



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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 – via Zoom
Commissioner Ben Preston – via Zoom
Vice Mayor Bernie Parness
Mayor Bill Ganz

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2020

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2020

Deerfield Beach Police Pension Fund Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2020

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

January 5, 2021

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

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

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Certificates of Appreciation presented to Dr. Merlin, Florida Atlantic University, and his students for their participation and presentation of the Northwest Planning Area Study.

Mayor Ganz said the Florida Atlantic University Department of Urban and Regional Planning has collaborated with the City's Planning and Development Services Department to bring a series of virtual workshops to City residents. These virtual workshops enabled residents and local stakeholders the opportunity to express their opinions and concerns to the FAU research team. From these meetings, the students were able to create a study plan that is a comprehensive overview and analysis of existing conditions of the North West area of Deerfield Beach. In addition, several recommendations to enhance the area from improving traffic conditions, walkability and commercial and residential uses are proposed within this plan. Thereafter, he recognized Dr. Merlin and his graduate class for their work in the creation of the Northwest area plan.

Dr. Merlin said having the opportunity to work with City staff and the Economic Development Council allowed the students a chance to work on a real neighborhood where the community provided input; whereas, the students were able to devise a plan that will serve the community long-term. Additionally, he said the students did an outstanding job with a quality product.

Emily Lyn, FAU student, thanked the City for the opportunity to work with City staff, the public as well as a few of the Commissioners. She said this was a hands-on educational approach and gave the students a chance to put their theories into practice. Lastly, she said she hopes the City can use their plan as a base point for future improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leonard Arabia, 2051 SE 5th Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on a previous request to the City Commission regarding public safety on South Ocean Way. He said an e-mail was sent on December 1st, but the City has not provided a response. A second e-mail was sent to the Clerk's Office prior to this meeting for distribution to the Commission. Thereafter, Mr. Arabia explained that his second e-mail outlines how safety can be achieved on Ocean Way without any construction for those walking dogs and riding bikes. Further, Mr. Arabia provided examples of others who have been hurt in this area and expressed that the Commissioners are derelict of their duties. Lastly, if the City is not willing to address these issues, Mr. Arabia will pursue with Broward County then the State, as there is no justification for what people are forced to do when there is an easy solution that would result in 18 spaces eliminated.

Janice Hutchinson, 1470 SW 9th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on an issue regarding cars parking in the swale at various hours of the night. Though she called the police, she continues to see vehicles and fears that she may be in danger. Also, people are parking on 14th and throwing garbage out of their cars onto the road. She asked that garbage cans be placed there so trash is not thrown on the ground.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED

Chad Cheleden, 109 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, thanked Commissioner Hudak for responding to his inquiries. Mr. Cheleden said the property next to his home, 1273 SE 1st Way, had fines of approximately \$350,000; however, due to it being a homesteaded property, foreclosure was not permitted. The home sold on October 31, 2019 and is still an eyesore with miscellaneous items being dumped on the property.

Although numerous complaints have been sent, the special magistrate continues to allow continuances. He said the magistrate is failing the City as enforcement is lacking as well as penalties for deterrence. Mr. Cheleden continued to outline his actions taken and other examples of how the City is failing in protecting the public's interest and enforce the building codes on NE 45th Court. Lastly, he commented on how much the City has paid Calvin Giordano & Associates when the contract should be a fixed rate of less than \$1 million annually. It is also alleged that there are \$63 million in code compliance fees and fines that have not been collected.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked about the status of the microbrewery in the Cove as the building has been defunct for many years. Demolition was slated a year ago, but it now sits and has become an eyesore in the area. She asked if the project will move forward as the sidewalk has been demolished and people are now walking in the street to cross the road. Next, she asked the status for the Parks and Recreation Director position.

Mayor Ganz addressed questions posed to the Commission. He advised that the dog ordinance has been in place since 1979, with numerous complaints. Additionally, there are areas in the City where dogs cannot be walked on the sidewalk as well as parks. If Mr. Arabia's suggestion is to block the roadway with temporary barriers and close the parking spaces along the way, it has a financial burden and is not a requirement for public safety. Mayor Ganz said he is open to finding a solution with Mr. Arabia. Next, Mayor Ganz advised that staff would look into the issue mentioned by Ms. Hutchinson; however, placing garbage cans in the area may not be possible as it is private property.

Continuing, Mayor Ganz advised Mr. Cheleden that Code Enforcement immediately cited the homeowner; however, it is frustrating and difficult for the City to act against homesteaded properties or collect fines until the home is sold. Thereafter, he commented on his history and experience with Code Enforcement and expressed that the amounts outlined by Mr. Cheleden are inaccurate as the total amount is not only for Code Enforcement. Moreover, he said there is a process the City must follow by law which gives the ability to collect and settle the situation. Lastly, in response to Ms. Freitag's question, Mayor Ganz replied that the Cove is private property and development cannot be forced. If there is an issue with the sidewalk being blocked or a public safety issue, the City can address.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that the recruitment process for the Parks & Recreation Director is still underway. Further, there will be revisions for the Cove restaurant, and something should be presented to the Commission in the next couple months; nevertheless, staff will look into the sidewalk issue.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

2. Resolution 2021/001 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Tiffany O'Bryan to the Cultural Committee; and providing for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of Ms. O'Bryan and outlined her credentials as a schoolteacher and participation in various community groups.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2021/001. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

3. Resolution 2021/002 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, reappointing Daniel Frazer to the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund; 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 Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2021/002. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

4. Resolution 2021/003 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of Request for Qualifications #21-04-PC for General Contractors for Federal and State Funded Housing Community Development Programs to the 11 responsive and responsible proposers; providing for execution of contracts for services on an as needed basis; and providing for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Preston said there was a situation with one of his constituents where communication lacked between the resident and the contractor. He said because of quick action by the City Manager and Jonathan Salas, Acting Director of Community & Legislative Affairs, the issue was resolved. Nevertheless, he said any contractor working in the City represents the City and how they treat residents is important. He warned contractors of the necessity of treating residents respectfully and putting their needs first. The contractor has been extended an opportunity and the significance must be understood.

Mayor Ganz said he also has concerns and wants to assure staff does a good job vetting the contractors. He also commented on how residents have complained about some of the contractors and that certain situations are preventable. It is important that the contractors coming forward will represent the City well and do a good job with their work.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 4, adopted Resolution 2021/003. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 5. Resolution 2021/004 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of Request for Proposals #21-13-IG for Investment Management Services; authorizing execution of an agreement with Wells Capital Management Incorporated, the top ranked firm, for a term of five years with two additional five-year renewal terms; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-0600-513-39-37 - Bank Charges)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Chad Cheleden, 109 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, asked why the contract term is five (5) years, with additional five-year renewals. He said three (3) years is more reasonable as it gives time for the City to see how the contractor will perform.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

In response to Vice Mayor Parness' question, Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied that there is usually a termination for convenience clause which provides for notice.

Vice Mayor Parness explained how the five-year contract saves money with the process and if the contractor does not live up to the terms of the contract, the City can resolicit.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that five (5) years can be perceived as a long time, but that timeframe allows the contractor and the City time to develop a relationship. Furthermore, staff has a history with the proposed contractor which promotes a level of comfort in their fiduciary duties as it relates to investments.

Mayor Ganz said five (5) years is atypical and agreed that a shorter timeframe would substantiate; however, with investment firms, it is different as you cannot judge performance with only one (1) year.

Commissioner Preston said he is confident that staff, both the Chief Financial Officer and City Manager, have made the right decision with a five (5) year agreement and that was his consideration when he reviewed the proposed resolution.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2021/004. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 6. Resolution 2021/005 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, extending the State of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19 until February 17, 2021; 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 State of Emergency has been extended to February 29, 2021.

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

Vice Mayor Parness commented on the increase in COVID-19 cases in the City. It is necessary to curtail the rising, infectious rate as it continues to increase every day. He encouraged people to continue to wear their masks.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2021/005. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

- 7. Resolution 2021/006 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of a Community Participation Grant to the Deerfield Beach Economic Development Council in the amount of \$40,000; authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement; providing for an effective date. (*Funds from Account #001-1500-552-32-64 - Business Recruitment/Retention*)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Dave Mirantz, Economic Development Council (EDC) Executive Director, 10 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach, provided a PowerPoint of their accomplishments in 2020. He outlined the mission and areas of focus: coalition building, business expansion and attraction, workforce development, commercial and infrastructure development, marketing, and resource development. Mr. Mirantz provided a list of local agencies the EDC has had the opportunity to work with. He said Todd Holt, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, addressed the concerns over the cancellation of any incentives given to out of state companies to bring higher wages to Florida and they are working as part of a group to reinstate.

Continuing, Mr. Mirantz commented on the first accomplishment, All Phase Construction is an existing Deerfield Beach business with 24 employees and needed to expand. All Phase had a down payment on a lot in another city, plans submitted for permitting, but had other constraints. The company reached out to the EDC for assistance and with the help of other city staff, the collaborative effort yielded 15 new jobs and a new company in the City. Another accomplishment occurred with Beehive 3D, Inc, an aerospace manufacturer. He said the City's Economic Development Coordinator, Gigi Chazu, brought EDC in on this opportunity; thereafter, the EDC was able to bring in another entity, Space Florida. There have been numerous conversations about Space Florida aiding and financing millions of dollars of capital equipment for Beehive which will rapidly increase their ability to expand in the City. Further, 90 new jobs are expected over the next three (3) years as well as building new facilities to encourage additional aerospace companies to come to Deerfield Beach because of the resources.

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Additionally, Mr. Mirantz said the third case study is on FARDA; he commented on their dealings, not only with FARDA, but with companies and educational institutions who may be willing to develop in the opportunity zone. The next case study deals with regionalism and collaborative foci; wherein, Mr. Mirantz provided a detailed overview of meetings with the City of Pompano Beach, Jim Moran Youth Automotive Training Center, wastewater professionals, Broward County vocational high schools and others. He said the fact that they are working with a neighboring city on a common goal is legacy moving.

Lastly, Mr. Mirantz said the EDC is creating a formal relationship with the Pompano Beach EDC to roll out other regional marketing programs. The first is a nautical dive and destination which will be followed up with critical municipal workforce needs and other projects. In closing, Mr. Mirantz outlined additional 2020 accomplishments which included Vista Clara, who has negotiated with the City to file for grants to improve proposed seawalls and boardwalks.

Kris Mory, Director of Economic Development, said the proposed resolution seeks approval of the community participation grant which was budgeted.

Commissioner Drosky said last year's award to the EDC was \$50,000 and this year, \$40,000, which he has no issue, but asked that the presentation be done ahead of time, so the Commission and public has time to critique and review the information.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of the item and commented on his work with Mr. Mirantz and the EDC. He also applauded them for their work in bringing businesses to the City and how well they collaborate with city staff to promote the City.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. He also applauded the EDC for their work in bringing Beehive 3D to the City as many cities are envious. Mayor Ganz thanked the Board for their hard work and projects brought to the City.

Commissioner Preston applauded the EDC and Economic Development Department for their commitment and taking the time to better the City.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 7, adopted Resolution 2021/006. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

8. Resolution 2021/007 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, amending Resolution 2020/146 to revise the quorum requirements for the African American Heritage Board; providing for implementation, conflicts, and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that the board was created in October 2020 which was originally slated for up to nine (9) members; five (5) members have been appointed. Some of the board members have explained the difficulty of having all five (5) members present for a quorum; thus, the proposed resolution revises the quorum requirement and shall be based on the majority of members appointed. Therefore, with five (5) members, three (3) members present would suffice for a quorum. If seven (7) members were appointed, four (4) for quorum and nine (9) members, five (5) for quorum.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 8, adopted Resolution 2021/007. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

- 9. Resolution 2021/008 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Consulting Agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP for software and CAFR development support services on an as needed basis in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; waiving the requirements for competitive solicitations set forth in Sec. 38-127 of the Code of Ordinances; providing for execution, severability and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-0600-513-32-99 - Other Contractual Services & Account #190-8000-552-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)**

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.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, David Santucci, City Manager, advised that this is a one-year agreement.

Mayor Ganz asked that this type information be clearly visible to the public, i.e. included in the title.

Commissioner Hudak asked why the requirement for a competitive solicitation is being waived.

Mr. Santucci replied that staff has worked with the consultant in the past and she is intimately familiar with the City's financials and software system; thus, the consultant has a knowledge base that no one else does. Further, the consultant has worked on the CAFR for several years and this is a smaller engagement.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Hudak, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to approve Item 9, adopted Resolution 2021/008. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 10. Resolution 2021/009 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, supporting the Road Improvements Project on Sample Road from NE 3rd Avenue to Dixie Highway and NE 3rd Avenue from Sample Road to Hillsboro Boulevard; providing for coordination with the City of Pompano Beach, implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Priscilla Cygielnik, City Engineer, provided a PowerPoint regarding the proposed project on NE 3rd Avenue on behalf of the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The request is being made by the MPO to add the project to the Complete Streets Master Plan which would enable state and federal funding

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for the project.

Agenda – Ms. Cygielnik provided an agenda for tonight's discussion.

Intent of this Presentation – Ms. Cygielnik said the intent is to have the project added to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan which publishes regional priorities for expenditures and makes it eligible for funding. There was a public outreach component to the project at a District 2 meeting on December 3rd which is a requirement for program eligibility. She asked that the Commission provide recommendations so it can be added to the project scope for future consideration and design. Future public meetings will be held closer to project design and delivery.

Purpose of the MPO – Ms. Cygielnik advised that the MPO is the chartered entity responsible for decision making at a regional level and influence expenditure of federal and state funds. The MPO develops the plan, conducts studies and establish initiatives and programs. The MPO asked if the City would be interested in the project.

Complete Streets Master Plan – Ms. Cygielnik said the plan was developed by the MPO and looks at how the streets are interconnected for bike and pedestrian improvement. The purpose is to guide future investments and prioritize those projects based on data-driven analysis and community input. NE 3rd Avenue was identified as a replacement to a project currently in the master plan, ranked #8, Sample Road from Blount Road NE 3rd Avenue. Sample Road is already constrained by right-of-way and noticed that future improvements would be prohibitive. She outlined the goals of the replacement project: improve transportation options to provide multiple modes of transportation via bicycle and pedestrian amenities, conducive to safety, public health and so on.

Project Location Map – Ms. Cygielnik outlined the limits of the project. There is a small segment on Sample Road between Dixie and NE 3rd Avenue; the rest is within the City on NE 3rd Avenue from Sample to Hillsboro Boulevard.

Sample Road from NE 3rd Avenue to Dixie Hwy – Ms. Cygielnik outlined the proposed changes to each segment along NE 3rd Avenue: light improvements, potential sidewalk widening, sidewalk infill where gaps exist. Thereafter, she displayed an aerial map of the segment as well as existing renderings of the six-lane divided corridor with sidewalks on both sides of the street. The proposed shows increased sidewalk width with potential pedestrian lighting.

NE 3rd Avenue from Sample Road to NE 44 St – Ms. Cygielnik advised that this segment falls within the City and the project proposes continuous bicycle facility, a possible mid-block crosswalk near North Broward Hospital, infill sidewalk gaps and possible intersection improvement at NE 44th Street. Thereafter, she displayed an aerial of the segment and the existing rendering which is a five-lane section in front of the hospital. The section does change within the limits of the project and north of Broward Health, the street reduces to a four-lane section without a center turn lane. The proposed rendering includes bike lanes and sidewalks, so there is continuity of bike and pedestrian amenities.

NE 3rd Avenue from NE 44 St to NE 48 St – Ms. Cygielnik outlined the proposed changes for the segment: continuous bicycle facility in road, infill of sidewalk gaps and an innovative approach to addressing the four-way stop. Ms. Cygielnik displayed an aerial of the segment, the existing street rendering which does not have a bicycle facility and the proposed rendering shows the inclusion of a bicycle facility and continuity of sidewalk.

NE 3rd Avenue from NE 48 St to SW 10 Street – Ms. Cygielnik outlined the proposed changes for the segment: continuous bicycle facility, widen and infill sidewalks, and pedestrian level lighting. Ms. Cygielnik provided an aerial of the segment. Staff has requested funding from [transportation] surtax and potentially, the projects would complement each other where a funding source for the bicycle and pedestrian improvements could complement funds through the surtax program. The surtax program would look at the

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four-lanes of the corridor. Additionally, she commented on the amount of right-of-way available which is intended to widen the road for future use. The goal would be combining the funding streams in order to build this segment. The proposed pedestrian amenity would be added and the infill would occur with the surtax project where the large planting strip is available for road widening.

NE 3rd Avenue from SW 10 Street to Hillsboro Blvd – Ms. Cygielnik said this is the final segment and is a built-out corridor; thus, improvements include: infill of sidewalk gaps on the west side near BrandsMart and along the sound wall as it is missing; pedestrian level lighting would also be considered as well as the continuous bicycle facility. Thereafter, an aerial was shown outlining the existing section which is a four-lane divided roadway with the sidewalk on the east, none on the west. The proposed rendering includes: wide sidewalks to be used on the east side for multipurpose use and on the west side, additional sidewalk and pedestrian level lighting.

Schedule Moving Forward – Ms. Cygielnik said with the Commission's support, staff will provide the resolution of support to the MPO to have the project added to their Complete Streets Master Plan which enables the eligibility of funding through the MPO. Public outreach has been conducted and once the project is added to the master plan, it will be evaluated for potential funding within the next five (5) years. Staff anticipates the project making it into a schedule for funding, design within five (5) years and construction to follow. Thereafter, Ms. Cygielnik entertained questions by the Commission.

Commissioner Hudak commented on the pedestrian level lighting which he did not recall seeing from Sample Road to 44th Street and wanted to make sure it was included in the proposal. The crosswalk to the hospital is also important as people have been struck by vehicles trying to cross from their residence to the hospital. A photo of NE 3rd Avenue was displayed to show how difficult it is to traverse the road safely. The City has requested installation of lights as stop signs are not very visible; he continued to outline other perils on the street such as trees blocking stop signs.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gadi Hus, Deerfield Beach Economic Development Council Board of Directors, 500 Green Road, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed resolution and outlined the dangers he has experienced on NE 3rd Avenue.

Annette Mitchell, 235 SW 3rd Court, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed resolution as her mother and aunt were struck by a vehicle on NE 3rd Avenue and still have physical limitations. She thanked Commissioner Hudak for following up and advising her of the item.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he spoke in support of the proposed resolution as the road has been a problem for a long time. Additionally, the City has limited control over the road to make changes. He asked how the public outreach will be conducted as it is important to receive input.

Ms. Cygielnik replied that public involvement will be closer to design/development, which is programmed for five (5) years out.

Mayor Ganz said there is also potential to request that the MPO move the project up.

Ms. Cygielnik said the project is ranked #8 in the Complete Streets Master Plan which makes it eligible earlier because of its high priority.

Mayor Ganz said as the voting member on the MPO for Deerfield Beach, he can argue to have it moved up.

Commissioner Hudak agreed with moving the project forward due to the accidents that have occurred. Also, he recommended stop gap resolution to improve the road until the project is ready as he has requested action for about two (2) years.

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MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 10, adopted Resolution 2021/009. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY**

Happy New Year – Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, wished everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

CITY MANAGER

Happy New Year – David Santucci, City Manager, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Upcoming Event – Mr. Santucci advised that the Cultural Committee will not host the Art Festival this year; however, the event will be replaced with Jersey Boys at the Villages of Hillsboro Park. It will be a drive-in movie event; there will be a cultural component before the movie. Further a City contribution of \$1500 has been requested.

City Commission Meeting – Mr. Santucci recommended canceling the January 19, 2021 meeting due to lack of business.

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 cancel the January 19, 2021 meeting due to lack of business. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

Community Participation Survey – Mr. Santucci advised that the survey has been extended until January 15, 2021; the survey is available by QR code and on the City's homepage.

Mayor Ganz asked that a traffic pattern be designed that allows people to come out of their homes at the Villages of Hillsboro Park.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER HUDAK****DISTRICT 1**

COVID Testing – Commissioner Hudak listed various parks throughout Broward County offering vaccines. For additional information and to schedule an appointment, visit browardcovidvaccine.com. He advised that all appointments have been filled at this time and Broward County is awaiting additional vaccinations to proceed; therefore, he encouraged people to visit the website. The parks are open from Sunday till Thursday.

Saturday Office Hours – Commissioner Hudak said office hours will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., via Zoom or by phone with 30-minute sessions.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Happy New Year – Commissioner Hudak wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Holiday Drive Thru – Commissioner Preston said due to the virus, traditional activities were not done; however, the City had a drive thru which was the vision of Mary Davis, Parks & Recreation Manager I, and other parks staff. He said they did an outstanding job and it lifted the spirits of many people because of what has been experienced this year. Commissioner Preston applauded Parks staff for their efforts.

Martin Luther King Holiday – Commissioner Preston said due to COVID-19, no parade will occur this year and festivities will be scaled back. He asked the City Manager for an update.

David Santucci, City Manager, said the African American Heritage Board decided to have a virtual showing from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Monday. Pastors will have an opportunity to speak, along with pre-recorded choral music and a keynote speaker. The African-American Heritage Board hopes to transfer some of the festivities to the Juneteenth holiday.

African American Heritage Board – Commissioner Preston encouraged the Commissioners to nominate members to the Board as there are only five (5) members whom he selected.

Broward Sheriff's Office Police – Commissioner Preston asked that the police be on heightened awareness during the transfer for the President of the United States. Tomorrow, the certification will take place and he is worried that some may have a negative action, not only in Washington, but locally. He asked that the police work hard to keep the residents safe and maintain order.

Recent Shootings – Commissioner Preston commented on how Captain Brimlow and Lieutenant Hofstein communicate with him and care about what happens in the City. He advised that there are people being killed and when he discusses the issues with them, you see they care. Commissioner Preston thanked them for their continuous communication and collaboration as they are making a difference. He asked that the residents be patient as everyone works together to solve these issues.

VICE MAYOR PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

COVID Testing Site – Vice Mayor Parnes said Century Village is a testing site, but the State decided where to allow these sites for people 65 and over living within those communities and they set the rules. Furthermore, Quiet Waters Park will soon open as a drive thru vaccination site, but it will take time as vaccines need to be restocked; it will be run by the County. Vice Mayor Parnes encouraged everyone to be patient when trying to make an appointment and continue social distancing as the cases are increasing.

Happy New Year – Vice Mayor Parnes wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Happy New Year – Commissioner Drosky wished everyone a Happy New Year.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Newspaper Article – Mayor Ganz thanked Iris and Jack Hunter for supporting the City's first responders. The article was featured in the Pompano Beach New Pelican newspaper.

Dunn's Run – Mayor Ganz said the event will be held virtually and benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Deerfield Beach.

Praxis Concerns – Mayor Ganz thanked City staff for monitoring the concerns developed at Praxis.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Economic Development Council – Mayor Ganz applauded the committee for their service as they are an asset to the City. There are many people involved that quietly assist the City and having the committee has placed development in turbo mode.

Code Enforcement – Mayor Ganz said he understands the frustration with Code Enforcement, but there is a misconception. He advised that the City pays a flat rate for Code Enforcement, same as it was with the Broward Sheriff's Office. He advised that there is misinformation about how much is being paid; however, Calvin Giordano & Associates does cover the building department as well and could be the discrepancy. Thereafter, he commented on his experiences with code enforcement for the City when he sat on the board. He explained that most people will never be happy with Code Enforcement, the difficulty with the lien process for homesteaded properties, and the rigidity with following the guidelines.

Vaccine – Mayor Ganz said he will not receive the vaccination until the elderly, teachers and first responders have received theirs.

Happy New Year – Mayor Ganz wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Vice Mayor Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk