



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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 media technology.

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

Mayor Ganz announced that former Deerfield Beach Mayor Dick Mowery, passed over the weekend. He served as Mayor/City Commissioner from 1969-1970 and 1972-1973. Mowery was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church and former FBI agent. Thereafter, the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes – May 5, 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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

May 19, 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

- 1. P.N. 2020-048: Resolution 2020/054 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, adopting and authorizing submission of an Amended Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, said this action will assist businesses with a COVID related impact; thereafter, he advised that Vickki Placide-Pickard, Community Development Director, will discuss the changes to the CDBG Action Plan to provide for the funding, and Kris Mory, Economic Development Director, will advise how the funds will be used for the micro program.

Ms. Placide-Pickard said this is an amendment to the City's existing Community Development Block Grant Action Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to reprogram funds from the commercial façade program to create a micro enterprise program which allows one-time assistance up to \$5,000 to small businesses. These businesses are defined as those with five (5) employees or less including the owner. The assistance can be used toward the business lease or mortgage payment, utility payment, monthly debt payment, payroll and other inventory. The program sets aside \$75,000 of current funds to administer the program, with the hope to receive additional funds through CDBG COVID that similar programs with other businesses and residents once approved by HUD.

Ms. Mory said this is an attempt to make additional funds available for some of the hard to reach businesses which are the smaller businesses in the community that may not have the ability to access other funds that some businesses did like PPP and Bridge Loans. In preparation for the program, staff has been working to identify businesses that may qualify for the funds based on what is known about the businesses in the community, as outlined by Ms. Placide-Pickard, to get funds out to them.

Mayor Ganz asked if the program is first come, first serve; how it is determined which businesses qualify and whether having received prior governmental funding or other loans and grants would disqualify them.

Ms. Placide-Pickard replied that as a requirement, they are not allowed to receive additional funds. There is a section of the application regarding duplicate funding and would not be eligible if they have received funding.

Mayor Ganz also asked how the program is being marketed.

Ms. Mory replied that staff has begun identifying businesses in the community through a business tax receipts database that has been developed over the last couple months. Staff is also looking for known businesses that are smaller in nature with five (5) employees or less.

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

Commissioner Hudak asked how businesses apply for it and if it is a first come, first serve basis, how would they apply to secure the funds.

Ms. Placide-Pickard said upon approval, both Economic Development and Community Development staff, will issue a drafted press release that will go out that provides information on how to apply and what documents are needed. To give businesses time to gather documents, the program is proposed to begin next Wednesday, May 27th; nonetheless, other marketing strategies will be undertaken. The program will mainly be done online, but applications will be available to those unable to submit online.

Commissioner Hudak advised that funding covers 15 businesses and asked if staff is working with the Chamber of Commerce or only City staff.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUED

Ms. Mory replied that whenever there's an economic development initiative, everything is shared with the Chamber to push out to their membership also.

Commissioner Preston asked what will be told to businesses that qualify for the Commercial Façade Program since those funds are being redirected to the micro enterprise program. Additionally, funds for 15 businesses is not a lot of businesses; therefore, it is imperative that the word gets out to those in need. If the program is first come, first served, does staff consider criteria that leverages one over another?

Ms. Placide-Pickard replied that if a business contacted staff now for assistance with façade funding, staff would advise that no funds are available. Based on the proposed plan that comes before the Commission in June, funds are not set aside for commercial façade. Further, there have not been any takers for this program for quite some time and budgets are now based on funding for 2021. Moreover, Ms. Placide-Pickard explained that with the online system, as people submit their application, staff will make sure they are eligible as, not everyone is. This program focuses on businesses who hire low-to-moderate income individuals so if a business has five (5) employees, staff will still have to verify that the employees meet the income criteria. Going through the entire qualification component may automatically disqualify some businesses.

Ms. Mory said though one (1) requirement is five (5) employees or less, 51% must be low to moderate income (LMI); whereas, the income criteria for a LMI family with a household of four (4) has a max of \$71,000. It will be a task working with business owners to income qualify their employees. This is a first time test and it may be difficult to find 15 businesses to access these funds because of the income restriction.

Mayor Ganz asked what the maximum per business on the façade program is.

Ms. Placide-Pickard replied \$75,000 for one (1) business.

Mayor Ganz clarified that if a business qualified for façade funding, and if their building is large enough, they could receive the full \$75,000.

Ms. Placide-Pickard said that is correct, but if this item is approved tonight, the funding would no longer be available for façade funding, only for the micro enterprise program.

Mayor Ganz said while 15 businesses is not a lot, using the money this way allows the City to reach more businesses than with the façade program.

Commissioner Hudak asked why it is so restrictive with income and if 15 businesses are not approved, will the program be expanded as he does not want it so difficult that no one can qualify.

Ms. Mory replied that staff is looking for recovery resources in many financial aspects. The funding for the Community Development Block Grant comes from federal dollars and these restrictions guide the program, not the City as it is not a locally established policy.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 1, adopted Resolution 2020/054. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsey Cottrell, 1985 NE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, provided an e-mail regarding Island Water Sports desire to hold Surf Camp this year. To begin, she outlined the company's tenure in the City and advised that the City receives 22.5% of the registration fee for beach usage and marketing. Ms. Cottrell outlined the need for social distancing and how CDC guidelines will be followed; i.e. each group will have less than 10 children, groups will be divided by age

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

and ability levels and will remain 25 feet apart at all times. The program will run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Additionally, no City staff is needed for this operation, registration or rescue as Island Water Sports has lifeguard certified employees. Lastly, Ms. Cottrell outlined the importance of the surf camp as parents need a place for their children during the summer.

Chris Payne, 1023 SE 14th Drive, Deerfield Beach, asked when the beach would reopen for physical activities like surfing, swimming, diving and other activities. Also, what can the residents expect in the coming days in the next phase of opening?

Mayor Ganz replied that the City is under rule by the County and beach openings have been thoroughly discussed with his colleagues; whereby, beach reopenings are tentatively scheduled for May 26th depending on the Governor and County. The first phase of beach openings could be limited to physical activity but not sunbathing and is still based on what Broward County will allow.

Leon Karasik, 1307 SW 27th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, provided an e-mail regarding the operation of small boutique gyms. He advised that his wife owns a small gym, which has been closed for two (2) months. Boutique gyms are smaller and have less clientele than big box gyms like LA Fitness, Planet Fitness and Youfit. Furthermore, since the spaces are smaller, it is easier to follow CDC guidelines. Since Palm Beach County gyms have reopened, he asked that there be some consideration for these type businesses as people need to earn a living and have the ability to clean the spaces and maintain social distancing.

Mayor Ganz said what occurred in Fort Lauderdale is controversial because when the order came from the Governor, the rules apply differently to south Florida, Miami-Dade and Broward than other areas in the State. Fort Lauderdale was one of the cities pushing to have gyms open when the 50% opening began, but it was not the consensus of most mayors as more strict guidelines are being investigated to make sure gyms can open. When the Governor approved gyms, Fort Lauderdale decided to break out on their own away from the County. Mayor Ganz said everyone needs to work together and not be broken apart like Fort Lauderdale. Palm Beach County has already separated itself from Broward County and Broward municipalities are trying to hold pace and stay together. Moreover, the Broward County Commission had discussions today to address the outcome and feedback will be provided soon regarding gym openings. Lastly, he agreed that some of the gyms may be looked at differently than others.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 2. Resolution 2020/055 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Facility Use and Grant Agreement with DPR Youth Enrichment Association for Academics & Athletics, Inc. for the Packer Rattlers Youth Football, Cheerleading and Academic Support Programs; approving a \$35,000 grant to support the youth football and cheerleading programs within the City; providing for execution, severability and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-7025-572-39-14 - Athletic Program Supplement)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, said this is the grant agreement for the Packer Rattlers in an amount of \$35,000; last year, it was significantly more which helped support the startup for equipment, uniforms, etc. The amount proposed has been agreed by staff and the Packer Rattler organization; however, it is contingent on the ability to have a season and season length as it may change the amount or not occur.

Commissioner Hudak asked if the Packer Rattlers have followed the requirements for financial information and background checks.

Mr. Santucci replied that they have met all requirements, but have not provided their completed tax return because there has been a filing extension and it is not yet complete. Other than that, all other requirements have been met and reviewed by staff.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS – CONTINUED

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that all the restrictions in the agreement last year were made part of this year's agreement; other modifications were made to address COVID impacts, in addition to reduced funding. If the season goes forward, they have to follow applicable executive orders or CDC guidance. Also, if the season is suspended or delayed, the funding may be suspended or delayed until there's confirmation to continue the season and need for funding.

Commissioner Drosky asked what criteria is being used to evaluate whether the season goes forward and whether it is based on the criteria the pro leagues are using to restart sports or is staff developing the criteria.

Mr. Santucci replied that many leagues for sports teams are making the decision on when to begin. That, along with any restrictions the City has for field usage, which is restricted by emergency order, to not allow organized sports activities would also impact the decision. Staff will continue to monitor COVID, County emergency orders, what other cities are doing and what leagues are allowing/recommending. As of today, there is no known date for allowing youth sports.

Commissioner Preston thanked the Commission for their support in bringing back the Packer Rattlers and applauded the Packer Rattlers for their accomplishments. Further, this is an upstart program and there could be unanticipated issues. Lastly, he said the organization has proven positive for the community.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Further, Mayor Ganz said Tyrone Philpart and the entire Packer Rattler organization did an outstanding job and everything has been done appropriately.

Vice Mayor Parness said the program was intended to correct errors from the past and that has been accomplished. He applauded the team's management and those running it as they have done an excellent job following the rules, having well trained teams and the kids are having a good time.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2020/055. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 3. Resolution 2020/056 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Amendment to the HL109 Agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO") for the Branhilda Richardson Knowles Memorial Park and Cemetery Project to reallocate funds to the security camera installation budget; authorizing execution of the Amendment; providing for severability and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, explained that Item 3 proposes the shifting of funding for a portion of the grant meant for security cameras and public art. The expenditures for the security cameras did not include the self-mounted poles which will be used; therefore, the allocation for that must be increased. The expenditure for public art was less expensive than anticipated and will be decreased. Thus, there is no change in the overall grant amount but only a reallocation of the amount between those two items approved through the grant. He said there is a presentation on the public art if desired. Additionally, the public art committee has not been fully established so they were unable to assist in this endeavor; nevertheless, once that happens, the committee will review public art proposals.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the Streets Department is working on removing some swale to create parallel parking and is currently in design.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Ricardo Cukier, 1221 SW 46th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked everyone for their hard work and spoke in support of the project. He said he supports the cameras, but in reviewing the agenda backup, the scope of work was very generic and not specific on the number of cameras, DVRs, etc. He recommended that the information be double checked to assure the cameras and costs are cross referenced.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Preston provided a brief history about the memorial park as it was previously a graveyard. He said people are buried there and their relatives and others go there to grieve their loved ones, but the park is locked sometimes. He asked that staff be conscientious that people go there regularly and it is hard when it is locked and asked that the City Manager address the concern.

Mr. Santucci said it will be handled.

Lastly, Commissioner Preston spoke in support of Item 3 and motioned approval.

Regarding the cameras, Mr. Santucci replied that when security cameras are proposed, staff is purposefully vague with models and other specifics, but Parks & Recreation, Law Enforcement and the vendor identified the exact location of the cameras and the coverage area; whereas, they are compatible with other camera systems so it reports back to law enforcement.

Commissioner Hudak asked to see the public art.

Preston Pooser, Parks & Recreation Director, provided a brief overview of the public art for the Memorial Park & Historic Cemetery. The park opened August 24, 2019 and has received a lot of positive feedback; whereby, the public art will be an outstanding addition.

Project Overview – Mr. Pooser said the State provided funds in July 2019 to purchase public art. As part of the grant agreement, the budget was \$160,000 and a minimum of three (3) art pieces were required. The grant agreement was executed in October 2019 with a project end date of June 30, 2020.

Selection Process – Mr. Pooser said a Call to Artists was initiated using platform Café in January 2020 which lasted four (4) weeks; 347 submissions were received and narrowed down to pieces that staff felt would fit the park best based on the look and durability.

Selected Art Piece #1 – Mr. Pooser said the first piece is 'A Novel Idea' Book Bench which is carved in the form of books with local authors of interest and titles engraved. There will be four (4) benches made of granite, 16"HX16"DX72"W. The books have authors on them so staff plans to find local African American authors, maybe Deerfield Beach and Bahamian authors since there is a Bahamian influence in the park. Also, staff has been in contract with the African American Research Library to find names for the books.

Selected Art Piece #2 – Mr. Pooser outlined the next art piece, 'Blue Tranquility' Sculpture, to be placed in the center of the park. There will be one (1) sculpture made from aluminum and enamel, and will be 16"X72".

Selected Art Piece #3 – Mr. Pooser outlined the final art piece, 'My Aching Heart' Sculpture; made from stainless and carbon steel and is 78" tall, 48" wide and 25" deep, with only one (1) being added to the park.

Project Site & Art Location – Mr. Pooser provided an aerial view of the park and outlined the locations of each art piece as shown by arrows. In the middle of the green space, the 'Blue Tranquility' Sculpture will be placed. The leaf wall is a focal point of the park that is in the center; the book benches will be placed in various areas of the park and can be seen anywhere upon entry; and 'My Aching Heart' sculpture will be on the north end of the park.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Project Status – Mr. Pooser said the expected completion date for the purchase and installation of the art pieces is on track for June 30, 2020. Due to COVID, there was a delay in supplies for the book benches and a small extension may be needed; the heart sculpture and flame sculpture are on track for delivery. Staff expects everything will be installed by the deadline.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2020/056. 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

Executive Session – Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that he will coordinate an Executive Session with the City Manager's staff regarding the Town of Hillsboro Beach v. City of Deerfield Beach, case #17-007784.

CITY MANAGER

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – David Santucci, City Manager, advised that staff is near completion of the 2019 report, which will be presented at the June 2nd City Commission Meeting and meet the GFOA and State's deadline of June 30th. He thanked Stephanie Tinsley, Chief Financial Officer, and her team for their efforts as she has had a daunting task of familiarizing herself with the City's finances, moving the report forward, the budget and the audit.

Pier/Boat Ramp – Mr. Santucci said currently, the pier and boat ramp are limited to residents only which was purposefully done to gauge the process. It has been a manageable situation and since retail and restaurants are open, as well as beaches possibly opening on May 26th, people have more to do and it will not become an overwhelming situation. The resident restriction at the pier will be lifted as of May 26th to allow fishing only and the boat ramp with limited hours based on the County's order.

Grant Funding – Mr. Santucci said the City has received additional grant funding and are awaiting HUD's direction on how they can be used. Staff suspects that there will be additional grant funding to be used for businesses and residents up to \$1 million. Hopefully guidance is received soon and once it is, it will be presented to the Commission for consideration. He said the types of programs include residential rental assistance, utility payment, more micro enterprise funds and foreclosure prevention.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONER DROSKY

DISTRICT 4

Gym Openings – Commissioner Drosky said in addition to Mr. Karasik's e-mail, he has received other e-mails from District 4 residents and throughout the City about the smaller boutique gyms; therefore, he asked that the Mayor address it during his talks with other mayors and the County. Additionally, he received an e-mail stating the LA Fitness would be opening in June, statewide, except Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. In theory, a person could go to the LA Fitness in Boca Raton but cannot go to a small boutique gym in the City.

Recycling Workshop – Commissioner Drosky applauded Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, and his team for the great job on the recycling presentation as it provided all the necessary information to make an informed decision. He said this is the standard of what a presentation should look like. Additionally, he thanked the residents for their feedback as tough decisions will be made going forward.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS – CONTINUED

SW 10th Street – Commissioner Drosky said for those living in Independence Bay, Waterways, Waterford Courtyards, Waterford Homes or Century Village, should be aware that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is moving forward again with SW 10th Street and new ideas could be coming forth soon. Also, the neighborhoods mentioned will be part of the public meetings with short notice to give feedback. Commissioner Drosky said he has not seen the changes, but hopes to. He reiterated that it will be short notice which is the downfall and moving too fast may potentially strain the public's input. Moreover, the Elected Officials have not seen what is proposed and does not know how to communicate to constituents what is coming. Lastly, Commissioner Drosky said he hopes to have additional information at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4 - CONTINUED**

Pelican News Article – Commissioner Drosky said an article in this week's Pelican outlined the bridge sidewalk going over the Intracoastal Waterway on Hillsboro Boulevard. The reporter reached out to the Broward Sheriff's Office asking for the number of citations issued for individuals who refused to walk their bikes across but chose to ride it over against the Ordinance the Commission passed. Though the information was not available, he would like to see it in the weekly packet this Friday. When the Ordinance was passed, it was part of the discussion that an ordinance not be passed which could not be enforced. If the Ordinance is not being enforced, the Commission should be made aware to find out the disconnect.

VICE MAYOR PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

CDC Guidelines – Vice Mayor Parnes thanked the citizens who have worn their masks in public and doing the right thing. Comparatively, there has not been a large spike in the City as most residents are cooperating. Further, he commended the stores that have signs prohibiting entrance without a mask. Lastly, Vice Mayor Parnes said these guidelines are not to punish people, but to save lives.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

COVID-19 Testing Site – Commissioner Preston said the Black community has been disproportionately affected by the virus in infection and death. He explained that he has been trying for some time to open a testing site in the City and during his discussions with Mr. Clark, Senior Vice President of Operations, Broward Health, he advised that there are different criteria, whereby, Deerfield Beach does not fit the model. Commissioner Preston asked that the City Manager reach out to Broward Health to determine what can be done. Additionally, he recommended a site at Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex due to logistics.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Preston recommended having only the Mayor give the Pledge of Allegiance due to the current format of the Commission Meetings. He asked that his colleagues provide feedback.

COMMISSIONER HUDAK**DISTRICT 1**

Beach Passes – Commissioner Hudak said he was contacted by a resident asking if a discount would be provided in 2021 as they have not been able to utilize the beach pass; therefore, he recommended a 25% discount in the coming year.

Newsletter – Commissioner Hudak said he will be starting a newsletter for District 1 residents. Invitations will start today so anyone wishing to sign up may visit the City's website and click on "Sign Me Up". This link also allows residents to sign up for other communications as well.

Census 2020 – Commissioner Hudak encouraged residents to complete the Census. Currently, national response is 59.6%; Florida – 57.1%; Deerfield Beach – 35.5%. He said completing the Census helps the City receive its fair share of more than \$1.5 trillion in federal funding for infrastructure, schools, housing and others. An accurate census count provides critical funding for a hospital's disaster recovery as we are currently experiencing. Please visit www.my2020census.gov or call 1.844.330.2020 as it takes less than five minutes to complete, and the City reaps untold rewards.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS – CONTINUED**COMMISSIONER PRESTON****DISTRICT 2 – CONTINUED**

Island Water Sports – Commissioner Hudak said the City is at the mercy of the County, and asked that the City Manager work with Island Water Sports, so their summer camp can open. Both the State and County have cancelled all the summer camps which leaves the parents wondering what to do with their children. The Surf Camp would be one (1) avenue for parents; thus, he asked the City Manager to work closely with them to find a suitable resolution.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Navajo Nation – Commissioner Preston said the Navajo Nation is the hottest spot in the nation for COVID-19 and are being contaminated at a high rate and succumbing to it. There was a spokesperson from the Navajo Nation advising that they do not have water or sanitizers. He asked that the Administration and his colleagues look into what the City may be able to do help them.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Ganz said the Pledge can be alternated between each Commissioner if so desired, with all others remaining seated during the pledge.

Beach Parking Passes – Mayor Ganz said he does not agree with providing a discount to the residents as the pandemic is an act of God; furthermore, the parking pass is extraordinarily discounted.

Helping the Residents – Mayor Ganz asked that the Administration find out if it is financially feasible to help the residents during these difficult times by giving a discount or waiver for a month's water bill. It would only come from the Enterprise Fund, no other fund could be used.

COVID-19 Testing Site – Mayor Ganz agreed that a testing site is a good idea. Although Vice Mayor Parness was able to secure a site in Pompano Beach it took a lot to accomplish. Mayor Ganz said having a site in the City would give residents ability for testing to determine who has the virus, self-quarantine and protect others from contamination. He said he will also work to help find a location at Oveta McKeithen Park as discussed with the City Manager.

SW 10th Street – Mayor Ganz said he has a meeting on Thursday with the Florida Department of Transportation regarding 10th Street. He will advocate having public meetings announced so it allows the public enough time to provide input as it is needed. It is hopeful that they come up with a design pleasing to everyone.

Recycling Workshop Presentation – Mayor Ganz applauded Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, for his presentation at the May 14th workshop as it provided options, pros and cons, was not one-sided and left the decision to the Commission.

COVID-19 Financial Impact – Mayor Ganz said he has asked the City Manager to provide figures on the impact of the virus as there have been some savings due to various pay statuses and though revenue is coming from various areas, the virus will still have an impact. Therefore, he asked for a formal presentation to determine how to make up for the shortfalls and tough decisions may be required. Therefore, he asked that it be presented to the Commission at the next meeting and should include statistics.

Vice Mayor Parness said to have testing at the Festival Flea Market, the person must show symptoms as there are not enough test kits to test the entire town and there is determination when additional test kits will be received. Furthermore, testing for the elderly who are unable to go to a site can be tested at home. Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice Mayor Parness said everyone should salute the flag and he will continue to say the Pledge, while standing and saluting.

Mayor Ganz said he understands Vice Mayor Parness' stance and he is fine with Vice Mayor Parness leading the Pledge. He said he believes Commissioner Preston's recommendation was due to lack of synchrony when the Pledge is done.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS – CONTINUED

Financial Impact – Mayor Ganz said he requested figures over a week ago for a discussion on this agenda, but only received figures before tonight's meeting which is unacceptable. Therefore, he requested it be on the agenda for the next meeting and that the figures be given to the Commissioners in their weekly packet. Also, if there is a \$6 million shortfall, the Commission can consider whether to take funds from the reserves or other measures to recoup the shortfall.

David Santucci, City Manager, said the revenue projection shortfalls the Mayor spoke of are based on what staff believes to be a conservative approach to revenue. The shortfalls are not being viewed optimistically so staff is scrutinizing the budget expenditures to save money and ensure the gap is closed as much as possible. The impact on COVID will be determined by what monies will come from the Federal Government. At this time, as recently as this evening, he learned that there is about \$184 billion in Smart Funding coming to state and local governments for revenue shortfalls, in addition to the Hero's Act which is another \$1 trillion. The memo provided to the Commissioners, in this week's weekly packet, will continue to change and those numbers will be tweaked.

Mayor Ganz said a starting point is necessary to determine the current status. Furthermore, he asked that information be provided on the impact of wages, so the Commission has the opportunity to see the complete picture and make tough decisions if necessary. While monies will come in to address the shortfalls, it is still up to the Commission to determine what works financially and reiterated that it be an agenda item on the next agenda.

Resident Complaint – Mayor Ganz said he received a call from someone who is against wearing masks in public, does not like the beach being closed and expressed that masks limit her breathing, which creates a new issue. Though it was debated, he wanted her opinion to be heard and will also share with the other mayors. Also, people do not want to wear masks when at the beach. He agreed that some of the masks are cumbersome and limit breathing especially with strenuous activity outside.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 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