



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, October 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 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

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - September 3 & September 13, 2021

Special City Commission Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2021

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve the meeting 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

Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - August 16, 2021

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES - CONTINUED

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

October 5, 2021

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, 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. Certificate of Recognition presented to Vicki Langlois for her dedication to the City of Deerfield Beach for over 30 years.

Mayor Ganz outlined numerous functions Ms. Langlois performed over 30 years; thereafter, he presented the certificate to Ms. Langlois.

Ms. Langlois commented on her time with the City and her future plans in retirement.

2. Certificate of Recognition presented to the Florida Atlantic University Department of Urban & Regional Planning 2020 Masters Students for winning the 2021 Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association's "Student Project of the Year" Award for creating a small area plan for the Deerfield Beach North West Planning Area.

Mayor Ganz recognized Dr. Merlin and the graduating class for their contributions to the City and being awarded the 2021 Student Project of the Year; thereafter, he presented him the certificate.

Commissioner Drosky also commended Dr. Merlin and students for their contributions and being a recipient of the award.

Dr. Merlin and student Noah Brown commented on collaboration with city staff as well as the development in the City.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. P.H. 2021-116: Applicant: Application No. 20-B3c-26 and Variance Case No. 2542 (Project Name: O'Reilly Auto Parts Center) MEYER FAMILY INVESTMENTS II LTD, represented by Alec Blotnick and Christina Bilenki, Esq.

Proposal: Major site plan application (20-B3c-26) seeking approval to expand existing retail use (auto parts store), construct additional parking and loading, and associated site improvements AND Variance application (Case No. 2542) seeking approval to permit a five (5) foot landscape buffer in the rear yard (abutting a right-of-way) in lieu of the minimum ten (10) feet required by Code Section 98-80(e)(2)a. *Perimeter Buffers*.

Location: The property is generally described as a parcel of land on DIXIE 41 SUB 92-10 B LOTS 2-4 TOG/W PARCEL A LEE W SCHOOLER VILLAGE 81-8 B (K/A RIGHT OF WAY), more particularly described in the file, and located at **4091-4119 N. Dixie Highway**.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, outlined the application. He advised that the variance would require a 4/5 vote and asked if the applicant wished to waive the quasi-judicial process.

Christina Bilenki, applicant's representative, waived the quasi-judicial procedure.

Samantha Gillyard, City Clerk, advised that the law firm of Dunay, Miskel, & Backman made campaign contributions to Commissioner Michael Hudak in February 2019, \$1,000, and Commissioner Parness in August 2020, \$1,000.

Ms. Bilenki provided a brief PowerPoint regarding the application. She outlined the details of the application, location being the west side of Dixie Highway, and the zoning designation. There are other auto parts stores within the location that will remain; 10,000 square feet is being designated for O'Reilly's Auto Parts. The property was developed around 1978 and had not been incorporated into the City. The variance is being requested to allow a five-foot perimeter buffer in lieu of the ten-feet as required. Ms. Bilenki provided a current photo of the property, businesses, and the landscaping. As of now, there is no buffer to the residential area. She advised that 8th Avenue will be closed as part of the site plan approval; the area that is limited in buffering will be updated.

Continuing, Ms. Bilenki explained that additional parking is needed and will be added to the rear; whereby, the current uses have an intense parking ratio for this type zoning. The only type uses that would have sufficient parking are warehouse and manufacturing uses. The proposed site plan provides an addition of 8 new spaces; other features include new retention area, drainage at the rear of the property, and 6-foot high concrete wall along NE 8th Avenue for better screening from the multi-family residential to the west. There is a good loading area where most drop-offs will occur overnight and off hours with the assistance of an employee; as well as a loading space for couriers so traffic is not blocked. Pedestrian connections are being proposed as a result of the project for pedestrian safety. Ms. Bilenki explained that the variance is being requested because the property was developed around 1978, and the adjacent right-of-way was platted in 1974, during that time, the right-of-way was 50 feet and 25 feet was dedicated from each parcel on either side of the right-of-way. After 2000, the City adopted street standards in the Code, so local roads are now required to be 60 feet wide, which means an additional 5 feet dedication from the site plan, thus making it difficult to meet the 10 feet landscape buffer requirement.

Lastly, Ms. Bilenki said trying to fit all the site constraints, ensure the property remains a commercially viable shopping center will require the variance with a smaller buffer. With the five-foot dedication of the right-of-way, it will mostly remain green space and does not believe there are any imminent plans to expand the roadway. Therefore, it will still appear as a 10-foot buffer and entail a right-of-way dedication on the west, 5 feet of landscaping and a concrete wall. The landscaping will be on the west side of the wall, so the adjacent residential communities will see an attractive green screen and not stare at a concrete wall. In closing, Ms. Bilenki provided a rendering of where the landscaping will be located, inclusive of trees and other shrubbery to enhance the area.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for clarification on deliveries being made at night.

Ms. Bilenki replied yes, O'Reilly's accepts most deliveries overnight and will occur along Dixie Highway away from the residents.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Drosky asked if the applicant has met all staff requirements.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, replied yes.

Commissioner Drosky said he received a campaign contribution in January 2017 as listed in the agenda backup. Lastly, he spoke in support of the application as the hardship was not the fault of the applicant.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED

The remainder of the Commission spoke in support of the application due to various reasons.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2021/141. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

Mayor Ganz allowed a 2-minute break at 7:35 p.m. so staff could address technical difficulties; the meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - SECOND READING

- 4. P.H. 2021-117: ORDINANCE 2021/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 98 "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS," ARTICLE X "HISTORIC PRESERVATION" OF THE CITY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 4, adopted Ordinance 2021/022. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENT

- 5. Resolution 2021/142 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, reappointing Jonathan Campbell 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 Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2021/142. Voice Vote:

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENT - CONTINUED

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

Nays: 0

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.

- 6. Resolution 2021/143 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the settlement of all claims against the City in the litigation styled *Carline Simon vs. City of Deerfield Beach, et. al.*; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #606-0900-519-37-70 - Liability Legal)**
- 7. Resolution 2021/144 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Award of Invitation to Bid #21-45-PC for the Dixie Highway Landscape Improvements - Hillsboro Blvd. to SW 10th Street (Rebid); authorizing execution of an agreement with Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc., the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$129,838.45; providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #614-8000-539-32-16 - Non-Departmental/Landscaping Services)**
- 8. Resolution 2021/145 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing the use of Law Enforcement Trust Funds in the total amount of \$554,000.00 for programs and equipment meeting the statutory requirements of Section 932.7055, F.S. for use of Law Enforcement Trust Funds; providing for an effective date. (Funds from Law Enforcement Trust Funds)**
- 9. Resolution 2021/146 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, waiving competitive solicitation requirements in accordance with Section 38-116(E) of the City Code; approving an agreement with United Way of Broward County, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the United Way Reading Pals Program in the City of Deerfield Beach; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-1700-554-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)**
- 10. Resolution 2021/147 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the renewal of the Agreement with Deerfield Beach Family Empowerment, Inc. for administration of Community Development Programs; authorizing execution of the one-year renewal; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
- 11. Resolution 2021/148 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for cost share support of a Water Conservation Incentives Program for a five-year term; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #401-5020-533-39-29 - Water Conservation)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Items 6 - 11 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS**12. Update regarding the Tigner Center Workshop.**

David Santucci, City Manager, said the last time this project was before the Commission, staff was asked to further evaluate expansion of the facility with added banquet space, use, capacity and size of similar facilities at other neighboring cities. He advised that the design-build team and Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, will provide a presentation and at the end of said presentation, he asked that the Commission provide direction on a change order to effectuate changes to the scope of work to add additional space.

Ms. Cygielnik said some of the PowerPoint presentation is a review, but wanted to provide feedback on the June and August workshops.

Mike Boss, MBR Construction, introduced other members of the design-build team.

Abbas Zackria, Walters Zackria Associates, outlined the existing conditions of the site and the proposed changes to the center; renovating the parking lot which allots 168 spaces, construction of new community center to two stories, and a little more than 20,000 square feet. He advised that only 117 parking spaces are required per code. Mr. Zackria outlined various programs sought through the original request for proposals as well as proposed programs. The building can be rented out for various public functions, such as weddings and other gatherings.

Continuing, Mr. Zackria provided a rendering of the first and second floor plans for the community center. Some of the first-floor spaces include the multi-purpose/banquet room, administrative offices, the warming kitchen and others. The second-floor space includes a TV/lounge room, staff offices, multi-purpose room, etc. The Pioneer Grove standard has also been incorporated into the project. Mr. Zackria provided photos and design inspirations that were included with the proposal; thereafter, he outlined the design criteria based on Pioneer Grove standards; whereas, brick, wood and other materials will be applied to the design for the entry canopy and façade. Furthermore, renderings of the proposed exterior were depicted, i.e. larger canopy with wood detailing, metal and brick for the façade.

Mr. Zackria provided renderings of the interior design. There will be a main office window and counter on the right of the entry; whereas, visitors can stop by to sign in. On the right, will be the banquet room and facility. He explained the facility layout and reiterated what the center will entail; first-floor main lobby, covered plaza, bonus special events terrace that expands the banquet room space, enhanced views among others. Lastly, Mr. Zackria provided an overview of the results obtained through the first public meeting; adding 12 feet to the first-floor at a cost of \$450,000 with 350 seating capacity in the banquet hall. The exterior wall on the first-floor is bearing, so, if only the first-floor were expanded, columns would be necessary as it would limit the use of the banquet facility. For that reason, it is necessary to expand the second-floor by 12 feet as well, at an additional \$450,000. He proposed an extension of the warming kitchen and storage area by 364 square feet, \$163,000; thus, the total cost for the expanded footprint would be \$1,063,000.

Moreover, Mr. Zackria provided an analysis of the additional electrical and maintenance cost of \$6,600 annually for the expanded footprint. He said the project completion is based on whether the Commission decides to expand; if so, additional time is needed and the 660 days and 90 days would start when direction is given.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Ms. Cygielnik provided the proposed budget for the project, \$9.6 million; whereas, the construction account has available funds of \$480,000. She advised that there will be other costs during construction; however, \$490,000 was budgeted for administrative expenses and it is possible that only half will be used. Ms. Cygielnik outlined other line accounts for the project: funds for architect/engineering have been used; relocation expenses [\$155,000] are still needed to move staff around during the project; testing expense has funds remaining. Lastly, she advised that \$1.2 million remains from the budget, but there are still expenses ahead that were earmarked for the project.

Commissioner Parness asked the current capacity of the gym and the availability of the banquet room.

Mr. Abbas replied approximately 11,000 square feet; furthermore, for weddings, no one would want to rent the gymnasium and would rent the banquet hall. Thereafter, he provided a summary of results from the second public meeting; whereby, many spoke in support of expanding because the City is growing. He advised that some said they go to other cities and rent their facilities, but would prefer using a city facility. Mr. Abbas said after speaking with the Pompano Beach Parks & Recreation staff, they were advised that many people rent the E. Pat Larkins Center and have 275 rentals yearly with 60 of those being large event rentals; most of the events are comprised of 15 to 30 people for small events and 200 to 280 for large; predominantly rented by Pompano Beach residents. He said some large events do exceed 300 to 350 capacity. Also, another center within Pompano Beach has about 60 large events annually.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of the expansion as this is the only chance to increase especially with the potential for an increase in population. Although there is an additional cost, he asked that his colleagues consider what will happen if this opportunity is missed.

Commissioner Drosky said he has wanted the statistics on Pompano Beach for a while and makes the decision process difficult. Furthermore, he said the public workshops focused on building and expecting people to come after. He advised that there is a fiscal responsibility to the city residents and the added cost is not warranted. Furthermore, based on the information presented, it does not appear that Deerfield Beach residents are renting in Pompano Beach for large scale events. Additionally, he agreed that this is the best time to build it, but again does not see the value.

Commissioner Parness spoke in support of the expansion; whereas, he has gone to many events at the gym and is embarrassed to be relegated to a gym instead of a banquet room. He also commented on not knowing exactly how many Deerfield Beach residents use Pompano Beach facilities.

Commissioner Hudak expressed concern with the additional funds to expand, as the \$1.06 million is earmarked for another project and could be put toward a better use. Although he thinks it is a great plan, he is concerned that other projects will suffer.

Mr. Santucci said the reason staff anticipates 2 large events moving forward because they programmed events; whereby, both are held in the gym. Although Juneteenth was held at an off-site location, it is planned to have Juneteenth, the Women's Annual Banquet, and another event at the facility. Furthermore, he said the City Hall renovation could be impacted and may not be as originally envisioned. Mr. Santucci said the City has been awarded grant funds and could be used for the hardening of the building and other stormwater projects through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Process. Also, he recommended pausing the City Hall project to see how the Tigner Center and Active Aging projects play out.

Vice Mayor Preston commented on fiscal responsibility.

Mayor Ganz commented on the expansion being for the entire city and the need to accommodate a growing population; i.e. changes at the former Chamber of Commerce building to create a community facility in District 1. He said the City needs a facility it can be proud of and therefore supports the expansion to accommodate future events. Thereafter, he opened the public hearing.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said the facility belongs to everyone and should be done for everyone. Mr. Scott also commented on a lack of fiscal responsibility without seeking comments from the public. Lastly, he said the focus should be on giving the residents a space within the City instead

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

of elsewhere.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said the community has numerous events that occur outside the City because of limited space. Thereafter, she advised that there are events that people are holding elsewhere due to size and spoke in support of the expansion due to a growing population and the opportunity to attract other organizations to the City.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Preston said he has conversed with people from all districts who've expressed the need for this project to benefit the City.

Commissioner Hudak said it is true that the City is missing out on a lot of events because the City does not have any place to have the events and although the Commission agrees to build, he is not sure that it needs to be much bigger than the original footprint for an additional \$1 million.

Mayor Ganz opined that the expense is justifiable and will be an improvement; whereby, he explained that the focus should be on the future needs of the City. Although some things may be sacrificed at City Hall, it will directly benefit the residents and should be done now as it may take decades to see this opportunity again. Lastly, Mayor Ganz said if the expanded size is approved, he would like to reconsider the warming kitchen as it may be overkill or possibly have staff provided reasons to keep it.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised the Commission that the change order is not on the agenda; therefore, no motion/vote is necessary.

Mayor Ganz asked that the sherbet colored squares be reconsidered; while the pop of color is great, he asked that there be some creativity as it may provide flexibility in the future to make changes.

13. ORDINANCE 2021/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 "OFFENSES" SECTION 46-9 "DEFACING OR DAMAGING PROPERTY OF ANOTHER" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE REGULATIONS AND PROVIDE FOR USE OF THE ABATEMENT PROCESS TO ADDRESS VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, 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

14. Resolution 2021/149 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the establishment of the COVID-19 Water Utility Relief Program; providing implementation and for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

David Santucci, City Manager, said staff created this program to help reestablish regular operations within the Customer Service division and provide residents with relief to make repayments to their utility bill. Originally, turnoffs were suspended in March 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic, and feels that the cutoffs should cease; however, to be sensitive to residents' personal situations, this program is being recommended. He explained that the program allows residents to spread out some late fees over the course of a year or longer; as long as they enter into the arrangement and/or pay off any late fees that would be assessed would be forgone so long as they maintain the payment on the program and their current balance.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked who is eligible to participate.

Mr. Santucci replied that it is for any resident delinquent in their payments and needs to enter the repayment program.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 14, adopted Resolution 2021/149. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - None.

CITY MANAGER

Hybrid Meetings - David Santucci, City Manager, said the Commission decided to evaluate the structure of meetings monthly; whereas, the Commission may decide to have all members present on the dais or continue with a majority in person and two others participating via Zoom. Thereafter, he provided statistical data regarding COVID-19 cases and the vaccination rate.

It was the consensus of the Commission to continue hybrid meetings.

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

Saturday Office Hours - Commissioner Hudak said he will be available this Saturday from 9 a.m. till noon; appointments can be made by contacting the City Manager's Office.

District 1 Meeting - Commissioner Hudak said a district meeting will be held at City Hall on October 11th and via Zoom from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. State Representative Chip LaMarca and County Commissioner Lamar Fisher will be present via Zoom. Additionally, representatives from Broward Health will attend as well. City staff has provided information on attending via Zoom.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**VICE MAYOR PRESTON****DISTRICT 2**

BSO Substation - Vice Mayor Preston said he is interested in starting a substation at the Johnny Tigner Community Center which has been discussed with Chief Hofstein. They both think it is a good idea as it will help discourage illegal criminal presence and activity. This change would also promote a relationship between the community and police. Furthermore, it provides a safe haven for kids.

Buck Pride Day - Vice Mayor Preston said this event is being planned and could possibly be held at the end of October. This will be a community clean-up with various leaders and groups are invited to provide input. The clean-up will take place between Hillsboro Boulevard and SW 10th Street, Dixie Highway to Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex. A cookout is planned; BSO will be included which will allow positive interaction with the community.

City Commission Meeting - Vice Mayor Preston said he will be out of town on November 8th and unavailable for the November 9th meeting.

COMMISSIONER PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

District 3 Meeting - Commissioner Parnes said the meeting will be held on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and includes various City departments, BSO Police/Fire and Code Enforcement to answer questions and obtain feedback on how the City can help the residents. Anyone desiring to attend via Zoom may obtain the link by contacting the City Manager's Office.

COVID-19 - Commissioner Parnes expressed concern with the number of people that are still dying, unvaccinated and not wearing masks. Commissioner Parnes also gave several locations where the vaccine is being offered. He implored people to wear their masks.

District 3 Meeting - David Santucci, City Manager, advised that the Florida Department of Transportation will attend the District 3 meeting to discuss 10th Street.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

City Commission Meeting - Commissioner Drosky offered moving the November meeting to another day, so Vice Mayor Preston can attend.

Vice Mayor Preston suggested leaving the meeting as is.

Commissioner Drosky asked that the City Manager seek alternate dates.

Movies in the Park - Commissioner Drosky said on October 8th at 7:30 p.m., the Addams Family will be playing at the Villages of Hillsboro Park.

Stormwater Workshop - Commissioner Drosky encouraged residents to stay engaged in this topic as it is one of the most important projects the Commission will vote on, although many residents do not participate with the workshops. The Commission is required to prioritize 10 years of projects both new and existing and due to the flooding issues throughout, everyone is affected and resident feedback is needed.

Board Vacancies - Commissioner Drosky asked the Commission to review their vacancies on the boards as some are unable to meet due to lack of a quorum. He said the Community Appearance Board could not meet because of quorum issues. He encouraged his colleagues to fill vacancies with interested residents.

Florida Legislature - Commissioner Drosky said the session begins in January 2022. Currently, the legislature has already started with committee meetings to decide what bills to introduce into the next session. He advised that attacks will continue against home rule and recommended receiving updates through the Florida League of Cities by texting 50457. The issues are very important and resident

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

participation is extremely important.

Thereafter, Commissioner Drosky commented on issues the Legislature will address, home rule, Airbnb's, short term rentals and Senate Bill 280, which requires cities and counties to include a business impact statement for every ordinance passed. This requires a series of criteria, no less than 8, which he outlined. Commissioner Drosky said providing the information requested in the bill will take a lot of time to incorporate into an impact statement; wherein, contracting with outside resources maybe necessary.

Commissioner Parness left the dais temporarily at 9:22 p.m.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Home Rule - Mayor Ganz agreed with Commissioner Drosky on the attack on home rule as it is constant. He referenced a matter in Key West as a decision was overturned by the State.

BSO Police Response - Mayor Ganz thanked Chief Hofstein for his quick response after he received a phone call from a resident; whereby, someone was taken in for psychiatric evaluation. He said the situation was handled delicately, but swiftly.

Grant Opportunities - Mayor Ganz advised that there are grant opportunities available for Junior Angler's Day, up to \$400,000 through Bass Pro Shops. He also thanked everyone for their participation in the event as they help make it successful.

Board Vacancies - Mayor Ganz requested a list of his vacancies so he can start considering filling.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss.

The meeting adjourned prior to Commissioner Parness returning.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk