



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Absent: 1 – Vice Mayor Bernie Parness (excused)

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes – October 6 & October 20, 2020

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

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Marine Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - January 16, 2020

Hillsboro Inlet Meeting District Meeting Minutes - September 14, September 21 (Budget Hearing), & September 21, 2020

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2020

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, acknowledging the board minutes. Voice Vote:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES – CONTINUED

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

November 10, 2020

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

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

Mayor Ganz asked that Vice Mayor Parness' absence be excused due to illness.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Vice Mayor Parness' absence as excused. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that Item 25 on the agenda is no longer necessary and Item 26 is being added for an emergency purchase.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve the agenda as amended. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Certificate of Recognition presented to Roger Pitts for 25 years of dedicated service as a Solid Waste Supervisor for the Department of Sustainable Management.

Mayor Ganz recognized Roger Pitts who has been with the City since February 8, 1995. He has worked hard and always had the residents and his team's best interest at heart. He continued to outline Mr. Pitts' accomplishments and willingness to work as a team. Lastly, he thanked Mr. Pitts for 25 years of dedicated service.

2. Proclamation presented to the Small Business Saturday Coalition and Women Impacting Public Policy in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

Mayor Ganz presented a proclamation outlining Small Business Saturday; whereas, there are 30.7 million small businesses in the United States. Mayor Ganz outlined other demographics related to small businesses. The City supports its local businesses as they create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve communities. In the past five (5) years, Deerfield Beach has actively promoted Shop Local Campaigns and endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday. He encouraged residents to shop small on Saturday, November 28, 2020 and all year long.

3. Certificate of Appreciation presented to Loren Strassburg, Deerfield Thrift Owner, for your acts of kindness and generosity in supporting Deerfield Beach residents.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION – CONTINUED

Commissioner Preston explained why he was offering the certificate of appreciation to Mr. Strassburg who freely donated a recliner to a Deerfield Beach resident who was stricken by an aneurism resulting in her being confined to a supine position in bed. Commissioner Preston thanked Mr. Strassburg for his generosity and kindness as it has made a difference.

4. Presentation by FDOT regarding Powerline Road.

Kris McKirdy, Florida Department of Transportation Roadway Engineer, said Betsy Jeffers, Marlin Engineering, is the consultant being used for the resurfacing project on Powerline Road that is currently in design. Ms. McKirdy said she met with City staff to discuss the project and improvements staff would like to include. Thereafter, Ms. Jeffers continued the presentation.

Ms. Jeffers said this project is for resurfacing restoration on Powerline Road, starting at NW 30th Place in Pompano Beach, going south to West Drive, Quiet Waters Park main entrance, in Deerfield Beach. Ms. Jeffers outlined the intent and scope of the project, milling and resurfacing, ADA upgrades for ramps and sidewalks, stripped bike lanes to accommodate for buffered bike lanes and signalization. Signalization changes include high emphasis striping to be installed at signalized crosswalks, count down for pedestrian signals and others. Additionally, Ms. Jeffers advised that the lanes are an existing 12 feet to 11 feet which allows for a 6 feet buffer bike lane. The existing sidewalks vary from 5 feet to 6 feet, depending on whether it is buffered and will remain the same. If the City wishes to include enhancements for the project, there is an opportunity with crosswalks and other features.

Continuing, Ms. Jeffers outlined the project schedule with the initial engineering phase in March 2021, whereby, the plans will be 50% complete and all scope items are included in the plans. In September 2021, the constructability phase will be approximately 80% complete the last review phase is the biddability phase, March 2022. If the City intends on adding new enhancements to the project, FDOT will send out a commitment letter in December 2020 to include the enhancements in the design. Moreover, production is July 2022, wherein, the plans are complete; bidding will begin in November 2022, and construction will start approximately four (4) months after.

Commissioner Hudak said FDOT has the same type project on Federal Highway. At SE 2nd Court, the bike lane is being terminated and picked up after Hillsboro Boulevard; therefore, bicyclists will not have any other option but to ride with cars for two (2) blocks. With the Powerline Road project, bike lanes stop at West Road but the City continues for an additional two (2) miles. He asked what is being recommended for bicyclists to continue for the additional two (2) miles. Commissioner Hudak suggested continuing to the County line for consistency. He also commented on the issues with bike lanes on Dixie Highway.

Ms. Jeffers replied that while she understands Commissioner Hudak's concerns, this project offers resurfacing; unfortunately, projects are not always funded for an extended number of miles. Nevertheless, there is another project forthcoming.

Ms. McKirdy said there is a project in the work program for where the project ends, but maybe five (5) years away.

Commissioner Hudak continued to comment on the lack of safety for bicyclists with these conditions.

Ms. Jeffers explained that there is an entrance to Quiet Waters so cyclists can exit the street. Additionally, the roads have to be resurfaced and it has to be done systematically or they will never be done.

Commissioner Drosky expressed concerns with the project as well. Where the project ends on West Drive, south of 10th Street, Powerline Road is a six-lane facility and north of 10th Street, it is a four-lane facility. Heading northbound on Powerline, there is one-lane to the east that turns right into West Drive and traffic going northbound is not aware that it ends then traffic attempts to merge; whereas, the public needs more notification that the lane is ending.

Ms. Jeffers replied that it can be addressed in this project with additional signage and communication.

Commissioner Drosky said more than signage is needed and recommended delineators like those on eastbound Hillsboro Boulevard at Dixie Highway, which have been shown to be helpful.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION – CONTINUED

Ms. Jeffers said they will check for additional safety measures.

Commissioner Drosky asked for clarification on when construction would end.

Ms. Jeffers replied that construction takes 16 to 22 months for resurfacing, but it is not set in stone.

Commissioner Hudak said when lanes are reduced, the bicycle lane is moved to the middle of the road and it becomes hazardous for bicyclists. He asked that it be considered and avoid these type issues in the future.

Mayor Ganz said he understands FDOT's policy to have connectivity with bike lanes on these projects, but it does not make a lot of sense when they end up being roads to nowhere. There must be a common sense approach on how the terminus on this project is handled.

Ms. McKirdy said that as this projects moves forward, it is only a resurfacing job and while recommendations can be made, they can only do what is allowed.

Mayor Ganz reiterated the need to find a better way of ending the projects which he will address with Secretary O'Reilly.

Ms. Jeffers said the standard way for bike lanes to end is going from the outside to the middle.

Mayor Ganz asked that it be considered.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. P.H. 2021-009: APPLICATION NO. 18-A-189

Applicant: Little Harbor Estates LLC, represented by Christina Bilenki of Dunay, Miskel, & Backman LLP

Proposal: Abandonment of an existing fifteen (15) foot wide drainage easement recorded in Plat Book 49, Page 24 and Plat Book 51, Page 23.

Location: A portion of Lot 1, Block 6, LITTLE HARBOR ON THE HILLSBORO, Section 3, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 49, Page 24, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, together with a portion of Lot 8, Block 4, Revised Plat of LITTLE HARBOR ON THE HILLSBORO, Section 2 according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 51, Page 23, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, more particularly described in the file, and located at **28 NE 11th Way**.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, said a developer wishes to build a single family home and the abandonment is required to be presented to the City Commission. The applicant has already dedicated a new drainage easement.

Commissioner Preston asked if there is any infringement on any existing infrastructure in that area.

Mr. Power replied no.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #5, adopted Resolution 2020/156. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING**6. P.H. 2021-010: ORDINANCE 2020/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT ("CIE") OF THE CITY'S ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY REVISING AND UPDATING THE FIVE YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SET FORTH IN TABLE 10.3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.3177, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, advised that this item is presented to the Commission annually as required by the State of Florida. After the second reading, it will be presented to the State. Additionally, nothing is changing tonight and everything discussed was approved by the Commission with the Capital Improvement Plan back in September.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Lisa Farr, 1100 SE 15th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked if there is an item within the plan that deals with the bridges in the Cove.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied yes, the bridges are addressed in the Capital Improvement Plan; thereafter, he asked staff to discuss with Ms. Farr. Additionally, he explained that the rehabilitation of bridges is included in the Capital Improvement Plan. When the County originally tried to adopt the half cent surtax for infrastructure/transportation, each municipality was asked to provide a list of all projects and bridge rehabilitation was included. Further, rehabilitation for those bridges ended up in the existing Broward County surtax funded project plan. Additionally, staff wants to receive input from the impacted residents and although funds are allocated for the project, the surtax plan can be amended which delays possible funding from the County.

Mayor Ganz reopened the public hearing.

Myra Tucker Joeckel, 1549 SE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, asked for an update on the Cove bridges, whether they are being rehabilitated or removed/replaced.

Tom O'Dea, 1529 SE 12th Court, Deerfield Beach, commented on the importance of the Cove bridges for the residents as well as the use for emergency services. Mr. O'Dea explained that removal of the bridges would harm the quality of life, reduce property values and jeopardize their safety. Thereafter, he outlined comments from the City workshop on the Cove bridges, use of County funds to repair the bridges, increase of emergency response time if bridges are removed and an increase in traffic. Mr. O'Dea also encouraged seeking public grants to replace the bridges.

Robert Dimond, 1332 SE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach, said the bridges have been an issue for the past 20 years. He spoke in opposition to demolishing the bridge because other utilities would have to be changed and is unsure if that has changed since then. Mr. Dimond provided various reasons why the bridges should not be closed, increased traffic and safety for pedestrians.

Marly Silverman, 1248 SE 8th Street, Deerfield Beach, said the bridges need to be saved.

Warren Fronte, 1549 SE 9th Street, Deerfield Beach, said he is willing to donate time to assist with the Cove bridges.

Julie Gilmore, 1000 SE 14th Drive, Deerfield Beach, said there have been a lot of positive changes in the Cove and spoke in favor of keeping the bridges. Additionally, since funds have been allocated to fix the bridges, they be repaired and not demolished.

Megan Hasselman, 1522 SE 10th Street, Deerfield Beach, agreed with previous speakers and keeping the bridges.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING – CONTINUED

Tinka Ellington, 1517 SE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of keeping the Cove bridges.

Yolaine Bonner, 866 SE 12th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of repairing the Cove bridges as they are regularly utilized.

Marisza Lopato, 1508 SE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, said a new bridge would be exceptionally large. She also commented on additional traffic and how removal of the bridges would disrupt the neighborhood negatively. Lastly, the cost of the bridge and bringing to today's standards should be considered.

Stephanie Vollack, 1648 SE 4th Court, Deerfield Beach, said she has asked other engineers if the bridges must be built to FDOT standards as the design is huge. She also expressed various concerns with a new bridge as it would be raised four (4) to five (5) feet or if it could be raised only two (2) feet for additional clearance. Ms. Vollack explained that to accommodate FDOT's requirement, it would have to be built wider which she does not agree.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. He said the Commission is not looking to slip the project by the public but there is a process. The bridges have a tremendous impact on quality of life and their community; therefore, the feedback is appreciated. Mayor Ganz asked that the questions be answered by staff and provided to the public through various mediums.

Commissioner Preston said the Commission is here to serve the residents and assured that they can count on the Commission to mitigate any challenges they face.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with Commissioner Preston and although he is not adversely affected by changes in the Cove, any changes made should be the community's decision. He also commented on the public workshop where a presentation was given on the bridges. Furthermore, there is a survey available to discuss their views on the Cove bridges; over 600 residents have participated. Commissioner Hudak asked that the residents review the presentation first as it is available through social media, then fill out the survey which is available until November 15th.

Mr. Santucci advised the Commission that the approval of Item 6 does not have any impact on the decision of the bridges and though it is in the CIE plan, discussion of the bridges is part of the process.

Mayor Ganz said if extending the survey period is possible, it will be done. Moreover, Mayor Ganz said he does not see how removing the bridges would be a benefit to the community. He too encouraged the residents to review the presentation as there are pros and cons for all choices. There are limitations by FDOT, i.e. funding, but believes a solution is possible if everyone works together and communicates. Thereafter, he reopened the public hearing.

Lyn Tilley, 1101 SE 15th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the survey needs to be extended as a lot of people are unaware.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #6 on first reading.
Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

- 7. P.H. 2021-011: ORDINANCE 2020/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH LAND USE PLAN MAP DESIGNATION FOR FOUR PARCELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 5.7 ACRES LOCATED AT 201, 221, 231 & 299 N. FEDERAL HIGHWAY FROM COMMERCIAL (5.1 ACRES) AND RESIDENTIAL MODERATE (.6 ACRES) TO RESIDENTIAL IRREGULAR (48.6 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE); PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING – CONTINUED

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Samantha Gillyard, City Clerk, advised that pursuant to Ordinance 2009/006, City of Deerfield Beach Code of Ethics, the applicant's representative, Dennis Mele, made the following campaign contributions: Commissioner Todd Drosky, January 10, 2017 - \$500; Mayor Bill Ganz, February 14, 2017 - \$500; Commissioner Michael Hudak, January 28, 2019 - \$500.

Dennis Mele, 200 E. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, said the project encompasses NE 2nd Street to NE 4th Street, Eller building. The current land use for the designated property is commercial land use with residential; the proposed land use is irregular residential (48.6) and includes the entire property. Both the commercial portion and small portion in the rear is residential. Current zoning is mixed, whereby, the front portion from 4th Street to 2nd Street, on Federal is zoned B-2 and behind the building is RM-10. Thereafter, photos of the current facility were displayed. Within the property are FP&L power lines going north to south. The applicant has asked FP&L to bury the power lines behind the property; whereas, staff has made this a condition of approval if approved by FP&L. Additionally, the control boxes on Eller Street will be screened either with landscaping or artistic wrap. Additional pedestrian improvements are planned along Eller Street.

Continuing, Mr. Mele said a request has been made to FDOT for access approval. If approved, the entrance in and out of the parking garage will be on Federal Highway. Residents will use a pass to access the facility and guests will be admitted by residents. The southwest portion of the property is zoned RM-10, and the applicant is proposing a landscaped courtyard area along with a small parking lot for deliveries or other visitors. He said the goal is to have most of the traffic concentrated on Federal Highway as opposed to 2nd Street since no access to the parking garage or building will come from that street. Also, along 2nd Street, there will be an enhanced pedestrian way which coordinates with the Pioneer Grove area for landscaping. Parallel parking is also incorporated.

Furthermore, Mr. Mele said a 5-story building and parking garage which wraps around, so parking is not visible from outside. If the power lines are buried, there will be a very dense landscape buffer between the project and residential neighbors to the west; the buffer will be an 8-foot wall with trees and other landscaping around it. A landscape buffer will also be incorporated to the northeast and south. Recreational amenities include a pool court and courtyard for the residents at grade level. Mr. Mele displayed a rendering of the proposed building; whereas, the northern portion of the property line to the building, there is additional width of buffer. He further outlined the line of sight, the 8-foot buffer wall which is where the power lines are today. The goal is to assure that the residential neighbors will have line of sight blocked as much as possible by landscaping and other materials. There are a variety of elevation heights with the garage being a little lower, and although it has a fifth level, it does not need a roof, only parapets to hide the views of the cars. Currently, with B-2 zoning, building heights of 75 feet are allowed; elevations shown for the parking garage portion of the property is approximately 40 to 45 feet and residential portion is a little taller than that, but well below the 75-foot height limit allowed. The back portion with RM-10 zoning would allow buildings as tall as 35-feet, but no building will be built on the back portion, only a small parking court, amenity area, and plaza at grade.

Mr. Mele provided photos of various buildings and advised that the project will follow the City's coastal architectural palette and will work with staff to meet those standards. Regarding building heights in the area, Mr. Mele displayed a photo of River House Towers (6-stories) which is across the street from the proposed project (5-stories). Additionally, Mr. Mele explained how a traffic comparison is conducted for a land use map amendment; whereby, if the property is built out according to the current land use plan, what would it be and compared to the proposed use. This is not a comparison based on the Eller Building and vacant property, but if both properties were built out according to current and proposed land use. The analysis provided follows Broward County guidelines and considers gross acreage, land use, building size and daily trips for a.m. peak and p.m. peak. The analysis includes projected trips for the current and proposed land use; whereby, the proposed land use shows a reduction in daily trips of 1,033.

Mr. Mele said there was a community meeting via Zoom and will have additional meetings if needed. He then outlined the next steps, if approved at tonight's meeting, then to the Broward County Planning Council, Broward County Commission, Tallahassee agencies and after all final votes, it would return to the City. There will be several

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING – CONTINUED

months; followed by property rezoning and site plan consideration. For the land use amendment, the consideration is for a land use amendment from current to proposed designation, with a cap being set for maximum number of units and though height is not specified, the applicant wants the Commission to be aware of their future plans. The item tonight only approves changing the land use map, not the final design which will be considered at a later time.

Commissioner Drosky spoke in support of the project. He said he has previewed the project with Mr. Mele and his staff and believes this could be a gateway project to the City. Further, he encouraged Mr. Mele to be bold in the design as this project will be seen going into Boca Raton; whereby, if this is done correctly, may result in the impetus for redevelopment of the north Federal Highway corridor.

Commissioner Preston asked if staff has any concerns and why this change would be good for the City. Further, he expressed skepticism with the traffic study and wants to know how the residents will not be challenged with a lot of extra traffic.

Mr. Mele replied that a traffic engineer is hired to produce a traffic analysis and the City retains a traffic engineer of its own to review the analysis and make recommendations. If improvements are needed, the applicant reviews and if the improvements are necessary, they are made. Although it is believed the traffic will be less, and the City's traffic engineer will confirm, if improvements are needed, they can ask, then considered and if deemed necessary, they will become conditions of approval moving forward, whether it is part of the rezoning or site plan.

Commissioner Hudak said the residents in the area are used to having a vacant lot so the traffic associated with that lot is generated by events, which is minimal. Notwithstanding, the lot will be developed and if developed as a commercial property, the traffic would be substantially greater than with a residential property; therefore, he supported the residential property. Also, two (2) blocks away, there is a fire station that will be adversely affected by additional residents; thus, the impact to the fire station should be considered as well.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Steven Ballas, 410 N. Federal Highway, #319, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition of the proposed project due to the setback and density. He advised that the project would impede the well-balanced use of dwellings and area amenities. Mr. Ballas expressed opposition to the entrance and exit on Federal Highway and recommended it be placed on Eller Street. Another source of friction is parking in a dense location which will continue to degrade peace and tranquility. *The letter was received via e-mail and read into the record by the City Clerk.*

Sarah Vargas, 228 NE 9th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said she lives behind the proposed project and many residents have been there for over 20 years and she is concerned about the project disrupting the peace in the community. She also asked if the residential building is targeted toward a certain group of people, i.e. families, singles or elderly. If for families, she is concerned about the overcrowding of schools. Ms. Vargas commented on the added traffic to the nearby elementary school as it can easily backup. She outlined her concerns with traffic and the density of the property as it seems out of place.

Lisa Farr, 1100 SE 15th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on zoning categories. She also suggested more green space on Federal Highway as it looks barren.

Marly Silverman, 1248 SE 8th Street, Deerfield Beach, said the proposed project is too close to the street and is concerned with a lack of privacy for the adjacent residents. Ms. Silverman asked if any affordable housing will be allocated as housing is a huge issue in Broward County.

Kent Stern, 889 NE 5th Street, Deerfield Beach, asked what will be done to stop traffic from cutting through on NE 9th Street if access to the parking lot can only be done from the southbound lane on Federal. Something needs to be done to make sure 9th Street is not used and NE 4th which is single family residential. *A chat was provided to the Assistant City Clerk and was read into the record.*

Tinka Ellington, 1517 SE 6th Street, Deerfield Beach, said as a real estate agent, she supports this project and rezoning the parcel. Coming from Boca into Deerfield Beach, there is nothing that presents the City in a good light and entering from the south, all the cities along Federal Highway corridor have modernized condo and apartment

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING – CONTINUED

buildings. Though she feels for the adjacent residents behind the building, the proposed project would be modernization for our City and make it look favorable for new residents.

Mr. Stern provided additional comments corresponding to the previously read chat. There has always been pass through traffic and based on the plans shown, people coming from the west, everyone will cut through NE 9th Avenue to get to the parking lot. He explained that changes were made in the neighborhood, i.e. speed humps, to reduce traffic, but if changes aren't made for the incoming residents to enter the property, they will cut through the neighborhood.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Mele replied to various questions posed by the Commission and public. MSA Architects will be designing this project and their very best is expected. The fire station will review all their plans as part of the DRC process and if there are concerns, they will be handled as part of the zoning and site plan. The building will include one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments; no three-bedroom apartments are planned. These accommodations will greatly reduce any school aged population; however, the School Board has advised that all three schools, Deerfield Beach Elementary, Middle and High are under enrolled and forecast to remain under the five-year forecast period. Some units will only have two (2) vehicles and others will have one (1), as well as the studios. He explained the difference between having a residential property than commercial, as a commercial property will create more traffic and those working behind the business would have more access to seeing into people's yards.

Continuing, Mr. Mele commented on the traffic study and anticipates adding certain components to reduce traffic through the neighborhood. Moreover, there is a minimal amount of traffic going onto 2nd Street as everything for the residents will come from Federal Highway. He also explained the difference between moderate and irregular residential. An affordable housing study was done for the County and shows that Deerfield Beach has an adequate supply; notwithstanding, when the first building permit is received, they will pay \$500 per unit to the City's affordable housing fund, \$138,000. Mr. Mele reiterated that additional traffic calming will be collaborated with the City to discourage people from entering the neighborhood.

Commissioner Preston asked that Mr. Mele talk with the residents about their concerns and seek solutions to overcome any hurdles.

Mr. Mele said they will have as many meetings as necessary with the residents.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Mele replied that the developer is the Centrum Group, based in Chicago. They have previous development experience in Deerfield Beach, to include the redevelopment of the northeast corner of Hillsboro and Federal where the Walgreens and other businesses are located. They also built Aldi's on South Federal Highway and have worked on residential buildings in other cities in South Florida. Mr. Mele commented on challenges with other projects and how the developer worked with the neighbors.

Mayor Ganz said the developer does a great job and commended them for working with the residents years ago to make accommodations. He added that he has always had reservations about zoning changes on Federal Highway to residential as the lots are too narrow and the encroachment on the residents directly behind are too close. Further, there will be an increase in traffic as there is nothing there now, but the traffic for current zoning would be worse than the proposed zoning change. Also, Mayor Ganz said landscaping is needed on Federal as green space on Federal is not practical. Lastly, he is concerned with the encroachment on the adjacent residents and is not convinced that the project should move forward.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, replied that B-2 zoning district allows an array of uses from retail, commercial, medical office, restaurant, night club, and recreational facilities which is a higher intensity use.

Mayor Ganz pointed out that if someone wanted to put a night club there, it cannot be stopped since it is an approved use. The best possible use of the land with the less impact on residents must be considered and this may be it.

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING – CONTINUED

Commissioner Preston agreed with Mayor Ganz and reiterated the need to hear the residents and address their concerns.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with Commissioner Preston. He listed other conditions that may impact the adjacent residents, i.e. lighting, noise, and increased vegetation. Additionally, there is a huge difference coming into Deerfield Beach from Boca Raton, whereas, there is more asphalt in Deerfield Beach. Commissioner Hudak said he is in favor of the change because of what could potentially end up on the parcel due to B-2 zoning.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 7 on first reading and transmit to County. Roll Call:

Yeas: 3 – Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, and Commissioner Preston

Nays: 1 – Mayor Ganz

PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND READING

8. P.H. 2020-012: ORDINANCE 2020/026 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL," SECTION 66-13 "NO THROUGH TRUCK ZONES" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL STREETS AS NO THROUGH TRUCK ZONES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Donna Lavoie, no address given, commented on removing curbing on the east corner of SE 2nd Street and SE 4th Avenue. She advised that the curbing and plants are the only thing keeping the trucks from the area. The idea is to discourage trucks from using this street and currently, the four (4) signs, "No Truck Zones" are being ignored. She suggested changing the verbiage to an art rendering showing a red line going through a truck so it is internationally understood. *An e-mail was received from the resident and read into the record by the City Clerk.*

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that he spoke to staff and they are not aware of the project; however, a response was sent to Ms. Lavoie advising that there is no intent of removing curbing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #8, adopted Ordinance 2020/026. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

9. P.H. 2020-013: ORDINANCE 2020/027 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, AMENDING CHAPTER 54 "PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT," ARTICLE IV "NONUNIFORMED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN," DIVISION 5 "BENEFITS," SECTION 54-230 "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE COMPLIANCE" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURE ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that the proposed ordinance is an update to reflect changes to the Internal Revenue Code regarding the requirement to start taking pension distributions.

PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND READING - CONTINUED

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #9, adopted Ordinance 2020/027. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Lubin, 16 Little Harbor Way, Deerfield Beach, asked that a ban on lawn blowers be considered, as debris is blown into the streets and clogs up storm drains, whereas, leaves and lawn cuttings are also blown into waterways. Recently, Fort Lauderdale is talking about a blower ban, and Deerfield should do likewise. *An e-mail was provided by the resident and read into the record by the City Clerk.*

Lisa Farr, 1100 SE 15th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, thanked Commissioner Hudak for communicating with her on the bridges. She also thanked the Commission for conducting meetings during the pandemic. Ms. Farr also asked that the survey for the bridges be extended. Thereafter, she commented on the flooding on 10th Street after a storm. Ms. Farr said the bridges are not a unique problem to the Cove and suggested visiting neighboring cities to see how they are addressing these type issues. Lastly, she thanked Mayor Ganz for his views on transparency and how the Commission has worked together seeking public input.

Marly Silverman, 1248 SE 8th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on flooding issues in the Cove, 12th Avenue and 8th Street due to the drains. She said a lot of water accumulates in front of homes. She asked if funding is available to address these issues as Deerfield Beach is an older city.

Tom O'Dea, 1529 SE 12th Court, Deerfield Beach, said the presentation on the Cove bridges talked about a 50 foot bridge and advised that bridges in Lighthouse Point are only 28 to 32 feet wide, not 50-feet wide. He said there is a possibility of over engineering and asked if other bridges in other communities are being reviewed. Further, the 12th Avenue Bridge is only 30 feet wide and does not understand why a 50 foot wide bridge, at 5' or 6' in height is needed.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied to comments by the public. He said what has been experienced over the past week is generally unprecedented for this area as approximately 12 to 18 inches of rain came down in the City, within a short amount of time. With a region that is already saturated and full of capacity, there was nowhere for the water to go which essentially led to a lot of localized flooding in the County, including Deerfield Beach. Next week, two (2) workshops will be held for the stormwater master plan, whereby, staff will be asking residents to participate and provide their input into the areas they live and outline their day to day flooding issues. As a result of Tropical Storm Eta, some residents experienced flooding inside their home. Additionally, there is a stormwater fund that funds the master plan and projects throughout the City, but the effort is to work with engineers, the public and Commission to identify and prioritize areas to be addressed. The area mentioned is a top priority and will be further discussed next week at the workshop.

Additionally, Mr. Santucci said over engineering is a very valid point, but right now, there is no design of the bridges, everything is conceptual and the 50 foot limit looks at the maximum complete streets bridge that can be placed there. It takes into account adding bike lanes, wider lanes and sidewalks. The standards to build bridges must be considered and whatever the Commission approves, all comments will be addressed.

Mayor Ganz said that pump failures happened during Eta and funds were available through the stormwater fund to make those repairs. He also commented on things some residents experienced during the tropical storm as well as other infrastructure damages within the City. Mayor Ganz agreed with visiting other cities to review their bridges, but cautioned it as there is no guarantee of compliance or whether the same problems were experienced as Deerfield Beach.

CONSENT – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

10. Resolution 2020/157 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, reappointing members to the City of Deerfield Beach Non-Uniformed Municipal Employee Retirement Committee; providing for service without compensation; and providing for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #10, adopted Resolution 2020/157. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

11. Resolution 2020/158 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Lawanna Strowbridge, Sandra Jackson, Janice Fulmore Tigner, Diane Chisholm, and Annette Mitchell to the African American Heritage Board; providing for distribution, implementation, 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.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item #11, adopted Resolution 2020/158. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 12 - 18; 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 Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 12 – 18 in concert. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

12. Resolution 2020/159 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with the Supervisor of Elections of Broward County to conduct the Municipal Election to be held by the City of Deerfield Beach on March 9, 2021; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-0308-513-3299 - Other Contractual Services & #001-0308-513-3213 – Poll Workers' Fee)

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS – CONTINUED

13. Resolution 2020/160 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Contract #JPC20-06-2021 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for CARES Act funding for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program in the amount of \$25,277.20; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing an effective date. (*Funds from Account #101-331-1210-69-91 - EHEAP Revenue*)
14. Resolution 2020/161 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Second Amendment to Contract #JP119-06-2020 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Center of Active Aging Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program; authorizing execution of the Second Amendment; and providing an effective date. (*Funds from Account #101-331-1210-69-91 - EHEAP Revenue*)
15. Resolution 2020/162 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Amendment to Grant Agreement H0329 with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program City Hall Wind Retrofit and Drainage Project to extend the Agreement end date to August 31, 2021; providing an effective date.
16. Resolution 2020/163 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of an application to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Fiscal Year 2020 Hazard Mitigation Assistance, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program; authorizing the expenditure of matching funds; authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement; providing an effective date.
17. Resolution 2020/164 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management for COVID-19 Pandemic DR-4486 FEMA Public Assistance Grant; authorizing the expenditure of matching funds; authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement; providing an effective date.
18. Resolution 2020/165 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a piggyback contract with Wells Capital Management, Inc. for Investment Management Services utilizing the City of Doral Contract; approving payment to Wells Capital Management in an amount not to exceed \$132,000 for services rendered from fiscal year 2017-2020; providing for execution and an effective date.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

19. Resolution 2020/166 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, extending the State of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19 until December 17, 2020; authorizing the City Manager to take appropriate actions; providing an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that the Governor extended the State of Emergency for the State on November 3, 2020 till January 3, 2021. The virtual meeting order ended on November 1, 2020.

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.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #19, adopted Resolution 2020/166. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

20. Resolution 2020/167 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, establishing boundaries for Commission Districts as required by the City Charter; providing for implementation 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.

Commissioner Drosky said he believes the area west of I-95, JM Family corridor, should be added to District 4.

There was consensus amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #20 as amended, adopted Resolution 2020/167, Exhibit 5. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

21. Resolution 2020/168 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the rankings and funding allocations to Charitable and Public Purpose Organizations for the Community Participation Grant Program; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-8100-569-80-99 - Community Participation)

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.

Commissioner Drosky thanked staff for evaluating the applications and developing a strategy. He said if the Commission wishes to adjust any contributions he is open, but is satisfied with how it is presented. This process works better than the Commission having to come up with the initial rankings.

Commissioner Hudak said no adjustments are needed and also thanked staff for their due diligence. There were a lot of organizations who do a lot for the City and wishes more could have been given but unfortunately, the City has been adversely affected by COVID-19. As things turn around, he hopes to give more as the organizations provide a lot to the residents.

Commissioner Preston also thanked staff and while he would have adjusted the figures a little more, but thinks staff did a good job.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #21, adopted Resolution 2020/168. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

22. Resolution 2020/169 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Agreement with Petrocard, Inc. for Compressed Natural Gas ("CNG") Fueling Services on an as needed basis; waiving the City's competitive selection requirements to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Petrocard, Inc. for CNG Fueling Services; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing an effective date. (Funds from Account #450-4551-534-38-12 - Compressed Natural Gas)

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 Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item #22, adopted Resolution 2020/169. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

23. Resolution 2020/170 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, supporting the Wide Sidewalk/Off-Road Shared Use Path Project to connect the City's Trailhead Linear Park to Quiet Waters Park (the "Project"); authorizing the submission of the Cycle 5 Application to the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization for Complete Streets Localized Initiative Program Funding for the Project; authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement; providing for implementation 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.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #23, adopted Resolution 2020/170. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

24. Resolution 2020/171 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Evaluation Committee's ranking of proposals pursuant to Request for Proposals #20-34-PC for Design-Build Construction for Center for Active Aging (Rebid); authorizing the City Manager to commence contract negotiations and execute a contract with Shiff Construction & Development, Inc., the top ranked general contractor firm, in an amount not to exceed \$10,456,149.32; providing for conflicts, severability 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.

Commissioner Hudak said the dollar amount spread between the applicants was over \$1 million and expressed concerns with change orders and upcharges. He asked what assurances are there that the price will not increase and will remain as indicated.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the contract is a not to exceed amount and there are safeguards built into the contract, such as liquidated damages, performance and payment bonds, etc. Also, it is not abnormal to see change orders in contracts this large for various reasons; thus, change orders are likely, but the not to exceed amount puts a lot of risk on the design/build firm.

Mayor Ganz expressed objections with how the bid was handled. He said the firm selected is outstanding, but the process has been tainted by certain people. He said now that one (1) bidder has been removed, the interest is null. It was not fair for Seawood Builders or the Masi family to be drug through the mud and is ill content with everything that happened.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item #24, adopted Resolution 2020/171. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

ADDENDUM

25. ORDINANCE 2020/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCE AND REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND AS SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT "A" TO ADDRESS COVID-19 RELATED BUDGETARY IMPACTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Item was pulled from agenda.

26. A Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC pursuant to EZIQC Contract No. FL-NEA-GC04-041019-JLC under the City's Emergency Procurement Policy, Sec. 38-133. - Exempt procurements; emergency procurements (3)(2).

David Santucci, City Manager, said Fire Station No. 75 has building envelope issues causing water intrusion, with fire staff currently operating out of a nearby facility; however, there have not been impacts to operations. He explained the process whereby certain contractors were selected to participate in job order contracting. The process has been used successfully in the past and it works well with minor and emergency repair work. The proposal was received today from the contractor and wants to move forward expeditiously; the cost is estimated at \$97,000.

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

Commissioner Hudak asked how long the repairs will take.

Mr. Santucci replied that staff needs to work with the contractor on logistics, but will communicate a high priority on the repairs to the contractor. Within the proposal is a cost of rental equipment for 30 days which is an indication of the timeframe for repairs. Once repairs are done, work is needed on the inside and may be done with overlap. Lastly, Mr. Santucci said he believes the work will be longer than 30 days before the building is back up.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item #26. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY

Happy Thanksgiving – Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

CITY MANAGER

Tropical Storm Eta – David Santucci, City Manager, thanked staff who responded to Tropical Storm Eta as it was an unprecedented flooding event. It tested everyone and he thanked everyone for their assistance, those who responded at night during flash flooding, Mike Gilbert and Dennis Mosley. Additionally, there were 10 to 18 inches of rain in a short amount of time, but in less than 18 hours all residential streets and main thoroughfares were cleared, including Deer Run. He cautioned everyone that more rain is likely, as Eta has turned slightly north; staff is aware of potential flooding and are prepared to respond.

Hybrid Commission Meeting – Mr. Santucci thanked the Commission for adjusting to the meeting since it cannot be fully virtual. He commented on social distancing which has been addressed by removing him and the City Attorney off the dais and having two (2) commissioners present virtually, with three (3) commissioners attending in person.

Veteran's Day – Mr. Santucci recognized the veterans for Veteran's Day.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

27. Resolution 2020/172 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, urging the Florida Department of Transportation to revert back to FDOT's prior funding and administration practices for Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiative Program (CSLIP) Projects on Local Roadways; providing for distribution and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz said this change has placed a very unfair burden on the cities for projects and hopes FDOT changes the way it is handled.

David Santucci, City Manager, said from a staff perspective, this change is not good for any municipality. For reasons unbeknownst, the process for the CSLIP projects has changed; whereas, within the current five-year plan, up till now, projects were fully funded through FDOT and MPO. Although it has recently changed, the agencies advised that the current five-year cycle projects would not be affected. Unfortunately, one of projects in the five-year plan will now be converted to a LAP project which is an arduous process and has evolved over time and most difficult grant to deal with. He explained the changes that have taken place; whereby, the City Manager must commit to the process by January 1, 2021 and then a resolution of support from the Commission is needed by February 15th.

Continuing, Mr. Santucci advised that there is a \$3 million project that staff believed would be fully funded and now it could be reduced to about \$1 million which is only for the design phase. Also, staff is unaware of the LAP requirements and any prior LAP projects were project based and now cities are being told that they must be agency wide LAP certified; unfortunately, no clarity has been given on what that entails. This is a concern for all CSLIP projects on local roadways; whereby, state roads would not apply. The project affected is in Crystal Lake and includes construction of five-foot wide sidewalks, lighting, a roundabout at Crystal Lake Drive and NW 45th Street, milling and resurfacing, and ADA compliance. It is interesting that what was included in the five-year plan was the first phase of the design and now they are asking for a commitment to the LAP process on a project that they would not fund for construction until the following five-year process.

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

Commissioner Drosky commented on the obstacles that FDOT is implementing; nevertheless, he thanked Mayor Ganz for bringing this forward. He asked that the resolution, upon approval, be sent to sister cities, Broward League of Cities, Florida League of Cities and Florida Department of Transportation, District 4 office and Tallahassee, to show the cities will push back.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz said staff has done a great job with identifying the impact and vetting it out as well as educating him.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item #27, adopted Resolution 2020/172. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS**COMMISSIONER DROSKY****DISTRICT 4**

Veteran's Day – Commissioner Drosky thanked veterans and active military for their service. He listed City Commissioners Michael Hudak and Vice Mayor Bernie Parness and City Manager Santucci as veterans and thanked them for their service. He also thanked Commissioner Preston who has served the community as a firefighter in the City.

Tropical Storm Eta – Commissioner Drosky said Deer Run was hit very hard and thanked staff for the service provided to the residents.

Storm Water Workshop – Commissioner Drosky encouraged residents to attend the stormwater workshop on either Tuesday or Wednesday night from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m.; the presentation will be the same each night. Residents have an opportunity to voice their concerns and learn more about how the City is moving forward on this issue.

Arboretum Haunted House – Commissioner Drosky thanked staff for a successful first class event which was led by staff and volunteers. It was a family friendly event and very well thought out.

Opioid Crisis – Commissioner Drosky said he attended an online webinar regarding the opioid crisis. The presenter made a factual argument that during COVID-19, with more people at home, more stress from various financial factors, opioid abuse has skyrocketed in the Country. Typically, there is less than a 10% increase per year, but this year alone, it is approximately 70%. The number of people dying is another crisis that no one is talking about. He asked that an update be given at the December meeting regarding the opioid lawsuit the City previously joined.

Happy Thanksgiving – Commissioner Drosky wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as there is a lot to be thankful, as there are a lot of opportunities and liberties given to us in the United States. He further thanked the Commission for the camaraderie they bring to these meetings.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Social Distancing – Commissioner Preston opined that there is enough room on the dais for everyone to attend in person and asked why the seating and attendance was organized this way.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that it was his idea, but if the Commission feels there is enough room, he will make the changes. He said it is best to give 6-feet social distancing to make sure the City Commission remains healthy and to ensure no outbreaks.

Commissioner Preston thanked Mr. Santucci for considering the safety of the Commission.

District 2 Meeting – Commissioner Preston said the District 2 meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex gymnasium.

Pastor Ford Linear Park – Commissioner Preston requested that the park be pressure cleaned immediately.

Oil Leaks – Commissioner Preston said there are trucks driving through the City leaking oil in various areas in District 2, including his street and requested it be addressed.

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

Veteran's Day – Commissioner Hudak thanked the soldiers for their service and applauded the spouses for taking care of the family when soldiers are deployed. It takes a special individual to serve in the military and the spouses are equally as special.

Saturday Office Hours – Commissioner Hudak said office hours are scheduled for Saturday, November 14th from 10 am till noon; appointments can be scheduled through the City Manager's Office.

Bridge Survey – Commissioner Hudak asked that the survey be extended until November 30th so more residents can participate and voice their opinion. He asked that the Cove residents review the presentation before taking the survey and not rely on social media. This project will affect the community which is why fact finding is crucial as well as taking the survey. Also, he advised that the bridge size and mock up is only a rendering, but believes there is room to make sure the bridges are community friendly. He has visited the area and found that the current road is 22-feet wide and installing a 50-foot wide bridge is not warranted. Commissioner Hudak said he is hopeful of an engineering solution that makes the bridge friendly to the community and compliant with FDOT standards.

Tropical Storm Eta – Commissioner Hudak thanked staff as they worked diligently to help the residents, including himself, with flooding.

Storm Water Workshop – Commissioner Hudak encouraged community participation on either Tuesday or Wednesday to discuss the stormwater master plan. Just as important as the bridges are to the community, the stormwater master plan is even more important to the life blood of the community.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Tropical Storm Eta – Mayor Ganz thanked staff for their service as they were out in the middle of the night. Further, he asked that a better communication strategy be created to produce good customer service. He thanked Tom Good, Assistant City Manager, who worked with residents today to address their concerns. Also, follow up is needed for a sector in the City where water was pressed into their homes.

Veteran's Day – Mayor Ganz said Veteran's Day is tomorrow and thanked the veterans for their service.

Lighting – Mayor Ganz said the lighting on Hillsboro Boulevard is out, near Little Harbor, both east and west. It has been reported previously, but not addressed.

Happy Thanksgiving – Mayor Ganz wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Resignation – Mayor Ganz thanked Vickki Placide-Pickard as she will be leaving the City and it is a tremendous loss. He thanked her for the phenomenal work and wished her well.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Preston, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk