



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, May 5, 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., through virtual electronic meeting connection.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2020

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2019

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

May 5, 2020

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

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING

- 1. P.H. 2020-047: ORDINANCE 2020/012 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, AMENDING ARTICLE X "LOBBYIST REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS" OF CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz 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 Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 1, adopted Ordinance 2020/012. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

No e-mails were received from the public; nor were there any to speak.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 2. Resolution 2020/049 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of ITB #20-12-JW for laptops and associated products to TSI Aviation, Inc.; authorizing the purchase of laptops and associated products from TSI Aviation, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$111,142.20; and providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-0500-513-3965 - Central Services Computer Replacement)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Hudak asked for clarification on the cost of the laptops as well as the bid process.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the laptops retail between \$1,800 to \$1,900; however, the City is paying roughly \$1,400 with the remaining portion of the cost related to peripherals for the computer. The bid process was based on low bid; whereas, the bidders were provided with specifications from the IT Department and the low bidder is being proposed for the award. Thereafter, he explained that there were other bid options such as an existing state contract, but based on the amount of computers, staff felt a lower price could be achieved. Mr. Santucci expressed concerns with the recommended awardee being able to ship the computers in a timely manner due to COVID-19 as

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

more people are working from home; nevertheless, the vendor has assured that the equipment will be received in a timely manner. He also explained the importance of maintaining the same type of computers which allows for continuous and seamless updates.

Ron McKenzie, Director of Information Technology Services, outlined the peripherals that are purchased for the laptops. Additionally, each laptop has an all-encompassing three-year warranty and upon use, the laptop is replaced.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Thereafter, he asked the expected life cycle of the computers.

Mr. McKenzie replied four (4) years; therefore, staff has developed a four (4) year rotation plan for replacing laptops.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2020/049. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 3. Resolution 2020/050 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2020 Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for distribution of the proceeds of the Three-Cent Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel; authorizing execution of the 2020 Amendment; providing for severability and an effective date.**
- 4. Resolution 2020/051 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2020 Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for distribution of the proceeds of the Fifth-Cent Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel; authorizing execution of the 2020 Amendment; providing for severability and an effective date.**

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 3 & 4; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 3 & 4. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 5. Resolution 2020/052 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of applications to the Broward County Mobility Advancement Program for Transportation Surtax Funds to provide funding for the SE 13th Avenue and SE 15th Avenue Bridges Rehabilitation Projects; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Priscilla Cygielnik, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the application for the Surtax Program.

Purpose - Ms. Cygielnik said the request is for the submission of two (2) applications to the Surtax Mobility Advancement Program for municipal rehabilitation and maintenance projects. These two (2) projects are anticipated at SE 13th Avenue and SE 15th Avenue bridges.

Background - Ms. Cygielnik said in November 2018, the voters approved a 30-year 1% surtax for transportation which took effect in January 2019. These funds are up to \$122 million in municipal capital, rehabilitation and maintenance projects, as well as community shuttles. The component up for discussion is rehabilitation and maintenance projects. The evaluation criteria was developed by the County and prioritizes the projects based on need and equity as well as other criteria. The funds the City receives from the capital program, will determine, based on equity, the amount of funding the City will receive in a separate program which is the rehabilitation and maintenance component of the surtax fund.

Current Activity - Ms. Cygielnik said the City has two (2) eligible projects, bridge rehabilitation at SE 13th and SE 15th Avenue based on requests made for this current year Transportation Surtax Plan. The documented need and condition assessments were prepared by FDOT in the annual bridge inspection reports. Furthermore, the original plan included costs up to \$1 million; a request for up to 20% of that estimated total cost can be made in accordance with Florida Statute for this program.

Project Location - Ms. Cygielnik outlined the bridge locations.

SE 13 Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation - Ms. Cygielnik outlined the needs of the 13th Avenue bridge. Currently, there is substandard railing and guardrail and hopes to upgrade to crash compliant railing. Further, erosion is occurring on the approach to the bridge. Since a bridge should have a concrete approach in each direction, part of the improvement entails those approaches. The final image shows that the sea wall has failed under the bridge and separated; thus, erosion is occurring. The repair would include the sea wall and other changes to the underside of the bridge.

SE 15 Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation - Ms. Cygielnik outlined the needs for the 15th Avenue bridge. The first image shows cracks to the coral rock wall; portions of the sea wall would be replaced. Also, repairs to the underside of the bridge would be made and lastly, concrete bridge approaches will be done to make it erosion proof.

Next Steps - Ms. Cygielnik said the application will be submitted by May 16th, which is the deadline. These projects will be prioritized and ranked by the County on the project specific criteria and applicant specific criteria. The Oversight Board and Board of County Commissioners will determine eligibility by Florida Statute as defined for the surtax program. The City will need to execute an Interlocal Agreement for the municipal rehabilitation and maintenance projects. Upon execution, the City should be released to design and construct improvements for the bridges.

Recommendation - Ms. Cygielnik said staff is requesting authorization by the City Commission for both applications for both bridges.

Mayor Ganz asked if the feedback provided is consistent with what the residents desired for the bridges.

Ms. Cygielnik replied that there were several options given when the 15th Avenue Bridge was closed. This project addresses deficient items in the FDOT inspection report and to correct those items in the inspection report and make the bridges whole. Total bridge replacement or adding additional components to the bridge such as pedestrian/bicyclist accommodations is not being discussed at this time; only basic repairs that are needed.

David Santucci, City Manager, said repairing the bridges will increase the rating with the existing configuration as seen today. When the 15th Avenue Bridge was down, a number of options were discussed by staff and the public which included many things and bringing the bridges to today's standards would cost 2 to 3 times more than the proposed cost estimate. Though there are various options, the proposed application is only to repair the bridges to the standard need in the current configuration. Once the pandemic is under control, staff may hold additional public workshops for more feedback from the residents just in case it is different from what staff is proposing. He said with the deadlines, it is important to move forward quickly and reiterated that the configuration will not change at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak asked if the cracks on the sea wall along the SE 15th Avenue Bridge will be repaired or if that portion of the sea wall will be replaced.

Ms. Cygielnik replied that the sea wall will need to be replaced in its entirety.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Ms. Cygielnik replied that both bridges will be repaired in phases so they will not both be closed at once. Also, from design to construction is a 12-month duration with construction lasting six (6) months.

Mayor Ganz said there is a large dip on the approach to the 15th Avenue Bridge and asked if it will be part of the repair.

Ms. Cygielnik replied yes. The approaches will be rebuilt with concrete to arrest the erosion occurring under the bridge and provide for flumes for adequate drainage to keep the abutments from being undermined.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Continuing, Mayor Ganz expressed concerns with using the funds on repairs when public feedback could motivate change in the near future; however, if the City misses the opportunity to utilize surtax funds, the bridge may remain unrepaired.

Commissioner Preston asked if there will be an increase in tonnage going over the bridges during repair.

Ms. Cygielnik replied that the bridges are load rated at 12 tons and is unlikely to change. A load test will have to be done on the 13th Avenue Bridge as weight will be added with the new retaining walls; following that load test, the bridge will be assigned with the maximum tonnage. It is very unlikely that the tonnage will increase as it would only go down. Furthermore, rescue and emergency vehicles are not currently allowed on those bridges.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2020/052. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY**

State & Local Restrictions - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, provided a brief overview of the current state and local restrictions regarding COVID-19. Pursuant to Executive Order 20-90, issued by the Governor on March 31st, the beaches in Broward County remain closed. Additionally, on March 30th, Executive Order 20-89 ordered Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties to restrict access to business facilities pursuant to a previously issued Miami-Dade County order with guidelines tied to Executive Order 20-91 outlining essential businesses. Mr. Soroka also mentioned Executive Order 20-112, effective May 4th, which allows restaurants, retail, museums and libraries to 25% of indoor capacity while maintaining social distance; however, this order excludes Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Also, elective medical procedures may resume and includes Broward County; gyms and fitness centers remain closed throughout the State. The order also extended the existing prohibition on vacation rentals.

Continuing, Mr. Soroka said the night before Order 20-112 was issued, Broward County issued their emergency order 20-08 which provided for limited reopening of public and private parks, nature areas, boat ramps, marinas and golf courses; notwithstanding, all require CDC adherence. For public and private parks, the use must be passive; no large gatherings and social distancing is still required. Order 20-8 addressed residential pools and recreational amenities while leaving commercial pools closed but did provide limited reopening of residential pools and certain recreational amenities under certain conditions. The primary conditions entail: limitation to current residents; capacity of those

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL - CONTINUED

pools is a max of 50%; minimum 6-feet social distancing; pools must be supervised during opening hours; equipment, railings, chairs must be sanitized regularly or if a community does not have the resources to provide for such sanitation, the furnishings and/or equipment could be removed. The order also clarified restrictions on facial coverings which must be worn during in-person public interaction, while engaging or obtaining in an essential business, anyone involved in food preparation. The County order also provided for the proper discarding of PPE; the City had taken that action previously.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka replied that the City can be more stringent than the executive orders, but not laxer.

Commissioner Hudak also asked if there was an indication as to when restaurants and beaches would be open in Broward County.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that no timeline can be established for any reopening as it is based on the science and numbers associated with COVID-19. He explained the intensity of COVID-19 in the Tri-County area and having a 1/3 of all the cases within the State is why the Governor carved us out of his order. He advised that case numbers are being scrutinized by health care professionals to guide everyone in making a smart decision for properly phased reopening.

Commissioner Preston commented on the boat ramps being open this past weekend and recommended a course of action in determining opening the beach such as limited access for a specific timeframe for the community.

Commissioner Drosky explained that cities cannot overrule the County's regulations as well as the Governor's which is why the businesses and beach are not reopening. Though everyone is suffering, until the County and State provide clearance, there is nothing the City can do. Additionally, the Commissioners are advocating for the residents and businesses to the County Commission. Moreover, Commissioner Drosky said the City Manager communicates regularly with other Broward County managers on a plan to move forward as well as the Commission.

Vice Mayor Parness said he has thoughts as well as questions from the public about the beach reopening but believes the re-openings of the beaches should be a joint effort. If only Deerfield Beach opens the beach, most likely everyone in Broward County would be at the beach without a possible way of maintaining social distancing. Vice Mayor Parness said the re-openings have to be collaborated for social distancing and to avoid any one city's beach being overcrowded. When the beaches are finally open, it needs to be done correctly so the residents can enjoy their respective beaches. Lastly, he said working together will minimize the damage.

Commissioner Preston said Vice Mayor Parness has offered sound advice, but the opportunity has been missed because there are places in Florida where beaches are open, and no one is recognizing social distancing. Until everyone is on the same page, this will be the challenge elsewhere. Unfortunately, social distancing is not being observed everywhere in the State, but whatever is done in Deerfield Beach, risk must be minimized.

CITY MANAGER

Fourth of July Celebration - David Santucci, City Manager, advised that the total estimated cost to hold the Fourth of July event is approximately \$80,000. The expenses from the event are bore by CRA who has budgeted \$85,000 and the City expenses are \$15,000; which is typically covered from sponsorship revenues of approximately \$20,000; therefore, the total cost of the event is about \$80,000. It was anticipated that the event would gather around 80,000 to 90,000 people. Last week there was a discussion regarding a decision on the event; thereafter, he outlined the conditions of the contract. The City has until May 15th to order the fireworks from the vendor; from May 15th till June 4th, the City will be responsible for 10% of the firework costs (\$4,500), trucking expenses and permit fees (no estimate provided). On June 1st, a decision must be made on the entertainment and sound company (\$12,500). After June 4th, the City would be responsible for the full cost of the firework display (\$45,000), entertainment and sound company. If the event was cancelled between June 4th and July 4th, the closer it gets to the event, the more expenses incur as there are other supplies and equipment that must be purchased. Mr. Santucci said the total cost of the event is about \$100,000 and at this point, the likelihood of sponsorships is unknown because of COVID-19, and an estimate cannot be provided.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL - CONTINUED

Continuing, Mr. Santucci said the Reopen America Plan is three (3) phases; whereas, South Florida is not included in Phase 1 of the plan. Nevertheless, phase 3 of the White House Plan says there's no evidence of a rebound and the gating criteria has been satisfied for a third time. Once that happens, even then, large venues can operate under limited physical distancing protocols. He explained that he is not sure how that would be accomplished with 80,000 to 90,000 people on the beach. Thereafter, he explained the gating criteria which entails a downward trajectory of the influenza-like illnesses in a 14-day period as well as the COVID-19 like cases reported in the same timeframe. Furthermore, there must be a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of the total tests within a 14-day period, flat or increasing volume of tests and hospitals need to treat all patients without crisis care and there must be a robust testing program in place for at-risk health care workers and emerging antibody tests. The reason Broward County was not able to enter into Phase 1 was due to testing for at-risk health care workers, emerging antibody tests and the number of cases in South Florida. Additionally, Mr. Santucci commented on the cancellation of large-scale venues going up to June, including sporting events. Lastly, Mr. Santucci recommended cancelling the July 4th celebration.

Vice Mayor Parness agreed due to the number of people that have attended the event in the past and does not want to take a chance that a miracle will happen by July 4th. Even if the event participation is reduced to 40,000 people, he does not want to put anyone's life at risk and feels the event should be cancelled.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Santucci said there is not event insurance for the event as a decision has not been made to have it or not. Further, the odds of obtaining event insurance in the current environment is quite low.

Commissioner Hudak asked if there is any thought about having the event with fireworks only.

Mr. Santucci replied that if fireworks were done without entertainment or food vendors, the attendance should be considered and whether the crowd can operate whatever phase the City is in at that time. These are unknowns and no one knows what the conditions will be in two (2) months. Additionally, he asked whether the Commission would be supportive with spending \$45,000 on fireworks without knowing the attendance and payout.

Commissioner Hudak asked for feedback from Captain Brimlow, BSO Police.

Captain Brimlow said it will be difficult to manage distancing regulations no matter the crowd size. Even if 20,000 people attended, it would still be impossible to ensure social distancing.

Commissioner Drosky said Independence Day is one of the biggest holidays for the Nation and especially for the City. He commented on having the discussion as an agenda item with sufficient backup to allow the residents to participate and provide feedback. Leaving the public out is a huge disservice and while he believes the event should not go forward, he is uncomfortable voting on it without public input.

Commissioner Preston said because the holiday celebrates the independence of the Country, he would like to have it but prohibit anyone from going onto the beach. He recommended people watching the fireworks from their homes.

Mayor Ganz said no one knows what the conditions will be by July 4th and believes it will be something different than it was in the past. Further, he agreed that the item should have been an agenda item; nevertheless, Mr. Santucci mentioned it last meeting asking the Commission to think about it. Mayor Ganz expressed concern with expending funds for the event and said many people will be blindsided; notwithstanding, it should not be a surprise considering the world we currently live. While he does not like cancelling the event, the attendance must be a consideration. He disagreed with having the fireworks but stopping people from going to the beach as everyone cannot see the fireworks from their home. Mayor Ganz also said he wished the public were able to give their feedback as well.

Commissioner Preston suggested people driving to possibly the Cove and staying in their cars to see it. He said COVID-19 has put everyone in a very compromising position and may have to think outside the box for situations such as these.

Commissioner Hudak recommended a virtual celebration, i.e. Facebook, so everyone is home but can participate.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL - CONTINUED

Commissioner Drosky asked for clarification on Commissioner Hudak's recommendation.

Commissioner Hudak said if the event is held, he does not think the City could stop people from going to the beach. He said the event is eight (8) weeks away and does not think maintaining social distancing is possible and does not agree with having fireworks in real-time and maybe simulcast.

Vice Mayor Parness commented on his past experiences during his time in the military and there not being any fireworks, but it didn't stop how people felt about July 4th. He said he does not think America is defined on whether or not there are fireworks at the beach. While it is nice, it is not worth risking lives. Vice Mayor Parness also suggested watching fireworks displayed from other states on television which is customary. He reiterated cancellation of the event and asked when the City would start to incur costs.

Mr. Santucci replied May 15th.

Commissioner Preston agreed that watching the fireworks is not a good reason to risk anyone's life, but the dialogue tonight was about workable solutions. Moreover, he recommended direction for the City Manager to make the necessary changes and put things in order.

Commissioner Drosky said he somewhat disagrees with the importance of fireworks. If there is an opportunity to do the fireworks, without the public being present, it should be considered. While he does not know if the option is viable, the Commission cannot debate it tonight. Thereafter, he quoted John Adams regarding July 4th and celebrating the day and does not believe it should be cancelled haphazardly. Commissioner Drosky said having 10,000 people at the beach is a mistake, but if there's an opportunity to do something safe without the public it should be debated. If baseball teams are considering playing games without fans, there should be consideration to hold the event without the public.

Mr. Santucci said there are 10 days to make a decision, but if public input is warranted, the topic can be discussed next week. However, with the current conditions, there are many restrictions and he is not sure that phase 3 will commence by July 4th. He apologized for not bringing the item forward as an agenda item but explained that the public may not have the opportunity to make that decision as restrictions could likely be in place from the State or County that prohibit hosting the event.

Commissioner Preston said everyone's points should be considered and there are only two (2) options, having the event with participation or without participation. If it is held, he reiterated allowing people to see the event without getting out of their cars. He said the safety of the residents should be strongly considered; thereafter, he commented on the NBA and NCAA shutting down and changes with the NFL Draft.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with keeping residents safe and during his time in the military, he celebrated the 4th of July outside the United States. Sporting events can be policed as they happen in the arena where you can provide crowd control, but that is not an option on the beach. A virtual celebration should be done, without live fireworks and err on the side of caution. Lastly, he said these are unprecedented times therefore, the Commission should err on the side of safety and have a virtual celebration.

CARES Act Funding - Mr. Santucci said the CARES Act Funding came down to state and local governments that had a population of 500,000 or more. No municipality in the County qualified; nevertheless, additional funding will be coming down to assist local municipalities, but the County did receive the funding. Clarification did come out on an FAQ from the Federal Government that a county may transfer funds to a city, town or school district within the county of the county that received the funding.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS**COMMISSIONER HUDAK****DISTRICT 1**

Coronavirus - Commissioner Hudak said the virus has caused over 252,000 deaths worldwide; when added together the cities of Boca Raton, Coconut Creek and Deerfield Beach have a population of 248,000. Over 70,000 deaths have been linked to COVID-19 and it is important that people take this virus seriously. March 7th marked the first death in Florida, but since then, in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties, there have been 827 deaths, which equates to more than half of the entire state. This is why the Governor placed restrictions on the quad-counties because we are the most susceptible population in Florida; thus, caution is necessary.

District 1 Meetings - Commissioner Hudak said he will have virtual office hours on Saturday, May 9th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., through Zoom; whereby, participants may video or call in.

Condolences - Commissioner Hudak said Dave Harris, retired Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue Chief, passed. He expressed his condolences to his son, Dave Jr. who is also a member of Fire Rescue, the Harris family and Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue family. Lastly, he announced that Don Shula passed away on May 4th; thereafter, he announced his victories in the NFL. Mr. Shula was a man of integrity, faith and family and provided a quote by Mr. Shula.

COVID-19 - Commissioner Hudak encouraged everyone to protect themselves, family and neighbors while continuing to follow the County, State and City guidelines. Additionally, mobile testing is now available for homebound elderly or individuals with disabilities experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and cannot leave their home to access a drive up or workup test collection sites. Individuals may call Broward County COVID-19 call center at 954.357.9500 for a prequalifying assessment; open 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. every day. For anyone in need, you may visit the City's website for a list of food distribution locations and testing sites.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Condolences - Commissioner Preston expressed condolences for the Harris family also. He said when he began his career, he worked with Chief Dave Harris. Chief Harris will be missed and was an integral part of everything that was good about the old fire department.

Food Distribution - Commissioner Preston said the elected body would have been proud to see the food distribution as it was well attended and appreciated. The City employees did an excellent job and everyone's concern was helping those in need. He asked the City Manager to make sure the employees know that they are greatly appreciated under these extraordinary situations.

Community Redevelopment District - Commissioner Preston said he supports restaurants throughout the City, in every district; however, it is different when he speaks with his colleagues. District 2 does not have the choices for restaurants in the current situation and asked if this will be the same. Commissioner Preston thanked the Commission for supporting him on allowing the City Manager to gather information on creating a CRA in District 2. Thereafter, he commented on visiting various restaurants to support them. He asked the Commission to pursue an empathic consideration in trying to change things in District 2 with a new CRA. Ambivalence to the current situation will give the district exactly what it has, which is nothing. There is a responsibility to all the commissioners to seek change or allow things to stay the same. Commissioner Preston said things need to change in District 2 as it is also a part of the City and is not benefitting in being an equal part like other districts. Lastly, he asked the City Manager for an update on the information requested.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that staff has compiled a great deal of information and due to COVID-19, projects have been slowed; nevertheless, he will reengage the conversation and see where everything stands. It will be brought up at a future date.

VICE MAYOR PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

At Home Testing - Vice Mayor Parnes said he received an e-mail from the City Manager regarding testing at home for those that are ill. He asked that an effort be made to obtain e-mails from Deerfield Beach residents through the Public Affairs Department for direct contact. Having the information will allow quick contact when issues arise. Although he contacted various individuals and board members, this information should be automatically sent to every

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS – CONTINUED

e-mail that people have signed up for. It would be good for the City to communicate to the residents and include them as individuals which will make them happy.

Supporting Restaurants - Vice Mayor Parness said he had lunch at the Pickle Barrel and orders daily to support the restaurants he enjoys year-round.

Century Village Main Pool - Vice Mayor Parness said tomorrow, Century Village is opening their main pool and he will be there to make sure all the protocols are followed. Protocols include a monitor be present to ensure only residents be allowed, social distancing, no one can approach the pool without a mask and all rules must be obeyed. If rules are continually violated, it is assumed the City will shut them down until compliance is met. Pools will be opened one at a time as they can be managed; someone must be there to check residents' identification, time limits 1 hour and then depart. Pools are only allowed 50% capacity.

COVID-19 - Vice Mayor Parness asked that there be enforcement for people not wearing masks as people are being endangered. Thereafter, he commented on a relative who fell ill to COVID-19 who survived; however, the relative was advised that if the decision were made to go to the hospital, the condition could worsen. Vice Mayor Parness said it needs to be instilled that this pandemic is dangerous, and people should not risk other people's lives. He explained that his constituents are following the rules and he is talking with his residents via phone, so they are supported. Lastly, he asked for the number of cases, hospitalizations and other statistics for the City to help educate the residents.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

COVID-19 - Commissioner Drosky thanked his residents for abiding by the rules established to keep everyone safe. He said he has spoken with his residents in the last month more than he has over his last three (3) years. Though the pandemic is not over, we are getting there.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Condolences - Mayor Ganz expressed condolences for Dave Harris and acknowledged that other city employees were lost this past week. Additionally, Kristen Jacobs, former Broward County Commissioner, passed. He said she was a great colleague and incredibly impacted the City; the preserve on 10th Street is a project that she diligently fought for. Mayor Ganz also expressed condolences for Nakima Thompson, BSO Dispatcher, who passed as a result of COVID-19.

Updates - Mayor Ganz announced that Jerry Judy was selected in the NFL Draft and Jason Strowbridge was drafted by the Miami Dolphins; both were raised in Deerfield Beach.

Accolades - Mayor Ganz said staff is doing an outstanding job in very difficult situations and thanked those who are working in the public. He also applauded Commissioners Hudak and Preston for their assistance with the food giveaway last Friday. Mayor Ganz thanked staff for working with The Palms residents in need of sustenance; Donna DeFronzo, Vicki Placide-Pickard and others have done a tremendous job.

Supporting Businesses - Mayor Ganz said he tries to hit various areas of the City to support businesses as it is difficult, and many people are having hard times even with unemployment as there are issues there as well. Hopefully, it will be remedied, and people will receive the assistance they need.

Stressful Conditions - Mayor Ganz said during these times, there are heightened stressors due to the quarantine and domestic violence can spike; therefore, he encouraged those in danger to call Women in Distress at 954.761.1133 or 911 if safety is needed. He said Kristen Jacobs was a big supporter of Women in Distress.

District 1 Apartment Complex - Mayor Ganz said there were problems at an apartment complex in District 1 which is being dealt with. Other issues being addressed are speeding on Hillsboro Boulevard, whereby, the Broward Sheriff's Office has stepped into curb speeding.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS - CONTINUED

COVID-19 Phase 1 Communications - Mayor Ganz said he has many conversations with coastal mayors and Broward County mayors and though they are bearing fruit, the execution is sometimes poor. They asked Broward County to provide a lead time on any changes, like the minor restrictions recently lifted, and though the conversation took place on Friday, the emergency order was communicated on Tuesday with an effective date of Wednesday. Mayor Ganz advised that right now, no date has been provided as to when the beaches will open; nevertheless, the Task Force will restart and discuss beach reopening for coastal cities. Though it is a long way off, he does not think it will be a part of the first phase.

Continuing, Mayor Ganz said staff performed a survey on whether Deerfield Beach restaurants were interested in reopening at 25% and many opted not to as 50% is communicated by many restaurateurs. Mayor Ganz said Palm Beach County has moved forward with requesting the Governor separate them from Miami-Dade and Broward County Consortiums to start a first phase open as early as next week. Fort Lauderdale has produced a plan for the first phase of reopening and submitted to the cities and the County for discussion. Though we are a long way from getting there, prudence is important as you do not want to start opening and the numbers spike. Mayor Holness is trying to obtain information and communicating as it comes forth. While there is not a timeline, we are moving forward.

Economic Development Council - Mayor Ganz said after speaking with this board and advising the positions the City needs, it is beneficial to provide job opportunities after the pandemic. The Council is taking on that task and looking at opportunities with other businesses to find out how to develop a program. Additionally, it was announced that LauchCode would not be coming forward in the South Florida and Tampa areas due to the pandemic.

CDC Guidelines - Mayor Ganz encouraged everyone to follow the guidelines for social distancing and facial coverings. He provided a demonstration on how to properly wear a face mask; wearing the wired portion over the nose and disposing of them properly and not littering.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.
Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk