



# Meeting Minutes City Commission

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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

### **Present:**

Commissioner Tom Plaut  
Commissioner Ben Preston  
Commissioner Daniel Shanetzky  
Vice Mayor Michael Hudak  
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.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES**

Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2026  
African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2026

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to acknowledge the board minutes. Voice Vote:**

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

## **APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA**

*April 21, 2026*

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve the agenda as submitted. Voice Vote:**

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

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

### **1. Proclamation presented to the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach in recognition of National Volunteer Week.**

Mayor Drosky presented a proclamation to the GFWC Woman's Club of Deerfield Beach.

Katy Freitag, immediate past president, thanked the City Commission for the recognition. Thereafter, she briefly outlined the organization's efforts.

### **2. Certificate of Recognition presented to Chase Chapman, 2026 Juneteenth Poster Contest Winner.**

Mayor Drosky congratulated Mr. Chapman for his achievement.

Mr. Chapman thanked the City Commission for the recognition. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the inspiration behind his drawing.

### **3. Presentation of the High School Scholarship Awards.**

Mayor Drosky presented the awards to Timilia Shellman and Hadassah Reis.

Ms. Shellman and Ms. Reis both expressed their gratitude to the City for the scholarship award.

### **4. Certificate of Recognition presented to the City of Deerfield Beach 2025 - 2026 Teachers of the Year and School-Related Employee of the Year.**

Mayor Drosky announced the 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year and School-Related Employees of the Year, and presented each with a certificate.

Thereafter, the recipients expressed their appreciation for the recognition.

Additionally, he thanked the Women's Club of Deerfield Beach, Deerfield Beach Community Cares, DMA Contracting, Inc., Kiwanis East, Kiwanis West, and the Historical Society of Deerfield Beach for their continued efforts and support of educational initiatives for the students within our community.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **5. Presentation by Florida Power & Light (FPL) regarding the Street Light Outages.**

Christine Shaw, External Affairs Manager, introduced Raj Prakash, Director of Operations, Streetlight Restoration, and Brianna Whalen, Senior Project Manager.

Mr. Prakash highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. Further, he explained that there are numerous teams and projects impacting FPL maintained lights every day. FPL Energy Services (FPLES) reported ongoing installation of new streetlights associated with new construction, which are transferred to the restoration team for maintenance once energized. The utility continues converting high-pressure sodium fixtures to LED. Additionally, the Storm Secure Underground Program (SSUP) is also underway, converting select neighborhoods to underground service, which may affect certain streetlights. He stated that some streetlights are temporarily turned off during sea turtle nesting and hatching season to prevent disorientation. He explained that the DOT-owned poles and lights are typically identifiable by aluminum poles, and FPL generally does not install lighting on traffic signal poles. Mr. Prakash stated that not all lights are the same. Under Full Maintenance, FPL owns and maintains the entire lighting unit. Under Energy Only, the customer owns and maintains the circuit, and FPL provides only electrical energy. Under Relamp, the customer owns the circuit, while FPL supplies energy and is responsible only for replacing bulbs. Under the Hybrid model, FPL maintains the power supply and fixture only, while the customer may own the wiring system or receive energy-only service, with associated billing structures including fixture charges, maintenance charges, and/or energy charges depending on the arrangement. Thereafter, various photographs of street lights were displayed.

## **PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED**

Continuing, Mr. Prakash said streetlight outages may be reported through FPL.com/streetlight or by calling 1-800-4-OUTAGE. Further, he explained that FPL regularly evaluates and measures performance to enhance the customer experience by reviewing employee training, technology investments, process streamlining, and communication improvements. Lastly, he stated that FPL also continuously assesses staffing levels and crew deployment to ensure appropriate resources are positioned in the right locations at all times.

Thereafter, FPL staff responded to questions, comments, and concerns from the City Commission.

Yaroslav Concepcion, Director of Environmental Services, highlighted a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that there are 5,209 light poles in the City, 1,299 are city-maintained and 3,910 are maintained by FPL. He stated that the City is coordinating with FDOT and FPL to upgrade the lighting system citywide. Current conditions reflect approximately 96% operational and 4% outages, with ongoing issues including aging infrastructure and incidents of wiring theft. Thereafter, he displayed a GIS map of streetlight locations. Mr. Concepcion outlined the City's maintenance program, which includes routine day and night inspections, weekly checks of lights, photocells, connections, and GIS verification, as well as early morning inspections to identify outages. Additionally, the City's sweeper assists by reporting non-functioning lights. He explained that once issues are identified they are addressed through reactive repairs, with work orders submitted to the contractor or FPL. Mr. Concepcion outlined several challenges, including response time delays, limited contractor resources, aging infrastructure contributing to reoccurring outages, copper theft, and material delays due to limited availability of commercial lighting components. Lastly, he encouraged the community to ensure they notify the City when they see street light outages.

Thereafter, city staff responded to questions, comments, and concerns from the City Commission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jeremy Raines, 1038 Ashby D, Deerfield Beach**, expressed concerns regarding acoustic noise, particularly disruptive noise by two-cycle gasoline engines used by commercial lawn service providers.

**Michael Lubin, 16 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach**, thanked FPL and city staff for their streetlight presentations. Further, the Northeast Focal Point CASA Board will host a fundraiser on Friday, May 1, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Additionally, Deerfield Beach High School will hold its award ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged the Commission to attend both events.

**Clayton Thomas, 125 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, expressed concerns regarding traffic issues along Deerfield Avenue and SE 15<sup>th</sup>, extending to SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and even SE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He urged the Commission to increase traffic enforcement in these areas.

**Karen Shelly, 190 Durham D, Deerfield Beach**, commented on the Century Village Vox. Thereafter, she thanked Commissioner Shanetzky for his efforts with the removal of a dumpster. Lastly, she proclaimed May 2, 2026 as Beerfield Beach Day.

**Roger Freitag, 418 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Deerfield Beach**, expressed concerns regarding city lights remaining on 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Rita Masi, 349 NE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, stated that while she supported approval of the Rebuilding Broward program, she inquired about the status and allocation of funds for the commercial façade program.

**Caryl Berner, 3130 Cambridge F, Deerfield Beach**, questioned whether attendance at the National League of Cities was worthwhile.

**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, commented on the use of General Fund resources to support funding for the Nature Center Museum. Thereafter, he expressed concerns that planned upgrades to Mayo Howard Park were being deprioritized, and also commented on public safety services. Lastly, he thanked city staff for their efforts with the Autism walk.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED**

*Demetrious Givens, 1150 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach*, expressed the importance of giving back to the community.

## **CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- 6. Resolution 2026/050 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Stephen Cherry as an alternate member to the Community Appearance Board; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

*There was no discussion amongst the Commission.*

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Plaut, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2026/050. Voice Vote:**

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

## **CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS**

- 7. Resolution 2026/051 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the name and designation of the Marine Science Center at Sullivan Park to be known as the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
- 8. Resolution 2026/052 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the artwork permit application submitted by the Deerfield Beach Community Redevelopment Agency for the installation of Guy Harvey artwork on the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center building adjacent to Sullivan Park; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
- 9. Resolution 2026/053 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of grant applications to the United States Department of Justice for community-oriented policing services grants to be utilized for the City's public safety initiatives; providing for an effective date.**
- 10. Resolution 2026/054 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the special event permit applications submitted by International Elite Program, LLC, for the FIFA World Cup Watch Party event at the Main Beach Parking Lot on June 19, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and the Youth World Championship and Corporate World Cup Soccer Tournament at the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex on June 27, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; approving a waiver of fees and staff costs for the events; providing for an effective date.**
- 11. Resolution 2026/055 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and authorizing execution of agreements with Donerite Pumps, Inc. and Tripp Electric Motors, Inc. to provide motor and pump repair services on an as-needed basis, utilizing the terms of Martin County's Request for Bid No. 2023-3545 and resulting contract in an aggregate total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for fiscal year 2026; providing for execution and an effective date. (*Funds from Account #401-300-360-3602-000-53600-503105 - Repairs and Maintenance - Equipment*)**

**CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED**

**12. Resolution 2026/056 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Madsen/Barr Corporation for repair and replacement of 32 fire hydrants within the City and related ancillary services, utilizing the terms of City of Boca Raton RFP No. 2022-020 and resulting contract in an amount not to exceed \$431,800.00; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #401-300-360-3603-000-53600-506031 - Utilities Maintenance/Improvements Other than Buildings)**

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on Item 4.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mayor Drosky replied that JM Family indicated during the Community Redevelopment Agency meeting that they do not desire name recognition on the facility.

Commissioner Shanetzky also commented on Item 10, and stated that the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Brazilian Festival will be held on October 17, 2026 at Quiet Waters Park.

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

**Dan Herz, 330 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, commented on Item 7, wherein, he read an except he posted on social media.

Mayor Drosky closed the public hearing.

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

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

**Nays:** 0

**DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS****13. Update regarding public safety.**

Sean Gladioux, Director of Public Safety, highlighted a brief PowerPoint presentation. He stated that interviews for the transitional Fire and Police Chiefs are currently underway, with selections expected by the end of the month and onboarding expected in May. Further, he said the City's response to the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) transition letter and plan was formally delivered on April 17, 2026. He reiterated that the City will not finalize its transition plan without meaningful public input, which remains ongoing. Additionally, the transition plan will not be finalized without the direct involvement and guidance of the transitional Fire and Police Chiefs. From a strategic standpoint, staff has completed the community-oriented policing plan, along with identifying programs and initiatives the Police Department will evaluate for implementation through recently approved grant opportunities. This effort positions the City to compete for funding while embedding a proactive, relationship-driven, and data-informed policing model. Behind the scenes, staff is methodically building the City's vendor ecosystem. This effort is not simply a procurement exercise, but rather a strategic initiative to secure partners capable of meeting the operational demands of a modern public safety agency. Most importantly, city staff continues to engage with the community. These ongoing engagement efforts are actively shaping the development of the departments in real time. Thereafter, he presented upcoming community engagement opportunities and encouraged residents to attend.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, replied that additional members of Congress are sponsoring funding for Deerfield Beach. Thereafter, he provided a brief update on the current status of the BSO invoices, which continue to be analyzed by city staff.

Mayor Drosky expressed concerns regarding the findings related to the BSO invoices. Thereafter, he commended the City Manager and his team for their efforts in reviewing the invoices.

## **COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

*Legislative Update* - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief legislative update.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Soroka replied that SB 1134 is set to take effect on January 1, 2027; however, there is a potential for legal challenge, which he briefly outlined.

In response to Commissioner Shanetzky's question, Mr. Soroka replied that some boards and programming may need to be adjusted, which has been discussed with staff.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka replied that the bill includes a carveout for federal holidays, i.e. Juneteenth, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, etc.; however, part of the bill provides that official actions taken by public officials could result in findings of malfeasance or misfeasance, potentially subjecting an individual to suspension or removal from office.

### **CITY MANAGER - NONE.**

## **CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **14. Discussion regarding city entrance City Commission welcome signs.**

Commissioner Preston recommended that City Commission welcome signs be placed at all city entrances.

Commissioner Shanetzky spoke in support of the signs and recommended that a slogan be added at the bottom.

Commissioner Plaut spoke in support of welcome signs; however, he stated that they must go through the proper approval process prior to installation and that staff must ensure funding is available.

Vice Mayor Hudak asked for clarification, as the City already has welcome signs.

Commissioner Preston explained that his original vision was to implement digital boards.

In response to Vice Mayor Hudak's question, Commissioner Preston replied that he would like the current signage replaced with City Commission welcome signs and, if funding is available, he would prefer the implementation of digital boards in lieu of static boards.

Vice Mayor Hudak stated that he isn't opposed to staff looking into the recommendation.

Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the digital signage that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will utilize during the SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street Project and requested that staff approach FDOT about incorporating the welcome language into their digital signage.

Mayor Drosky stated that he is not opposed to upgrading the City's entryways; however, he spoke in opposition to including the Commission, as it should read "The City of Deerfield Beach Welcomes You." Further, he disagreed with adding a slogan to the signs, as it would make them appear overly busy. Additionally, Mayor Drosky spoke in support of staff exploring digital boards and requested that, regardless of the final decision, the deer remain a part of the entryway design.

After a brief discussion, Rodney Brimlow, City Manager, stated that staff will research all available options.

### **15. Discussion regarding allowing condominiums to participate in the tree giveaway.**

Commissioner Shanetzky stated that although the City cannot offer the giveaway to all associations, he recommended that condominium associations within each district be eligible to receive approximately five to ten trees on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

Commissioner Preston spoke in support of the idea; however, there is a limited supply of trees and a large number of condominiums.

Commissioner Plaut stated that when purchasing a deed-restricted property, the owner is acquiring the dwelling, not the land it sits on or surrounds; therefore, he is unsure whether a resident in a condominium would be able to plant a tree. Additionally, he agreed that there is a limited supply of trees.

Vice Mayor Hudak stated that the tree program is intended for individuals; therefore, he is unsure how the Commission or staff would determine which associations would receive trees. Further, recipients would be responsible for planting and maintaining the trees, which would fall on the association. Thereafter, he reiterated his concern regarding the selection of associations.

Mayor Drosky explained that there are 300 trees available and that the list fills up, with no additional trees remaining. Additionally, he stated that the trees are funded through taxpayer dollars. Thereafter, he briefly outlined the reasoning behind the tree giveaway program. Mayor Drosky said there are a large number of condominiums in the City, so many single-family homes would be excluded in order to include condominium associations in the program. He said with the SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street Project, the City will need all available funding to improve the landscape palette. Lastly, he expressed concerns that providing trees to condominium associations could generate opposition from homeowners' associations.

Commissioner Shanetzky reiterated his request to include condominium associations in the tree giveaway program.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION****COMMISSIONER PRESTON****DISTRICT 2**

Juneteenth - Commissioner Preston reminded everyone that the event is forthcoming. Thereafter, he encouraged all to attend.

Packers Rattlers - Commissioner Preston commended the program, particularly its educational component.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, city staff replied that the turf will be installed prior to the start of the new season.

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

Century Village - Commissioner Shanetzky said on April 22, 2026, the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County, VA counselor, and Broward County Property Appraiser Office will be present in the main party room of the Clubhouse to provide assistance and resources to residents. On April 27, 2026, in the same location, there will be a Public Safety workshop. Further, he stated that registration will begin on April 30, 2026 for transportation to a food bank.

Crystal Lake - Commissioner Shanetzky said there will be a community day on June 20, 2026. Thereafter, on behalf of the community he wanted to thank city staff for their efforts with the tree giveaway.

Updates - Commissioner Shanetzky commented on the filling of the dump. Thereafter, he stated that he continues to work with the City Manager on the Public Advisory Board. Further, he said an update will be provided on the 1045 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Way Project in May.

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

Meetings/Events - Commissioner Plaut commented on the delivery of the aquarium at the Museum of Discovery and Science Deerfield Beach Nature Center.

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

**VICE MAYOR HUDAK**

**DISTRICT 1**

*BSO Invoices* - Vice Mayor Hudak commended the City Manager and staff for thoroughly reviewing the invoices prior to issuing payment.

*Public Safety Community Engagement* - Vice Mayor Hudak said there will be a meeting on April 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Thereafter, he commented on the positive nature of the meetings thus far.

**MAYOR DROSKY**

*Autism Walk* - Mayor Drosky briefly commented on a conversation he had with a resident who is actively involved in the community, particularly autism-related events. Thereafter, he stated that these are the individuals and stories the City must spotlight.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no additional business to discuss.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. Voice Vote:**

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

**Nays:** 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

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TODD DROSKY, MAYOR

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Heather Montemayor, CMC, City Clerk