



Meeting Minutes City Commission

Tuesday, April 19, 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
Commissioner Bernie Parness
Commissioner Ben Preston
Vice Mayor Michael Hudak
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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes - March 3, 2022

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

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

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

April 19, 2022

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

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

Nays: 0

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Certificate of Recognition presented to the Public Affairs and Marketing Department.

Mayor Ganz presented certificates to the Public Affairs & Marketing team for the Audio Visual Arts Awards, which included the following four honors: Gold Winner 2022 - Ocean Rescue RIP Current Safety 2021; Gold Winner 2022 - Deerfield Beach Junior Anglers Day 2021; Honorable Mention 2022 - Underwater Fish Cam - September 2021 Recap; and Honorable Mention 2022 - Time to Thrive Deerfield Beach.

2. Certificates of Recognition presented by Captain Hofstein to BSO Law Enforcement staff.

Certificates were provided after Item #3.

Captain Hofstein provided certificates to various employees who have made strides within the City through policing and protecting the residents from crimes; bringing ideas to enhance the department; service for over 30 years and retirees.

3. Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lenore Graber, Code Compliance Supervisor, recognizing her dedication and heartfelt compassion to the community.

Mayor Ganz applauded Ms. Graber's dedication and outlined her background and service to the City. He said Code Enforcement is very difficult and having someone with a true heart and soul to help people is a blessing.

Bernard Pita, Director of Code Enforcement, commented on Ms. Graber's dedication to helping the community with code violations since beginning with the City in 2015; thereafter, he provided a certificate of appreciation.

Ms. Graber said she is surprised at the commendation and expressed how she has enjoyed helping the residents through code difficulties and being a part of this family.

4. Certificate of Recognition presented to Deerfield Beach native and hometown hero, Brandon Powell, wide receiver for the Los Angeles Rams for winning Super Bowl LVI.

Commissioner Preston briefly outlined Mr. Powell's time in the City, serving as a youth on the Packer Rattlers, graduating from Deerfield Beach High School and now a Super Bowl champion.

Mr. Powell thanked the Commission for bringing the Packer Rattlers back to the City as it helps keep the children off the streets and away from trouble.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. P.H. 2022-049: Resolution 2022/056 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of a Community Participation Grant to the Deerfield Beach Economic Development Council in the amount of \$40,000; authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement; providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #001-1500-552-32-64 - Business Recruitment and Retention)

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.

Vice Mayor Hudak spoke in support of the grant as the Economic Development Council and its members work together to make the City a thriving community.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to approve Item 5, adopted Resolution 2022/056. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING

6. P.H. 2022-051: ORDINANCE 2022/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL BASED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND TRANSMITTAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3184, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, provided an update on the comprehensive plan; thereafter, he outlined various changes to the plan including all new elements recommended for approval. The main three categories are future land use, housing, and recreation & open space. These elements were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Board on April 7, 2022. The introduction element includes elements regarding the State's statutes, when applicable. Future land use is the most important to the comprehensive plan; whereas, different land use regulations are discussed, how land uses interact with each other, their importance, and whether updates are necessary. Changes from the previous plan include: revised and updated goals, objectives, and policies (GOPs) from Broward Next. Within the plan review, mislabeled land uses were located; whereby, those scrivener errors will be presented to the Commission in the next few months. Additional updates include changes to the map series, the addition of a new commerce category, now part of Broward Next; and high residential 50 dwelling units per acre which was previously approved by the City Commission.

Continuing, Mr. Power discussed the housing element and spans from types of housing, single-family residential. He said affordable housing is discussed mostly in the future land use amendment that the City tries for compliance. The updates for housing include data and analysis utilizing census data; whereby, definitions were updated as well as uses for vacant land. Lastly, Mr. Power outlined recreation & open space, whereas, the City has a requirement as to how much recreational and open space there is; thus, changes to the plan reflect the loss of golf courses, and the addition of parks and facilities were updated. Lastly, Mr. Power said there is an upcoming parks master plan which will help identify how the comprehensive plan fits into that and assuring that any future parks plans are accessible. Finally, the entire comprehensive plan update must be approved for adoption, then transmitted to the State, and upon approval will be presented to the Commission for second reading; whereby, all updates to the comprehensive plan will be addressed for final adoption.

In response to Commissioner Preston's question, Mr. Power replied that several things required attention as many things have changed over the past seven years: open space, affordable housing requirements and others.

Commissioner Parness asked if any changes made by Commission have to go through the Broward County Planning Council.

Mr. Power replied yes; however, if those land use changes are in the commerce category, i.e. industrial land use to commercial land use, it would not necessarily go through the planning council, but if it went from residential to commercial, it would be presented.

PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING - CONTINUED

Vice Mayor Hudak said there have been a lot of discussions regarding Dixie Highway and challenges with zoning and asked if the plan is a means of addressing it and asked that it be seriously considered. Furthermore, he said during the last Commission meeting, he discussed mega-homes and asked that it also be discussed.

Mr. Power said the plan being discussed tonight is higher in determination and detail than the land development code; notwithstanding, the City is required to follow all the regulations in the comprehensive plan. As for Dixie Highway, there have been several phases of trying to improve it, whereas, those changes will be made at the zoning level.

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 Hudak, to approve Item 6 on first reading. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING

7. P.H. 2022-050: ORDINANCE 2022/008 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 70-72 "IMPOSED" AND SECTION 70-127 "IMPOSED" OF CHAPTER 70 "UTILITIES" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY RATES TO BE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Commissioner Drosky clarified that the Commission would have an opportunity for reevaluation over the summer.

David Santucci, City Manager, said that is the plan; the reevaluation will consider the current plan and recommendations for future years.

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

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 7, adopted Ordinance 2022/008. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

8. Resolution 2022/057 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, adopting the amended schedule of water and wastewater utility rates; providing for conflicts, implementation, and an effective date. (Departmental Business)

The Resolution was read by title only.

PUBLIC HEARING - SECOND READING - CONTINUED

Chuck Sinclair, Senior Vice President, Carollo Engineers, said he has been working with the City for several years on developing a utility master plan. Thereafter, he outlined changes over the last few years: assessment of current system; projected demands for the future, based on population; identified improvements needed in the capital improvement at 5 and 20 years; etc. Based on these findings, a rate sufficiency study was developed and considers how much is needed to fund the utility for those periods. The current rates are not sufficient to meet that forecast; therefore, a rate increase is necessary. Mr. Sinclair said water rates were not increased due to various reasons and cash reserves were used. Furthermore, there was \$750,000 in delinquencies, no shut offs, but clean and safe water was still delivered to the public.

Continuing, Mr. Sinclair said only 70% of residents are served by the city's utilities; the other 30% are served by Broward County. The City rates are the lowest of all utilities in Broward County; whereas, the County's rates, which are serving the city's customers, are below the county's average. The proposed rate increase of 7.1% is for water and wastewater. The increase based on 6,000 gallons monthly is about \$4. He recommended adopting the 7.1% increase to catch up on revenues lost, but also make improvements to the city's infrastructure. Lastly, there are federal and state funds available to fund utility systems which must be pursued aggressively.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

Janice Fulmore-Tigner, 1090 SW 4th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, questioned the policy for water shutoffs because she was told that once shutoffs began, the bill had to remain under \$100. She asked if there is any help for those who fall into that category.

Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, 1430 SW 6th Way, Deerfield Beach, asked if the rate will be adjusted when it is discussed during the summer.

Harold Westley, 1061 SW 8th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked if there is a possibility that the rate could remain the same if those paying their bill to Broward County were brought over to city water.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that the City recently resumed water shutoffs, and the County resumed about 8 to 12 months ago; nevertheless, the City is working with individuals by providing payment plans, utility bill relief programs, and encouraged residents to contact Customer Service for assistance. Also, the recommendation of the 7.1% increase is over the course of 5 years, but a lot has changed, and it needs to be reevaluated; therefore, once it is presented to the Commission, they will make the final determination. Lastly, he explained that the City cannot take over utility for the annexed areas because it is tied into a different system and when assuming control of utilities from another entity, there is a possibility that the infrastructure could be worse and does not guarantee that the City would be relieved of any rate increase.

Mayor Ganz explained that the utility funds operate as Enterprise Funds and must bring in enough to sustain itself. Thus, the City does not bring in a profit and if more customers were brought in, it would place a greater impact on the City's current water supply and may possibly create an additional increase.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fund running low and the need to increase the rate since the fund has not operated on its own for quite some time.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 8, adopted Resolution 2022/057. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none to speak.

CONSENT - BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 9. Resolution 2022/058 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Daryl Brown as an alternate member to the Community Appearance Board to fulfill an unexpired term; and providing for an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

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

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Vice Mayor Hudak, to approve Item 9, adopted Resolution 2022/058. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing on Items 10 - 19; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Items 10 - 19 in concert. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

- 10. Resolution 2022/059 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Non-Disturbance, Recognition, and Direct Leasing Agreement among the City, the Florida Atlantic Research and Development Authority, Deerfield Trust, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company ("DT"), and BankUnited, N.A. ("BankUnited") in connection with the Florida Atlantic Research and Development Authority Research Park; providing for execution; and providing for an effective date.**

- 11. Resolution 2022/060 - 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 *Carolyn McEvoy vs. City of Deerfield Beach*; authorizing execution of documents necessary to effectuate the settlement; providing for an effective date. (*Funds from Account #606-0900-519-37-70 - General Liability Legal*)**

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

12. Resolution 2022/061 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of Request for Proposals #22-11-JW for the pay and classification study to Management Advisory Group International, Inc.; authorizing execution of an agreement with the sole, responsive and responsible consultant, Management Advisory Group International, Inc., for the study services in an amount not to exceed \$62,440.00; providing for implementation and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-0800-513-32-99 - Other Contractual Services)*
13. Resolution 2022/062 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Special Event Permit Application submitted by Bluewater Movement, Inc. for the Saltwater Slam & Showdown at Sullivan Park, 1633 Riverview Road from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on June 11, 2022 and August 13, 2022; approving a waiver of facility use fees; providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #001-7005-579-10-01 - Regular Salary & Account #001-7005-579-10-02 - Overtime)*
14. Resolution 2022/063 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Special Event Permit Application submitted by Lighthouse Capital Partners, Inc. d/b/a Dixie Divers for the Annual Dixie Divers Pier Cleanup Special Event taking place at 200 NE 21st Avenue on June 18, 2022 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, and a night dive special event taking place on June 17, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm; approving a waiver of fees; providing for an effective date. *(Fiscal Impact: \$2,097.00 - Parking)*
15. Resolution 2022/064 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, ratifying the approval of the Special Event Permit Application submitted by the Deerfield Beach Christian Ministerial Association for their Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Deerfield Beach, 149 SE 21st Avenue from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on April 17, 2022; providing for an effective date. *(Fiscal Impact: \$345 - Parking, Beach Equipment & Stage)*
16. Resolution 2022/065 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Reciprocal Use Agreement between the School Board of Broward County and the City of Deerfield Beach for the reciprocal use of facilities for a five-year term; authorizing execution of the Agreement; providing for implementation and an effective date.
17. Resolution 2022/066 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an agreement with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC, utilizing the Sourcewell, Inc. Indefinite Quantity Construction Agreement IFB# FL-WCA-GC04-041019 for construction of the Central City Campus Truck Wash Station in an amount not to exceed \$191,920.27; providing for execution and an effective date. *(Funds from Account #108-5050-541-60-31 - Improvements Other than Buildings)*
18. Resolution 2022/067 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Work Authorization with Thompson & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$470,495.00 for the design of the West Deerfield Drainage Improvement Project; authorizing execution of a Work Authorization; and providing for an effective date. *(Funds from Account #186-8000-554-32-99 - American Rescue Plan Act)*

CONSENT - AGREEMENTS & EXPENDITURE REQUESTS - CONTINUED

- 19. Resolution 2022/068 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a Work Authorization with Craig A. Smith & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$171,090.00 for the design of the SE 8th Avenue Drainage Improvement Project; authorizing execution of the Work Authorization; and providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #186-8000-554-32-99 - American Rescue Plan Act/Other Contractual Services)**

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

- 20. Resolution 2022/ - 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 execution of the Sign Relocation Agreement; providing for an effective date. (Tabled from November 16, 2021)**

The Resolution was read by title only.

Anthony Soroka, City Attorney, advised that the applicant requested deferral of the item until May 17, 2022.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to defer Item 20 until May 17, 2022. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

- 21. Resolution 2022/069 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Deerfield Beach Community Cares, Inc. to collaborate in assisting city residents by supporting mental and behavioral health; authorizing the City Manager to execute the MOU; providing for implementation and an effective date.**

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, said staff has been working with Community Cares and explained the scope of the relationship; whereby, they will meet on a regular basis to identify potential challenges and opportunities throughout the community, collaborate on grant opportunities, implement annual activities for mental health and others.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing; however, there were none to speak and the public hearing was closed. Thereafter, he thanked Joel Smith, Community Cares, for his hard work and developing this flourishing relationship.

Commissioner Drosky agreed as Mr. Smith has become a fixture in the community. He commented on a meeting he attended at the very beginning and has witnessed its growth.

Vice Mayor Hudak expounded on Mr. Smith's efforts and how he has made a difference in the community.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 21, adopted Resolution 2022/069. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

22. Resolution 2022/070 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the State Housing Initiative Program ("SHIP") Local Housing Assistance Plan ("LHAP") for fiscal years 2022/2023 through 2024/2025; authorizing the Mayor to execute any necessary documents and certifications required by the State; authorizing the submission of the LHAP for review and approval by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; providing for implementation 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 Preston, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve Item 22, adopted Resolution 2022/070. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

23. Resolution 2022/071 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving and adopting the revised personnel rules and regulations and updated employee handbook, attached as Exhibit "A"; providing for conflicts, severability and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Milton Collins, Weiss, Serota, Helfman, et. al., City's legal counsel, said the employee handbook was revised in 2019, but since that time, additional changes were necessary. As such, the revision includes 4 topics: ethics policy, retiree health benefits, whistleblower policy and procedure, and recruitment to create a more competitive workplace. The ethics policy previously referred to state law; whereby, the law has been placed in the handbook. Next, retiree health insurance has seen a lot of ambiguity over the years as to what it comprises and eligibility status, which is now detailed in the handbook. The City subsidizes retiree health insurance until Medicare eligible, then there is no subsidy and Medicare become the primary for coverage. He said there is a caveat, whereas, this policy only applies to non-bargaining unit employees and anyone covered under a union contract has been negotiated. After discussion with the State, adding a whistleblower policy was recommended. The new provision explains what a whistleblower is, how someone can blow the whistle, protection and any other procedural steps to make complaint. Lastly, staff has concern with being competitive with neighboring cities, counties and the private sector; therefore, this policy will give management discretion to be more competitive and allow an offer of fringe benefits to employees, increase or adjust salaries, and leave benefits. Additionally, retaining employees has been a challenge that is being poached and the policy, again, provides discretion to the manager. Mr. Collins said this policy only applies to non-bargaining unit employees, i.e. senior management positions, directors, assistant directors and other management level positions. Any decisions made with respect to salary adjustments, fringe benefits must be within the budgetary parameters set by the Commission.

Commissioner Drosky said the handbook does not explicitly outline that expenditures which must be consistent with the budget appropriations made by Commission and would like a specific provision in the handbook so there is cross reference reiterating those expenditures and discretionary spending and would like it clearly outlined in the handbook.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Hugh Fuller, 2861 N. Oakland Forest Drive, Oakland Park, asked if the final recommendation regarding competitive salaries and other benefits will wait until the pay and class study are done.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

David Santucci, City Manager, replied that this recommendation seeks to address matters that are not related to the pay and class study. He said there could be a situation where a tenured executive who is interested in a position in the City but will start from scratch. Currently, he does not have the ability to bring an employee in with additional leave benefits; thereafter, he provided other examples of what he would be able to do.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Drosky, to approve Item 23, as amended, with revisions provided by Commissioner Drosky, adopted Resolution 2022/071. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

24. Resolution 2022/072 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the City's Emergency Pay Policy and Procedure applicable during declared emergencies; providing for implementation and an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

David Santucci, City Manager, said the proposed resolution solidifies the current practice for emergency pay policy and procedure, i.e. hurricane pay. The policy enumerates what is already existing in collective bargaining agreements. The proposed resolution hopes to solidify reimbursement from FEMA if a declared emergency goes into effect.

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 Hudak, to approve Item 24, adopted Resolution 2022/072. Roll Call:

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

Nays: 0

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL

CITY ATTORNEY - None.

CITY MANAGER

Divesting from Russian Investments - David Santucci, City Manager, advised that staff has taken all necessary measures to divest from Russia. Also, proactive measures have been taken in review of current contracts and any in the future.

Mask Mandates - Mr. Santucci said there have been changes to the federal guidelines as a result of recent action where masks are no longer required in airports, trains, and buses. There are still preferences that

COMMENTS BY ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL - CONTINUED

exist for the actual airline, but more should be revealed in the next coming days.

Wallet Hub - Mr. Santucci said a report was released conducted by various researchers across the Country regarding best and worst small cities to start a business. He said Deerfield Beach ranked 62 in the nation and 26 in Florida, out of 1300 small cities.

CITY COMMISSION BUSINESS**25. Consideration to approve voting delegates to the 2022-2023 Board of Directors for Broward League of Cities.**

There was a brief discussion regarding who would serve as voting delegate, first and second alternate.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Hudak, seconded by Commissioner Parness, approving Commissioner Drosky as the voting delegate, Commissioner Preston (first alternate), and Vice Mayor Hudak (second alternate). Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

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

None.

COMMISSIONER PRESTON**DISTRICT 2**

Community Meeting - Commissioner Preston said a meeting will be held on April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center regarding Shiff Construction's proposed townhome development. He asked that the City Manager assist with communicating to the public.

Deerfield Beach High School Event - Commissioner Preston thanked Broward Sheriff's Office Deputy Nichols for his assistance with the Police Athletic League (PAL) event. He said it was extremely successful; whereas, people from all over came to the event.

Deputy Nichols commented on his role in the PAL program, whereas, he wants to make sure children have opportunities to become successful in whatever venture they choose.

COMMISSIONER PARNES**DISTRICT 3**

District 3 Meeting - Commissioner Parness said the district meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m. in Century Village, in person and on Zoom. He said the Florida Department of Transportation will be in attendance to address SW 10th Street. He said public transportation is the answer because people will not give up their vehicles if they cannot travel to designated areas. Commissioner Parness explained how important public transportation is due to a growing population. Thereafter, he expounded on the turmoil surrounding the SW 10th Street expansion.

COMMISSIONER DROSKY**DISTRICT 4**

Youth Automotive Car Show - Commissioner Drosky said a car show will be held on Sunday, April 24th at Quiet Waters Park from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR & CITY COMMISSION - CONTINUED**MAYOR BILL GANZ**

SW 10th Street - Mayor Ganz commented on the letter of support to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He said the 10th Street expansion will go through; therefore, the Commission needs to fight for the least intrusive project for the City. He said based on the amount of time the City has put into the project, he is sure the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will move forward with some of the City's demands and requests. Since this project has a devastating effect on the City, it is important that the Commission has input. Next month, at the MPO meeting, he will outline talking points to garner support and ask FDOT to bridge the gap on some of the issues.

Housing Affordability - Mayor Ganz asked that the City Manager look into how affordable housing impacts the City; wherein, homes are not affordable. He said affordable housing is often associated with Section 8, but it is about people trying to purchase a home for under \$400,000. The meaning has changed drastically and many people cannot afford homes. The City is watching Broward County to see how situations are being handled. Furthermore, he opined that rental residents whose lease is expiring, should receive at least a 60-day notice that rent is increasing. If the County does not act, he believes the City will have the option of adopting a requirement for landlords to notify residents 60 days in advance, if there is an increase and the amount of the increase, but also fair notice on eviction.

Homeowner's Insurance Policies - Mayor Ganz said insurance companies are now requiring a new roof within 10 years. Due to the cost of a new roof, people are being rejected and do not have options to purchase homeowners' insurance. He said although it is being brought up in special session, there is an impact on people from various income levels and fears what will happen to city residents in the coming year.

Packer Rattler Organization - Mayor Ganz thanked Commissioner Preston for highlighting the Packer Rattler alumni earlier this evening. He said although the public thanks the Commission, they only did what was right and the ones who deserve the praise are the coaches, volunteers, and parents who have taken control over the organization and lifted it up.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no additional business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Parness, seconded by Commissioner Preston, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Voice Vote:

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

Nays: 0

CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

BILL GANZ, MAYOR

Samantha Gillyard, CMC, City Clerk