



Special Meeting Minutes City Commission

Thursday, October 8, 2020

7:45 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Bill Ganz at 7:55 p.m., via electronic meeting 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
Assistant City Clerk Heather Montemayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hudak.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

October 8, 2020

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

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution 2020/148 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the settlement agreement with the Town of Hillsboro Beach to settle the litigation styled *Town of Hillsboro Beach vs. City of Deerfield Beach*; authorizing execution of the necessary documents to effectuate the settlement; providing for severability, conflicts and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak expressed his objections to the lawsuit, which has cost \$2.5 million in taxpayer dollars. Essentially, it was the cost of one (1) beach renourishment project. Thereafter, he advised that the cities will now work in the spirit of cooperation based on the settlement reached; termed for 30 years.

Mayor Ganz thanked staff and attorneys for reaching an amicable agreement as well as Deerfield Beach prevailing in the matter based on science and facts. Furthermore, the City's groin system will remain intact and no sand will be paid for Hillsboro Beach; nevertheless, it is hoped that fences will be mended moving forward after this process.

Commissioner Drosky said he has had a good relationship with the Town of Hillsboro Beach and wants to move forward and keep that relationship as the spirit of cooperation prevailed in the end.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #1, adopted Resolution 2020/148. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 2. Resolution 2020/149 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a settlement of the lawsuit of John Quitoni in the amount of \$12,500.00; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; and providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #606-0900-519-37-70 - General Liability Legal)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item #2, adopted Resolution 2020/149. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Vice Mayor Parness

Nays: 1 - Mayor Ganz

ADDENDUM

- 3. Resolution 2020/150 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, extending the State of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19 until November 17, 2020; authorizing the City Manager to take appropriate actions; providing an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Adrienne Lambert, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked questions regarding restrictions on her community clubhouse restrooms, use of the clubhouse and pool area as the COVID protocols are not clear.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney explained the rules as outlined by the Governor's most recent order. Thereafter, Mr. Soroka responded to other questions posed by Ms. Lambert.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

ADDENDUM - CONTINUED

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' question, Mr. Soroka replied that HOAs can be more stringent on their property based on their own governing rules.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item #3, adopted Resolution 2020/150. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk