

# Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission

Tuesday, September 6, 2016	6:45 PM	Commission Chambers

# CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order on the above date by Mayor Jean M. Robb at 6:44 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Present:	5 -	Commissioner Gloria Battle	
		Commissioner Bill Ganz	
		Commissioner Joseph Miller	
		Vice Mayor Richard Rosenzweig	
		Mayor Jean Robb	
Also Present:	3 -	City Manager Burgess Hanson	
		City Attorney Andrew Maurodis	
		City Clerk Samantha Gillyard	

# MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Mayor Rosenzweig, to acknowledge the Board minutes. Voice Vote:

- Yeas: 5 Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, Vice Mayor Rosenzweig, and Mayor Robb
- Nays: 0

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - August 9, 2016

## APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA

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

Yeas: 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, Vice Mayor Rosenzweig, and Mayor Robb

Nays: 0

#### **BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING**

1. ORDINANCE 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED BY THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; AND STATING THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PROPERTY TAXES AS SUCH CHANGE IS DEFINED IN FLORIDA STATUES, SECTION 200.065

The Ordinance was read in its entirety.

Mayor Robb opened the public hearing.

Hugh Dunkley, Director of Financial Services, provided a brief presentation outlining the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017. He said this year's budget leaves the City in a slightly better disposition than previous years budgets, which will be outlined in the budget.

<u>Continuing Momentum</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the theme is continuing momentum; whereby, there has been a significant build up in the positive variables of economics that he will discuss, as well as where the City stands for the future.

<u>Total Citywide Budget</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the total Citywide budget is \$172 million, comprised of various funds. The greatest fund is the General Fund which is \$100.2 million. Other operating funds consist of Water & Sewer and Solid Waste which requires a greater focus due to its impact on residents and Commission in terms of setting the millage rate, user fees and charges.

<u>General Fund Budgetary Highlight</u> - Mr. Dunkley listed the major revenue sources for the General Fund: property tax revenue, which has increased for many cities; parking meter revenue and franchise fees are up slightly. He briefly commented that the communications services taxes have decreased.

<u>General Fund</u> - <u>Revenues</u> - Mr. Dunkley outlined the revenues that contribute to the General Fund, property taxes, fire assessment fees and charges for services.

<u>Taxable Value of Property (in millions)</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the property tax is derived from two (2) variables, the tax rate and taxable value of property. The taxable value of property has been on an upward trend for approximately four (4) years; however, although it appears that taxable value will continue to increase, the main component to that is new construction activity and determining every year what the new value will be.

<u>Taxable Value of New Construction</u> - Mr. Dunkley said Broward County, as a whole, is at \$2 billion, but from 2005 to 2007, the value of new construction was approximately \$4.5 billion which means new construction has still not reached pre-recession levels of construction activity. He advised that the outlook must be optimistic and at a cautious standpoint in terms of increased revenues.

<u>Ad Valorem Tax Revenue</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the ad valorem tax revenue has increased fairly well over the past few years which is in direct relationship with the value of property.

<u>Recommended Millage Rate</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the recommended millage is 6.5438 which represents a 1/8 reduction in the total millage rate. He explained that since property values have increased and the City is decreasing the millage, there still may be a slight increase in property taxes; however, some may see a decrease. Thereafter, he explained the difference between the

operating and rolled back millage rate.

<u>2016 Proposed Millage Rates - Broward Municipalities</u> - Mr. Dunkley provided a list of Broward municipalities and their millage rate; he explained the differences in those cities, having higher or lower millage rates. He said of the 31 cities, only seven (7) decreased their millage rate; 19 remain status quo and five (5) increased the millage rate. From a fiscally responsible standpoint, the decreased millage allows the City to achieve its goals while also helping the residents.

<u>Franchise Taxes</u> - Mr. Dunkley briefly commented on variables and franchise taxes; whereas, communications services taxes impacts this tax and has been precipitous over the past few years. Further, there are many lobbying efforts to eliminate this tax altogether. Thus, there is a possibility that this tax may be diminished further in the future. State shared revenue is on an uptick which is tied to sales and consumer spending.

<u>General Fund Budgetary Highlights</u> - Mr. Dunkley provided highlights of the General Fund, an increase in expenditures of \$1.8 million which can be attributed to emergency and contingency reserve, planned COLA (cost of living adjustment), merits as well as the implementation of the compensation study which is approximately \$600,000.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said the implementation would be \$600,000 across all funds which includes the Utility's Fund, Solid Waste, Senior Services, Insurance Services Trust Fund and Community Development Fund.

Continuing, Mr. Dunkley said there is continued support of the Road and Bridge Fund. Since there is no storm water fee, the Road & Bridge Fund must support storm water operations and in turn, the General Fund has to help the Road & Bridge Fund; however, a storm water fee is not being recommended for this year's budget.

<u>General Fund - Expenditures</u> - Mr. Dunkley said a bulk of the City's expenditures pertain to personal services, salaries, wages and benefits, etc. A majority of operating expenditures is related to contractual services which represent payments to the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) for public safety.

<u>BSO Contract Costs</u> - Mr. Dunkley provided a graph outlining costs to BSO; whereby, the increases have been relatively flat for the last few years, which has been reasonable.

<u>Public Safety Pension Costs</u> - Mr. Dunkley said another component to public safety costs are pension costs. He said residents have voiced their concern that the pension is breaking the City and causing the City to go bankrupt; however, this is an overstatement and explained why. All three (3) pension plan costs have leveled off since 2013; the sharp decline in 2012 was a result of closing the fire plan. He explained the difference between a closed and open plan; closed means the plan is closed to new members. It does not mean that everyone in the plan will retire at that time. All of the City's pension plans have been closed which has been advantageous to the City because it reduces the City's liability.

Mr. Hanson asked how a 30 year pension calculation is turned into a 15 year arc.

Mr. Dunkley provided an example to demonstrate the arc; i.e. a day before the plan is closed, it is assumed that you will operate through perpetuity and from a pension plan standpoint, perpetuity typically means 30 years. The costs are averaged out over a 30 year period and when the plan is closed, the last amortization period is 15 years and it is assumed that if a plan member were going to work for 30 years and has vested 15 years, then that member will retire in the next 15 years and you cannot amortize the unfunded liability over the 30 year period, but only over the 15 years; thus, the payment would increase. Additionally, in 2012, the mortality table changed in the plans. These variables caused the City's expenses to increase.

<u>General Fund - Total Fund Balance 10 Year History</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the General Fund balance has increased over the years, putting the City in good condition for a sea side community; whereas, in the face of any perils, the City would remain in fairly good shape, fiscally. From 2008 to 2010, the Fund Balance declined rapidly because the Fund Balance was being used to balance the budget.

<u>Other Governmental Funds</u> - Mr. Dunkley outlined other governmental funds, Senior Services, CDBG, Road & Bridge, etc, do not have the same connotation on an individual's tax bill as they are either funded through Federal or State grants or transfers from other funds. The Road & Bridge Fund is in a vary precarious shape because of its support of sidewalk operations and storm water. Insurance Services Trust Fund has seen a good leveling off of the expenses; a hybrid model of operations has been used. For example, using contractors to run the Building Department has decreased the City's short and long term liabilities.

Mr. Hanson said the Community Development Block Grant program is federally funded and between 7 to 8 years ago, the Clty received approximately \$1 million but currently receives a little over \$620,000. In order to maintain this, the General Fund has been paying salaries of the Community Development Division and using the administrative charges just for the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority. This is why it is important to maintain a good relationship with the Federal Legislative Delegation. Further, a lot of infrastructure is handled through this funding, such as the baseball field at Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex, sidewalk installation, street resurfacing are all attributed to those funds. As funds continue to dwindle, the City will not be able to do some of these projects.

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> - Mr. Dunkley outlined the Enterprise Funds which are provided by water, sewer and trash fees, to name a few; whereas, these fees have not been adjusted recently.

<u>Enterprise Funds - Budgetary Highlights</u> - Mr. Dunkley said the overall increase in utility funds is largely due to merits and COLA increases, as well as transfers to the renewal and replacement. The water and sewer rates have not changed since 2008. Also, COLA increases are planned for 2.5% across the board. Moreover, solid waste rates were decreased in November 2014 and the last increase was March 2008.

Mayor Robb opened the public hearing.

**Barbara Minetti, 735 SE 20th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** expressed concern with the pay and class study as there is no indication as to whether City staff are truly underpaid as the data is not included in the report. Thereafter, she outlined the benefits package received by City staff as well

as the 2.5% COLA and a possible 3% merit increase.

*Joe Hines, 559 NW 47th Terrace, Deerfield Beach,* said since 2015, the City's revenue has increased by \$15 million; whereby, he opined that the City is now broke and is increasing taxes which he does not agree.

*Caryl Berner, 3130 Cambridge F, Deerfield Beach,* commented on the decrease of the millage rate by 1/8 and asked if it would be further decreased. She also commented on how a city's population has an impact on the millage rate.

**Danielle Crocker, 6066 Petaluma Drive, Boca Raton,** said he is one of the owners of the Carriage House Resort and expressed concerns about the increased property taxes; whereby, it is difficult to maintain efficient accommodations. He asked that a 5% reduction be allowed so that they are able to make necessary repairs.

*Walter Wilfinger, 317 SE 20th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,* Atlantique Beach House Manager, said the property was purchased approximately two (2) years ago and since then, the taxes have doubled. He asked that there be some kind of relief, as a small business cannot continue to exist in the City.

**Dan Herz, 817 SE 20th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** commented on the proposed new salary increases, as well as the number of new employee hires; he wondered about the salary increases from FY 2016 to FY 2017. He provided a handout outlining 35 departments and their salaries, wages and employee benefits with a base salary from FY 2016, \$21,423,000, and FY 2017, \$23, 670,000; a 10.5% increase. He objected to providing such an exorbitant increase and then passing it along to tax payers. Mr. Herz also commented on an increase to the City Attorney's budget and the General Fund.

*James Tomecsek, 1530 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach,* commented on the taxable value of new construction wherein, Deerfield Beach had a value of \$21 million which was lower than other cities he compared; i.e. Fort Lauderdale, \$450 million. He asked that the budget be closely scrutinized instead of taxing as a remedy.

*Mae Francis Feagin, 3500 SW Natura Boulevard, Deerfield Beach,* asked what are property tax revenues being used on.

Mayor Robb replied that they are being used on the items outlined in the budget presentation.

*Sandra Jackson, 386 SW 35th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,* clarified that Ms. Feagin was trying to determine what the revenues are being used for as residents do not have use of certain things within the City.

Mayor Robb closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Battle commented on a 25% increase in building permit fees; she asked what those funds equate to.

Mr. Dunkley said the fees will not be increased; however, the the revenue from building permits will increase as a result of the total number of building permits, value of items permitted, etc. He said there is no proposal to increase fees this year.

Commissioner Battle said she was not in favor of CGA assuming control of the Building Department; notwithstanding, she asked what is the dollar amount the City stands to gain from the proposed increase of permits.

Mayor Robb said she did not support CGA taking over the Building Department, but the increase only benefits CGA because they receive 85% of revenues collected and the City receives 15%.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said there is a Florida Statute that specifically addressed building permit fees; whereby, the fees collected must be solely related to the cost incurred in the building permit program. The issuance of building permits and review of plans cannot be a profit center for the City and must be equivalent to the expenditures.

Commissioner Battle again asked for the figure related to the 15%.

Mr. Hanson said those fees cannot be taken to use for other City improvements or to purchase equipment. Those funds can only be used for building inspections and the plan review process. He said the only reason privatizing the Building Department was considered was due to CGA's ability to bring in more staff if there was an increase in permit or plan examinations. Alternatively, if there is a decrease in services, they are able to eliminate positions easier. In 2007/2008, the City was not able to bring in the correct number of inspectors; thus, that problem is being addressed without placing additional costs and burden on the public.

Commissioner Miller said in his opinion, the pay study shows that department heads are not paid consistent to other municipalities; however, rank and file, when compared to the private industry, were not paid below them. Since there has been an increase in tax revenue, he would have preferred a significant reduction on the millage; nevertheless, he suggested that next year, there be a greater reduction in the millage.

Commissioner Ganz asked what would be the resulting millage rate based on a reduction of \$250,000.

Mr. Dunkley said the operating millage rate would be 5.9674, decreasing from 6.0924.

Commissioner Ganz said the Commission learned its lesson a few years back when the millage rate was reduced by 1 point. Further, every city in Broward County has a utility tax and they have had it for decades, which is one reason they are in a slightly different situation when the market crashed. Several years ago, the City was hammered and had to hold back on increases for staff for several years. Thereafter, he commented on staff receiving a 9% increase across the board for several years without any accountability. He said now is the time to make changes for employees to maintain the quality talent that is here. Lastly, he asked that \$250,000 be used to decrease the millage rate.

Mr. Dunkley said the operating millage rate would be 6.0493 for \$250,000 and is equivalent to

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0.0431 mills.

Commissioner Ganz said he would like to see more, but asked that \$250,000 be used to decrease the millage.

Mayor Robb said 1 mill raises it to \$5,794,000 and 1/2 mill to \$2,897,000. This year the property tax was increased by \$1,855,950; this amount taken to decrease the millage by 1/2 mill, the City would need to raise \$1,041,095. She said the inflated salaries need to be cut and after reviewing the pay and class study, the titles were listed that should be paid a certain amount. The problem is that the qualifications were not listed to fill the positions and is not in favor of any title changes or receiving more money. Mayor Robb also stated that merit pay is subjective and does not support it. She also objected to 25% for CGA.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig commented on the success of the Building Department since CGA has taken over.

Commissioner Battle said she asked that the pay and class study be performed because even people who work for government deserve to earn an honest living. She expressed dissatisfaction that the public does not desire to increase public employees, as others are receiving increases. If employees are not benefitted monetarily, then there should be other benefits to compensate them and incentivize them to remain and work harder. If not, key people will disappear. Lastly, she said the work that employees are doing should show that they are due a raise in salary, benefits or both.

Commissioner Ganz said the merit increase was contractually negotiated with the Union. Moreover, prices continue to increase, which includes the City's ability to provide services and since the City has not had a utility tax or storm water tax, it has been difficult. He provided a brief history whereby in 2010, the City faced a \$16 million deficit and departments were required to provide an update on any budget increases. Further, he expressed concern with a reduction of \$1.4 million, considering the possibility of a \$2 million lawsuit. Commissioner Ganz said he would like to see the millage rate decreased a little more, but at this time, he is only comfortable with a reduction of \$250,000.

Thereafter, there was a brief discussion regarding how much the millage rate should be reduced.

Mr. Hanson said in regard to the pay and class study, the last time the City conducted a study was in 2002, with implementation in 2003. The last time any employee, including in-house firefighters were given a merit or COLA was 2009. Additionally, in 2010, longevity was changed from a percentage to a flat amount for all positions; after that, no increases were provided. In 2012, the City implemented the 5% take back across the board. While the pay and class study may seem spectacular, it is long overdue and the employees have sacrificed and deserve it. Moreover, the pay and class study does not guarantee an automatic increase, but allows the salary ranges to increase.

Commissioner Miller said merit has been tweaked to provide compensation for outstanding service. He said the millage should have been adjusted some time ago and is late to make a change.

Mayor Robb said this is the time to decide on adjusting the millage. She asked if there is \$22 million in the undesignated reserve.

Mr. Dunkley replied that is a projection for the upcoming year.

Mayor Robb said only \$1 million needs to be taken from the undesignated reserve to achieve a 1/2 mill reduction.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig said this is only a projection and one (1) major storm can wipe out the reserves. Further, there is an ongoing case that could potentially cost the City \$1 million or more in legal fees. Looking ahead, there is no guarantee that next year's economy will be as strong as this year. Based on the City's current situation, he would prefer not changing the millage rate. With regard to the merit on the Union contract, the 3% increase is not automatic, but must be earned.

Commissioner Ganz asked how much is needed to achieve a decrease of .25.

Mr. Dunkley said that is equivalent to \$1,448,573; 1/8 of a mill is \$724,000 which is the amount needed. Currently, there is approximately \$18 million in the reserves.

Commissioner Miller motioned to reduce the millage by 0.25, taken from the reserve.

Mr. Maurodis said a specific millage rate must be voted on.

After a brief discussion, the millage rate was calculated as follows: operating millage - 5.8424; voted debt millage - 0.4514; total millage rate - 6.2938; reflecting a 1.71% increase over the rolled back rate.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Ganz, to adopt an operating millage of 5.8424, creating a total millage of 6.2938. Roll Call:

- Yeas: 2 Commissioner Ganz, and Commissioner Miller
- Nays: 3 Commissioner Battle, Vice Mayor Rosenzweig, and Mayor Robb

Commissioner Ganz asked if a reduced millage rate of 6.0493, equivalent to a \$250,000 reduction would suffice.

In response to Mr. Maurodis's question, Mr. Dunkley replied that the new rolled back rate percentage would be 5.32% increase over rolled back rate. The final millage rate will be 6.5007.

Mr. Maurodis reiterated the operating millage, 6.0493 and represents a 5.32% over the rolled back rate and under Florida Law, is characterized as a percentage increase in property taxes. With the voted debt rate of 0.4514, the total millage is 6.5007.

Commissioner Miller said he wanted \$1.5 million taken out and this is only \$250,000.

Mr. Hanson said the \$250,000 is in addition to the 1/8 reduction.

Mayor Robb asked how much it is being reduced by.

Mr. Dunkley said it is about 17% of a mill, 0.681 mill.

Mr. Hanson replied it is aproximately \$1 million.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ganz, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve the millage rate of 6.5007. Roll Call:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig

Nays: 1 - Mayor Robb

2. ORDINANCE 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Mayor Robb opened the public hearing.

Joe Hines, 559 NW 47th Terrace, Deerfield Beach, said the City is to receive \$37 million which represents 95% of the taxable value. He commented on a document from the Broward County Tax Collector whereby, it provides the amount of money returned to the City over the past years versus the amount levied. The returned amount is 95%, but the actual number is 98%, as 2% has not been returned which is where the reserves come from. He said by taking 2% from the funds based on 5% there will be \$1.2 million added to the budget that the City is unaware of. He continued to comment on various aspects of the current and projected budget.

*Jocelyn Jackson, 141NW 19th Street, Pompano Beach,* asked that Item 21 be moved up for discussion since it is a school night.

*Anna Talerico, 1530 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach,* said she spoke in support of a new construction project at a previous meeting, as the City needs new development revenue. Thereafter, Ms. Talerico said the City cannot continue at this rate and additional development is needed so that the burden is not on existing residents.

*Caryl Berner, 3130 Cambridge F, Deerfield Beach,* commented on the purchase of the beach lots which could have been used to reduce the millage further.

**Dan Herz, 817 SE 20th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** said you cannot determine how much the salary increase is a result of COLA and merit when reviewing the budget, versus the amount of new employees. He said salaries are increasing by \$2 million and asked that there be more transparency. He further commented on an increase in the reserves, but only \$250,000 is being used for the taxpayers.

James Tomecsek, 1530 SE 12th Street, Deerfield Beach, said he reviewed the pay and class study and although no one is begrudging the employees receiving an increase, the report

provides a 50% spread in each pay grade to rise. It also shows a majority of employees still in the first percentile of the minimum and maximum pay grade. Lastly, he said decisions that are made will cost heavily in the future and objected to additional taxes, as it is important to know how the City is growing or decreasing compared to other cities.

Mayor Robb closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Ganz said the \$1.8 million in reserves could potentially be used for a liability with the Town of Hillsboro. He explained that the case is in regard to the groin system on the beach which could heavily impact the hotels on the beach. He said it is important to keep the reserves healthy as it would be detrimental; thereafter, he provided a history on when the City faced a financial deficit. Additionally, the Commission has worked to diversify the revenues and while they favor development, the Commission is against bad development. Lastly, he said the millage rate set tonight is equal to Plantation's rate.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig said the current reserves are at \$18 million and will be borrowing from that to fund the millage rate. Also, employees will be added to certain departments, such as the Public Information Office as needed. He said the beach is one of the 10 best beaches in Florida and must be maintained. Lastly, Vice Mayor Rosenzweig said development is needed and is coming, but it must be planned properly.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said he has been labeled as a tax and spend city manager; however, seven (7) years ago he recommended a reduction of the workplace by 112 people during the \$16 million budget deficit, which was followed by an additional \$8 million deficit and the next year and was told then that he did not care. Now, he is bringing forward a budget to carry out the vision and plan of the City Commission as there have been requests for more park coverage with rangers, a new public information office, succession planning, pay and class study and others. In terms of other cities, such as Pompano and Fort Lauderdale, they have more industrial and commercial space and have different zoning that allows for different types of development than what is in Deerfield Beach. He further commented on the process undergone with the pay and class study, the vision of the Commission and how Deerfield Beach has top guality staffing.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve the Ordinance as amended, reducing the budget by \$250,000. Roll Call:

- Yeas: 4 Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig
- Nays: 1 Mayor Robb

## PRESENTATIONS

5. Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Deerfield Beach Economic Development Task Force.

Commissioner Ganz read and presesnted a Certificate of Appreciation to Betty Masi, Dave Mirantz, Amanda Martinez, Director of Planning & Development Services, David Santucci, Interim Assistant City Manager, and Kris Mory, CRA Director, for their contirbutions in the Task Force.

6. Certificate of Recognition presented to JM Family Enterprises for receiving the Florida Recreation and Parks Association "Corporate Support" Award. (Tabled from August 23, 2016)

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said JM Family has left early, but the certificate will be provided to them.

**7.** Certificate of Appreciation presented to Dr. Jamie E. Marlowe for his dedication and service as Vice Chairman of the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority.

Mayor Robb said Dr. Marlowe is retiring from the Housing Authority Board who served as Vice Chairman; thereafter, she outlined his services in the United States Army, on the Deerfield Beach Charter Review Committee, and the Housing Authority.

**8.** Certificate of Appreciation presented to Robert Matteson for his eleven years of dedicated service to the City of Deerfield Beach.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said Mr. Matteson has decided to retire as the Thrift Shop Manager and has done a terrific job.

Donna DeFronzo, Director of Senior Services, said Mr. Matteson who has a love for selling and people is retiring after 11 years of service as the Thrift Shop Manager at the Northeast Focal Point Campus, Last year, the Thrift Shop was named the best thrift shop in the City and he will be missed tremendously.

9. Certificate of Recognition to Ocean Rescue Staff's lifesaving rescue on August 18, 2016.

Commissioner Miller presented certificates to various Ocean Rescue Staff for their heroic efforts in preventing a drowning; thereafter, he provided certificates to Mike Brown, Scott Kaplan, Anthony Cali, Jeff Nole and Justin Parker.

Mayor Robb asked that Item 21 can be discussed after the presentations.

There was no objection.

**4.** Presentation of the Deerfield Beach Economic Development Strategic Plan by Dr. Edward Murray of the Florida International University Metropolitan Center.

Ned Murray, Associate Director of the Florida International University Metropolitan Center, Miami, provided a presentation regarding the City's Economic Development Strategy. He said last Spring he provided an update of the process of the Citywide plan and discussed a number of tasks, specifically the economic and competitive advantage analysis, the regulatory resource review, public involvement and SWOT analysis. Based on information received from various stakeholders, they began developing specific strategies to be presented tonight. Once the strategies are finalized, the marketing plan and brochures will be provided to implement the actual plan. Dr. Murray outlined the competitive analysis for the City offering great transportation During the benchmarking process, it was found that there are 355 available acres access. supporting up to 43,000 new jobs, a significant and interconnected diversified local economy with a \$19.3 billion local economy connected to parent firms earning over \$8.9 trillion. He outlined the labor force and key industries that are specific to the City such as the advanced industry sector.

Given what has begun with Pioneer Grove and other improvements, it is a transformative new development opportunity that can be connected to the larger plan.

Dr. Murray said the unifying theme to the economic plan is Deerfield Beach as a vibrant coastal city which markets the City for smart growth and quality of life principles. Thereafter, he provided strategies to the plan whereby, all are mutually supportive of each other. With Pioneer Grove, there is a potential for a livable and connected downtown. Second, the target industry niche sector strategy is based on identified clusters and the advanced industry sectors. Third is the efficient commercial corridors, having neighborhoods that are vibrant, connected to the industries and doing well for the residents. These together create the overarching strategy that will comprise the Citywide economic development strategy.

Continuing, Dr. Murray highlighted the strategies: 1) Pioneer Grove as a dynamic downtown city center for residents, visitors, businesses and local government activity, creating a mixed use environment, but keeping Pioneer Grove at the heart of the effort; 2) Creating a physical connection between the downtown, the neighborhoods and beach by making walking and biking a preferred mode of transportation; 3) Creating a mix of uses including various housing types which was received from feedback, as well as streetscape design to provide framework for the physical improvements of the City's adjoining commercial corridors and neighborhoods. The downtown Pioneer Park will set the tone and serve as the template for the surrounding commercial corridors and neighborhoods as there is a lot of compatibility built in.

Additionally, Dr. Murray outlined strategies for enhancing the target industry and niche sector. the Citywide Economic Development Strategy must be integrated with economic First. development efforts at the County and State level as it creates opportunities and economic incentives and other revenues. Second, develop a City Economic Incentive Program with the target industries and niche sectors identified. Third, develop industry specific and cluster based strategies that address the retention and expansion of the City's advance industry sectors and existing industry clusters. He said many of the strategies do not cost a lot, as there is an understanding of what the industries and businesses do. Also, supporting and complementing industries can be done at negligible cost. Fourth, create new job opportunities for Deerfield Beach residents by developing intensive industry specific job training and educational programs in target and cluster industry sectors. The last two (2) strategies create opportunities for residents and the working population of the City. Lastly, Dr. Murray said programs such as apprenticeships and internships with Deerfield Beach High School students that align with target industry skills to effectively build a talented pipeline.

Dr. Murray outlined the third overarching strategy as efficient commercial corridors which is how people connect to the downtown, to residential neighborhoods and workplaces. The first substrategy is to ensure that the new development along the City's commercial corridor is connected to the downtown, via pedestrian and bike paths. Second, there is opportunity to design gateway improvements at key commercial corridor locations, including Hillsboro Boulevard, Federal and Dixie Highway as there is a lot that can be done to show ownership. Thirdly, update the City's traffic circulation and land use elements of the comprehensive plan to include policies and objectives regarding connectivity, identity and mixed use development patents along the commercial corridors. In terms of the four (4) elements coming together in a mutually supportive way is the idea of livable neighborhoods, i.e. developing small pockets of

neighborhood commercial activity placed throughout the City specifically in predominantly residential neighborhoods with commercial services within walking distance, which are currently non-existent. Further, the City's comprehensive plan and land development regulations should be updated to include specific smart growth policies relative to livable neighborhoods. Finally, develop greater mixed uses of housing types to create more lifestyle options and a more compact development. He also commented on the importance of having a management strategy in place, which includes marketing, implementation of an organizational strategy and performance metrics to monitor and ensure that the plan is being implemented effectively.

Continuing, Dr. Murray provided highlights of the marketing strategy; creating the organizational structure to support the implementation; post the economic development strategy on the City's website; schedule annual events to update business and community leaders on the implementation progress; host an economic summit to unveil the strategy to the attendees to gain added support and lastly, use the City's website as an information portal. For proper implementation of the organizational strategy, it is important to have professionals in place to ensure plan success. Dr. Murray also recommended development of staff responsibilities for coordination of implementation and performing ongoing economic and market research, planning and business outreach and development. It is essential that staff, experienced in economic development, are included in outreach. Economic development needs to be monitored and evaluated, along with performance metrics to ensure success.

Dr. Murray provided an outline of indicators that should be evaluated, observed and measured throughout the process; i.e. new business start ups, employment growth, labor force participation, household income and wage increases are all trackable indicators in monitoring the plan's performance. Lastly, metrics designed to monitor the effectiveness of the marketing recommendations of the plan. In closing, Dr. Murray highlighted the next steps in finalizing the strategies and compilation; the elements that went into the study makeup will be formatted and the project summary and marketing package will be presented to the City for implementation.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**21.** Discussion regarding field usage for the Packer Rattlers.

In lieu of Presentation #10, Mayor Robb asked that Item 21 be discussed at this time.

Mayor Robb said the Packer Rattlers now have 276 football players and 100 cheerleaders. An initial home game was played at Zion Lutheran, but the facility was unable to provide adequate parking; consequently, everyone parked on the sidewalks and in private properties surrounding the school. This emphasizes the need for a field in their neighborhood to accommodate those enrolled. The team has leased the Zion Lutheran field for their practice sessions on a monthly basis. In spite of the problems that arose at the first home game, the people from Zion Luther said they have a wonderful relationship with the Packer Rattlers. She said this is not a request for money as the City has not allocated any funds to them during this budget; however, the Packer Rattlers are not asking for anything. Mayor Robb said she is asking that one (1) field be provided to them to utilize for their home games. There are three (3) major home games scheduled and a few for the Pee Wee League.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said under State Law, if the Commission makes a motion on a

substantive matter, then the public has a right to be heard, but if there is only a discussion, no public input is needed.

Mayor Robb passed the gavel and made a motion to allow the use of one (1) field for the Packer Rattlers.

Due to lack of a second, the motion died.

Prior to resuming the meeting, there was a brief recess at 9:28 p.m.

Mayor Robb left the meeting at this time.

#### **BUDGET & MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING - CONTINUED**

ORDINANCE 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF 3. DEERFIELD FLORIDA, APPROVING A THE DEERFIELD BEACH. BUDGET FOR BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; AND PROVIDING FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AS SET FORTH IN PART **III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES** 

The meeting reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig opened the public hearing.

Dan Herz, 817 SE 20th Avenue, Deerfield Beach, asked how the values of proposed acquisitions are determined. He said it would be difficult to obtain the value without an appraisal or broker opinion letter; he exampled the Deerfield Beach Chamber whose value will increase after Sullivan Park is completed.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig closed the public hearing.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve Item 3. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig

**Nays:** 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Robb

## **PRESENTATIONS - CONTINUED**

**10.** Presentation by Patrick Bardes, Coastal & Waterway Coordinator/MAB Liaison, regarding the recently completed Hydrographic Survey of the City's Public canal system.

Mr. Bardes said during the February 16, 2016 Commission Meeting, he recommended a hydrographic survey of the City's public canal system; the results will be provided this evening along with a timeline of canal dredging projects. The consultant will provide an overview of the methodology, results and future recommendations. Following the same criteria as the 2007 survey, 16 public canals were surveyed over 3.5 linear miles. The City performed canal maintenance dredging in 1991, 1992, 2000, 2004 and 2014. The study conducted in 2007 indicated that dredging was not necessary. Thereafter, he introduced Tom Pierro, Director of Coastal and Maritime Services with CBI Coastal Planning who performed the survey and will provide the results.

Mr. Pierro provided the methodology using the highest standards available today, using RTK GPS, checking into Second Order Monuments and collecting from tides throughout the day to confirm predicted tides were correct. The data was digitally stored and reduced using the newest software available. The only canals that showed any volume available were the SE 1st Street Canal, Tern Waterway and Kingfisher Waterway. He said colors depicted on the maps provide an indication of the sand thickness that impacts a 5' depth; anything above -5' is shaded, 1/2' is green, 1.5' is yellow and 2' is orange. Most of the maps are yellow and green indicating not much material.

Continuing, Mr. Pierro provided results for each canal. The SE 1st Street Canal had a little material above the 5', but not much, only 200 cubic yards which were thin cuts and all less than 1.5', making it hard to dredge and unnecessary. The Tern Waterway had the most material, about 500 cubic yards which is not much but accounted for about half of the total volume located. This area has a lot of challenges and if it were to be dredged, there is a bridge so you cannot sail a dredge in, but would have to be trucked in or remove the material by alternative means and dispose of the material. Nevertheless, the material is no greater than 1.5'. The third area, Kingfisher Canal, shows a little accumulation around structures such as bridges, but it would be difficult to get close to the physical structure.

Mr. Pierro said at this time, dredging is not required based on the small volume found which is about half of what would have been dredged in past projects. He recommended continual motoring, re-perform the survey in two (2) years or based on feedback from residents and consider a long term canal maintenance program to properly fund any issues that may arise.

Commissioner Ganz asked how much would need to exist before dredging became necessary.

Mr. Pierro said the previous permit obtained for dredging was to a depth of -5' referenced datum NGPD and the datum was applied to the data collected and illustrated is the thickness above the data.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig said residents have stated that they are unable to maneuver their boats on the canals.

Mr. Pierro said he has not heard that, but it could be in isolated areas where it is difficult to get to.

## AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Dave Mirantz, 9841 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, thanked the Commission for continuing to

support the Economic Development Study. He said the business community makes a decision to attend the meetings based on the leadership from the dais; thereafter, he commented on how business was conducted tonight and should have been thought through beforehand.

*Rita Masi, 261 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,* said she does not understand why the Packer Rattlers will not be given a field.

Commissioner Battle said the City entered into an agreement with the McDougle Foundation to use the public fields. Further, they have a comprehensive program, including basketball, track and field, Little League and others. She asked that Staff provide additional feedback.

Ms. Masi said the request was only for three (3) games.

Kara Petty, Director of Parks & Recreation, said the Packer Rattlers were asking for home games, but the field has already been reserved for the Bison program and when not in use, the fields are closed to allow them to recuperate and not be overextended. When the City had a contract with the Packer Rattlers, no other entities were allowed to use the field. One field was recently resodded and cannot be used and the other is scheduled for resodding in a week and cannot be used.

Ms. Masi continued to express dissatisfaction with designating a field to the Packer Rattlers.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said the City does not have any available fields and there is a program that is currently using them and beyond football, there is soccer and other programming that will be done with the McDougle Foundation.

**Denise Bogner, 1157 SW 26th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** complimented Vice Mayor Rosenzweig, Commissioner Ganz and Mr. Hanson for their follow up on concerns she e-mailed on Sunday regarding traffic on Military Trail due to new construction on the golf course. She said Mr. Hanson responded to her Sunday night, directing her to Broward County. Commissioner Chip LaMarca contacted her on Labor Day to address the situation.

*Mae Frances Feagin, 3500 SW Natura Boulevard, Deerfield Beach,* expressed concern with a man she witnessed defacating at Deerfield Park Elementary School who apparently does not have water in his home. She asked that someone please address this situation as it is not healthy and there are children around.

**Dan Herz, 817 SE 20th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** said he received his current garbage bill and it almost doubled from \$145 to \$290. After speaking with various individuals in the Sanitation Division, he was informed that two (2) additional carts were placed on his property which caused the bill increase; however, Mr. Herz said he did not request those carts nor did he need them. Subsequent conversations entailed the carts being removed and beginning next month, the bill would properly reflect the five (5) carts that have been there; notwithstanding, Mr. Herz requested a reduction for the current month's bill. After speaking with Vicki Langlois, he was told that she would research the two (2) additional cans and respond. Unfortunately, he has yet to hear from Ms. Langlois. He then opined that he is being singled out and if not, customer service needs improving. Lastly, he asked that he receive a proper credit on his bill. **Diane Chisholm, 375 NW 7th Court, Deerfield Beach,** said fear kept her away from being a part of the Packer Rattlers, but now her grandson will now become a part of the Packer Rattlers and she will be obligated to support him. She said she is committed to working with the Packer Rattlers to make sure that she, as a citizen of District 2, is able to make the organization a success. Thereafter, Ms. Chisholm commented on her relationship with the McDougle family, who asked her to be a part of their organization and turned them down because her grandson is a part of the Packer Rattlers. She said she stood for four (4) hours to stop bystanders from going onto the properties of those homeowners (at Zion Lutheran). She said she wishes she could meet with the Commissioners individually to find a compromise as the field being used is too small.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS - 1ST READING

11. P.H. 2016-160: Ordinance 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 109.06 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3810 CRYSTAL LAKE DRIVE & 3941 NW 9TH AVENUE (N. MILITARY TRAIL) FROM RECREATION COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL HIGH TO RESIDENTIAL IRREGULAR; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said the applicant has made a motion to continue this matter until September 20, 2016.

Commissioner Ganz asked why the item is being tabled.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, replied that the applicant requested moving it to allow an additional meeting with surrounding neighbors and the community before moving forward to the City Commission.

Amanda Martinez, Director of Planning & Development Services, said the community meeting is scheduled for September 14th and she will provide the information to the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to continue Item 11 on September 20, 2016. Voice Vote:

- Yeas: 4 Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig
- **Nays:** 0
- Absent: 1 Mayor Robb

## PUBLIC HEARINGS - 2ND READING

12. P.H. 2016-161: ORDINANCE 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 98-57 TO INCLUDE SPORTS PERFORMANCE TRAINING FACILITY AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE PID,

PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A PROVISION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Ordinance was read by title only.

The public hearing was opened; there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig asked if this is for the Dolphin's Training Center.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, replied that the owner of the Miami Dolphin's is starting a strength training and conditioning center and because of National Football League regulations, it cannot be an official Miami Dolphin Training Center; however, players from the Miami Dolphins can use the facility as well as players from other teams and sports. He said he is not sure if it is open to the public, but does not believe it is as it caters to elite professionals.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Ganz, to approve Item 12, adopted Ordinance 2016/015. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig

**Nays:** 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Robb

13. P.H. 2016-162: ORDINANCE 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, TO AMEND THE PENSION CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE DEERFIELD BEACH MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION TRUST FUND FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES AND FOR OTHER CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said an actuarial study has been conducted which shows no net impact and a pension attorney has reviewed it for the municipality and one (1) change was recommended.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig opened the public hearing; there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve Item 13, adopted Ordinance 2016/016. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Robb

14. P.H. 2016-163: ORDINANCE 2016/ - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1985/34 AND GRANTING TO PEOPLE'S GAS SYSTEM, A DIVISION OF TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY AND TO USE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SAID FRANCHISE MAY BE EXERCISED; MAKING FINDINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF THE FRANCHISE

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, explained that the gas lines are already in place providing service and the franchise fee is 6% which is the same as other cities. There is also a provision that if a franchise grants more favorable terms to another city, Deerfield Beach will realize that same benefit.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig opened the public hearing; there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve Item 14, adopted Ordinance 2016/017. Voice Vote:

- Yeas: 4 Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig
- **Nays:** 0
- Absent: 1 Mayor Robb

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig opened the public hearing; there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

- 15. Resolution 2016/ A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the award of RFQ #2015-16/26 to Fundamental Engineering & Construction, Inc.; James Joyce Construction Corp.; R&B Remodeling and Whyte-Way Construction Inc. as contractors (general or building) for Federal and State Funded Housing and Community Development Programs.
- 16. Resolution 2016/ A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the settlement of the personal injury lawsuit Phillip Gordon v. Deerfield Beach; providing for execution; and providing for an effective date. (Funds from Account #606-0900-519-37-70 - Insurance/General Liability - Legal [\$37,500.00])
- **17.** Resolution 2016/ A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, adopting the Deerfield Beach Economic Development Strategic Plan in substantially the form submitted by Florida International University (FIU) Metropolitan Center and directing

Staff to commence the implementation of the plan.

- Resolution 2016/ A Resolution of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving an Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for cost support of the southern Deerfield Beach re-nourishment project; and providing execution of the agreement. (Funds reimbursed to Account #001-0000-337-36-50 - Intergovernmental Revenue - Beach Renourishment [up to \$246,225.00])
- 19. Resolution 2016/ A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving a one year renewal of contract ITB #2014-15/28 with Coast to Coast Garage Door, LLC for Citywide gate and fence repairs for an amount as approved in the applicable fiscal year budget by the City Commission. (Funds from Account #001-7020-539-31-07 - Repair and Maint Services/Serv to maintain other [\$75,000.00])

MOTION was madeby Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Ganz, to approve items of the Consent Agenda. Voice Vote:

#### **GENERAL ITEMS - CONTINUED**

**20.** Resolution 2016/ - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, appointing Diane Chisholm as a regular member to the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority; providing an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Vice Mayor Rosenzweig opened the public hearing; there was none to speak and the public hearing was closed.

There was no discussion amongst the Commission.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Ganz, to approve Item 20, adopted Resolution 2016/169. Voice Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Ganz, Commissioner Miller, and Vice Mayor Rosenzweig

**Nays:** 0

Absent: 1 - Mayor Robb

#### COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

No Reports.

## COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS

#### COMMISSIONER MILLER

DISTRICT 1

No report.

#### COMMISSIONER BATTLE

#### **DISTRICT 2**

District 2 Meeting - Commissioner Battle announced that she will hold at District 2 meeting on

#### **City Commission**

Thursday, September 8, 2016, Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Operation Safe Smoke Alarm Program</u> - Commissioner Battle said she is gearing up for a smoke alarm program that will be provided to residents; the alarms have an expected 10-year battery. The event will begin on October 15, 2016 from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m.; pre-registration is required.

<u>District 2 Tour of Churches</u> - Commissioner Battle said she will begin touring District 2 churches, next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. She encouraged all commissioners to tour churches in their district as well.

#### COMMISSIONER GANZ

#### DISTRICT 4

<u>Proposed Budget</u> - Commissioner Ganz said in order to address concerns over the budget, business must be conducted publicly and the body has to be in agreement. This is the third year that the millage rate has decreased. Subsequently, when property values increase, so do the property taxes; nevertheless, there are other variables that could cause the taxes to decrease, such as an additional homestead exemption. Commissioner Ganz explained the importance of keeping the reserves healthy, especially considering the situation currently faced with the Town of Hillsboro Beach. If that were not the case, he would have been pleased to further decrease the millage rate.

#### VICE MAYOR ROSENZWEIG DISTRICT 3

<u>Florida League of Cities State Meeting</u> - Vice Mayor Mayor Rosenzweig said it has been a pleasure to chair the meeting this evening. Further, he will be attending the Florida League of Cities meeting in Orlando on September 30, 2016. There are many problems with unlicensed contractors working in Century Village; whereby, the work is being performed illegally, without a permit. He explained that if something were to become faulty, the resident would be responsible and the insurance company will not cover it. This is one of his goals while sitting on the committee.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.