



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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

Mayor Ganz acknowledged the Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy that occurred on February 14, 2018; thereafter was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - February 1, 2022

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

Hillsboro Inlet District Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2021

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

February 15, 2022

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

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. P.H. 2022-036: Resolution 2022/019 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, supporting the expansion of both Deerfield Beach Express I and II Community Shuttles for Saturday Services; approving the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Community Shuttle Services to reflect a funding decrease, reflect an increase in service hours and days, and amend the vehicle list; authorizing execution of the First Amendment; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, explained that Broward County required that the item be discussed as a public hearing. He explained that the service fee was much lower at \$20/hour; however, after the surtax was adopted, it increased to \$58/hour. Notwithstanding, Broward County performed an audit of the entire community bus shuttle system and concluded a fee of \$48/hour. There will be an increase to service hours and days and the amended vehicle list reflects the list of vehicles that provide said service.

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

Commissioner Parness spoke in support of public transportation as it reduces the number of cars on the road.

Mayor Ganz said Saturday service is based on the needs for communities, like the Palms, that need them; therefore, he supports the item.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 1, adopted Resolution 2022/019. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING

- 2. P.H. 2022-035: ORDINANCE 2022/005 - 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, 2022; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS TO VARIOUS CITY FUNDS, AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE GRANT FUND BY \$108,000 AND THE 2000 BOND FUND BY \$91,160, AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY 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 Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 2, adopted Ordinance 2022/005. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amie Kay Tanner, 111 Odas Tanner Way, Deerfield Beach, commended the City on use of the Zoom platform as it allows people an opportunity to attend the meetings. Thereafter, she commented on the upcoming Pioneer Days which has been celebrated for many years.

Peggy Ross, 103 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said there is a condominium complex on 19th Avenue, Riverfront South, that is expected to sell and become a vacation rental. There are 12 units and she is concerned that it is more like a hotel, not an Airbnb.

Mary Doster, 1400 SW 11th Way, Deerfield Beach, said she and her sister are residing temporarily in a hotel. She advised that the prices for seniors are too high and are seeking assistance from the City on affordable programs.

Mayor Ganz said staff will be in touch for further discussion.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 3. Resolution 2022/020 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Annette Mitchell as a regular commissioner of the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority to fill an unexpired term; and providing an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz explained that Ms. Mitchell no longer qualifies as a tenant commissioner and because she wishes to continue service, he is nominating her to fill a vacancy. Thereafter, the public hearing was opened; 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 Item 3, adopted Resolution 2022/020. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

After a brief discussion, Item 5 was pulled for discussion.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing for Items 4, and 6 - 13; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Items 4, and 6-13 of the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 4. Resolution 2022/021 - 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 *David Kinberg vs. City of Deerfield Beach*; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; providing for an effective date. (*Funds from Account #606-0900-519-37-71 - Risk Management/General Liability*)**
- 5. Resolution 2022/022 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Settlement Agreement and Release with Endo Health Solutions, Inc. and Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc., related to the Opioids Litigation; authorizing execution of the settlement agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, said various cities and governments throughout the Country filed a multi-district class action lawsuit against opioid pharmaceuticals and distributors; whereby, Deerfield Beach was included. Mr. Soroka advised that the Commission has seen other agreements, like Jansen; this is another pharmaceutical company that Florida has entered into a tentative settlement. The approximate settlement to the City is \$17,000.

Vice Mayor Preston asked if the funds from this settlement can be used to create an intervention program that deals with opioid overdose prevention, treatment and possibly suicide.

Mayor Ganz agreed with earmarking funds for this purpose.

Mr. Soroka advised that the memorandum of understanding requires funds be used in the manner suggested by Vice Mayor Preston. Furthermore, there are multiple settlements with additional monies coming in; lastly, funding may be provided within 90 days, giving the Commission time to decide on usage.

Vice Mayor Preston said he would like something done in each district.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. He also asked that staff be given direction on usage.

David Santucci, City Manager, agreed with the direction provided by Vice Mayor Preston; whereas, there are many community partners with existing programs that he would like to explore.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2022/022. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

6. **Resolution 2022/023 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the submission of a request for inclusion to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program for the construction of a new reclaimed water main in conjunction with the SW 10th Street Connector Improvements Project; providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #413-5000-536-60-31 - Utilities - Improvements Other than Buildings)***
7. **Resolution 2022/024 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for the Surtax-Funded Municipal Transportation Project: Rehabilitation and Repair of the SE 13th Avenue Bridge over Tern Waterway (BC-DFBEACH FY2020-00001); providing for execution and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #108-5050-541-60-31 - Improvements Other than Buildings)***
8. **Resolution 2022/025 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the design of the Pioneer Grove Infrastructure Improvements and Complete Streets Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount of \$586,265; and providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #108-5050-541-60-31 - Improvements Other than Buildings)***
9. **Resolution 2022/026 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Design of the FAU Research Park Blvd. (SW 11th Way) Improvements Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount of \$933,968.40; and providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #108-5050-541-60-31 - Improvements Other than Buildings)***
10. **Resolution 2022/027 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of Request for Proposals #22-02-JW for Residential Environmental Services for Federal and State Funded Housing and Community Service Programs; authorizing execution of agreements with the two top ranked responsive and responsible firms, Gaudet Associates, Inc. and Airquest Environmental, Inc., for two year terms with one additional two-year renewal term; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
11. **Resolution 2022/028 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the ranking and award of Request for Proposals #22-03-JW for Residential Inspection and Cost Estimating Services for Federal and State Funded Housing and Community Service Programs; authorizing execution of agreements with the three ranked responsive and responsible firms, TSC Associates, Inc., Housing and Assistive Technology, Inc., and Gold Tree Development Group, LLC, for two year terms with one additional two-year renewal term; providing for implementation and an effective date.**
12. **Resolution 2022/029 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Contract #JCV21-06-2022 with the Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc. for the Telephone Reassurance Program in an amount not to exceed \$11,762.25; authorizing execution of the contract; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Fiscal Impact: Increase in Funding)***

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

- 13. Resolution 2022/030 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving Congregate Meal Site Agreements with Human Services Network, Inc. dba Meals on Wheels South Florida for the Distribution of meals to seniors at the Center for Active Aging/Senior Center and the Adult Day Care Center; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreements; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 14. ORDINANCE 2022/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE EIGHTH 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; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Dennis Mele, 200 E. Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, representing People's Trust, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the project. The site is located at the corner of SW 10th Street and I-95 and the balance of the FAU District Park outlined in red. He said the 7th amendment to the lease was approved in May 2021, but due to the need to adjust the building, this amendment is being requested. Thereafter, various site plan renderings were displayed, including parking and green space. The largest structure that can be built, without adding a structured parking garage is a little over 41,000 square feet.

Continuing, Mr. Mele said about 42% of the building will be occupied by People's Trust Rapid Response Team (RRT); the remaining will be used by other tenants. In the first version, there was more space for other tenants, but would have required the parking garage with an estimated cost of \$12 to \$15 million. Additionally, the new design will consist of a 2-story segment on each end, with a one-story section in between. Mr. Mele outlined specific locations for the tenants, including RRT. At the east end of the building, it will likely be for medical use and all other bays would be for innovation or new companies starting out. Mr. Mele advised that all other commitments made during the 7th amendment will be upheld; i.e. internships, other funded programs. He said since May 2021 the financial package changed; whereby, the financial incentive will be increased.

Mr. Mele said previously, the total compensation to the City was \$200,000; wherein, \$100,000 was paid after execution of the 7th amendment and the second \$100,000 was due when the building went up. If the 8th amendment is approved, \$1.1 million will be paid within 5 business days; at time of building permit, \$1 million; and \$1.1 million when certificate of occupancy (CO) is received. He said these figures are based on an appraisal recently performed. Thereafter, Mr. Mele outlined the schedule presented in May 2021; whereby, the timeframe has not changed, but the start time has changed. Nevertheless, once the project starts, it will be the same amount of time to the CO.

Moreover, Mr. Mele advised that the current lease expires March 15, 2022 unless extended; if not, it reverts to the City and the City can utilize as desired. The goal was to determine the value of the property if the lease did not exist. Their appraiser valued the property at \$2.9 million based on a building size of 40,000 square feet. The City's appraiser valued the property at \$6.5 million. Both appraisers appraised the property based on square footage at \$65 per square foot. The square footage of 100,000 was from the plat note for a research and development building. It was discovered that this level of development for a property of this size being likely. He advised that CBRE Real Estate performed an analysis of office building complexes in the City (listed in the presentation); JM Family campus is not included. Lastly, he outlined those buildings that have garage space and capacity; wherein, if a parking garage must be built, they would

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

not be able to compete against existing complexes. Thereafter, he introduced CBRE Real Estate.

Walter Duke, CBRE Real Estate, provided a brief overview as to how their firm came to appraise the property, as well as his background in this arena and time as Dania Beach Mayor and City Commissioner. Thereafter, he explained the appraisal process and that building the parking garage would require about \$12 million. He advised on the figure used to appraise the property, \$65 per square foot and the unlikelihood that someone would build a 100,000 square foot property on the site due to it not being feasible and cost prohibitive. Mr. Duke provided a detailed explanation as to why the original property is not consistent with today's market or financially feasible. In closing, he said the 40,000 square foot office park is compatible to other complexes in the City and is appropriate for this sized location.

Mr. Mele provided commentary on what has been presented and reiterated that the City will receive \$3.2 million based on the schedule provided. Furthermore, he outlined the options to the City if the lease expires: build a municipal building, sell the property, and build based on the type of interest and B3 zoning. He said there are a lot of contingencies and with People's Trust proposal, the City is aware of their plans.

Samantha Gillyard, City Clerk, announced campaign disclosures on behalf of Greenspoon Marder: Commissioner Parness, January 19, 2021 - \$500; Commissioner Drosky, December 23, 2020 - \$500; Commissioner Hudak, February 5, 2019 - \$500.

Vice Mayor Preston spoke in support of the amendment based on the contributions People's Trust has made in the City, the jobs they have brought to the City and their willingness to make a \$3 million contribution to the City.

Commissioner Hudak spoke in support of the amendment, due to the property being vacant for over 20 years. He said People's Trust is a good community business willing to develop a business; thereafter, he commented on the change in how people are working, i.e. telecommuting. Businesses are realizing that a lot of real estate is no longer necessary, making the task of finding tenants more difficult.

Commissioner Parness asked about the penalties if the funds are not distributed as Mr. Mele outlined.

Mr. Mele replied that if People's Trust defaults, the amendment is void. If some is paid, and they default, the City keeps what has been paid.

Commissioner Drosky said he thinks it is best to think about the future as it is important to be bold and maximize the remaining land. The applicant's best argument is that they can build the property and have it on the tax rolls while the City plows along through the RFP process and referendum, and although he understands that, his vision is different. Reducing to a 40,000 square foot building is not bold in his opinion and goes backward. The factors given as to why the Commission should accept a 40,000 square foot building were present when the 80,000 square foot building was approved. Commissioner Drosky said he does not think the residents should have to pay for such a miscalculation and is considering what is in the best interest of the residents' long term. Although \$3.2 million can be used for other purposes, it will not be enough for something in the future. Thereafter, Commissioner Drosky outlined other uses for the property; hotel, medical, residential, office space or a combination of those. He also provided other reasons the Commission should not approve the item: \$3.2 million is only a one-time payment; another project could generate tax revenue into perpetuity; the surrounding area could be tied into Mayo Howard Park where events could be held; economic improvement is expected to get better.

Continuing, Commissioner Drosky said a lot of opportunities did not happen because of the ground lease with the property. If that is gone, there could be additional opportunities in the future; therefore, he does not believe approving the project is ideal. Furthermore, improvements are being made to SW 10th Street, whereas, commuters will be coming from various directions and the site will be more important than today due to convenience. He outlined various projects where the developers are being bold and providing a better situation for the future.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Parness continued to speak in support of the lease amendment, whereas, it will provide jobs and put money in the City's coffers. He also expressed his views on other potential businesses, but those are not guaranteed.

Commissioner Hudak said the reality is that other options provided by Commissioner Drosky may not happen and realistically, no one will build an 80,000 square foot facility with a parking garage as it is not financially feasible. The reality is that the facility, regardless of who builds it will be a 40,000 square foot building either now or in the future.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said nothing has happened with FAU and if approved, she will continue to wait and see what happens. The City has been at this juncture and it failed.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, said she would like something done, but does not want it to be bold and expressed concern about adding additional traffic.

Charles Cheleden, 109 SE 13th Street, Deerfield Beach, provided an e-mail for the record [read by City Clerk]. Mr. Cheleden provided a series of questions if the amendment is granted, concerning use of funds, request for additional contractual language that the City retains any funds if People's Trust fails to meet their obligations.

Amie Kay Tanner, 111 Odas Tanner Way, Deerfield Beach, asked for the ratio of office buildings in town as she has seen many for lease throughout the City. She asked if anything else could go in the location and how necessary is the proposed facility.

Robert Birdsong, 373 N. River Avenue, Deerfield Beach, said he does not agree with taking a chance and thinks the decision should be for the people's best interest.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing; thereafter, he asked various questions pertaining to the proposed project.

Mr. Mele explained that when the original idea was presented last year, it was for an 83,000 square foot building, but determined afterward that it would not be feasible based on the need to build the parking garage and concerns to fill the space. If the amendment is approved on second reading, after 5 business days, the City will receive \$1.1 million; if not, the agreement goes away due to defaulting.

Mayor Ganz asked what is the current research and development being done by People's Trust proposed for this location.

Mr. Mele replied that People's Trust went through the white paper process with the Florida Atlantic Research and Development Authority, as well as RRT for the proposed use on this property. The standard is collaboration with the University based on the Statute; any other tenant will have to go through the same process to make sure they are collaborating with the University. Additionally, he explained that although the title is research and development authority, the problem is that the statutory language is collaboration.

Andrew Duffel, 3651 FAU Boulevard, Boca Raton, explained that research and development is not limited to laboratory work, but can include any type inquiry that expands the bounds of human knowledge. At FAU, there is significant research in various colleges about different ways of doing business and not necessarily lab research. Mr. Duffel said the businesses are able to meet with different areas of study within the university to determine the extent of the collaboration; wherein, examples were provided.

In response to Mayor Ganz's question, Mr. Mele replied that about 42% of the building will be occupied by RRT; the square footage of the building is 41,036 with 17,167 designated to RRT, 23,869 to other tenants at 58%.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Ganz read the language on the ballot presented to the residents in 2000 which he believes was misleading because the intended use was research and development/office park, which has not happened. He opined that approving the amendment would be selling the residents short. He outlined other projects in the City that have not been in the best interest of the residents. He said if approved, the building will be there for the next 80 years and does not think that is good for the residents. Lastly, Mayor Ganz said 3 extensions have occurred since 2019 and he does not have any faith that promises will be fulfilled.

In response to Commissioner Parness' question, Mayor Ganz replied that the voters would have a chance to make the decision and if denied, the City would have a chance to seek other options. Mayor Ganz reiterated that he does not believe this is the best option for the City.

Thereafter, there was a lengthy discussion amongst the Commission regarding the pros and cons of the decision and the importance of allowing the residents to decide.

After polling the audience, Commissioner Parness said although he really likes the project, he is siding with Commissioner Drosky and Mayor Ganz as it is important to let the residents decide.

George Schaeffer, 1400 S. Ocean Boulevard, Boca Raton, owner of People's Trust, thanked Mayor Ganz for talking with him; thereafter, he explained his intent to remove blight from the corridor and create 200 jobs in the City. Mr. Schaeffer provided his background and success in business. Lastly, he said he thinks denying the amendment is a mistake.

Mayor Ganz said the decision is not personable nor against FARDA; this is about what is best for the City.

Vice Mayor Preston commented on how People's Trust stepped in and helped revitalize the area around Deerfield Beach High School as well as their assistance in helping students who are not college bound. Therefore, he supports the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Hudak said People's Trust is a valued member of the community and with the financial contingencies, he does not understand the apprehension. Further, because there is no guarantee on what will happen in the next 5 to 10 years, he believes moving forward is the best decision.

Mr. Mele said he recalls how disappointed the Commission was last year, during the 7th amendment, but for the first 6 amendments, it was not People's Trust.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 14.
Roll Call:**

Yeas: 2 - Commissioner Hudak & Vice Mayor Preston

Nays: 3 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness and Mayor Ganz

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - No Report.

CITY MANAGER - *Comments provided under Mayor Ganz's comments.*

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION**COMMISSIONER PARNESS****DISTRICT 3**

Item #14 FARDA - Commissioner Parness explained that he decided to vote in the negative because he thinks it is important that the voters decide how the property will be used. He said he will work on having something built on the property, but does not feel right about the proposal.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

Referendum - Commissioner Parness announced that an item will be on an upcoming agenda to discuss adding a referendum to the November ballot regarding term limits; if approved, the term limit would be three, 12 years total. He then outlined various cities without term limits.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Saturday Office Hours - Commissioner Drosky said he will hold office hours on March 5th; appointments are available.

COMMISSIONER HUDAK**DISTRICT 1**

Condominium Sale - Commissioner Hudak said he was advised of a condo purchase, wherein, the new owner intends to use all 12 units as an Airbnb; he asked that the City Manager and City Attorney investigate.

Pioneer Days - Commissioner Hudak said Pioneer Days is this weekend with various activities until Sunday. On Saturday, the parade will begin at 10 a.m., followed by fireworks.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Florida East Coast Baptist Association - Vice Mayor Preston said the Association will hold its 119th annual session at Bethlehem in Deerfield Beach; the event started today, and he invited his colleagues and the public to attend.

Deerfield Beach High School - Vice Mayor Preston said Mr. Marlowe, Principal, will be leaving Deerfield Beach High School and moving on to Arthur Ashe; he asked that the City Manager provide a token showing Mr. Marlowe the City's appreciation.

Superbowl Champions - Vice Mayor Preston said Brandon Powell was a Deerfield Beach resident and played football with the Packer Rattlers, Deerfield Beach High School, and University of Florida. He went on to the Miami Dolphins and now plays with the Los Angeles Rams who recently won the Superbowl; therefore, he will be recognizing him when Mr. Powell returns to the City.

Black Heritage Banquet - Vice Mayor Preston said the banquet will be held on February 26th at the DoubleTree Hotel; availability is limited.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Debate - Mayor Ganz commented on how the Commission is sometimes swayed by each other's arguments; he outlined his hesitancy about the Tigner Center expansion, but was swayed by the public. Nothing is personal and decisions are based on what is in the best interest of their constituency.

Stoneman Douglas High School Tragedy - Mayor Ganz said the anniversary of the tragedy at Stoneman Douglas was yesterday; he expressed condolences for those who lost their lives, including a Deerfield Beach resident.

Deerfield Beach High School - Mayor Ganz said he is sad to lose Dr. Marlow as he has been an outstanding leader.

Racial Insults - Mayor Ganz said he heard about people having racial tirades against pier employees for doing their jobs. He said he would like staff to determine whether a camera can be placed at the Pier to record audio and video; wherein, he would place those posts on his Facebook page so there is some type of accountability.

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL - CONTINUED

Upcoming Events - David Santucci, City Manager, said Pioneer Days will include a parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, followed by fireworks in the evening, starting at 9 p.m. and end on Sunday with a bonfire from 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Lastly, the Black Heritage Banquet maybe at capacity, but there is a chance to add tables. There will be a special tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as remarkable entertainment.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk