



**CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 6:02 p.m. via virtual electronic meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: David Santucci, City Manager
Anthony Soroka, City Attorney
Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Parness.

INTRODUCTION

David Santucci, City Manager, listed the departments providing presentations this evening.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FY20 Achievements - Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, outlined the FY20 achievements: 409 new businesses; continued strength of commercial, industrial and office real estate transactions; business assistance; special district marketing; regional partnerships; as well as others.

FY21 Goals - Ms. Mory outlined the FY21 goals: business assistance, support, entrepreneurship development; buy local marketing; business recruitment, retention expansion; workforce development; continued focus on key economic indicators; build on existing relationships; and continued adaptation and flexibility to meet needs as they arise.

Operating Budget - Ms. Mory said there was a 1.1% reduction in personal services. There was also a 19.9% reduction in the operating expenditures, from Pioneer Grove and the Dixie Business Residential business recruitment retention (\$25,000); special events (\$6,000); travel and training (\$5,500); city marketing materials (\$5,000); and printing (\$500), for an overall operating budget of \$358,538, which is a 10.9% reduction.

Future Considerations Beyond FY21 - Ms. Mory outlined the future considerations beyond FY21: lasting effect of COVID; proliferation of entrepreneurship and home-based businesses; investment in the local workforce; and customized resources and assistance tailored to specific business districts.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CONTINUED

Contingency Budget - Ms. Mory outlined the contingency budget: Hire DFB - \$5,000; State of the City - \$4,000; International Council of Shopping Centers Convention - \$4,000; and Deerfield Beach Economic Development Council - \$20,000.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Ms. Mory replied that Publix would have consumed the entire Hire DFB incentive; unfortunately, they have not completed the application.

BUDGET RESPONSES

Mr. Santucci answered a question posed by Commissioner Hudak at the June 23rd Budget Workshop. In FY19 and FY20, 54% of the General Fund was comprised of public safety; however, by adding Ocean Rescue it increased to 56%. In FY21, 61% without Ocean Rescue and 63% with.

LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

FY20 Achievements - Vickki Placide-Pickard, Director of Community Development, said staff is proposing to rename the Department to Legislative and Community Affairs to better align the department's overall functions and duties. Thereafter, she outlined the FY20 achievements: competitive grant awards of \$726,000, with \$9,163,000 outstanding; entitlement grants of \$2,303,000; Florida Legislative appropriation of \$445,150; Reading Pals; Tutormate; Civics 101 Program; completion of six (6) new affordable single family homes; improved community participation grant process; community outreach; as well as others.

FY21 Goals - Ms. Placide-Pickard outlined the FY21 goals: develop the City's state and federal legislative agenda; re-establish the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC); continue to identify grant opportunities and increase grant funding for the City; increase community outreach and interactions with neighborhoods; and continue to build relationships with Broward County School Board district staff and representatives.

Operating Budget Breakdown - Ms. Placide-Pickard said the Legislative & Community Affairs operating budget has a 4.1% reduction; CDBG - (13.1%); and community participation - (47.4%)

Operating Budget - Ms. Placide-Pickard said there was a 0.1% reduction in personal services. There was also a 27.5% reduction in operating expenditures due to contractual services (\$7,700); professional publication (\$3,200); public outreach (\$4,930); and travel and training (\$4,900), for an overall operating budget of \$493,478, which is a 4.1% reduction.

Community Participation Request - Ms. Placide-Pickard explained that each year funding is provided by the City to charitable organizations who provide services to Deerfield Beach residents. In FY20, \$95,000 was budgeted and FY21, \$50,000. She said 10 applications were received from May 1st to May 31st, ranging from \$3,900 to \$35,000 for a total request of \$117,975. Thereafter, she provided a brief overview of the process for allocating the funding requests.

Future Considerations Beyond FY21 - Ms. Placide-Pickard outlined the future considerations beyond FY21: increase city's visibility with state and federal agencies and delegation; threat of reduction or elimination of entitlement funds; future of affordable housing development; increase grant funding; and increase collaboration with Broward County Schools to pursue other programs that may improve the overall performance perceptions of the education system in the City.

Contingency Budget - Ms. Placide-Pickard outlined the contingency budget: Reading Pals Program - \$20,000; public outreach - \$10,750; office supplies - \$500; part-time salary - \$4,950; and salary for CDBG administrative costs - \$65,211. Ms. Placide-Pickard explained that a portion of the CDBG funds is for the planning administration; however, the \$65,211 is actual funding for staff's time and will go back to the City's General Fund account at the end of the year.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Ms. Placide-Pickard replied that the funding has always gone back to the General Fund, but it is important that everyone be aware.

LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Drosky agreed with the development of the City's state and federal legislative agenda, as it will help promote the City's goals and ideas. He also asked about funding to pay the City's lobbyists and modeling for the community participation process.

Ms. Placide-Pickard replied that the money paid to the state and federal lobbyists is a non-departmental cost.

Regarding community participation, Mr. Santucci replied that the community participation process is a model utilized by other governmental entities that offer these type programs, but if the Commission would like to reevaluate the process, staff will bring it forward.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

FY20 Achievements - Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, outlined the FY20 achievements: completed coastal management draft plan; increase in code case compliance for illegal dumping and bulk violations; litter free program and local coastal cleanups; auction surplus equipment; entered into Siemens performance contract and well into construction phase; and COVID response.

FY21 Goals - Mr. Grecsek outlined that FY21 goals: solid waste fund sustainability; closure of aging fuel sites; obtain multi-year beach nourishment permit; and leverage grant monies to initiate city-wide sustainability planning.

Operating Budget - Solid Waste Fund - Mr. Grecsek said in FY20 the solid waste fund included Recycling & Solid Waste and sanitation. The Sanitation Division was created in FY15 to address litter throughout the City, but was expanded the following year to address beach litter, removal of garbage/recycling at the beach, special events, etc. For FY21, staff is recommending redistributing those services into funds that are more appropriate, i.e. beach and special events to Parks & Recreation, canal cleaning to stormwater and litter control/bus and park routes to recycling and solid waste, for an overall budget of \$12,674,707, which is a 9.5% reduction.

Recycling & Solid Waste Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said there is a slight increase in personal services due to overtime - \$42,000 and moving positions over from sanitation, crew leader - \$65,730; two (2) sanitation workers - \$73,377; and two (2) driver collectors - \$116,337. The 6.5% increase in operating expenditures is due to the solid waste code officer that currently unfunded - \$110,000; recycling processing increases - \$339,000; and disposal increases - \$365,000.

Sustainable Management Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said Fleet Management and Coastal & Sustainable Management is operated out of the General Fund, the operating budget is \$1,107,259, a 2.5% reduction.

Fleet Management Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said there is a 20.5% reduction in personal services due to two (2) vacant positions, mechanic and senior mechanic - \$87,504 and recommended reclassifying the inventory coordinator to administrative assistant - \$14,025. The 23.8% increase in operating expenditures is due to the monthly fuel storage and tank inspections as well as maintenance - \$15,000 and waste oil disposal - \$10,000; for an overall operating budget of \$746,212, which is a 16.1% decrease.

Coastal & Sustainable Management Operating Budget - Mr. Grecsek said there are no changes in personal services; however, the increase in operating expenditures is due to the multi-year beach nourishment permit - \$200,000. The overall budget is \$361,047, a 45.9% increase.

Future Considerations Beyond FY21 - Mr. Grecsek outlined the future considerations beyond FY21: long term sustainability of the Solid Waste Fund through a financial and rate sufficiency study, residential solid waste property tax billing and recycling program; ongoing fleet management personnel changes; coastal management; and city-wide sustainability planning.

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT - CONTINUED

Contingency Budget - Mr. Grecsek outlined the contingency budget from the Solid Waste Fund: route collections - \$254,000.

Contingency Highlight - Mr. Grecsek said the bulk routes are currently front loaded, so most of the City is serviced on a Monday and Tuesday, resulting in a significant strain on operations, increased capital, etc. Staff is proposing a new program which will eliminate three (3) collection routes per week, potentially reduce future capital equipment, reduces strain on fleet garage and maintenance costs and improve service levels.

Contingency Budget - Continued - Mr. Grecsek continued outlining the contingency budget: eliminate holiday collections - \$200,000; modified recycle program - \$300,000; drop off center and HHW collection - \$80,000; and equipment rental - \$50,000. The items outlined for the contingency budget in the General fund are beach nourishment permit - \$200,000 and fleet administrative assistant - \$45,000.

Commissioner Hudak said \$980,712 will be eliminated from the solid waste fund due to the elimination of the Sanitation Division and wants to assure that it will be reflected in the receiving department's budget.

Mr. Santucci said the reallocation of those costs have all been reflected into the appropriate department's budgets.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of eliminating the holiday collections, whereas, only Monday pickups would be affected.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Grecsek replied that the savings from Siemens have occurred as the City is 50% into the construction of the project; whereby, energy efficient lighting has already been completed throughout the City, energy efficient HVAC systems have been installed in many of the facilities, as well as water conservation efforts and a host of other programs.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the Siemens performance contract mechanism was financed through a bank loan.

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' request, Mr. Grecsek said staff will work with Master Management to add additional recycling signage to the dumper areas around Century Village.

Mayor Ganz agreed with the elimination of the holiday collections but would like to see additional backup material in the future outlining the cost savings.

CENTER FOR ACTIVE AGING

FY20 Achievements - Donna DeFronzo, Director of Active Aging, outlined the FY20 achievements: added Saturday community bus shuttle services for DFB 1; leveraging the use of the transportation surtax to fund operating and capital costs; secured letters of support and ongoing advocacy for funding for the Alzheimer's Day Care Center and the Preschool Redevelopment Project; expanded computer technology program for seniors; as well as others.

FY21 Goals - Ms. DeFronzo outlined the FY21 goals: minimize the impact on operations and service delivery for the Center for Active Aging during construction; adapt and adhere to CDC guidelines and precautions with regard to COVID-19; replace two (2) buses for the community shuttle service using surtax funding; and strategic plan implementation.

Active Aging Operating Budget - Ms. DeFronzo said the operating budget includes: administration, center for active aging, Alzheimer's day care, childcare center and transportation, for a total overall operating budget of \$2,589,542, a 14.0% decrease.

Revenue Estimates - Ms. DeFronzo said there has been a revenue loss due to COVID-19 but staff is working on securing CARES funding from the Department of Elder Affairs and The Area Agency on Aging. Thereafter, she outlined anticipated revenues: intergovernmental revenue - \$832,827; fees for service - \$220,000; miscellaneous - \$200,000; and general revenue - \$1,600,000; for a total of \$2,852,827.

CENTER FOR ACTIVE AGING - CONTINUED

Administration Operating Budget - Ms. DeFronzo said there is a 13.6% decrease in personal services due to the vacancy of the administrative support specialist - \$41,638 and office assistant - \$14,511. The operating expenditures has a 49.0% decrease in services and programs as a result of COVID-19, for a total operating budget of \$646,117, which is a 12.9% decrease.

Center for Active Aging Operating Budget - Ms. DeFronzo said there is a 35.1% reduction in personal services due to the vacancy of the following positions: outreach coordinator - \$15,411, two (2) recreation leaders - \$18,433 and a health support manager - \$56,247. The operating expenditures has a 12.2% decrease in services and programs as a result of COVID-19, for a total operating budget of \$327,829, a 31.6% decrease.

Alzheimer's Day Care Services Operating Budget - Ms. DeFronzo said the 0.9% reduction in personal services is based on a decrease in insurance costs. The 9.7% decrease in operating expenditures is due to the reduction of services and programs as a result of COVID-19, for a total operating budget of \$782,864, which is a 1.0% decrease.

Child Care Center Operating Budget - Ms. DeFronzo said the 2.0% reduction in personal services is based on a decrease in insurance costs and the 2.5% decrease in operating expenditures is due to the reduction of services and programs as a result of COVID-19, for a total operating budget of \$230,644, which is a 2.0% decrease.

Transportation Operating Budget - Ms. DeFronzo said there is a 20.9% reduction in personal services due to the vacancies of one (1) full-time bus driver - \$34,762 and three (3) part-time bus drivers - \$65,178; operating expenditures has a 24.0% decrease in services as a result of COVID-19. There is a 100% increase in capital due to the Broward County Transit surtax funding, which will support the replacement of two (2) community buses, for a total operating budget of \$602,088, which is 21.3% decrease.

Future Considerations Beyond FY21 - Ms. DeFronzo outlined the future considerations beyond FY21: potential federal, state and county government funding cuts; increase in the aging population with increasing needs; daily operations based on the uncertainty of COVID-19; limited space and programming concerns based on construction of a new facility; possible expansion of community bus shuttles with cost recovery from surtax funding; and collaboration and partnering with Parks and Recreation.

Contingency Budget - Ms. DeFronzo outlined the contingency budget: preschool center - \$190,644; Center for Active Aging services - \$15,940; adult day care services - \$24,925; and transportation services - \$21,667.

Mr. Santucci said due to the construction of the center, there was a plan to move services/activities from building to building for continuity; however, due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of what's to come, the items mentioned in the contingency budget are a temporary measure for consideration. Further, he said once the new building is completed, staff will have the ability to provide a full level of service and hopefully COVID will be behind us.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Ms. DeFronzo replied that the preschool center has a license for 50 children; however, the capacity is only for 20 and before COVID-19 there were 16 children but it had to be reduced to nine (9) to adhere to CDC guidelines.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Santucci replied that the reduction in insurance costs includes salary and FICA only, but he will confirm. Further, he advised that insurance services costs have decreased across the board, so any decrease in personnel services will show a decrease in insurance costs.

Mayor Ganz asked that additional information regarding the reduction in transportation services and the impacts it is having on the routes and residents utilizing the routes be provided at a later time.

CENTER FOR ACTIVE AGING – CONTINUED

Ms. DeFronzo said the community bus shuttle for all ages will continue, as well as Express I and II, but seats are limited to adhere to the CDC guidelines; furthermore, the CDBG will have limitations as it relates to special events and activities.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Ms. DeFronzo replied that the Saturday routes have been temporarily suspended because staff is trying to save money for FY20; however, staff applied to Broward County requesting route coverage for Express I and II on Saturday.

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' question, Mr. Santucci replied that the Center is currently not open to the public, but if services were being provided, they would be on a first come, first serve basis based on registration.

PARKS & RECREATION

FY20 Achievements - Preston Pooser, Director of Parks & Recreation, outlined the FY20 achievements: landscape enhancements of the beach, installation of turtle fencing under pier; installation of monument signs; pickle ball court; created waterfront walking club; Constitution Park survey; increased special event sponsorship; completed strategic plan; as well as others.

FY21 Goals - Mr. Pooser outlined the FY21 goals: increase special event sponsorship; rollout of new registration software; parks and recreation community input meetings/surveys; Embrace community-wide inclusive programs and events; expand online/virtual programming; ensure program compliance with CDC guidelines; beach maintenance enhancements and others.

Parks and Recreation Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said the Parks and Recreation budget includes: administration & community events, recreation, summer camps, parks maintenance, athletics and aquatics, waterfront operations and cemetery, for a total overall operating budget of \$11,771,329, which is an 8.5% decrease.

Administration & Community Events Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said the 13.8% reduction in personal services is due to one (1) vacant parks & recreation manager 1 position - \$44,272. The 16.4% decrease in operating expenditures is due to a reduction in other contractual services and programming and software - \$13,500, and a reduction in special event funding - \$73,000, for a total operating budget of \$1,187,097, which is a 14.8% decrease.

Recreation Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said the 11.6% reduction in personal services is due to the following vacancies: one (1) part-time recreation leader - \$14,511, one (1) part-time parks & recreation manager 1 - \$44,272 and one (1) superintendent of recreation - \$68,946. There is a 35.6% decrease in operating expenditures due to a reduction in program levels - \$39,900, combined events - \$45,550 and reduction in equipment and supplies - \$15,000, for a total operating budget of \$1,786,555, a 15.6% decrease.

Summer Camp Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said two (2) camp counselor positions will be reclassified to camp bus drivers, which will allow for an 8.8% reduction in contractual transportation services - \$10,000. The total operating budget is \$373,630, a 4.7% decrease.

Parks Maintenance Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said the 3.5% increase in personal services is due to the transfer of the sanitation staff, one (1) full-time operations manager - \$86,911, one (1) full-time crew leader - \$61,237 and one (1) sanitation worker - \$41,728. Other changes in personal services include, two (2) vacant part-time park rangers - \$36,918, one (1) lead park ranger - \$52,818, four (4) vacant part-time maintenance workers - \$74,696 and one (1) vacant full-time maintenance worker - \$37,134. The 3.1% decrease in operating expenditures is due to the reduction in citywide mulching and sod, for a total operating budget of \$6,148,032, which is a 3.6% decrease.

PARKS & RECREATION - CONTINUED

Athletics and Aquatics Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said the 9.6% reduction in personal services is due to one (1) vacant part-time recreation leader - \$15,511 and two (2) vacant part-time water safety instructors - \$35,456. There is an 11.2% decrease in operating expenditures due to the reduction in other contractual services - \$13,500, deferred programs (adult basketball, fall soccer, etc.) - \$16,500, travel and training - \$4,000 and merchandise for resale - \$3,000, for a total operating budget of \$1,352,208, which is a 10% decrease.

Waterfront Operations Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said the 18.7% reduction in personal services is due to four (4) vacant part-time pier attendants - \$61,860 and one (1) vacant part-time maintenance worker - \$18,513. There is a 16% decrease in operating expenditures is due to the reduction in equipment/tools/hardware - \$16,800 and the reduction in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lease - \$5,000, for a total operating budget of \$489,985, which is an 18% decrease. Additionally, Mr. Pooser said fees may be increased to offset some of the expenses; however, the proposed FY21 budget will result in positive revenue for waterfront operations.

Cemetery Operating Budget - Mr. Pooser said there was a 33.2% reduction in operating expenditures due to the removal of purchasing plot markers - \$11,500, for a total operating budget of \$433,822, a 9.8% decrease.

Future Considerations Beyond FY21 - Mr. Pooser outlined the future considerations beyond FY21: new operation guidelines in light of COVID; CAPRA accreditation; parks and recreation system master plan has not been updated in 16 years; parks and facility improvements; citywide median landscape plan approval and funding; Marty Popelsky Park development.

Contingency Budget - Mr. Pooser outlined the contingency budget: modify pier operation hours and reduce staffing for overnight pier operations - \$18,500; service to maintain (maintenance) - \$103,000; reduce frequency of citywide median landscape by contractor - \$278,000. Furthermore, he advised that by not having summer camp the City can save \$260,872 which will impact parents. If after care/break camps were cancelled, the City would lose eight (8) recreational leaders at a sum of \$149,988; however, the projected revenue is \$108,457 resulting in a savings of \$40,531. If eliminated, parents would need to find the service elsewhere. Other contingencies include: Q1 events cancelled - \$109,000; increase pier entry fees for sightseeing to \$2 per person for non-residents - \$97,250; increase summer camp fees instead of heavily subsidizing whereas the break-even would be approximately \$1300 per child which maybe unaffordable. The same can be said for after care fees.

Mayor Ganz asked for a list of all events that have been cancelled and the justification behind the cancellations to assure the right events are being cancelled based on the City's return on investment. He asked for clarification on the DNR lease.

Mr. Pooser replied that City has a lease with DNR for \$25,000; whereby, the City pays them each year for Pier licensing.

Commissioner Preston said city residents are very passionate about how the cemeteries are handled and suggested that upgrades and additional maintenance be discussed in the future. Thereafter, he provided a brief explanation of a call he received regarding flowers being taken off someone's grave.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's question, Mr. Pooser replied that community events are large scale events, i.e. Fourth of July, Big Buck, etc. and the recreation events are smaller events and include Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc. in each district; whereby, staff is proposing combining the recreation events into one (1) event as a cost saving measure.

Commissioner Drosky asked that the cost savings from combining these events be provided, as many of the small events have become larger; whereby, the Winter Wonderland at Villages of Hillsboro Park moved to Quiet Waters to accommodate the crowd.

In response to Commissioner Drosky's question, Mr. Pooser replied that the CAPRA accreditation takes about five (5) years to achieve. Thereafter, he provided a brief overview of the process and what it entails. Further, he said this accreditation does provide leverage on grant opportunities.

PARKS & RECREATION - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak said the events create a sense of community throughout the City, so before anything is cancelled it needs to be discussed in detail. Further, he said there are other opportunities to increase revenues, i.e. renting out the pavilion at Sullivan Park, etc. and asked if it had been discussed.

Mr. Pooser said other suggestions to increase revenues will be brought before the Commission when the fee schedule is amended.

Vice Mayor Parness asked that staff research ways on how the City can recoup costs when it comes to large-scale events.

Mayor Ganz disagreed with increasing summer camp and after care fees.

PUBLIC INPUT

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on the elimination of the mechanic position in Sustainable Management, as there have been issues with maintaining the vehicles. She also asked for clarification on the long-term sustainability of the solid waste fund through residential solid waste property tax billing.

Mr. Grecsek replied that eliminating the position would have a negative effect on fleet availability; nonetheless, the position is currently frozen, and it could change before the budget is approved. Currently, residents are billed for their solid waste service through the utility bill; however, there is an opportunity to have that charge put on the tax bill as an assessment, which would be paid as part of a mortgage payment. He stated that the City would receive a great deal of money toward the beginning of the fiscal year, but there would be a discount that would impact what is being paid.

Ms. Clarke-Reed asked if that decision would go before the voters.

Mr. Santucci replied that it would not, but it would have to be decided by the Commission.

In response to Ms. Clarke-Reed's question, Mr. Grecsek replied that staff is proposing ten (10) holidays, which can be provided at a later date.

Ms. Clarke-Reed asked if the legislative agenda could incorporate the addition of air conditioning repairs or replacements into the CDBG programming. She also asked if there are other ways information is getting out into the community besides the City's website.

Ms. Placide-Picked replied that the addition of AC units is an allowable item under the current CDBG, SHIP and HOME programs. Due to COVID-19, it has been difficult finding ways to get information out, but prior to COVID, staff provided information at all the community centers, reached out to churches, etc.; nonetheless, she welcomed suggestions.

Ms. Clarke-Reed suggested that the events be thoroughly reviewed as people look forward to them.

Richard Rosenzweig, 97 Farnham E, Deerfield Beach, thanked staff for their presentations; it gives the residents an opportunity to see what's coming. He asked that staff be prepared for the overload should it be decided to do away with holiday pickups. Due to COVID-19, all honor flights have been cancelled; however, he is going to see if something can be done virtually. He thanked Mr. Pooser for his assistance with the Kiwanis Club. Lastly, Mr. Rosenzweig said he does not foresee the costs for public safety decreasing but increasing and said staff must be prepared.

Mr. Santucci clarified that the only major community event staff was looking to remove was the Big Buck, as it did not occur last year. The other major events were only a reduction in resources in relation to what staff is dealing with, but if it is not the desire of the Commission, adjustments can be made elsewhere. The smaller events were not only proposed due to the financial impacts but to also look at bringing a special event into each district per holiday to attract the entire community to that event.

PUBLIC INPUT - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak agreed with having events in different districts to bring the community together and asked that it be brought forward at a later time.

Commissioner Drosky suggested that the budget process and budget presentations be revamped and welcomed ideas from the new CFO or adding it onto a future agenda for discussion.

Mr. Santucci said the goal of these workshops is so staff can receive feedback and work individually with each commissioner to address any questions, then following back up in a public forum to discuss the changes.

Commissioner Drosky said this was his fourth budget session, and these presentations were the same as the last three (3) years. He said this is an opportunity for the new city manager to take it into a different direction.

Commissioner Hudak agreed. He said in order for the Commission to do their due diligence and ensure they are representing the City fairly and honestly, the information should be provided ahead of time.

Mayor Ganz said this budget workshop deserved to be looked at differently because of the deficits we are looking at next year as there are cuts that would not normally occur.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 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