



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, March 1, 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 7:02 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 - February 15, 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

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - December 8, 2021

African American Heritage Board Meeting Minutes - July 22, 2021, August 12, 2021, September 9, 2021, October 14, 2021, November 4, 2021, November 16, 2021, December 9, 2021, December 21, 2021, January 13, 2022, & February 3, 2022

Non-Uniformed Retirement Committee Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2021

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES - CONTINUED

Commissioner Drosky explained that the City Commission should not motion to approve the minutes since the Commission does not govern them. He recommended a motion to acknowledge the minutes instead. Furthermore, he said the minutes for the African American Heritage Board are insufficient and would like some progression.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that he has spoken with the City Clerk regarding the timeliness of the minutes being submitted and the format; both will be addressed with the Parks Department.

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

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

Nays: 1 - Commissioner Drosky

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

March 1, 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

Mayor Ganz asked if Item 6 can be discussed out of order; the Commission consented.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS

- 6. ORDINANCE 2022/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.04, "ELECTIONS AND TERMS," OF THE CITY CHARTER TO MODIFY THE TERM LIMIT RESTRICTIONS FOR THE CITY COMMISSION; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022; PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR BALLOTING; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Commissioner Parness said the public previously voted to limit terms to two consecutive terms, for a total of eight years for the elected officials. He said after surveying various cities within the County, out of 31, 20 cities either have no limits or have at least three, which he outlined. He said he is not requesting the Commission to decide on term limits, but to have the voters decide during the November 2022 election.

Vice Mayor Preston said he understands Commissioner Parness's perspective, but has received a number of calls opposing the ordinance. He explained that elected officials have four or eight years to make their case, if reelected. He opined that eight years is enough to do the job and after that time, it is hopeful that an alliance has been built in the City to allow collaboration with another to provide input.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Hudak said this is a difficult decision but agreed with Vice Mayor Preston. He said although it takes time to acclimate to the position and build relationships, eight years is a long enough time to give back to the community. Furthermore, after an eight-year term, an individual can run for mayor or if not reelected for a second term, you can run again after the four years has expired. Additionally, he said he has not heard an outcry of individuals wanting this change. He has received phone calls from individuals desiring to keep the Charter as is and is not sure why there is a desire to change at this time.

Commissioner Drosky said he agrees that it does take time to acclimate and develop relationships. He explained that with Commission turnover, a lot of institutional knowledge is lost; whereby, that knowledge benefits the residents and City. Notwithstanding, he agreed that eight years is a good amount of time to make changes; however, based on the empirical data, a case can be made that two terms is not enough. Commissioner Drosky said a majority of sister cities have no terms or three term limits. Additionally, he expressed concern with the ordinance applying to the existing Commission as it could be perceived as politicians doing themselves a favor, and while he does not believe that is the intent, he does not want the perception. Commissioner Drosky said he would like to hear more from the residents; thus, he would be inclined to moving it along to second reading for April 5th, so he has a chance to discuss it at his District 4 meeting on March 29th. Lastly, if the item is approved tonight, he is not guaranteed to support on second reading as he would like to hear from his residents.

Mayor Ganz said he is uncomfortable voting on something that will give him an additional term as he is term limited; by the end of his term in 2025, it will be a total of 16 years. Thereafter, he outlined the history of the mayoral seat; whereby, from the late 1980's to 2000's, there were two mayors in the City. He said he spent much of his tenure trying to correct things that were done. Although he does not necessarily agree that eight years is enough to get things done, the voters did vote previously on this. Mayor Ganz expounded on how changes were made in the Charter by a citizen review board, and the implementation of staggered terms, which was decided by voters, has served the City well. Notwithstanding, he explained that certain projects, like SW 10th Street, are extremely important as it has been ongoing.

Continuing, Mayor Ganz said he, Commissioner Drosky and Commissioner Parness have been fully involved in the process and if all three are no longer in office, not only is the institutional knowledge gone, which is not healthy for the City but the relationships with the County, MPO and other cities are lost as well. Mayor Ganz said he does not have an issue with the ordinance being presented to the voters and mentioned the petitions recently completed, but sometimes, people sign petitions without knowing what they are signing. Lastly, Mayor Ganz said he has heard a mix of support and opposition and his main concern is the expense the City will incur.

Commissioner Parness said he has obtained over 100 signatures supporting the ordinance; whereas, he thinks the voters should be heard again. He also commented on the funds paid to support a youth football team, \$50,000; whereas, the cost is less than \$1 per voter to place on the ballot. He said placing the ordinance on the November 2022 ballot will receive a high voter turnout based on the candidates on the ballot.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Commission of residents who contacted their respective commissioner opposing or supporting the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Mark Bogen, Broward County, provided a brief background of his experience as an elected official and reliance on the voters to decide. The issues they have endured include the surtax and now Mayor at large because the Broward County Mayor is a rotated position. Thereafter, he opined that SW 10th Street is the City's largest obstacle and if three elected officials are out of office while it is ongoing, he is afraid that it will be detrimental. Furthermore, he said he supports term limits, but believes the voters should decide.

Kathy Richards, 3074 Hardwood F, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance being presented to the voters. She also commented on the loss of institutional knowledge for SW 10th Street if all three elected officials are no longer serving as of 2025.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Sandra Jackson, 386 SW 35th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance as the voters have already decided. She further expressed concern with comments made by Commissioner Parness regarding the contribution for youth football. Lastly, she said if the ordinance is placed on the ballot, she will make a concerted effort to fight it.

Raymond Wilson, 498 Durham Q, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of placing the ordinance on the ballot; as the voters will decide what they feel is best.

Linda Mooney, 4891 NW 18th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, spoke in support of placing the ordinance on the ballot.

Paula Cook, 62 Centennial Court, Deerfield Beach, asked when the voters addressed this question.

Mayor Ganz replied 2006.

Perry Victor, 48 NE 19th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, said he opposes term limits because if someone is not working out, they are not reelected, but for those who have performed well, he does not agree that they should be term limited.

Felicia Poitier, 140 NE 5th Street, Deerfield Beach, asked if there is a process, whereby, an elected official can run for a third term.

Mayor Ganz replied no.

Ms. Poitier said she understands the desire for continuity on the 10th Street project, but asked if there is a way to pass the knowledge onto the next elected official.

Mayor Ganz replied yes, he's sure there could be.

Richard Rosenzweig, 97 Farnham E, Deerfield Beach, commended the City Commission on their efforts regarding 10th Street. Furthermore, Mr. Rosenzweig spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance being placed on the ballot. Additionally, the ballot will be so long that the question may be hidden. Lastly, he asked why the ordinance is necessary, who does it benefit and whether it is a perceived problem. To avoid the appearance of impropriety, the ordinance should only apply to newly elected officials if approved.

Alice Chatman, 1086 S. Military Trail, Deerfield Beach, said the ordinance should be presented to the voters.

Jane Schafrann, 48 NE 19th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, said she opposes term limits because the voters should decide whether an elected official is working for their constituency and looks forward to seeing this question on the ballot.

Terry Scott, 180 SW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, commented on Mayor Ganz's history with the City as a commissioner, followed by mayor. He opined that this is the route others should take instead of implementing the ordinance. He also commented on educating other elected officials on SW 10th Street as well as other issues.

Diane Chisholm, 375 NW 7th Court, Deerfield Beach, said she supports voter rights and is not against any plan that supports people; whereby, succession planning is important and a title is not necessary to continue helping the City, such as SW 10th Street. Ms. Chisholm said she does not support term limits specifically designed to help a few individuals. Further, she opined that education is a missing component and if something can be done to help educate the community, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion between Mayor Ganz and Ms. Chisholm regarding her signature being on the petition.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Continuing, Mayor Ganz said the Commission is not voting to give themselves another term, but the ordinance, if approved, would give the voters the right to vote during referendum. He said the Commission does not have the ability to change the Charter, only the voters can do so.

Pam Cantor, 4041 Lyndhurst J, Deerfield Beach, said the voters should have an opportunity to decide. Many neighboring cities have three term limits and wants to see the question on the ballot.

Mae Francis Feagin, 3500 SW Natura Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, said the voters want the right to vote on what they want to see in their communities.

Daryl Brown, 262 Farnham K, Deerfield Beach, said the voters should decide whether to extend to a third term or keep two terms.

Chris Marino, 1525 SE 14th Court, Deerfield Beach, said the voters have already decided on this subject in 2006 and does not agree with paying \$34,000 for ballot placement. He said an advisory board on the 10th Street project should be in place and they can advise any official going forward.

Mayor Ganz said there is an advisory board in place.

Wayne Adams, 1431 SW 5th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, said residents overwhelmingly voted for term limits in 1993; thereafter, he provided a timeline of the changes made, i.e. staggered terms and now a request to change the term limits. Mr. Adams further commented on a vote from a previous meeting.

Katie Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, said a lot of people are unaware of this item being on the agenda, but does not support the ordinance. She said SW 10th Street has been ongoing for four years and asked why the information would disappear when the commission changes. The project has been going on for such a long time that another term will not make a difference. She asked how much will it cost the City and if the funds could be used in another area. Lastly, she said Vice Mayor Preston was able to come back after defeat which is why staggered terms are in place.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said term limits are implemented for a specific reason and she does not agree with implementing term limits for 12 years. The term limits should be left as is and two-terms for 4 years each is enough to get things done. Lastly, Ms. Clarke-Reed said she does not currently support the proposed ordinance but wants to see what develops at second reading.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hudak asked about the current term limits outlined in the Charter; whereas, a commissioner can serve for two consecutive terms and if a person leaves office and waits four years, the elected official can run again.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, replied yes, that is correct. The restriction is eight consecutive years.

Mayor Ganz clarified that when his term expires as mayor, he could run for District 4 for another four years.

Mr. Soroka replied yes.

Mayor Ganz said 10th Street is only an example and explained the extent to learning and understanding what is happening with 10th Street. He said you do not stop taking interest in a project like that because you are out of office, after investing so much time.

Commissioner Hudak explained that although information can be passed on, relationships are not. He commented on the relationship developed with County Commissioner Bogen and the importance of having relationships when dealing with difficult situations. Lastly, as elected officials, they can be voted out if the residents are not happy with their performance; this ordinance allows the voters to decide.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Commissioner Parness continued to express the importance of allowing the voters to decide; however, even if the ordinance passed, there is no guarantee they would be reelected. Commissioner Parness said he does not like the idea that 60% of the present dais can be gone in one day. Lastly, the cost of the referendum is \$34,000 which is less than \$1 per voter when placed on the November ballot; however, in March 2023, the cost greatly increases to over \$130,000.

Vice Mayor Preston said he has received various calls from different districts that were not in favor; thereafter, he advised that the Constitution was amended to address ongoing issues in the Country. In this instance, if the residents had brought it forward, he would support, but there has not been an outcry from the public to address the proposed term limits.

Commissioner Parness continued to express the importance of allowing the voters to decide and the changes that have occurred over time regarding term limits. Thereafter, he said if the voters decide to retain the current terms, he will accept that, but would like to move forward. In closing, he said the Commission votes their conscious and the voters should have the same right.

Vice Mayor Preston outlined the process of how bills become laws and the elected officials are to answer the citizens concerns. He said there is not a real problem and the voters have already decided on term limits and believes that others can come in and learn just like they did.

Mayor Ganz said if the proposed ordinance moves forward, he would like to eliminate the loophole so an elected official cannot return after serving 16 years. Mayor Ganz did express opposition to paying \$34,000 for ballot placement.

In response to Commissioner Hudak's question, Mr. Soroka replied that he would anticipate two separate ballot questions.

Commissioner Parness said an additional question will cost approximately \$42,000.

Mr. Soroka clarified the motion would be fixing the loophole issue mentioned by Mayor Ganz and setting the second reading and public hearing for April 5th.

Commissioner Parness agreed.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 6 as amended on first reading, setting the second hearing for April 5, 2022. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Hudak, Commissioner Parness and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 1 - Vice Mayor Preston

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. P.H. 2022-030: Resolution 2022/031 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, accepting the unsolicited proposal from GK Innovations, LLC for the purchase of the city-owned vacant lot at 171 SW 3rd Street, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, for \$50,000; authorizing the sale of the city-owned vacant lot, subject to conditions; providing for execution and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that pursuant to the Code, the item will require a 4/5 affirmative vote for adoption.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, provided a presentation regarding the purchase of the parcel. He advised that this is the first time an application came forth since approved January 14, 2020. Thereafter, Mr. Power explained the Code section and how the sell works. The City is allowed to

PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED

sell, lease or give, city owned property under certain conditions. There is a threshold for values below or above \$750,000, solicited and unsolicited. Unsolicited means the City did not ask, but an applicant contacted the City by providing an application. Furthermore, a 5% deposit of the proposed purchase price was provided, narrative indicating applicant's intention and property appraisal. Once staff determines whether the property can be sold, leased, or given, an internal survey, public notices, and post in the newspaper are all performed. Also, the City performs an appraisal.

Continuing, Mr. Power said the applicant submitted the application in November with a proposal to construct one single-family home on the lot which is adjacent to a parcel the applicant already owns for which a building permit has already been issued to construct a single-family home on the adjacent lot. The applicant proposed a purchase price of \$50,000, but after negotiations, the applicant agreed to pay the City's appraised value of \$56,500. In addition, the applicant will be required to pay all permit and impact fees, approximately \$20,000; then, once the home is built, annual property taxes start next year. Mr. Power provided an aerial of the property's location.

Commissioner Parness left the dais temporarily at 8:54 p.m. and returned at 8:56 p.m.

Commissioner Hudak ask what happens if the applicant defaults and does not build a home.

Mr. Power replied that there is a reverter clause; whereby, the applicant has 12 months to obtain a building permit, 18 months to receive a certificate of occupancy; however, within that process the applicant may request additional time. He explained that the applicant has begun moving forward with building plans and the permit was approved for the adjacent lot. If conditions are not met, the property goes back to the City.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's question, Mr. Power replied that no one else applied for the property during the public notice process. He said the City did receive inquiries during the public notice process, but there were no additional applications. The application is available on the website and people who inquire are directed there.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked why the applicant is purchasing the property for less than the appraised value.

Mayor Ganz replied it is not, the applicant agreed to pay \$56,500.

Mr. Power explained that the appraisal did not occur until after the application was submitted; nevertheless, once the City's appraisal was received, the applicant agreed to the appraised value.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, asked how the City came to own the property and who owns the vacant lot next to it. If so, she asked if it would have been more beneficial to sell both lots together as a larger parcel instead of individually.

Mr. Power explained the notification process; whereby, all the adjacent property owners are notified by mail of the potential to sell the lot; notwithstanding, the applicant purchased the adjacent lot last year and has received a building permit to build a single-family home on the lot.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Mr. Soroka recommended that the purchase price of \$56,500 be included in the motion, if approval is desired.

Mayor Ganz explained that the goal of the program is to allow someone who owns an adjacent property to purchase and use it as a benefit to the purchaser and tax revenue. Mayor Ganz also commented on chatter that would have stymied the process.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED

Thereafter, Mr. Power explained that the process would require a plan to be presented with the application and be treated like a solicited RFP; whereby, it would be presented to the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Hudak, to approve Item 1 as amended with a purchase price of \$56,500, adopted Resolution 2022/031. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, said she has difficulty reading her water bill, as well as others, and would like to find a way to simplify it.

Katy Freitag, 418 SE 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach, commented on recent events in the City and expressed how impressed she was with each; Festival of the Arts, Black Heritage Banquet, and Pioneer Days. Ms. Freitag said she prefers quality events over quantity. She also asked if there is any way to open the parking lot near Embassy Suites early in the morning before 6 a.m. for those who purchase parking passes. Lastly, she said she is a vendor of the City and hopes that the City will consider infrastructure changes that she has proposed to various departments, considering budgetary constraints.

Mayor Ganz recommended that Ms. Freitag contact her district commissioner instead of going to the departments to discuss potential improvements. He also recommended that Ms. Clarke-Reed speak to someone to explain what is confusing to potentially address any changes.

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

- 2. Resolution 2022/032 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Facility Use Agreement with Toastmasters International d/b/a Club Paradise Toastmasters - 1567808 for public speaking and leadership classes at the Hillsboro Community Center; approving the waiver of facility use fees to support the training within the City; providing for execution, severability, and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

In response to Vice Mayor Preston's question, David Santucci, City Manager, replied that there is an opportunity for residents to participate in the program; however, the costs are paid to Toastmasters International, so he is not confident that fees can be waived for city residents. Additionally, he advised that the organization is requesting a rental fee waiver.

In response to Commissioner Parness's question, Teresa Rynard, Director of Parks & Recreation, replied that the facility rental is for 2 hours at a cost of \$25/hour; therefore, the total for the year is \$2500.

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 Hudak, to approve Item 2, adopted Resolution 2022/032. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

- 3. Resolution 2022/033 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 with PeopleReady, Inc. for temporary staffing services for the Sustainable Management Department; providing an effective date. (Funds from Account #450-4551-534-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked what positions are being filled.

Chad Grecsek, Director of Sustainable Management, replied that there are six vacant positions the department has been unable to fill. Nevertheless, they have used PeopleReady since 2016 and have supplemented city staff for bulk collection which is a needed service.

David Santucci, City Manager, advised that during this labor market, the City is having difficulties filling various positions and in order to maintain a high level of service, temporary staffing is needed until permanent positions are filled.

In response to Commissioner Parness's question, Mr. Grecsek replied that PeopleReady staffing are helpers on the trucks.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 3, adopted Resolution 2022/033. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 4. Resolution 2022/034 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Amended and Restated MissionSquare Retirement Governmental Money Purchase Plan Adoption Agreements for Retirement Plan Number 109050 and Plan Number 106352; providing for execution, severability, and 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 4, adopted Resolution 2022/034. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

5. **Resolution 2022/035 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Agreement with Robert Half International, Inc. for temporary staffing, direct-hire, and other employer services in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, utilizing the Houston-Galveston area council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract TS06-21; providing for execution and an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-0600-513-32-99 - Other Contractual Services & Account #001-0700-513-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if people within the Finance Department are being trained to fill these positions, instead of employing temporary services. She said stability in that department is very important and she is questioning it.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied yes, staff is being developed in various capacities to fill positions when the time comes. Currently, recruitment is underway for one position and will be followed up with the second thereafter. Temporary services are stop gap measures until the positions are filled; whether internally or externally.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Preston, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2022/035. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL**CITY ATTORNEY**

Charter Amendment Question - Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that he would look into whether another first hearing for both items is necessary, since the original ordinance did not contemplate the second question.

Legislative Bills 2022 Session - Mr. Soroka outlined changes to the various bills, sovereign immunity personal injury claims against municipalities. The current state law provides an exposure cap of \$200,000 per person/\$300,000 per incident for municipalities. Both a House and Senate Bill were filed for these issues; whereby, the Senate bill proposed to raise the caps to \$1 million per person/\$3 million per incident; the House bill proposed \$1 million per person, but unlimited cap for occurrence. Nevertheless, after review by three committees, the bills have been amended and are based on population; the Senate Bill provides for populations over 50,000, \$300,000 per claim/\$400,000 per occurrence; House Bill \$400,000 per claim/\$600,000 per occurrence. He encouraged contact with the Congress to express satisfaction with the Senate version which is currently being supported by the League of Cities.

CITY MANAGER

SW 10th Street - David Santucci, City Manager, said he would like the Commission to support a letter, by resolution, to urge the Florida Department of Transportation to provide a decision related to outstanding issues on projects, wherein, they would like the City to enter into agreements concerning utility water lines. There is a unique opportunity for the project to include reclaimed water for irrigation, landscaping at 1.5% of total contract cost, and long-term landscaping which the City will be responsible. The other issue is that

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL - CONTINUED

the City stands to lose a substantial amount of property valued at approximately \$100,000. He said these issues will be formalized in a letter and presented to the Commission at a future meeting. Mr. Santucci welcomed any input from the Commission.

Hybrid Meeting Attendance - Mr. Santucci asked the Commission to consider either in-person meetings or continuation of hybrid meetings, with three in person and two virtual.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to discuss at the March 15th City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Parness said he would like to appear in person whenever possible.

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

Voter Registration - Commissioner Parness commented on the voting process and explained that when assisting with registering voters, the person will need to take the registration form him/herself as no one else can deliver it. Furthermore, he said he has set up voter registrations for both Districts 2 and 3.

District 3 - Commissioner Parness said everything is going well in his district; he also commented on crime happening in Century Village. Thereafter, he commented on the time he has spent in Deerfield Beach and how he has loved being here.

COMMISSIONER HUDAK**DISTRICT 1**

Induction as Vice Mayor - Commissioner Hudak asked if the meeting could be moved to Monday, March 14th as his family will be traveling on March 15th.

After a brief discussion, the meeting date remained March 15th.

Deerfield Beach Middle School - Commissioner Hudak applauded the teacher's lounge from Deerfield Beach CARES and Kiwanis. He expressed how the teachers have gone through a lot over the last two years; thereafter, he thanked CARES and Kiwanis for their contribution.

Pioneer Days - Commissioner Hudak said the event and all the associated activities were amazing and applauded Elizabeth Ricci for her efforts. There are many staff that go above and beyond and thanked them as well.

Ukraine War - Commissioner Hudak commented on Russia invading the Ukraine and showed his support for Ukraine who is fighting to be a democratic nation.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

SW 10th Street - Commissioner Drosky encouraged everyone to stay abreast of the changes as anything can change. He also recommended that the elected officials contribute to the letter provided by the City Manager, as he intends.

VICE MAYOR PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Deerfield Beach Historical Changes & Events - Vice Mayor Preston commented on how the City has changed racially and culturally over the years; whereby, Braithwaite Elementary School was created to educate only Black children due to segregation. However, those times have changed; whereby, during Pioneer Days, he saw children of all races along the parade route. He thanked the Commission for attending the Black Heritage Banquet, as well as City staff and the African American Heritage Board for

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED

their contributions. Lastly, Vice Mayor Preston said the Black Heritage Banquet was held at DoubleTree because space was needed, and the event was still sold out.

Water Bills – Vice Mayor Preston said others have complained to him about the water bill and asked that it be investigated.

MAYOR BILL GANZ

Urban Land Institute - Mayor Ganz said staff has been working on a letter of support for the commuter rail. Also, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) will be talking about various options for the commuter rail on Thursday. He thanked the ULI for the service and expertise in the field as real-world advice is being given so the Commission can decide what to explore. Mayor Ganz encouraged the public to attend the event.

SW 10th Street - Mayor Ganz asked that there be a discussion on 10th Street at the Metropolitan Planning Organization as well as a letter of demand to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He said FDOT is trying to steer the project without the City's input; therefore, it is important to move forward with demands.

Public Comments - Mayor Ganz said inappropriate words were used earlier this evening and thought the comments were being read, but they were not.

Street/Facility Renaming - Mayor Ganz said he voted against the renaming of a park because the person was still alive and regrets it; therefore, he would like to recognize and honor people who are living.

City Events - Mayor Ganz thanked City staff, volunteers and the public for attending the events and making them successful. He said this was the first bonfire and would like to have another.

Social Media Commentary - Mayor Ganz said he will not be afraid to call people out when they make untrue statements.

City Commission Debates - Mayor Ganz encouraged the Commission to not take personal shots at each other when they are trying to gain support from their fellow colleagues as he prefers that there be relevant discussions to the topic.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 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