



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, November 16, 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 – via Zoom
Commissioner Michael Hudak – via Zoom
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Vice Mayor Ben Preston
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 - October 5 & October 19, 2021

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, 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

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - August 24, 2021

Code Compliance Meeting Minutes - May 11, May 26, June 8, June 23 & July 13, 2021

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2021

Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2021 (Budget - First Hearing), September 20, 2021 (Regular), & September 20, 2021 (Budget - Final Hearing)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES – CONTINUED

Education Advisory Board Meeting Minutes - September 1 & October 6, 2021

Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes - August 9 & September 15, 2021

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - September 2, 2021

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, 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

November 16, 2021

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve the agenda as amended, Item #16 was tabled till a time uncertain. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation presented to the Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) and the Small Business Saturday Coalition in support and recognition of Small Business Saturday®, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 27, 2021.

Mayor Ganz read and presented a proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday; whereas, small businesses employ 47.1% of the employees in the private sector in the United States, 88% of U.S. consumers feel a personal commitment to support small businesses in the wake of the pandemic, and 92% of small business owners have pivoted the way they do business to stay open during the pandemic. Mayor Ganz encouraged continued support of small businesses not only on this day, but throughout the year.

ADDENDUM

2. Proclamation in recognition of Family Court Awareness Month.

Mayor Ganz read and presented a proclamation in recognition of Family Court Awareness Month. In May 2021, Greyson Kessler, a four-year old in Fort Lauderdale was shot and killed by his biological father during an approved court visit despite his father's history of abusive behavior and his mother's plea to the court to protect him. To help honor Greyson and the estimated 58,000 children annually that are at risk, a national coalition of organizations have designated November as national Family Court Awareness Month.

Family Court Awareness Month recognizes the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on family violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system.

Bailey Smith, 570 Jefferson Drive, Deerfield Beach, spoke on behalf of Families Against Court Travesties, and acknowledged the importance of family court awareness and how the system has failed various families, including herself. Lastly, she commented on the importance of ending this cycle.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – FIRST READING**3. P.H. 2022-012: ORDINANCE 2021/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE AMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed ordinance. The Capital Improvement Element (CIE) is a portion of the comprehensive plan and updated every 7 years, but the CIE is updated every year to include the 5-year budget estimates which are part of the capital improvement plan approved by the Commission in September as part of the annual budget. This year, Mr. Power advised that there has been a change to the Evaluation & Appraisal Report (EAR), whereby, various elements approved in the EAR are part of this document. Nevertheless, nothing in the document has been amended from what the Commission has previously approved.

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 Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 3 on first reading. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND READING**4. ORDINANCE 2021/024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPROVING DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,543,000 WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,885 FOR THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT FUND, AND APPROPRIATING THE LOAN PROCEEDS FROM FUND BALANCE OF THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE PROJECT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,829,000; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CRIME PREVENTION FUND FOR THE \$7,350 PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Stephanie Tinsley, Director of Financial Services, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance; thereafter, she outlined the adjustments needed for the FY21 budget. She advised that no appropriations were increased; thereafter, she outlined the following changes: Law Enforcement budget exceeded the budget due to vacancy credits budgeted for, but not realized as recruitment was needed to maintain public safety.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING – SECOND READING – CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 4, adopted Ordinance 2021/024. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucia Delgenio, 707 N. Shore Drive, Deerfield Beach, asked for additional clarification on Item 4 regarding police vacancies.

Mayor Ganz reopened the public hearing for Item 4.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that during the year, there was a deficit in the Law Enforcement budget due to a budget vacancy credit received on an annual basis from the Broward Sheriff's Office when they have vacancies. Over the last 2 to 3 years, vacancies have amounted to approximately \$800,000. BSO has done a better job with recruitment in the City, so those credits were not realized this year. He advised that it did not deal with the hiring of additional officers, and since there was surplus within Parks & Recreation, it covered the difference. Continuing, Mr. Santucci said BSO is required to have a certain number of officers in the district at a given time. Furthermore, since the City is contracted with BSO, when there is a vacancy for a deputy allocated to the City, a credit is provided.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Santucci replied that there were vacancies this year, but not as many as before.

CONSENT – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

There was no discussion amongst the Commission on Items 5-7.

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 Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Items 5 - 7 in concert. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

- 5. Resolution 2021/156 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Tinka Ellington as a regular member to the Community Appearance Board; and providing for an effective date.**
- 6. Resolution 2021/157 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, reappointing Annette Mitchell as a Commissioner of the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority; and providing an effective date.**
- 7. Resolution 2021/158 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, reappointing Robert Weech as the Fifth Member to the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Firefighters' Pension Trust Fund; providing for an effective date.**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

There was no discussion amongst the Commission on Items 8-15.

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

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Items 8 - 15 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 8. Resolution 2021/159 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a second amendment to Grant Agreement H0329 with the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program City Hall Wind Retrofit and Drainage Project to extend the Agreement end date and increase the grant amount; providing an effective date.**
- 9. Resolution 2021/160 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants from Broward County to place an affordable housing restriction on the property located at 464 N. Deerfield Avenue; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants; providing for an effective date.**
- 10. Resolution 2021/161 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Regional Interlocal Agreement for cooperative fire, rescue, emergency medical services, and special operations response through automatic aid and closest unit response; providing for execution and an effective date.**
- 11. Resolution 2021/162 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing the City's purchase of the CRA owned showmobile for \$25,000.00; terminating the existing Interlocal Agreement between the CRA and the City for the operation and management of the showmobile; approving a new Interlocal Agreement with the CRA for the City's staffing and management of special events within the CRA that may include the showmobile; authorizing execution of the Interlocal Agreement; providing for implementation, conflicts and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-7005-579-60-41 - Automotive Equipment)***
- 12. Resolution 2021/163 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Award of Invitation to Bid #21-40-JW for athletic field maintenance services; authorizing execution of an agreement with Juniper Landscaping of Florida, LLC, the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$99,552.91; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-7020-539-32-24 - Sports Turf Maintenance)***

ADDENDUM – CONTINUED

- 13. Resolution 2021/164 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Disbursement of HOME Program Funds for the Housing Rehabilitation Program for fiscal year 2019-2020 to reinstate the Interlocal Agreement and extend the term of the Interlocal Agreement; authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to execute the First Amendment; providing for an effective date.**

ADDENDUM – CONTINUED

- 14. Resolution 2021/165 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Disbursement of HOME Program Funds for the Homebuyer Purchase Assistance Program for fiscal year 2019-2020 to reinstate the Interlocal Agreement and extend the term of the Interlocal Agreement; authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to execute the First Amendment; providing for an effective date.**
- 15. Resolution 2021/166 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Disbursement of HOME Program Funds for the Housing Rehabilitation Program for fiscal year 2018-2019 to reinstate the Agreement and extend the term of the Interlocal Agreement; authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to execute the Second Amendment; providing for an effective date.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 16. Resolution 2021/ - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a sign relocation and reconstruction agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC pursuant to the City's billboard relocation policy and Section 70.20, Florida Statutes; authorizing the City Manager to execute the sign relocation agreement; providing for an effective date.**

Tabled during approval of agenda; time uncertain.

- 17. Resolution 2021/168 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the rankings and funding allocations to charitable and public purpose organizations for the Community Participation Grant Program; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-8100-569-8099 - Community Participation)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Thereafter, Mayor Ganz outlined the purpose of the Resolution; whereby, \$125,000 has been allocated to disburse among various service-oriented organizations who aid city residents. He thanked staff for their success in making this process seamless.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 17; adopted Resolution 2021/168. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 18. Resolution 2021/169 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the City's Projects to be funded with American Rescue Plan Act Funds; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

David Jahowsky, Government Services Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the potential projects utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. He explained how the funds were disbursed;

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

whereby, the City was allocated \$16.28 million for various projects. Furthermore, the projects have been analyzed for financial viability and the potential risk for clawback has been identified. Mr. Jahowsky outlined various projects provided by staff which are based on a 4-point risk factor, with 4 having the highest risk. The projects on the lower risk, 1 or 2, have the least potential for clawback; notwithstanding, protocols are in place to reduce potential problems long-term. Continuing, Mr. Jahowsky provided an extensive list containing 32 projects available for funding, to include its description, priority, eligibility category and funding request; most projects are within the infrastructure category. The projects total a little more than \$19 million, which was done intentionally just in case some projects are not feasible. Lastly, funds were identified for administrative funding and audit requirements.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Jahowsky replied that the priority for the projects can be changed.

Commissioner Hudak asked about the risk factors/assessment and challenges associated with low and high-risk items.

Mr. Jahowsky advised that the procedural safeguard is the same for all projects; however, projects with a low risk factor, 1 or 2, require traditional supporting documents which outline the rationale for the project. Based on the current guidelines, risk factors have a possibility of changing; nevertheless, projects with higher risk will need greater documentation. Continuing, he advised that risk potential could go down if the guidelines allow for more general infrastructure. For projects funded through regular replacement, there is greater flexibility which may allow the City to take on projects with higher risk. Lastly, he advised that the projects can be reprioritized at any point.

Commissioner Drosky said on Monday, the President signed the federal infrastructure bill and questioned whether it had any impact on the projects' ranking tonight. Thereafter, he explained that using the American Rescue Plan funds would guarantee the City's ability to perform infrastructure projects at the top of the list; whereby, funding could potentially be used from the infrastructure bill which releases funds allocated from the ARP. Commissioner Drosky advised that this is not a guarantee due to the competitive process and asked if this bill changes the analysis presented tonight.

Mr. Jahowsky replied no; whereby, the rule-making guidelines may not be available until January or February. He explained that right now, the City has funding provided through ARP, but there is no guarantee with the infrastructure bill. Florida may receive \$13 billion as part of the bill, but allocation has not been determined. The City has until 2026 to use ARP funds, so if the infrastructure bill changes, i.e. rule-making or ARP changes, there is time to make modifications and select a different funding stream.

In response to Commissioner Parness' question, Mr. Jahowsky replied that there is no formal approval process and no formal plan is required for submission to the US Department of Treasury to utilize the ARP funds based on the city's size. He also outlined the timeframe the City received some of the funds.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the receipt of ARP funds, the potential for government clawback and risk analysis.

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 18; adopted Resolution 2021/169. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

19. Resolution 2021/170 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of Request for Proposals #21-37-PC for the West Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Conversion Project; authorizing execution of an agreement with the top ranked responsive and responsible contractor, Intercounty Engineering, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$2,491,298.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. (Funds from American Rescue Plan Fund)

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that this project is funded through the American Rescue Plan.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if funding will be used for the entire project or will the City have to wait for additional funding to complete the project.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Santucci replied that funds are fully available to fund the entire project. Thereafter, he responded to Commissioner Hudak's question, whereby, the expenditures provided for potential projects under Item 18 are estimates only.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 19; adopted Resolution 2021/170. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

20. Resolution 2021/171 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, adopting the City of Deerfield Beach Stormwater Management and Flood Resiliency Strategies Master Plan; providing an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, advised that the presentation would entail a recap of the public workshops conducted over the past few months regarding the master plan and seeks commission approval, so the master plan can be used as a roadmap.

Mark Ellard, Geosyntec, explained why the plan is needed; i.e. aging stormwater system, potential for flooding, surface water runoff, regulatory regulations, and others. Mr. Ellard explained how the master plan would help proactively address concerns regarding operations and maintenance; whereby, a list of issues the City currently faces with various facility types. There are a number of regulatory compliance issues the City has to address that start with the comprehensive plan, regulations passed down from the County and State to protect water quality. He also mentioned House Bill 53, whereas, all these regulations take time and resources to follow.

Continuing, Mr. Ellard provided a history of the program starting October 1, 2018, master plan efforts in October 2019, initial master plan public meetings and input in November 2020, receipt of FEMA Flood Mitigation Advanced Assistance funds. The public outreach was conducted in each district and upon completion of the plan, there's an intent to seek additional funding sources. Mr. Ellard explained what a resiliency plan is, address past, current, and determine future needs. Flooding and water quality are the most identified concerns and to address this and other impacts, i.e. sea level rise, capital improvements must be addressed to move forward for the next decade. Mr. Ellard provided photos of flooding throughout the City; wherein, problem areas were identified based on public input as well as hydrologic and hydraulic testing for storm simulation.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Mr. Ellard provided the flooding assessment where chronic issues exist and explained that infrastructures were identified to help understand what the City is responsible for, but more importantly, how the infrastructures overlap with private areas. Other areas studied included stormwater quality, coastal resources (pipe downfall and drain runoff), and which projects should be recommended for improvement. Thereafter, Mr. Ellard provided a prioritized list of capital improvement projects yielding a total of under \$19 million for over 10 years. Once a plan and list are provided, it makes it easier to facilitate the projects. The recommended capital projects are throughout the entire city and with funding from FEMA, the following 4 projects have been identified: 8th Avenue, west Deerfield, MLK corridor and drainage improvement in the Crystal Lake area.

In response to Commissioner Parness' questions, Mr. Ellard explained where the stormwater runoff goes and how grates are used for safety purposes to keep debris out. Additionally, he advised that screens are a challenge because they can also stop water from entering the system. Furthermore, Ms. Cygielnik replied to other questions; wherein, she explained the process and said catch basins also use them along with other mechanisms.

Commissioner Drosky thanked the consultant for their work on the project; whereas, each district was able to meet with the Geosyntec through public meetings. He also commented on the stormwater fee which has only been around since 2017 and does not have enough funding to address the concerns outlined in the stormwater plan. Lastly, he spoke in support of the plan.

Vice Mayor Preston commented on the importance of updating the public on the stormwater plan and the confidence the residents will have once projects are underway.

Commissioner Hudak thanked the residents for providing input on the areas prone to flooding in their community as well as staff for ensuring public awareness.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said she also attended the public meetings and gave input on problems in her district. When asked about monies collected in the stormwater fund, it seemed that the money was used in District 1. She then asked if CRA funds have been used for these projects.

Bill Lane, 11 Tilford A, Deerfield Beach, commented on the need for the public to be responsible for what goes into the water system.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he explained that there are some projects covered by CRA, but it is not only to specific corridor, but throughout the CRA district.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that anytime CRA uses funding to address street improvements, which include stormwater, then it is addressed. He further explained how staff captures areas of concern outlined by residents.

Mayor Ganz thanked staff for their efforts and the improvements are based on priorities for the City as a whole.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 20; adopted Resolution 2021/171. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

21. Resolution 2021/172 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a change order in the amount of \$1,063,000 to provide additional banquet space for the design-build construction of the Johnny L. Tigner Community Center Project, for a total project cost of \$10,179,547.02; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #358-8000-572-61-12 - Construction & Account #358-8000-384-10-00 - Loan/Bond Proceeds)

Priscilla Cygielnik, Director of Environmental Services, provided a brief overview of the changes to the community center which entails a larger footprint. All improvements previously discussed would allow for a 350-person capacity in the multi-purpose room. Due to structural requirements, if the first floor is expanded, the second floor must be also.

Abbas Zackria, architect, outlined the changes; whereby, the catering kitchen increased from zero square feet to 316 square feet, warming kitchen from 331 sq. ft to 414 sq. ft. to allow proper catering. The exterior wall on the second floor increased 12 feet, additional storage was added to the camp and multi-purpose rooms and additional storage for classrooms and other offices along the corridor for proper functioning long-term.

Commissioner Parness spoke in support of the project.

Commissioner Drosky said there is not enough concrete data to explain spending \$1 million; while he supports improving the community center, he disagreed with spending these funds as there must be accountability to the residents.

Mayor Ganz explained that the facility has been outdated for over a decade and expansion is needed based on public input; whereas, a number of residents spoke in support. Furthermore, he said the build out will address future needs as there aren't enough facilities in the City. Mayor Ganz also advised that the cost is not exorbitant as the building will last for the next 30 years.

Commissioner Hudak said originally, the Commission agreed to expand the size of the facility to 20,275 square feet; whereby, he disagreed with spending \$1 million for the facility for 1,000 square feet for one to two parties yearly.

Vice Mayor Preston commented on the changes that have happened throughout the years and the increase in population; whereby, the fire station on Federal Highway was the only facility servicing the City when Century Village was first discussed. He said the City must be ready to meet future demands and if not now, it will cost more when the time does come.

Commissioner Parness said the City's Public Affairs & Marketing Department will do a great job at promoting the center and how important it is to provide a service in anticipation of the future which is why he is in support.

Commissioner Hudak said the facility is not only a hall, but a community center that is being built for the community and not as a revenue generator.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, commented on the history of the facility and how the facility is being used in various ways. She said the community wants the facility to be used by myriad organizations, i.e. conferences and other events; thereafter, she explained why the expansion is needed in the catering facility and the intent of the facility to be used by all residents.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing. Thereafter, he commented on the frequent usage of the Hillsboro Community Center. While the proposed changes to the community center are three-times more than originally planned, he said the changes prepare for the future of the City and he does not want to be short-sighted now by attempting to save a relatively small amount over a long period of time.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that the proposed resolution reflects 364 square feet for the warming kitchen; however, Mr. Zackria advised that the space will be 414 square feet. If approved, he asked that the approval be amended to reflect 414 square feet.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston to approve Item 21 as amended; adopted Resolution 2021/172. Roll Call:

Yeas: 3 - Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Preston and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 2 - Commissioner Drosky and Commissioner Hudak

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

No Comments.

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

Upcoming Events - Commissioner Hudak announced that the State of the City is scheduled for tomorrow, November 17th and encouraged people to attend. Additionally, Boots on the Beach is scheduled for this weekend, starting at 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Buck Pride Community Clean-up - Vice Mayor Preston said the clean-up held on Saturday, November 13th was very successful; he thanked staff for their coordination, support and efforts. There were approximately 70 children participating that came from various cities through the BSO Explorer's program. Furthermore, he thanked Mr. Wayne Barton who provided a complimentary lunch for everyone. Lastly, Vice Mayor Preston said he would like to continue the event on an annual basis and hopes to have another event in the spring, but in a different location.

Veteran's Day Event - Vice Mayor Preston said the event was held at Branhilda Richardson Knowles Memorial Park and was tremendously successful. He commended staff for maintaining the cleanliness of the park and set up. He commented on a veteran that attended the event, who was not a City resident, who expressed his gratitude for the event. Vice Mayor Preston said he was affected by the man's comments, wherein, when he returned from the war, he was ashamed to admit he was a veteran. Vice Mayor Preston said this should never happen and, in his opinion, those serving this Country should be appreciated when they return. Lastly, he asked that staff continue to implement fresh ideas for these events and not replicate what other cities have done.

COMMISSIONER PARNESS**DISTRICT 3**

Veteran's Day Event - Commissioner Parness spoke about his experiences as a soldier and veteran; whereby, armed service members deserve respect. Furthermore, he asked that the Commission consider a parade for veterans and their families; notwithstanding, he wants the event to continue and be even greater than before.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Haunted Arboretum - Commissioner Drosky thanked the volunteers for participating in the Haunted Arboretum at Constitution Park on October 30th. There were 60 to 70 volunteers mostly from the high school; certificates were sent to each thanking them for their assistance in making this a great event. Commissioner Drosky said the event was even better than before and hopes it will continue to thrive.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION – CONTINUED

Saturday Office Hours - Commissioner Drosky said he will be available on December 4th and appointments will be either virtual or by phone; contact him or the City Manager's Office to make an appointment.

John Chikerotis - Commissioner Drosky said he has spoken with residents asking whether there would be a naming opportunity to remember Mr. Chikerotis who served the City for 35 years. Though he was not a resident, he served the residents proudly with distinction.

Nomination - Commissioner Drosky said the City has been nominated for the Deerfield Beach Memorial Day video. It was nominated for a national award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, and Deerfield Beach is 1 of 2 in the running. He said Rebecca Medina and Dave Hunt, Deerfield Beach Public Affairs & Marketing Department, do a fantastic job with these types of undertakings. Moreover, Commissioner Drosky said the revealing is in December and wished them both well.

Thanksgiving Day - Commissioner Drosky wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving Day and reminded everyone to be thankful for every blessing.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Follow Up - Mayor Ganz thanked his colleagues for attending the Veteran's Day event as well as those who served in the Armed Forces. He said he is onboard for expanding the Veteran's Day event but does not believe parades will draw crowds as participation has dwindled. Furthermore, Mayor Ganz spoke in support of the renaming as he touched many areas in the City.

Water Quality - Mayor Ganz said the City of Fort Lauderdale had many issues regarding water quality and sewage leaking into the waterways; however, something positive came from treating the problems. He said a company called Clean Waterways, LLC, provides a large protein skimmer that is a barge, but operates just like it would in a high-end aquarium. There are no chemicals, air and water are only needed to bond with the pollution, and it leaves the plankton in the water, so the pollution then becomes easy to remove. Additionally, the barge being used pinpoints the area of pollution and either solves the pollution problem or targets those causing the pollution. He said it has been used by Fort Lauderdale and asked that staff research to see if it is something we can use in the waterways.

Happy Thanksgiving - Mayor Ganz wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to be safe.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk