asked that an update be provided at an upcoming meeting.

COMMISSIONER PLAUT**DISTRICT 4**

Read for the Record Event - Commissioner Plaut commented on the event.

Pioneer Days - Commissioner Plaut commended staff for a job well done.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Solicitation - Vice Mayor Preston commented on the solicitation activities occurring in his neighborhood and asked that residents remain vigilant.

Pioneer Days - Vice Mayor Preston commended staff for a job well done.

District 2 Meeting - Vice Mayor Preston said the meeting will occur on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Tigner Center.

MAYOR DROSKY

Pioneer Days - Mayor Drosky commended everyone involved for a job well done.

Uvalde Mom - Mayor Drosky said the film will be shown at Paragon Theaters on Sunday, February 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 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