Deerfield Beach
Florida

Meeting Minutes
City Commission

Tuesday, May 18, 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 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach.

Present: 5 – Commissioner Todd Drosky
Commissioner Michael Hudak - via Zoom
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Vice Mayor Ben Preston - via Zoom
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 - April 20, 2021

Special City Commission Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2021

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

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

Nays: 0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2021

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2021

African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - April 5 & April 21, 2021

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES - CONTINUED

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

May 18, 2021

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

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

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation presented to Redemption Baptist Church in recognition of Haitian Flag Day.

Mayor Ganz read the proclamation in recognition of Haitian Flag Day. The proclamation outlined the history of the Republic of Haiti who declared itself a free and independent nation on January 1, 1804, after thirteen years of revolution and war. The colors on the flag: blue on top, which represents Haiti's black and mixed race people, and red underneath, which symbolizes their blood, and the coat of arms of the Republic placed in the center on a white-squared portion incudes the country's coat of arms and the phrase "Through Unity We Find Strength" by way of translation. In closing, Mayor Ganz proclaimed May 18, 2021 as Haitian Flag Day.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

14. Discussion regarding the Solid Waste Working Group. *(Tabled from May 4, 2021)*

Mayor Greg Ross, Cooper City, introduced Commissioner Beam Furr, Broward County, who will offer a presentation regarding solid waste refuse.

History - Mr. Furr provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the changes with the disposal agreement, dating back to 2013. In 2013, 26 cities, along with the County, were part of a disposal agreement; whereas, the County decided where garbage went when it left a resident's home, which initially, was going to two (2) incinerators and the landfill. The agreement expired in 2013 and some cities selected different alternatives. Since there was not enough garbage going to the incinerators, Waste Management decided that both were not needed and dismantled the north incinerator in 2015. Around that time, the cities and the County were trying to divide assets as they were no longer contractually bound.

Continuing, Mr. Furr said there was a property, Alpha 250, that could potentially be used and in June 2015, everyone agreed to pause; whereby, the cities agreed to perform a study to decide if the property was worth keeping it in the public hands where you could collectively build a recycling center together that would be collectively owned. The study would also find a way to reach a 75% recycling percentage. He advised that in 2016, the recycling rate was plummeting because garbage and recycling were being disposed in various locations. Furthermore, the recycling industry was dwindling as the costs were increasing and cities were paying more for recycling. The County decided to seek an opportunity to use the Alpha 250 jointly.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Exhibit A - Milestone Schedule - Mr. Furr said the study was done and acknowledged that the 75% was achievable; therefore, keeping the land was beneficial. The property is already zoned for disposal and has enough capacity. Thereafter, he outlined the steps necessary to accomplish this goal. He advised that MOUs (memorandum of understanding) had to be signed by all the cities, which was done, designate a working group comprised of elected officials, designate a technical group comprised of county and municipal staff. Furthermore, the attorney group was formed. At the end of the process, the working group voted on a governing structure. Over the last couple months, the County and other elected officials spoke with the city delegates.

Renewals - Mr. Furr said what is of urgency is the renewal for the disposal agreement; this is the agreement the County has with Wheelabrator, south incinerator, and Waste Management, landfill; the second renewal term will start July 3rd (2023).

Second Renewal - Mr. Furr stated that the deadline to advise of renewal is January 15, 2022; thus, there are two (2) preconditions to renew the contract.

Second Renewal Preconditions - Mr. Furr outlined the preconditions: guarantee at least 500,000 tons of garbage annually and must fulfill this obligation by January 2022. He said bringing all the cities together provides more negotiating power as it is not enough to renew since there is only one (1) incinerator.

Table 5A - Mr. Furr advised that in 2013, the contract with all the cities dissolved. Also, in that year, there were 3.2 million tons of garbage collectively. The recycling rate was up by 46% and about 1.2 billion tons of garbage were landfilled. In 2019, there were almost 4 million tons of garbage and the recycling rate dropped dramatically; the amount being sent to the landfill has increased dramatically. The landfill has a short life span and there is a lot of garbage, but not many places to dispose.

The Cost (spreadsheet) - Mr. Furr outlined the study from 2017/2018 to determine the possibility of reaching a 75% recycling rate, using the current incinerator and probably build a state-of-the-art recycling center and make sure the landfill will last as long as possible. The spreadsheet shows various iterations of ways to recycle; however, each option includes a new recycling facility as well as adding a fourth burner to the Wheelabrator incinerator on State Road 441. On the right of the spreadsheet, it shows that $400 million needs to be raised, but the reality is about $500 million is needed in the near future; thereafter, $1 billion plus will be needed.

Scenario - Mr. Furr explained that this slide shows three (3) options with high price tags.

Interlocal Agreement - Mr. Furr outlined the approach to the decision. If all the cities came back together, what type of governing structure makes the most sense and everyone is most comfortable. The interlocal agreement has benefits and drawbacks like the other two (2) options; fits the timeline with the disposal agreement, local control working together, flexibility in structure and composition and others. He outlined a few drawbacks: trust and communication as there are 31 cities; not many examples of this type of interlocal agreement in Florida; cannot levy taxes and not every city is required to join.

Dependent Solid Waste District – Mr. Furr said this is similar to Palm Beach and outlined the benefits: meets criteria for the timeline and can be done quickly; local control as no one outside of Broward County will determine the fee structure or what building; flexibility in structure and composition; can levy assessments and possibly taxes. The drawback for the County is that it would work against the 10-mil cap; Broward County is around 5.3 mils. Another downside for the cities is that it requires the cities to be dependent to the County, whereas, the County either has to approve the membership, the budget or has to serve as a governing body. Additionally, there is a potential issue with dual office holding which is done in Palm Beach.

Independent Solid Waste District - Mr. Furr said the other form of self-governing would require approval by the State legislature to create an independent solid waste district. This would not meet the timeline and may never be done as legislators are not interested. Thereafter, Mr. Furr outlined the benefits, flexibility in terms and composition; levy and appropriate assessments as this would be an independent ad valorem tax and would not work against the County. Also, there is no limit to the amount taxed. Lastly, all cities would be required to participate if passed. Mr. Furr outlined the drawbacks; loss of local control from the County

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

and city level as the State would have the most say; the longest timeline as the renewal needs to be done within 7 to 8 months; possible interference from the State and other parties.

Waste Generation Study - Mr. Furr said when the working group met and first voted, they voted to go with the independent district. After providing the same presentation to the County Commission and how the group voted, the County Commission did not agree with the independent district as they believed it would cause a problem later. Based on the comments by the County Commission, the working group decided to remove the independent district as an option. Mr. Furr said regardless of the option chosen, a waste generation study needs to be done; thereafter, he explained what the study covers, tonnage collected, commercial/residential fees and others. The working group has decided to move forward with the study, but it will cost over $1 million and take about one (1) year to complete. The next step would be determining how to pay for the study; wherein, the County agreed to pay up to 50% of the study with the remainder being split among the cities. He advised that the cities would have to determine how to split it.

Palm Beach Example - Mr. Furr provided the fiscal year 2021 budget for Palm Beach; the assessment for single-family is $173 at four (4) per year. This assessment would cover the tipping fees being paid now; whereas, the City is paying tipping fees forward. Mr. Furr explained how the disposal rate being charged to the residents would decrease, the assessment would increase and the net would be more expensive than the saving. Nevertheless, this is an approach to come up with the money to pay. Thereafter, Mr. Furr commented on the commercial assessment rate comparison, and advised that the tipping fee is lower in Palm Beach than Broward County.

Important Date - January 2022 - Wheelabrator Renewals - Mr. Furr reiterated what is needed from the cities, participation in the waste generation study and determining the government structure.

Mr. Ross said the governance is up and the vote for the working group, 6-3, was originally in favor of the independent district, but upon revisiting, was a 6-2 vote to take it off. After speaking with various State legislators and lobbyists, it was determined that the independent district was not practical; albeit, the study conducted by Arkadis recommended the independent district. Mr. Ross said they are seeking a pledge from the City to discuss terms with Wheelabrator; the more garbage, the lower the tonnage rate, which they are open. If all 31 cities join, the tonnage can exceed 500,000. For the waste generation study, the working group consensus was to go with population as it is fair to all cities.

Mr. Furr said a decision has not been made on using Arkadis as the charge has not been determined and the county administrator has the scope and sequence and will be working on it. Moreover, since the figures are not finalized, the MOU will have to be amended which will hopefully be done in the near future, possibly before summer recess. Thereafter, questions were entertained.

Mayor Ganz asked if this would be like restructuring a similar resource recovery board.

Mr. Furr replied that it is a major difference as the County has little garbage and this is an effort to help cities control their destinies. He explained that with the interlocal agreement, the County was more involved because of the contract with Waste Management and a stop gap with bonds. This would not be the case; whereby, the cities would collectively own the recycling center and would decide collectively, along with a County rep, the tipping fees, what is being built, etc. He also provided examples of what could be done to generate jobs.

Mr. Ross said although the County has 1% of garbage and population, they are statutorily obligated to this process. He opined that the County will play an integral part in the management and as a partner to all 31 cities.

Mayor Ganz commented on the offer presented to the cities through the Resource Recovery Board as it reduced tipping fees to 1/10, to $75 per ton; however, it was different the second time around. He explained that it was county run and there was not a lot of trust; thus, the City went out alone and obtained rates at less than $50 per ton with Sun Bergeron. Suddenly, Waste Management lowered their tipping fees below Sun Bergeron which displeased him. Additionally, he opined that the county squandered property and caused cities to lose on opportunities in key places where trash could have been disposed. Then, Sun

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Bergeron contracted a deal with Waste Management and ended recycling and other benefits. Mayor Ganz said he has a lot of faith in Mayor Ross and Commissioner Furr, but is hesitant and concerned about getting into this deal because of what has transpired.

Mr. Ross said he understands as it was addressed with the County Commissioners who acknowledged the lack of trust. Through the failure of the Resource Recovery Board, it is recognized that trust is needed, but everything will be in writing. He said the same mistakes made with RRB will not be made. He reiterated the need to have everything in writing as it will serve as a reference for many years. Moreover, he acknowledged Mayor Ganz's hesitancy.

Commissioner Hudak said time is of the essence and acknowledged that trash has almost doubled in the last 15 years. He then commented on the financial changes with recycling; whereas before, recycled generated revenue for the City and now, the exorbitant fees have caused the City to stop recycling services for this and other reasons. Furthermore, Waste Management has decided to not retrofit the waste to energy facility, but want to rezone to eliminate it altogether. It is important that the cities work together on a solution to avoid long term problems.

Mr. Furr agreed that the recycling industry took a nose dive and based on his research, an increase is underway as metals, glasses and other recyclable material will be sought after. He explained that Broward County previously added $12 to tipping fees for various programs, but one was for educating the public on contamination, which was very important. For cities that have stopped recycling, residents must be retrained; even children are aware of recycling requirements.

Commissioner Parness asked what guarantee is there that the County will not take over and if something is in writing that guarantees autonomy.

Mr. Ross replied that the interlocal agreement is between the County and cities; the State is not involved. For the independent district, the State would have some control which is why that was removed as an option.

Mr. Furr said his understanding is that the interlocal agreement must be agreed upon by everyone and would delegate authority to the entity to run the disposal; i.e. hiring an executive director, management of the recycling center, etc.

Commissioner Parness asked if the cost would be exorbitant if only half the cities want to join.

Mr. Furr replied that operational costs would be much like cost recovery; whatever it costs, it is charged as such. It comes down to whether the prices are kept low. He said he believes there are a certain number of cities that have to join to make this a viable program; thus, the study is necessary.

Mr. Ross said the number of cities is unknown; however, if one city opts out now but wants to join in the future, they would be allowed as long as retroactive payment is received. Additionally, they would become an equal partner and payment includes interest on the money loss.

Commissioner Drosky thanked Commissioner Furr for his presentation and knowledge in this field, as well as Mayor Ross who has done well shepherding the process. Thereafter, he commented on the fluidity of the working group meetings and the continuous changes. Commissioner Drosky commented on the votes previously mentioned; whereby, Deerfield Beach is not a voting member but a delegate to the working group.

Mayor Ganz reiterated his trust for Commissioner Furr and Mayor Ross and thanked them for their leadership.

Vice Mayor Preston asked if other cities have been investigated to extract the positives and negatives on recycling to possibly create a protocol in Broward County.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mr. Furr replied that he reads a little from the industry daily. What he learned most about Port Saint Lucie was how they recycle glass; whereby, 20% of Broward County waste stream is glass and they were unable to recycle it properly. Additionally, he has heard that there is no profit in glass recycling, but Port Saint Lucie is using it in various mediums, for roads, sandblasting and others. Lastly, he said adopting the model is feasible and later on, they will provide an amendment to the MOU once they have actual figures.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. P.H. 2021-063: Applicant: STONESHEK LLC represented by South East Architect Services, Inc. (Technical Deviation Case No. 2526)

Proposal: Seeking approval of a TECHNICAL DEVIATION for fourteen (14) parking spaces in accordance with Section 98-88 (q) of the Deerfield Beach Land Development Code to permit a restaurant, spa and offices in an existing building with fourteen (14) existing parking spaces, in lieu of the 28 parking spaces required by Code.

Location: The property is generally described as THE COVE 32-48 B LOT 4 W1/2,5 BLK 4, as more particularly described in the file and located at **1400 E. Hillsboro Boulevard.**

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, outlined the application and explained the quasi-judicial procedure.

Julio Montaner, South East Architect, representing the applicant, waived the quasi-judicial procedure; thereafter, he provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Location Map - Mr. Montaner said the project is between SE 1st Avenue and SE 14th Avenue and advised that the facility is a three-story structure with a gross area of 6,128 square feet, 14 parking spaces on site and two (2) offsite parking spaces on East Hillsboro Boulevard. The offsite parking is not applied to the parking count.

View from Hillsboro Boulevard - Existing Building - Mr. Montaner provided a photo of the existing building.

View from Hillsboro Boulevard -Proposal - Mr. Montaner provided a rendering of the proposed building after renovation which should be completed very soon.

Site Plan - Mr. Montaner provided a rendering of the site plan with the location of the parking spaces as well as the offsite parking at the front.

1st Level - Mr. Montaner advised that the restaurant and spa will be on the first floor, with the spa being on the east side.

2nd Level - Mr. Montaner said offices will be on the second floor. Also, a very small office will be located on the third floor for the owner's use. The second floor is currently under renovation.

3rd Level - Mr. Montaner reiterated that the 3rd floor would occupy a very small office. Thereafter, Mr. Montaner provided a brief history on the owner's purchase of the building a few years ago as well as changes that have been made thus far. Currently, there is only one (1) tenant, the spa. In order to allow a reasonable use of the structure, a parking deviation is proposed by specifying a specific hour of parking. Furthermore, the applicant will agree to a restrictive covenant with the City which provides specific hours of operation to the restaurant and shared parking. Thereafter, he entertained questions by the Commission.

Commissioner Hudak clarified the applicant's request; limiting the hours of the restaurant operations as proposed in the application.

Mr. Montaner replied yes. The restaurant would be open after 5 p.m. and on the weekends, after office hours.

Commissioner Hudak asked if there are enough parking spaces if the restaurant was not there and whether the solution is viable.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the parking would still fall short

In response to additional questions posed by Commissioner Hudak, Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, replied that the building is an office building and the applicant's request seeks to add an additional use, which is the restaurant. Restaurants have a higher intensity than an office and in order to meet the requirement, they are voluntarily requesting a restrictive covenant that does not allow the restaurant to open before 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Further, it acts as a shared parking agreement so the spaces in use for the office businesses, would still be available to those people. Then once the people leave at 5, they would be open to restaurant patrons.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Power replied that shared parking is a viable solution.

Commissioner Drosky commented on the restrictive covenant and spoke in favor of the application.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of the application as there is not any conflict based on shared parking.

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 Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2021/074. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Parness

3. P.H. 2021-064: Applicant: WHALE'S RIB INC. represented by Steve Edwards Architecture LLC (Technical Deviation Case No. 2529)

Proposal: Seeking approval of a TECHNICAL DEVIATION for two (2) additional parking spaces in accordance with Section 98-88 (q) of the Deerfield Beach Land Development Code to permit a generator installation for an existing restaurant, in lieu of the twenty-one (21) parking spaces as previously approved.

Location: The property is generally described as several parcels of land in OCEAN VUE 3-34 BLK 5, more particularly described in the file and located at **2019-2041 NE 2 Street.**

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, outlined the application and asked whether the applicant would waive the quasi-judicial procedure.

Steve Edwards, Architecture LLC, waived the quasi-judicial procedure. He said Whale's Rib owner wishes to use a temporary generator during power outages.

<u>Site Plan</u> - Mr. Edwards advised that the generator will only service Whale's Rib Restaurant, not the full site. The best location for the generator would be the northwest corner of the property; whereas, there are not any setbacks or landscape buffers.

<u>Floor Plan</u> - Mr. Edwards said the generator would be placed within an 8-foot fence which would also enclose the dumpster and recycling containers. Two (2) parking spaces must be removed to achieve this which would not be a hindrance as many patrons come from the Deerfield Beach resort area.

<u>Area Parking</u> - Mr. Edwards provided a diagram of the businesses and residential locations around the area and advised that additional parking is available around the restaurant along with the garage parking off A1A to supplement the spaces. Additionally, Beachwise is back in service and services most of the area.

<u>Existing Area Photographs</u> - Mr. Edwards provided a photo of the spaces that the generator would occupy, the two (2) spaces closest to the dumpster enclosure, which will be updated and improved. He also provided an overall view of the parking area; all landscaping would be preserved.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

Fence Elevations - Mr. Edwards said the goal with the chain link fencing is to match the restaurant colors and place a white vinyl on the chain link and interlaced with privacy slots to carry on the restaurant theme. Whale's Rib also has a full-time parking attendant so in the event of overflow parking, they would be redirected to other parking. In closing, he reiterated that the generator would only be used during power outages.

Commissioner Hudak said other businesses in the area have to pay for extra parking due to their lack of parking spaces or pay the garage a fee to purchase parking spaces. He asked why the Commission should approve the application as they are requesting a reduction in parking.

Mr. Edwards replied that the owner would pay $12,000 into the City's parking fund which would exhaust the option of paying for spaces in the garage.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Edwards replied that Flanigan's has valet parking that trickles over with Whale's Rib; however, it is not officially part of Whale's Rib, so it is not included but there is valet parking for that side.

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

Vice Mayor Preston said he was concerned with the elimination of the parking spaces; however, due to having other parking alternatives, he supports the application.

Commissioner Drosky spoke in support of the application as the generator will help the barrier island with meals during times they would not be able, i.e. hurricane season, which is upon us.

Mayor Ganz said the spaces being loss are not good spaces due to the layout and is willing to sacrifice those based on the good coming from this application. He also commented on the City's parking fund and the applicant's decision to contribute to the fund instead of an agreement with the parking garage. He opined that since garage parking was an option, there must be parking available.

Commissioner Hudak expressed concern with the arrangement for the parking fees and the difficulty for small businesses to pay versus larger business, i.e. Whale's Rib. He agreed that the generator is a benefit and the parking spaces are not prime, but is concerned for the smaller businesses.

Mayor Ganz said the small businesses have the same options as the applicant; however, based on square footage, Whale's Rib is not a large business but accessible. He reiterated the two (2) parking options, pay into the City's parking fund or sign an agreement with the garage and each business must decide what is best for them.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2021/075. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING

4. P.H. 2021-065: ORDINANCE 2021/006 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING ARTICLE IV, "PROCUREMENT CODE" AND ARTICLE V "PROCEDURES FOR SALE OR LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY" OF CHAPTER 38 "FINANCE AND TAXATION" OF THE CITY CODE, AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE IV, "ACQUISITION OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

The Ordinance 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 Parness, to approve Item 4, adopted Ordinance 2021/006. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

5. P.H. 2021-066: ORDINANCE 2021/007 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH AND THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR ACRES OF THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROJECT IN THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH; RATIFYING THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Samantha Gillyard, City Clerk, outlined campaign contributions as required by the City's Code of Ethics. The applicant's representative, Dennis Mele, made the following contributions: Commissioner Parness, $500 on January 19, 2021; Commissioner Todd Drosky, $500 on December 23, 2020; and Commissioner Hudak, $500 on February 5, 2019.

Dennis Mele, 200 E. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, said everything is the same as with the first reading. Nevertheless, they did confirm in writing the internship program for the legal department and construction trades.

Commissioner Parness asked how soon would construction start on the project.

Mr. Mele replied that the site plans will be filed immediately with an anticipated construction commencement date of March 2022.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 5, adopted Ordinance 2021/007. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

Mayor Ganz advised that the public hearing was not closed.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, recommended reopening the public hearing to allow public comments.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, clarified that if Florida Atlantic University [Research Authority] is unable to start on the project, the property reverts to the City and goes out for a referendum. This has been an ongoing situation for years and as soon as something is supposed to happen, a new proposal is given.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Soroka advised that the contract requires that if the proposed new sub-leasee does not obtain the rights to the sub-lease or the building permit on or before March 15, 2022, then the lease to the parcel becomes the City's property. The City can do as it chooses to either go to referendum or sell it if not used for its own purposes.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 5, adopted Ordinance 2021/007. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked when the public would be able to comment on Item 14.

Mayor Ganz replied that the public can comment before a course of action.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

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 Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 6-9 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

6. **Resolution 2021/076 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2021 Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for distribution of the proceeds of the Three Cent Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel; authorizing execution of the 2021 Amendment; providing for an effective date.**

7. **Resolution 2021/077 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the 2021 Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for distribution of the proceeds of the Fifth Cent Additional Local Option Gas Tax on Motor Fuel; authorizing execution of the 2021 Amendment; providing for an effective date.**

8. **Resolution 2021/078 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an amendment to the Work Authorization with Walters Zackria Associates, PLLC for the preparation of a design criteria package and associated services for the Center for Active Aging Redevelopment Project to provide for supplemental construction phase services; authorizing execution of the Amendment with Walters Zackria in an amount not to exceed $231,480.00; providing an effective date.** *(Funds from Account #358-8000-569-61-08 - Architect/Engineering)*

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

9. **Resolution 2021/079 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a piggyback agreement with Luna Development Corp. for the replacement of 200 linear feet of existing sewer main on SE 13th Court in an amount not to exceed $100,825.00, utilizing the City of Fort Lauderdale Contract #12204-293; providing for execution and an effective date.** *(Funds from Account #413-5000-536-60-31 - Water & Sewer Renewal & Replacement)*

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

10. **Resolution 2021/080 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application to the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Lift Station 5 Emergency Back-up Generator; authorizing the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of $37,500; authorizing execution of a grant agreement, if awarded; and providing for an effective date.** *(Fiscal Impact from Account #413-5000-536-60-31 - Water & Sewer Renewal & Replacement)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, outlined Item 10, submission of a grant application to FEMA with a requirement for matching funds for an emergency back-up generator at Deerfield Beach Middle School that experienced problems about 9 months ago.

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 Preston, to approve Item 10, adopted Resolution 2021/080. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

11. **Resolution 2021/081 - 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 #21-05-PC for Design-Build Construction for the Johnny L. Tigner Community Center; authorizing the City Manager to commence contract negotiations and execute a contract with MBR Construction Inc., the top ranked general contractor firm, in an amount not to exceed $9,116,547.02; providing for conflicts, severability and an effective date.** *(Funds from Account #358-8000-572-61-12 - Construction)*

The Resolution was read by title only.

Priscilla Cygielnik, City Engineer, asked for Commission approval of the evaluation committee’s ranking for the community center; MBR Construction and Walters Zackria will provide a brief presentation on their proposal.

<u>Organizational Chart</u> - Mike Boss, MBR Construction, outlined the design build team.

<u>Working Together</u> - Mr. Boss said he and Abbas Zackria, architect, have been working together for a while and listed various projects they’ve completed over the last 40 years. Thereafter, he provided renderings

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and the cost of various projects, Sullivan Park, Wilton Manors City Hall and police station, and numerous governmental projects.

Current Projects - Mr. Zackria advised that an addition to the existing civic center was recently completed for the City of Sunrise, approximately $10 million.

Similar Projects - Mr. Zackria provided renderings of the completion of a multi-purpose center for the Town of Davie.

LEED Projects - Mr. Zackria provided photos of the various LEED projects. Although the City's community center project is not scheduled to be LEED certified, a number of green initiatives have been incorporated into the design.

Proposed Design - Site Plan - Mr. Zackria provided a rendering of the site plan for the proposed building which is situated mostly on top of where the existing building was but has a larger footprint and sawtooth shape due to the roadway configuration. A plaza was created for the front with a drop-off area and between the new community center and gymnasium and in the rear. The entire parking lot will be redone, landscaping, paving, and lighting.

Proposed Design - First Floor Plan - Mr. Zackria described the flow on the first floor which includes a banquet hall on the right side, offices with connection through the covered canopies to the gym or to the left, there are meeting room spaces, computer lab, restroom facilities and kitchen toward the rear. The kitchen serves the main building as well as the banquet hall directly. To the left are dumpsters and generator.

Proposed Design - Second Floor - Mr. Zackria said this floor provides programmatic spaces, like multipurpose room, camp room, offices and others. In the hall area, there is seating and hang out spaces so kids are able to interact loosely without being part of the programs.

Proposed Design - Exterior Views - Mr. Zackria provided renderings from different aerial views, with canopies to walk to the existing gymnasium. Also, the outside of the gymnasium will be redone with stucco and paint; thus, both buildings will be tied together and part of one campus.

Proposed Design - Interior Views - Mr. Zackria provided renderings of the interior of the community center's lobby, and banquet hall.

Proposed Design - Design Inspirations - Mr. Zackria said part of the design criteria, was reviewing the Hillsboro Community Center and Highlands Park Community Center as they are the two newest community centers; whereby, some of the design detailing has been incorporated as shown.

Proposed Design - Service & Delivery Considerations - Mr. Zackria provided an overview of the rendering; whereby, the green serves as the service access. The public/pedestrians would be separated from various services, i.e. garbage collection, catering trucks, which are isolated on one side and the remainder of the area is for the public.

Proposed Design - Design Features - Mr. Zackria said the main lobby functions and plazas are tied together to assure easy flow from the inside and outside, sidelights and interior windows allow a lot of daylight, efficient ingress/egress as well as natural views and expanded space. The goal was to ensure the site is safe for everyone inside the building and on the site.

Proposed Design - Extra Amenities - Mr. Zackria outlined additional enhancements to the project: large entry plaza, special events terrace to expand the banquet area from inside to outside, masonry enclosure, access controls for all doors as well as others. He advised that all the enhancements were built into pricing and design; however, should the City decide not to do so, there is a potential for savings back to the City. For project delivery, he proposed accelerating the demolition of the existing facility and pull an early start permit.

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Proposed Design - Proposed Project Schedule - Mr. Zackria advised that based on the accelerated schedule, the project is due for completion within 600 days or 20 months.

COVID-19 Design Considerations - Mr. Zackria advised that the presentation was prepared about two (2) months ago and with various changes among governmental entities, he wanted the City to be aware of their ability to deal with COVID during the design and construction.

COVID-19 Guidance for Construction Workers - Mr. Zackria advised that things are changing quickly, but they will work with the City and implement any strategies for construction and design.

David Santucci, City Manager, said a rigorous bid process was performed, initial review of bid documents, oral presentations, with results provided in the agenda backup.

Commissioner Hudak commented on the City's agreement with Siemens for energy efficiency and asked if this project will be included.

Mr. Santucci replied yes, the green infrastructure will be built into this project.

Vice Mayor Preston asked how much of the existing parking will be lost with this project.

Mr. Zackria replied approximately 4 to 5 spaces located directly in front of the building to create the drop-off and entry plaza.

Commissioner Parness asked how much of the lighting will be solar.

Mr. Zackria replied that there is not any solar lighting, but Siemens was integral in the design package and worked closely with them. If the City is interested in solar, it can be investigated.

Commissioner Parness agreed with investigating solar.

Commissioner Drosky said he would not eliminate the enhancements as some of them appear to be security related, i.e. access controls for the doors, aluminum fencing versus chain link.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Sam Ferreri, Principal of PGAL Architects, Boca Raton, said PGAL was one of the competing firms on this project; thereafter, he outlined the process. There was a two-step evaluation with the first step having price being the component; they ranked first as their team was $304,951 less with an offer of value engineering idea which brought the cost to over $600,000. He said $600,000 is a lot and wanted to make the Commission aware. Furthermore, the Pioneer Grove standards were included in the design criteria, but he did not see it included in the presentation. Mr. Ferreri commented on their experience working with the City and current projects in the City.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said when the project first came about, the community was told that they would have some input into the design. She asked when that will take place as this site plan is being presented tonight, but is sure the community will want to add changes to the facility. Lastly, Ms. Clarke-Reed asked what is the maximum allowed in the banquet hall.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Santucci said this design was brought forward to the City from the architect without any comment from the public or City Commission; therefore, public and City Commission input will occur later. Additionally, this project was not a straight bid, but done through a process with weighted criteria, price was weighed the heaviest. Notwithstanding, the rankings did change after the oral presentation and based on comments he received, it was brought to light that some of the bid line items seemed strangely low with the proposal submitted from other bidders. Ultimately, the evaluation committee re-ranked proposers and there was not any formal protest and can provide a debrief if desired.

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Mayor Ganz said he looks forward to providing input.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 11, adopted Resolution 2021/081. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

12. ORDINANCE 2021/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 98 "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," ARTICLE IV "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS," SECTION 98-81 "TREE PRESERVATION" OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ELIMINATE THE BEAUTIFICATION LANDSCAPE TRUST FUND AND PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES FROM THE TREE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND; AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION LANDSCAPE TRUST FUND TO THE TREE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the elimination of the Beautification Trust Fund and move funding to the Landscape Trust Fund. The Beautification Trust Fund was created when the City had a Beautification Authority which considered approval of items related to landscaping; the board dissolved and was replaced with the Community Appearance Board who has different responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Beautification Authority went to the City's Landscape Architect, Harold Hoyte. The fund still exists but no longer receives income, but various programs like Shade Tree and Tree Giveaway are still paid through that fund. Therefore, expanding some of the residential tree programs was recommended; however, the monies contained within that fund are not sustainable and is requesting transfer of those funds. Mr. Power advised that the Landscape Trust Fund does have income sources for myriad uses.

<u>Expanded Shady Tree Program</u> - Mr. Power said the Shady Tree Program is very popular and has struggled lately because the program only allows placement of a tree in the front yard area of a single-family home that owns its land. Staff would like to expand it to homeowner associations, duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes where landscaping is necessary. If approved, there would be two (2) cycles yearly, double the cost and offer 20 to 30 trees per year, depending on the cost. Thereafter, he outlined the increase in the cost of trees from 2008 to 2020. About 10 to 12 years ago the price of an oak tree was about $150 which was split with the resident, 50/50. Today, that tree costs $325, but the City has continued to charge the resident $75. Essentially, staff would like the program to be a 50/50 program and provide for a variety of trees that still meet the landscaping requirements.

<u>Expanded Annual Tree Giveaway</u> - Mr. Power said this year a COVID friendly tree giveaway was held and almost 300 trees were given away; thus, staff would like to double the program and offer later in the year at a different location in the southern or western part. The Arbor Day Tree Program would remain at its current location, but would like to rotate it throughout the City.

<u>Treebate</u> - Mr. Power said Treebate is a new program. The homeowner can purchase a tree from a nursery or home improvement store, e.g. Home Depot, present the receipt to the City and receive a rebate. It would start at the beginning of the fiscal year until funds are depleted; a budget of $5,000 is proposed for the first year. The tree can be placed in either the front or back yard of the homeowner's property.

<u>Right Tree Right Place</u> - Mr. Power said the City has lower overhead lines in residential areas which pose a conflict with minimum requirements. For example, if a tree is required, but cannot be placed because of power lines, the goal would be incentivizing the owners to give them a tree that could be placed on side or rear yard to meet minimum requirements. This does not occur very often; therefore, only $2,500 would be

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budgeted.

Community Engagement - Mr. Power said the goal is to incentivize communities, maybe those without associations, to beautify their entranceways. The landscape architect would be contacted to apply. Mr. Hoyte would provide landscape design, followed by community engagement to come out and plant trees with staff.

In closing, Mr. Power said the Landscape Trust Fund currently has over $600,000, but when the City has large scale improvements, they can be hefty. For example, the Hillsboro Boulevard – Complete Streets Phase 1 project cost $250,000 with Phase 2, upcoming, about the same. It is necessary that these funds be in reserve for upcoming projects. Further, he projected an increase due to the tree programs from $10,000 to approximately $30,000.

Commissioner Parness asked whether condo owners will be included; currently, they are excluded, but need trees as well.

Mr. Power replied that associations receive dues from the residents; whereby, a portion is meant to go toward landscaping and maintenance. He said these programs are for single-family homeowners who do not have that opportunity. None of the programs proposed tonight would resolve that issue.

Commissioner Parness commented on the difference between homeowners in a homeowner association and those in a condominium association; whereby, the condo owners do not receive any assistance.

Mr. Power advised that there have been circumstances where the land is not owned, but the building is; if so, those associations are eligible under the Shady Tree Program as they were not previously. He further clarified that when the association makes the homeowner responsible for landscaping, different issues have occurred, but the homeowner would qualify under this program now. Additionally, Mr. Power explained that the proposed ordinance expands the program up to quadplexes because of the ability to budget annually. Nevertheless, after the first of the year, he would be happy to work with Commissioner Parness on any other programs.

Commissioner Drosky said he has advocated for the expansion of the Shady Tree Program and is happy it is being brought forth. Thereafter, he asked about the increase of trees to the resident.

Mr. Power replied that the 50/50 split will not apply during this cycle, but the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Drosky said with the budgeted amount and the cost of trees, he thinks it is equitable as many more people can participate as well as those in associations. Commissioner Drosky spoke in support of the new programs and hopes it will incentivize the residents. Furthermore, he recommended the Public Affairs & Marketing team publicize these programs as everyone needs to be aware.

Mr. Power said staff is looking for trees that are very popular and highly desirable, to include Florida natives that maybe less expensive and wants any resident within a budget to have at least one (1) option.

Mayor Ganz commented on his experience with the past board. He further commended staff for their hard work and the changes. Thereafter, the public hearing was opened; however, there were none to speak and it was closed.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 12 on first reading. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

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13. ORDINANCE 2021/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," ARTICLE II "STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS AND THE PARKING CITATION APPEAL PROCESS, AND FOR CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 50-133 "METERED AND STICKERED PARKING FOR WATERCRAFT AND WATERCRAFT TRAILERS AT PIONEER PARK" TO REVISE THE FINES FOR UNLAWFUL WATERCRAFT TRAILER PARKING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that this is an update to the parking ordinance; whereas, it is necessary to enact some things allowed by State Statute as it applies to some of the violations that parking enforcement sees but cannot act.

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 Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 13 on first reading. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - *No Report.*

CITY MANAGER

City Commission Meetings - David Santucci, City Manager, recommended in-person appearance of the City Commission starting June 1, 2021 in the Chambers; however, Zoom will still be an option for residents and applicants.

There was no objection by the Commission.

Lifting COVID Restrictions - Mr. Santucci said there have been changes with the State; the Governor has lifted and restricted the ability to enact orders. Across the Country, he has noticed that mask mandates have become optional and those who have been vaccinated are not required to wear a mask. Staff is focused on CDC guidelines and what others are doing to assure the City is taking care of the residents, employees and the City.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER HUDAK DISTRICT 1

Financial Report Summary - Commissioner Hudak thanked Stephanie Tinsley, Chief Financial Officer, for providing the report as it helps and keeps everyone apprised of the financial status of the City.

Youth Automotive Training Graduation - Commissioner Hudak said the graduation will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021. He said he is happy to see many trades coming back and is proud of the individuals choosing

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this career path.

Weekly Report - Commissioner Hudak applauded Fire Rescue for handling 219 medical, 16 fire and 37 accident calls from May 6 thru May 13th. Additionally, BSO Police wrote 1,877 citations from April 1st to May 12th. Drivers are not as cautious as before and thanked them for enforcement as prevention is essential and appreciated.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON DISTRICT 2

Juneteenth - Vice Mayor Preston said planning continues for Juneteenth and hopes it will be successful as it has been difficult with the pandemic.

Packer Rattler Registration - Vice Mayor Preston said registration for Packer Rattlers continues and expects many kids to participate.

Business Loss - Vice Mayor Preston commented on the number of businesses that have gone under due to the pandemic and the importance of supporting local businesses.

Grand Opening - Vice Mayor Preston said he and Commissioner Drosky attended the grand opening of Cuban Café Express' and encouraged everyone to patronize the restaurant; 204 S. Powerline Road.

BSO & City Staff - Vice Mayor Preston thanked Tom Good, Assistant City Manager, city staff, Adam Hofstein, Executive Officer, and others, for their assistance in resolving a safety issue on SW 6th Terrace in the 1300 block. He advised that people were constantly racing down the street with their license plates covered, but is happy it was resolved.

Dais Etiquette & Decorum - Vice Mayor Preston commented on remarks regarding a $200,000 contribution to Mayo Howard Park from FARDA, which were made at the previous City Commission meeting that he felt were inappropriate and made him feel disrespected. Thereafter, he outlined the comments made by specific colleagues without any investigation. He also commented on how Mayo Howard's family felt disrespected by various comments. Vice Mayor Preston said there is often indirect conversation on topics, but he was cut off and feels it was wrong. In closing, he said he is not upset with anyone nor will he hold any grudges.

COMMISSIONER PARNESS DISTRICT 3

Dais Etiquette & Decorum - Commissioner Parness apologized for his comments as he found out there is a park in his district, as well as a vacant park that requires a lot of money to move it forward. He commented on the number of recreational fields throughout the City; whereby, District 3 is outnumbered.

District 3 Meeting - Commissioner Parness said there will be a district meeting held via Zoom on May 24th at 1:00 p.m.

City Commission Zoom Meetings - Commissioner Parness said he prefers face to face interaction and hopes this is the last virtual meeting.

COVID Vaccines - Commissioner Parness said the number of cases has reduced, but encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks as he is aware of a person who passed even though vaccinated.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY DISTRICT 4

Quiet Waters Park - Commissioner Drosky commented on the conditions of Quiet Waters park as well as its athletic fields.

Virtual Town Hall Meeting - Commissioner Drosky said during the meeting, Broward County School Board member Nora Rupert advised that the County has procured a new vendor for iguana removal and the elementary school is a priority. He asked that the City Manager make sure the commitment is kept.

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Hurricane Season - Commissioner Drosky recommended that people start preparing for hurricane season, which starts on June 1st, by tree trimming and removing heavy landscaping before storms approach.

Budget Season - Commissioner Drosky said he is gearing up for budget meetings and has priorities that he would like to see included in the upcoming fiscal year budget, as outlined during his oath of office in March.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Traffic Citations - Mayor Ganz thanked BSO Police for enforcement; as citations were not only given for speeding, but for people running through stop signs. Approximately 5 to 8 tickets were issued hourly.

Beach Activity - Mayor Ganz said he noticed five (5) dogs on the beach as well as people smoking on the boardwalk which is unacceptable. He has addressed it with the City Manager and asked that it be handled.

Tigner Center - Mayor Ganz said the capital improvement projects were heavily criticized by a group of people, but noticed that it is no longer being criticized. He opined that these individuals have not walked through the center to see the issues; notwithstanding, he is happy that improvements are moving forward. He further opined that previous comments toward the former prospective developer were personal attacks and had nothing to do with the merits of their arguments. There are three (3) capital improvement projects in the City; City Hall, Center for Active Aging and the Tigner Center.

Etiquette & Decorum - Mayor Ganz said he will not minimize Vice Mayor Preston's concerns or feelings, but did not feel that etiquette or decorum was broken in anyway nor did he purposefully disrespect him, but only disagreed. Further, it is his responsibility to keep the meetings on point and although many times conversations can go awry, he did not feel bringing the meeting back to the focal point was done to Vice Mayor Preston more than any other colleague. He felt that the discussion could have been held another time. As for the family, he said any park in the City deserves to be treated with respect regardless of whose name is on it. Thereafter, he outlined reasons why all the funding should not go into Mayo Howard Park due to the limited space and how funds can be used throughout the area, i.e. lighting along the sidewalk.

Continuing, Mayor Ganz listed various projects within District 2 as no district is being left behind and will not listen to people say District 2 is being treated poorly when compared to other districts. He continued to address issues that arose from the discussion and said the city is one city and that should be focused on as opposed to bringing up past issues that they are trying to correct.

There was a lengthy discussion between Mayor Ganz and Vice Mayor Preston regarding District 2, parks and park funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

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BILL GANZ, MAYOR

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Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk