Meeting Minutes
City Commission

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 | **7:00 PM** | **Commission Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present: 5 – Commissioner Michael Hudak
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Commissioner Ben Preston
Vice Mayor Todd Drosky
Mayor Bill Ganz

Also Present: 3 – City Manager David Santucci
City Attorney Anthony Soroka
City Clerk Samantha Gillyard

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2020

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2020

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to acknowledge the board minutes. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

February 18, 2020

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Presentation of Siemens Empower Grant by Steve Hoiberg for sustainability program development and community outreach.

Hillary Silverstone, Sustainability Coordinator, said in August, the Commission approved the Siemens Performance contract. At that time, staff advised that the project would be more than a facilities improvement project, but would extend into the community and have more impact than just on City facilities. Thereafter, a Siemens representative provided an update on the project.

Bryan Reardon, Siemens Industries, introduced members of his team and commented on the presentation of the grant check to the City. The performance contracting agreement allows for modernization of the City's facilities and infrastructure; whereby, the savings produced from the project will be used to fund it and not deplete the city's capital budget. Mr. Reardon provided a project timeline; whereas, construction started last fall and is moving forward well. The company is committed to partnering with their customers to improve the communities by going beyond improvements to a construction site; i.e. community engagement activities, contractor/small business outreach fair next week, grants to support community outreach events for sustainability and STEM education. The program is called Empower and is being presented by Mr. Hoiberg.

Steve Hoiberg, Siemens Industries, said the endeavor through this program is to make a difference in the communities and schools. To demonstrate corporate citizenship, they come in as projects start to mature and talk to decision makers about how Siemens can participate and bring programs to fruition to benefit citizens here and across the United States. He referenced the project timeline which illustrates their partnering with the City and how they regularly communicated with staff to determine the City's priorities. Citizen engagement was shown as the most important; thus, they were happy to fund and create community engagement activities and support the development of a community wide sustainability master plan. The Empower Program focuses on two (2) components, STEM education and engaging K-12 schools as well as community colleges. They were able to fully employ a customizable Empower Program with the City, whereby, the concept is collaborated and a grant fund is sought after. He highlighted the customizable 'Empower' use cases via PowerPoint; i.e. community wide sustainability plan, funded in-school programs, workforce initiatives, programs to help reduce recidivism, etc.

Ms. Silverstone said the goal of the project when the contract was implemented was to reduce overall costs to the City and make several capital improvements without additional budget funding. Notwithstanding, staff also wanted to make more of an impact on the community to show the residents and businesses that there is more they can do. By utilizing the Siemens Empower Grant, there are now four (4) different components to maximize the impact: sustainability program scoping; whereby, visioning sessions will be held with constituents for collaboration. Additionally, there will be new sustainability education programs similar to the DFB Apiary program, but on a larger scale with more topics. Staff will also look at partnering with local utilities to roll out business and residential energy audits as was performed with City facilities. Community program support will be provided for programs currently in place at various City centers as the programs do not have the sustainability component.

Mr. Hoiberg asked that a photo be taken with the Commission and check from the Empower Grant.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. P.H. 2020-035: APPLICATION NO. 19-P-221

Applicant: **7-Eleven, represented by Pulice Land Surveyors**

Proposal: Request to plat a 0.21-acre site to be restricted to 3,500 square feet of commercial use, and to be known as the “7-Eleven #10440” Plat.

Location: The property is generally described as OCEAN VUE 3-34 B LOT 33 E 37 1/2, LOT 34 W1/2 BLK 11, more particularly described in the file, and located at **1991 Northeast 2nd Street.**

Elizabeth Tsouroukdissian, Pulice Land Surveyors, 5381 Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, explained that the proposed application is for a plat; however, the site plan has been submitted and will be presented to the Commission at a later date. The site plan will have more detail, but this application is a technical part and is required by Broward County to have the record (of approval) before redevelopment is done. Whereby, this is a renovation of the old 7-Eleven store at the beach.

Vice Mayor Drosky asked when the site plan will be coming forward and whether it has gone through the Planning & Zoning Board.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, replied no, but it should go forward within the next two (2) to three (3) months. Thereafter, he explained that the project is for an existing 7-Eleven on the S-Curve which will undergo a redevelopment and will entail a new façade change with an expansion of the site going backwards which is why they requested a plat note amendment to expand slightly. Also, he said this is a requirement by County Code that the plat come first and be approved by Broward County prior to the site plan coming forward. The site plan still needs additional time with staff before moving forward.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Betty Gorman, 1972 NE 3rd Street, Deerfield Beach, said someone from 7-Eleven called a neighbor about installing an egress on the wall which would allow people access to their property for garbage pickup. She asked what is the status, and if it will be a two-story facility up to their wall.

Ellyce Miller-Plotkin, 1998 NE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, expressed concern that 7-Eleven does not take care of the property in the front; landscaping was done, but it has not been maintained. If the property is larger, who will be responsible for maintaining it in the front and back.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Power addressed questions posed by the public. He said once the site plan is presented, there will be discussions regarding landscaping; nevertheless, the applicant wishes to expand the parking lot and remove the dumpster for additional parking. Also, they are aware of the City’s concerns about the dumpster being visible from the S-Curve; therefore, 7-Eleven wants to share trash service and many ideas have been presented. The current concept going forward to the Commission will provide an agreement between 7-Eleven and Island Water Sports sharing the dumpster service. This will allow an additional parking space in the front; these will be discussed with the site plan. Lastly, he advised that there will not be an egress in the wall as staff did not agree.

Mayor Ganz said there have been improvements along the street and though 7-Eleven has had its issues, this is the last change to be made which they have agreed.

Finally, Mr. Power advised that the overall elevation of the building will be 6 to 7 feet taller as a pitched roof will be added; therefore, it will not be a two-story building, but a façade change.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2020/023. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS – SECOND READING

3. P.H. 2020-038: ORDINANCE 2020/009 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18 "BUSINESSES" OF THE CITY CODE BY CREATING ARTICLE VII "PROHIBITION OF NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA," SECTION 18-241 ENTITLED "NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROHIBITED"; URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PREVENT THE LEGALIZATION OF NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Jane Schraffman, 48 NE 19th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance; thereafter, she outlined statistics from Pew Research Center survey regarding the increased public support of legalizing marijuana. Ms. Schraffman also commented on the negative risk analysis of alcohol and tobacco being more dangerous than marijuana. Additionally, there are many compelling economic reasons to legalize “pot”; creating jobs, investors benefit, billions of dollars saved in law enforcement and court costs and others.

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, provided a brief history on why the Ordinance is being presented; whereas, on first reading, the City Commission wanted to have choices in the future which she agreed with.

Erika Stilwell, 1631 Riverview Road, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Elllyce Miller Plotkin, 1998 NE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. After speaking with people in Denver, it was stated that the quality of life there has gone down. She said many people support it because of economic stimulus. She said places that are selling medical marijuana should not be allowed to automatically sell non-medical. If the non-medical is not allowed on the beach, recreational should not either. Lastly, if recreational marijuana is ever allowed, the facilities should be limited as no one knows the result.

Betty Gorman, 1972 NE 3rd Street, Deerfield Beach, said her family lives in Colorado and it has done so much for the State. She also commented on the amount of money poured into the schools and hospitals.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Parness spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance because he does not believe marijuana users become addicts and the risk of marijuana being laced with fentanyl. Commissioner Parness explained that without having controls in place, no one knows what chemicals are included in illegal marijuana. He said if recreational use is ever brought to the public, it should be up to the voters, but approving the Ordinance would prohibit use. Thereafter, he commented on the negative consequences of alcohol use and said if recreational use is ever approved, it will be controlled by the government, safe, clean, taxed and a tremendous income without harm. There is not proof that marijuana causes harm to your body or mind or is addictive.

Mayor Ganz said although he supported medical marijuana, he supports the proposed ordinance and suggested amending the Ordinance to support Commissioner Parness’ position. Mayor Ganz explained that the State Legislature has taken away any preemptions cities have in place which happened with vacation homes. He opined that Commissioner Hudak’s reason for bringing this forward is to give the City a law on the books, but if approved by 90% of the voters, it could be revoked. He recommended amending the verbiage which reads “urging the State Legislature to prevent the legalization of non-medical marijuana”; whereby, if removed, and language is added to give the City ability to implement controls of what Deerfield Beach residents want.

Commissioner Parness commented on medical marijuana being approved prior to the City implementing any ordinances; therefore, he asked that same be done in this case.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – SECOND READING – CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak replied that it's necessary to be proactive when dealing with the State and how they are stripping away cities ability to regulate. He said the last he heard on vacation rentals was that cities are exempt if they passed a bill in 2011; Deerfield Beach did not pass its bill until 2017 which means the City has to adhere to whatever the State says. If the proposed ordinance is passed now, he does not know what the legislation will be like in the future. If voters decide later that they want recreational marijuana, then a decision can be made then. Lastly, this is not about going against Florida citizens, but protecting the City by having the ability to regulate where stores will operate.

Commissioner Preston said he is not convinced that marijuana is a health drug, but believes monetary profit is the main objective. Commissioner Preston said there are things that many people want, but is not good for them; i.e. vaping was determined to be detrimental. He agreed with approving the proposed ordinance, but ultimately, the voters will decide and if ever approved, it will be addressed.

Vice Mayor Drosky said this is about Deerfield Beach being able to regulate itself going forward. Tallahassee has left the City in no win positions repeatedly, vacation rentals is a perfect example. He then applauded the Commission for being forward thinkers and said the decisions are invested in the future of the City; therefore, he supports the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Ganz reiterated amending the Ordinance and having the flexibility to make changes later which best serve the community. He asked that the language be removed so it is not against legalized marijuana, but there needs to be flexibility. Mayor Ganz reminded the Commission on the attack on home rule and from this position, the proposed ordinance is not a bad idea.

Commissioner Parness commented on regulating cigarettes and alcohol; notwithstanding, he said he would support the amended ordinance.

Mayor Ganz explained that Deerfield Beach has taken steps in regulating the sale of alcohol, whereby, the annexed areas had 4 a.m. clubs which were eliminated.

Commissioner Preston said it is important to look at things objectively and base the decision on whether an issue best serves the City. He also commented on the economic profit being the reason why alcohol will never be banned.

Commissioner Parness reiterated the benefits of having legalized marijuana.

Commissioner Hudak said even if marijuana is legalized, the black market will not go away as people will try to find it cheaper. Thereafter, he motioned approval with the edits suggested by Mayor Ganz.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 3 as amended, adopted Ordinance 2020/009. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Penny Frantello, 2496 SW 12th Court, Deerfield Beach, said she attended a Pompano Beach Town Hall meeting regarding family communication and wellness. It was an informative meeting that included adults, children, Broward County [staff] and various resources. She said there is a problem in every city, whereby, resources are available to children. Discussions pertained to bullying, vaping, drugs and suicide which was widely discussed. Ms. Frantello said something needs to be done as many kids are concerned about their friends who talk about committing suicide, but do not know where to turn. She encouraged town hall meetings in the City to give people an outlet while also providing a resource. Lastly, Ms. Frantello commented on the appearance and maintenance of the beach restrooms.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked when the Alzheimer's Daycare would be rebuilt as the room is not fit for the residents and clients. The room is very overcrowded with clients and staff. Next, she said the Hillsboro Community Center has computers and asked if someone from the Census Bureau could be used to help anyone desiring to complete their census questions online.

Erika Stilwell, 1631 Riverview Road, Deerfield Beach, said there has been a change in what can and cannot be recycled as citizens in her development have been proactive with recycling. She heard that neither newspaper and glass are no longer recyclable.

There being no others to speak, Mayor Ganz closed public comments. Thereafter, he responded to questions posed by the public. Whereby, it would be worthwhile for the Education Advisory Board to discuss and figure out how to develop a forum and bring in resources. Also, the Senior Center needs to be redone and asked staff for an update.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the second phase of the procurement process will close soon and then the three (3) top ranked firms will submit proposals to finish the design and construction of the project on a design build pathway which will come before the Commission in the next 6 to 8 weeks to decide on the firm. Regarding the Census, computers will be available throughout various facilities and will try to work with Census staff to identify where they will be. Currently, there are computers at the Tigner Center and Hillsboro Community Center, but staff will check into other locations. Lastly, Mr. Santucci provided an update on recycling; whereas, Waste Management notified staff that they will no longer accept mixed paper in their recycling processing stream. All paper being placed in the recycling bin will be considered contamination starting August 1st. Right now, mixed paper can be considered contamination if it is soiled or wet; the only paper recyclable until August 1st is clean mixed paper product. He advised that even the clean paper is not being recycled at this time and there are barrels of it that cannot be recycled; instead, Waste Management is burning it so it becomes a waste energy byproduct. In light of this, the City is forced to either remove the mixed paper from the recycling stream, urge residents to discard as trash or ignore it and pay the contamination fee which is already exorbitant. Notification will be sent out later this week to urge residents to immediately stop including mixed paper into the recycling stream. Staff will provide options and an update later on the overall recycling program.

Commissioner Preston said after the suicide in the City, he is working with the City Manager to develop solutions which will be presented to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Drosky said when the workshop on recycling is held that much information be provided to the Commission. He asked that the contamination fees be outlined and how much it would cost to dispose of paper as regular garbage and the costs to remove glass from the recycling stream. This is not an easy issue; therefore, information is necessary to determine how to move forward.

Mayor Ganz commented on how recycling has evolved and is not the same as it once was; further, he said all in one bin recycling has played a role in contamination.

Commissioner Hudak said the items being recycled should be limited, as many products are no longer viable. He suggested limiting recycling to 1 to 2 products and encouraged citizens to focus on purchasing items in recyclable containers and using paper bags.

Vice Mayor Drosky said as part of the renewed contract with Waste Management, they agreed to do public education for the residents, which he attended many events. Nevertheless, the contamination rate continued to increase. He asked that all the facts be provided when this discussion is brought forward so the public understands what is happening.

Commissioner Parness said he visited the recycling plant and saw 20-ton bales of paper piled up because they cannot be sold. Recycling is a dead industry right now and the only thing with recyclable value are washed out tin cans. Commissioner Parness commented on how many cities have abandoned recycling and if the City continues to recycle without a successful program, the residents' garbage bills will continue to increase. He suggested that residents recycle properly and find out what can be recycled to reduce contamination.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

4. **Resolution 2020/024 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of a County Incentive Grant Program Application to Broward County for the FAU Research Boulevard Expansion Project; authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement with Broward County; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

Vice Mayor Drosky asked for clarification on the local match coming from surtax dollars if the project does not qualify or the City cannot secure the surtax dollars, where would the funds come.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the proposed resolution is only for the application, not the approval of the grant. Since this is part of the process, there is no guarantee the City will receive the award. If awarded, staff will leverage funding from other sources before city dollars are used. For example, between the surtax, application for this grant, there may be other grant opportunities through the Department of Economic Opportunity for funding. No commitment is needed from the City Commission at this point since its only the application. Also, with surtax dollars, draft cycle 1 FY 20 program currently ranks the project at #60, keeping it in the round 1 classification which is promising.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2020/024. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

5. **Resolution 2020/025 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with TriMerge Consulting Group, P.A., for Financial and Accounting Support Services on an as needed basis; waiving the competitive selection requirements; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement for a one-year term with a one-year renewal option; providing for execution, severability and an effective date.** *(Funds from Account #001-0600-513-32-99 - Other Contractual Services [$50,000])*

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that recently, the City lost two (2) key employees in the Financial Services Department; both the CFO and Assistant Finance Director. He advised that a new CFO has been recruited and will begin in mid-March. In the interim, TriMerge is assisting with the high-level leadership of the department and it is working out as three (3) individuals are filling in. Further, they are making improvements in various areas like monthly reporting and other processes. Additionally, Mr. Santucci advised that the consultants will remain a little longer even after the new CFO is in place to assure proper transition. Lastly, because the contract is for one-year, they can be used as a resource when necessary.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2020/025. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

6. Resolution 2020/026 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the City's Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan; providing an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, said the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan is a lengthy plan which serves as both a planning and emergency management document. The plan outlines how the City would move forward in case of a major hurricane, i.e. Katrina, Michael. Further, he advised that since there is not a dedicated emergency management coordinator, Ms. Jou is taking an active role in this area. She applied for a grant through the American Planning Association, which is the first year they've done this grant; whereas, there was an update to both the post-disaster redevelopment plan, (PDRP), the emergency management plan and disaster debris plan. The post-disaster redevelopment plan was approved and thereafter, a neighboring agreement with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to provide the consulting service which guided the process.

Tina Jou, Principal Planner, presented a PowerPoint on the post-disaster redevelopment plan.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

<u>Contents</u> – Ms. Jou said she will provide a background on the emergency management efforts, project scope of work, introduce the post-disaster mindset, highlight various chapters of the plan and discuss next steps.

<u>Emergency Management Efforts</u> – Ms. Jou said in 2017, bi-weekly meetings were held to discuss emergency management efforts. Through those meetings, a needs assessment was completed to determine what plans should be updated or developed. Staff applied to the American Planning Association Foundation and was awarded $12,700 for the post-disaster redevelopment plan. Thereafter, a contract was negotiated with the Treasure Coast Planning Council for $19,000 with the understanding that the level of effort would be a little greater from the Planning Department to ensure plan costs were minimized.

<u>Emergency Management Efforts</u> – Ms. Jou said within the scope of work, staff developed a stakeholder committee which included personnel in the City that play a primary role in the post-disaster redevelopment phase. Progress reports were sent for the grant and there were three (3) different plan revisions. Ms. Jou applauded staff for their efforts as well as management for their dedication to the project.

<u>Purpose of PDRP</u> – Ms. Jou said the purpose of the plan is to embrace a long-term community vision, establish post-disaster priorities and identify actions that can be taken after a large-scale catastrophic disaster, by public, non-profit and private sectors. It provides a framework or guidance document that the City can utilize in the post-disaster environment to ensure resiliency.

<u>Minor vs. Major Disasters</u> – Ms. Jou explained the differences between a minor and major disaster; whereby, a major disaster entails thousands of people left homeless, not just tarps on a roof like a minor disaster. She continued to compare examples of both.

<u>Hurricane Irma – Deerfield Beach</u> – Ms. Jou presented photos of what the City was like after Hurricane Irma. Though she is not minimizing the effects on the City or staff efforts, but in the emergency management community a debris generating event.

<u>Hurricane Michael – Florida Panhandle</u> – Ms. Jou presented photos of the panhandle after Hurricane Michael illustrating a major disaster.

<u>Emergency Response: We have a Plan!</u> – Ms. Jou said there is a plan for emergency response; which includes debris removal, search and rescue, sheltering, plans for responding, etc. Thereafter, she commented on photos from Joplin, Missouri, after the EF5 tornado. Both photos were taken by FEMA and the photo at the top was taken after the tornado in June 2011 and the bottom photo is from August 2011 which shows no remaining debris.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Challenges of Rebuilding – Ms. Jou said the PDRP focuses on the challenge of rebuilding. The figure on the right is provided by FEMA and the National Disaster Recovery Framework, and lists all the activities that should happen per phase. Currently, the City is in the pre-disaster preparedness phase which includes activities like redevelopment planning, hazard mitigation and capacity building. The post-disaster redevelopment focuses on months and years after a disaster. To ensure that businesses are operational and the infrastructure is stronger and more resilient, the PDRP focuses on the balance between rebuilding stronger and quickly.

PDRP: Pulling the Pieces Together – Ms. Jou said the post-disaster redevelopment plan identifies different priorities concerning planning and redevelopment, economic redevelopment, infrastructure and utilities, and others. The plan brings everything together to assure the City is a more disaster resilient, sustainable community.

Organizational Framework – Ms. Jou said within the framework there is an organizational chart outlined as Blue Skies; which includes existing plans, policies, standard operating procedures that really identify and prioritize how staff reports and what our priority issues are. Grey Skies occurs during the emergency operations phase which include emergency management plans that address these type procedures. During Green Skies, there are opportunities and the PDRP lays out those roles and responsibilities for staff.

Green Skies: Post-Disaster Redevelopment Team – Ms. Jou outlined the teams and units. The City Manager serves as the local disaster recovery manager; thereafter, she outlined the departments reporting to the City Manager. Furthermore, she explained that the departments are not necessarily doing the work, but coordinating the efforts.

Operations – Ms. Jou outlined the operations that take place from various aspects; i.e. activation & authority, transition from response to recovery and the needs for different entities. The figure on the right is an example of a status report which is similar to a weekly report, but would be a reprioritized focus that each worker unit would provide.

Overview of Action and Implementation Plan – Ms. Jou said all the goals, objectives and actions that have been developed for the post-disaster redevelopment plan. All action items are organized by their respective units and listed in text format before each table; an example was provided thereafter. The tables provide the actions and implementation plan which tells the who, what, when, where, how and why of the action items.

Action & Implementation Plan – Ms. Jou outlined the goals, as well as the objectives and action items are listed in the table. Ms. Jou provided a detailed explanation of how the plan works and when each element is completed.

Public Outreach & Community Engagement – Ms. Jou said the Public Information Officer is the liaison with the public, internal and external agencies/organizations; whereby, communications really support the PDRP team. What is important and included in this chapter is pre-established methods to ensure effective and transparent communication before and after a storm. It discusses support to the outreach centers and ensuring that misinformation is minimized, but correct information is broadcast to everyone. The plan also includes guidance on different re-branding strategies to ensure the City's resiliency and unity.

Next Steps (…Not *The End)* – Ms. Jou said these steps will likely be undertaken by staff and will rely on the PDRP and action items developed to ensure projects are put into place for resiliency. Ms. Jou outlined other enhancements which include an update to the comprehensive emergency management plan, the development of the debris management plan and continuity of operations plan. Lastly, there will be annual staff training and exercises.

Commissioner Preston applauded the Planning staff for their work on this plan and outlined the importance of the plan as it provides direction for a Category 5 Hurricane, like Andrew. He said he hopes this type of plan is never needed due to the magnitude of the storms it addresses. Lastly, he commented on how much Ms. Jou has saved monetarily by working on the plan.

Vice Mayor Drosky also applauded staff's efforts and explained that the plan not only applies to hurricanes, but is all compassing and very thorough.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz also applauded staff; thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, commended staff and said Deerfield Beach was the first project impact city in the United States because plans were in place. She thanked staff for updating the plan based on the changes in the environment and city. Ms. Clarke-Reed asked if contracting information is included in the plan; whereby, the proper entities are outlined if rebuilding is necessary.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2020/026. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that no contractors are included in the plan.

7. Resolution 2020/027 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a settlement of the Workers' Compensation claim of Paul Rothberg in the amount of $350,000.00; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; and providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #606-0900-519-30-41 - Workers Compensation Legal)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that a few weeks ago, an executive session was held to discuss the claim and the city's exposure.

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

Vice Mayor Drosky asked for clarification on whether the claim settlement has no relationship to the claimant's pension and the claim for past wages will be resolved tonight while also capping past and future wages.

Mr. Soroka replied that state law entitles the claimant to both a pension and permanent total disability (PTD) benefits. The claimant has a pension by virtue of contributions to it, but the settlement resolves indemnity for lost wages for injuries and no longer being able to work. Therefore, the settlement would involve past benefits for lost wages, present benefits for lost wages and future PTD benefits which he would be entitled to till end of life. Also, the settlement would eliminate bi-weekly pay.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2020/027. Roll Call:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

8. Presentation regarding the renderings for the City Hall Renovations for Commission consensus.

Commissioner Hudak left the dais temporarily at 8:53 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m.

Tom Good, Assistant City Manager, said once the renderings for City Hall are provided, input from the City Commission is requested. The City has obtained bond funding of approximately $4.3 million; a hazard mitigation grant has been applied for of approximately $1.3 million which was partially awarded resulting in a total of $5.6 million available for City Hall renovations. The scope of work will include building hardening, Commission Chambers and lobby entrances, life safety upgrades, elevator replacement and exterior enhancements consistent with Pioneer Grove design standards. A design build consultant prepared 50% construction plans which will be used by a design build firm to complete the renovations. The architect chosen will present the renderings; he reiterated staff's need to receive consensus from the Commission on the exterior aesthetics.

Ken Carlson, Architect, 1166 West Newport Center Drive, Deerfield Beach, presented renderings for the City Commission. He explained that the building elevation will be remodeled and stone finishes will be added to influence a Pioneer Grove architectural theme. There will also be curbing and updated stormwater design on the site and secure entry points with safety bollards and public entrance. There will also be a covered walkway with a canopy connecting all three (3) portals on the back of the building, Planning Department, main entrance and chambers. Upgrade interiors on the first and second floor to accommodate the departments' general space plan. The life safety issues will include fire sprinklers, smoke systems, and others. Mr. Carlson continued to outline the improvements to City Hall. He advised that many of these improvements will be made with Siemens.

Additionally, Mr. Carlson said the ground floor will be expanded to accommodate new offices behind the Commission Chambers. There is also a possibility to increase parking to the north. Other improvements include an upgrade to the chamber lobby to accommodate overflow crowds, upgrade to chamber flooring, ceilings, platform, lighting and multi-media, new seating, enclosed area for staff with added security for staff and media, as well as others. He also mentioned an upgrade for the public access area to Finance, Customer Service and cashiers. The main lobby visitor's station will also be streamlined for efficiency. Thereafter, he commented on changes to the outside of the building and referenced the renderings. Succinctly, the upgrades will provide a unique design for City Hall and entails changes to both the interior and exterior.

David Santucci, City Manager, referenced the renderings and commented on a view that does not include the Old School House and the view also takes away the catwalk behind the chambers to allow for the expansion and exterior rear entry. The door on the right will be an exit only emergency door and the parking lot shown is a future enhancement, which could be included if budget allows, but is not built into the original design. Staff tried to make changes to the second floor lighting but it was not an option due to structural design. He said all three (3) lobbies have major enhancements for better experience, the chamber entrance will no longer have an outside covered walkway, it will all be interior to provide more stacking space. Also, since this is a government facility, the interior floor plans were not included in the presentation due to a Homeland Security standpoint. The main entryway has been expanded and enhanced to provide security for both staff behind a continuous counter, but would be a one-stop shop for all residents as well as the reception area.

Continuing, Mr. Santucci said the Planning Department will have its own lobby space. When customers come in, they will not have to stack in front of Planning or Building, but will have a lobby waiting area. It is important to note that City Hall has been renovated about five (5) times; therefore, there are limitations on the improvements. With Pioneer Grove design standards, the facility should have a façade improvement to emulate those standards. Right now, the project is at 50% design so colors and brick can change as the project nears the final design; whereas, the figures will change and give staff a better understanding as to what can be accomplished. Any changes will be presented to the Commission.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Amie Kay Tanner, 111 SE 5th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said her father built the building which is the center of City Hall; thereafter, she provided a brief history of the facility and applauded the efforts for the remodel.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that there has not been much input from the public; however, there has been on Item 9.

After a brief discussion, it was advised that a vote was not needed.

9. Presentation of renderings of proposed Lifeguard Tower appearance for Commission consensus.

David Santucci, City Manager, said the current fiscal year budget included the design of a new lifeguard tower and construction of one (1) tower. The one (1) tower, if approved and constructed, would be placed at the very north end of the beach where there has been increased demand. With the plan to add two (2) towers every year thereafter until all the towers are replaced. The current towers need to be replaced because they have come to the end of their useful life; whereby, the wood has become so brittle that repairing is no longer an option. The roofing structures are in constant disrepair and are being patched continuously, but continue to leak. Additionally, there have been 971 responses to the beach tower poll; whereby, 60% of the public wanted option #1, instead of #2. He said all the comments have been very positive with only one (1) being derogatory. Lastly, there were three (3) main components to the design; 1) functionality for lifeguards to have clear view to the beach; 2) design fit well with the environment, i.e. pier building; and 3) security and storage which is lacking.

Ken Carlson, Architect, 1166 West Newport Center Drive, Deerfield Beach, provided renderings of two (2) lifeguard tower options. Storage is provided for both towers, but there are minor differences between both. Option 2 provides a brighter teal and brown doors with ipe wood. The metal roof panels are similar to the pier.

Thereafter, there was a brief question and answer session and each Commission member outlined their preference between Option #1 and Option #2. Commissioners Hudak, Parness and Vice Mayor Droksy spoke in support of Option #2.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the steps coming from the lifeguard stand are required instead of having a ramp.

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked about the materials being used to make the tower.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Santucci replied that stairs are better from a safety standpoint and if a ramp were done, it would have to be extended much further than the steps and create a hazard to beachgoers. Regarding the materials, ipe wood is being used. It is very strong and holds up well in beach conditions; the roof will be metal.

In response to Vice Mayor Drosky's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the cost estimate of $165,000 was included in the current fiscal year budget and is consistent with the cost of lifeguard towers. Lifeguard towers can cost more depending on how elaborate they are. He further mentioned an Office of Inspector General investigation a few years ago into the cost of a tower as they could not understand why the cost was so exorbitant; the cost was between $125,000 and $130,000. The procurement was investigated and resulted in being a feasible cost for the tower.

Mayor Ganz and Commissioner Preston favored Option #1; thereafter, discussion ensued.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Option #2. Roll Call:

Yeas: 3 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness and Vice Mayor Drosky

Nays: 2 - Commissioner Preston and Mayor Ganz

Option #2 passed by a 3-2 vote.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL

CITY MANAGER

10. Update regarding the Firefighter World Challenge

David Santucci, City Manager, said at a previous City Commission Meeting, Commissioner Hudak discussed bringing the Firefighter's Combat Challenge to the City. He outlined the research performed by staff; meeting with key stakeholders, as well as people from the Challenge and based on Commissioner Hudak's comments, there was a desire for sponsorship. The feasibility of providing the event from a fiscal and operational standpoint was researched and will be addressed by the Parks & Recreation Director.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, left the dais temporarily at 9:31 p.m. and returned at 9:35 p.m.

Preston Pooser, Director of Parks & Recreation, advised that the Challenge is proposed for October 19 – 24, 2020 the photos provided via PowerPoint shows the event recently and from 2002 in the City. He continued to highlight the photos and activities the event entailed. It is a 6-day event, but onsite for eight (8) days with approximately 600 to 650 competitors with a maximum of 200' X 300' area with concrete and asphalt. The proposed location is the main beach parking lot which serves that purpose. Additionally, Mr. Pooser listed estimated pricing for each feature; i.e. bleachers, port-a-johns, staff and other ancillary items which are required of the proposed contract. The event fee is $100,000 and $50,000 is needed upfront, then $50,000 at the time of the event. Five (5) city staff to help during the event, other staff services, equipment and volunteers equates to an additional $100,000. Moreover, he said the loss of revenue for parking is approximately $8,000 for the week. Thereafter, he introduced others to speak on the event: Dr. Paul Davis, Founder of Firefighter Challenge and Mike Sophia, VP Sports Business Operation Greater Fort Lauderdale Center of Visitors & Bureau.

Mayor Ganz clarified that the approximate cost to the City is around $165,000 to $170,000.

Mr. Pooser agreed. He said there could be sponsorship since the event is six (6) months out, but he cannot promise that. Additionally, he advised that the main beach parking lot would be closed, some parking behind Fire Station #75 may be used. However, the actual event will not take over the entire main beach parking lot; thus, it could be used for support staff and Ocean Way would not be closed down.

Commissioner Hudak asked where the event has been held in the past and if there are any financial impacts to those cities.

Mr. Davis provided a brief history of the event, wherein, the Challenge started as a federally funded university for a occupational physiology research study that became an international televised and touring sport. Thereafter, he outlined how the event came to fruition, whereas, there was a comprehensive job task analysis of the central functions of firefighter/paramedics around the world. This has resulted in five (5) job related linked tasks performed in full turnout gear. Mr. Davis said they have had approximately 500 events with an estimated 60,000 firefighters participating in the event. Each year, there is television coverage, but live stream has been found to be more popular with viewership around 68,000. The gross market impressions are around 1 million, whereby, a live feed is provided so anyone with a browser can watch.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL – CONTINUED

Continuing, Mr. Davis advised various locations where the event has been held in the United States and abroad. During the first four (4) days of competition, firefighters are vying to get into the last two (2) days; the last two (2) days are televised on ESPN3. There are limited slots available to compete, so wild cards will take place starting Monday and finish on Thursday; an awards dinner is provided. The economic impact is estimated between $1 million to $2 million, which is also comprised of the number of firefighters participating and renting hotels/houses during the week.

Commissioner Parness left the dais temporarily at 9:41 p.m. and returned at 9:44 p.m.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Davis replied that last year, in Montgomery, Alabama, there were approximately 400 competitors and the prior year, in Sacramento, about the same number. Also, the audience rates at about 1.8 people per competitor as they normally entail family members and fellow firefighters. He said the turnout in Florida is normally much better.

Jim Mathie, 1307 SE 14th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the event was held in Deerfield Beach in 2002; thereafter, he provided an economic impact study that was done back then. There were about 650 competitors and around 1800 rooms rented. The total direct and indirect impact was $1.5 million and the event was televised on ESPN as well. On the last page of the study, it shows an estimated economic impact of approximately $2 million. He then announced Mr. Sophia who once served as the Sports Management Director for Sacramento, CA which hosted the World Firefighter Challenge; he has firsthand knowledge of how it is run.

Mr. Sophia said he has worked with the Fort Lauderdale Center of Visitors & Bureau for four (4) weeks, whereby, Mr. Davis and the host community are very dependable. The firefighters come from around the world to compete and the event is a great benefit to the City and Broward County.

Mr. Davis said they have about 15 regional events and have to limit the number of people as they race against each other; the racers are determined after qualifying sessions. Nevertheless, they can handle a little more than 600 and if endorsed, an aggressive marketing campaign will begin.

Commissioner Hudak said the City will need help from the business community to move forward as the City cannot fund the event on its own. He thanked the City Manager and staff for working on the fiscal feasibility of the event. The business community has an opportunity to benefit from the event being hosted here, but the cost cannot be borne by the taxpayers. He then asked what the feedback has been with the business community and County in regard to financial assistance.

Mr. Mathie replied that from a cost neutral standpoint, he believes vendors would be willing to come and sell for the week. Since sponsorships are not available yet, the businesses will want to know how they benefit. In 2002, Toyota wanted their banner included and five (5) vehicles on the beach as an advertising medium. Further, the Convention & Visitors Bureau is studying the event and may be able to dedicate to the event.

Mr. Sophia said he believes they will partner significantly and that $40,000 to $50,000 is reasonable. In Sacramento, the commitment was about $35,000; the group that hosted the event raised money from various businesses and vendors.

Mr. Mathie listed others that he will be visiting to determine what type of partnership can be achieved.

Mayor Ganz asked why sponsorships were not already set up since this is not a new event.

Mr. Davis replied that the operation for the year is covered and benefited by 3M; however, each regional event costs $100,000 and there are limited funds at the corporate level. Since the event is geographically diverse, customization is necessary for each local event.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Ganz and Mr. Davis regarding the business model and sponsorship packages.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL – CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz outlined why he is averse to the event; whereas, the 4th of July has an economic impact between $2.1 to $4.3 million. This event will only have an economic impact of $2 million, whereby, the City is losing the main beach parking lot for eight (8) days and the City will have to contribute largely. The City has had a difficult time receiving business sponsors and though the event is applauded, he does not see the economic benefit to the City. He continued to outline the disadvantages to the City for holding this event, especially since it is not budgeted.

Mr. Davis asked how much would have to be contributed to hold the event.

Mayor Ganz replied that the City does not pay anything. Even if that is accomplished, he is not sure he wants to have an event that occupies so much space at the City's main beach parking lot.

Commissioner Hudak said he has heard there is resistance from the business community because the City has not agreed to the event. He asked if a deadline can be given so sponsorships can be found and presented to the Commission; wherein, about $160,000 would be needed from the business community.

Mayor Ganz said he does not see many organizations here supporting the event and wishes there were more supporting documents presented. Also, the event will have an impact on the beach residents and beach patrons. He said eight (8) days is a long time.

Commissioner Preston said he does not think the support would be apparent unless the City gave the green light on the event. He agreed that the City should not sponsor the event and business sponsorships should be sought. Commissioner Preston spoke in support of having the event as it would highlight the City and suggested seeing this as an opportunity to elevate the City. If the Commission demonstrates being amendable to having the event, then maybe it would give a clear view on forging ahead.

Commissioner Parness recommended tabling the item and reaching out to the business community for a commitment.

Vice Mayor Drosky said though he likes the idea of having a new event, he wonders if it is in the residents' best interest to have an eight (8) day event and though it will be on ESPN3, it would not be on television, as it is a streaming platform; therefore, it will reduce exposure. Also, Vice Mayor Drosky said he does not believe many people will come to the beach to watch the event. He said there should have been a more concrete plan and the approach to the Commission should have included a business plan and sponsorships with the amounts.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with Vice Mayor Drosky. He suggested giving the business community the signal that the City is willing to host as long as they come up with $170,000 and give them about a month to raise the funds. If not, then it would not be in the City.

Commissioner Preston suggested providing additional information on the process, if funding is secured. The more detailed the information, the easier it would be to decide as he is not sure he would be supportive even if all the funds are secured.

Mayor Ganz said no special event application has been processed; thereafter, he reiterated his stance regarding sponsorship and the lack of effort illustrated tonight, whereas, no documentation fiscal or otherwise was provided. He objected to staff having to do all the work to move the event forward.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hudak suggested coming back to the Commission in a couple of weeks with an update.

Commissioner Preston asked that Mr. Davis provide a solution on the use of the beach parking lot for the event. Overall, while this is a good event for the City, the participant level from each district should be researched. Commissioner Preston recommended solutions to alleviating the strains and concerns over the event. Lastly, he said it is an incredible event and believes it could potentially draw young people.

Mr. Mathie thanked the Commission for the feedback and said they will come up with a package for the businesses and try to obtain a full dollar commitment. Once the information is obtained, they will return.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL – CONTINUED

CITY ATTORNEY – *No Report.*

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER HUDAK **DISTRICT 1**

Pasta Dinner – Commissioner Hudak said the Women's Club is having a pasta dinner on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 810 E. Hillsboro Boulevard.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON **DISTRICT 2**

Black Heritage Banquet – Commissioner Preston said the banquet will be held on Saturday at 7:00 p.m at the Leo Robb Gym. There will be food and entertainment; tickets are $20 and can be purchased at Central City Campus and the Oveta McKeithen Center.

Town Hall Meeting – Commissioner Preston said he is hosting a town hall meeting on February 25th at Cathedral Church of God at 7:00 p.m., regarding the multiple shootings in his district. He invited everyone to attend. Also, there will be discussions regarding the areas targeted for drug sales and what the community can do as well as BSO's responsibility. He said drive by shootings should not be tolerated and will be discussed.

Pedestrian/Vehicle Safety – Commissioner Preston said a light is needed at SW 11th Drive and Buck Pride Way as there is a lot of traffic there and people take chances crossing the road which have resulted in accidents, but believes a bad accident will occur in a matter of time.

COMMISSIONER PARNESS **DISTRICT 3**

Red Flag Law – Commissioner Parness said he read that in the State, 3,500 guns are off the street under the new Red Act which allows the court, on the advice of the police department, to take guns away from people that are too dangerous or violated the right to have a gun by misuse.

Pioneer Days Parade – Commissioner Parness thanked everyone for attending the parade on Saturday even though the weather was inclement.

Vice Mayor Drosky agreed.

VICE MAYOR DROSKY **DISTRICT 4**

Beekeeping Workshop – Vice Mayor Drosky said the workshop was held on February 8th and was well attended for a Saturday morning; he asked that staff be recognized for the event and promoting the apiary.

Sip & Stroll – Vice Mayor Drosky said the Sip & Stroll will be held on February 29th at Constitution Park from 6:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. The event is limited to the number of tickets that can be sold, so get your tickets early as it sells out.

Office Hours – Vice Mayor Drosky said he will have office hours on Saturday, March 7th; appointments are still available. Please contact Vice Mayor Drosky or the City Manager's Office for an appointment.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Tedder Elementary School – Mayor Ganz said an article in the Sun Sentinel indicated that the Broward County School Board may be closing schools due to low population and Tedder Elementary is on the list. This should be concerning as they have done good work and try to improve annually. He suggested contacting their school board rep and asked that the Education Advisory Board try to obtain more information.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS – CONTINUED

Green Road and Railroad Track Funding – Mayor Ganz said on February 25th, the County will have an item on their agenda regarding funding for Green Road and the railroad track. He thanked Commissioner Fisher for championing it as the City has been looking for funding for a long time. He asked that the other County Commissioners be encouraged to support it.

Restroom Condition – Mayor Ganz said staff needs to assure proper restroom condition as it was disconcerting to read the e-mail concerning the conditions.

Accolades – Myaor Ganz said Ms. Frantello was the person who apprised the Commission of what happened in an incident at the Middle School concerning Josie Ratley. The information the Commission received prior was false as the resource officer was not around when the incident happened to the young lady.

Ms. Clarke-Reed advised that the Education Advisory Board meeting will be held on March 4th; whereby, Mr. Runcie, Broward County Superintendent, will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 P.M. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness, Commissioner Preston, Vice Mayor Drosky and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk