



## Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission

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Tuesday, April 4, 2017

6:45 PM

Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Ganz at 6:45 p.m. on the above date, in the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, Deerfield Beach, Florida.

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Gloria J. Battle  
Commissioner Todd Drosky  
Commissioner Bernie Parness  
Vice Mayor Joseph Miller  
Mayor Bill Ganz

**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.

### APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2017

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITY BOARD MINUTES

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to acknowledge the foregoing board minutes. Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2017

Community Appearance Board Meeting Minutes - January 25, February 8 and March 8, 2017

Hillsboro Inlet Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2017

Non-Uniformed Employees' Retirement Committee Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2017

## **APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION AGENDA**

*April 4, 2017*

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Item 9 to the Consent Agenda. Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

## **QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, performed the oath for those wishing to testify on Item 1.

### **1. P.H. 2017-055: APPLICATION 16-P-204**

**Applicant:** CRYSTAL LAKE COMMERCE CENTER, LLC, represented by Gator Engineering Associates, Inc.

**Proposal:** Request to plat an approximate 4.6 acre parcel to be known as the LANZO INDUSTRIAL CENTER PHASE II plat.

**Location:** The property is a parcel of land located in the S ½ of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 48 South, Range 48 East, more particularly described in the file, and located at 4250 N. Powerline Road.

The applicant was not present when the item was called; therefore, the Commission continued the item until an upcoming meeting.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Commissioner Parness, to table Item 1 until April 19, 2017. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2. Presentation regarding the Kingfisher Canal by the Director of Environmental Services.**

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, advised that Tom Good, Director of Environmental Services, has been delayed and asked the Commission's indulgence.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, that the presentation be presented later in the evening. Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

Nays: 0

## AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Mayor Ganz recognized Vice Mayor Mark Brown from Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and thanked him for attending. Additionally, Robert Moore, from State Representative Patricia Williams office, is present.

**Robert Moore, 2003 W. Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale**, on behalf of Representative Williams, congratulated the newly elected officials. He said every commissioner on the dais is in District 92, making them very important to the Representative and she is happy to serve them. Thereafter, he provided booklets containing contact information for all the State Representatives.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, read the rules regarding audience to be heard.

**Tom Connick, 411 East Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach**, provided literature to the Commission on various Commission actions that have taken place over the years pertaining to the sea oats at the beach. In 2012, the Commission set policy concerning the dunes in the City. The Resolution from February 21, 2012 relates to dune installation along the coast line; whereby, there was a full discussion by the Commission as well as input from the public. He read the motion which approved a grant application for use only in necessary places where it agreed to place dune vegetation where the Department of Environmental Protection permit requires. This issue arose in 2006 and persons did not want sea oats on the dunes and in 2012, the grant was publicly announced.

Continuing, Mr. Connick said that recently, sea oats have been planted and he believes a mistake was made in changing the policy without public discussion or Commission discussion. He said the grants that were either applied for or accepted were in contravention of the Commission's actions on February 21, 2012 is wrong. The public has a right to rely upon the policy decisions of a commission, particularly when it's at a meeting and when the vote is unanimous. In fairness, Mr. Connick asked that the sea oats be relocated to the approved areas and have workshops if the location changes. There are people who have different positions, but the decision should be determined through a public vote, not through the administration acting unilaterally.

**Mary Beiriger, 31 Oakridge C, Deerfield Beach**, said the view of the ocean should not be blocked. She also said she does not believe the Commission was aware that the sea oats were planted and blocking the view of the north beach. She said most people, tourists and residents alike, would like to see the ocean when they go to the beach. Unfortunately, the sea oats were placed in the wrong place and their quality of life is being ruined. Ms. Beiriger asked that the mistake be corrected by relocating them.

**Pam Militello, 884 SE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach**, expressed dissatisfaction with the planting of the sea oats which dates back to 2006. She provided a history of the project and explained that in 2012, when the grant application was presented, she believed it was only for planting north of the Cove. Now, there are two (2) more sections of sea oats and several of the Commissioners at that time agreed that they did not want to harm the open view of the beach.

Ms. Militello asked that the sea oats be relocated.

**James Benefield, 533 NW 3rd Way, Deerfield Beach,** said at the last Commission meeting, the Commission rejected a request for an ethical packet and expressed concern because of the possibility of the State reducing or eliminating funds the City would normally receive.

**Marge Hilton, 1101 SE 5th Court, Deerfield Beach,** expressed dissatisfaction with the planting of the sea oats as well as the wire fencing; however, the fencing is only in place 4 to 6 times yearly and is not permanent. The sand is being blown back on the beach by City employees who are not paid overtime and is part of beach maintenance. The loss of some sand versus big dunes and vegetation that block the view seems to be a small price to pay. Visitors and residents spend a lot of money at the beach and should be kept for all to enjoy with the beautiful view.

**Rita Masi, 349 NE 19th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** said when she was at the Tri-Rail, the sign for Deerfield Beach only read Deerfield, Florida; she asked that staff find out why it does not read Deerfield Beach, Florida. She said Angela Comodo passed away last night and was an avid beach supporter. Further, Ms. Masi objected to the location where the sea oats were planted and expressed concern with beach access due to the sea oats. When visiting the beach, people have to take designated routes to get to the water, instead of having open accessibility. She asked who was responsible for the planting.

Mayor Ganz said all questions would be answered later.

**Glenn Sullivan, 2377 Deer Creek Trail, Deerfield Beach,** said the Commission met on January 17th regarding the schools in the City. He said there was discussion that a bus would be used to transport residents to the (School Board) meeting as the condition of the schools is likely the number 1 priority in the City. He recommended having a standard agenda item at the meetings to discuss what is being done to advance the improvement of the schools. If nothing is being done, the item can be passed over. Mr. Sullivan said the residents should be made aware of what is happening at the schools and even though he does not have children, a good education is important for the children.

**Jerry Lee, 4311 Crystal Lake Drive, #302, Deerfield Beach,** expressed dissatisfaction with replacing the Crystal Lake Golf Club, which was previously a thriving community, boasting two (2) golf courses; whereby, it is in need of revitalization to save the last golf course. The highest and best use of this land is to leave it status quo, as a golf course. Last September, during a City Commission meeting, despite the many objections to the project, the former commission passed the first of two (2) stages to change the zoning laws for housing development to take place of the golf course which should not have been allowed. Moreover, if the owners of the golf course are unable to operate with a profit, just like any other business, they should sell out and the City needs to purchase the property. A Deerfield Beach Municipal Country Club will be a great enhancement for the City. He said Crystal Lake Golf Course is the last affordable golf course available to the public; all others have been annihilated. Mr. Lee continued to explain how the golf course could be saved. In closing, Mr. Lee asked that the Commission call for a moratorium on the construction of the golf course land.

**Richard Rosenzweig, 97 Farnham E, Deerfield Beach,** said Honor Flights is a program that sends veterans to Washington DC. Saturday is the first flight this year and will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return April 8th at 8:00 p.m. He said it is a great event to see the veterans and the support given to them by volunteers welcoming them back. He encouraged people to attend the event Saturday night to welcome the veterans back. In response to Mr. Lee, Mr. Rosenzweig said there is a golf course at the Deer Creek Country Club.

**Elise Miller, 1998 NE 7th Street, Deerfield Beach,** said she understands why people do not want the sea oats, but when there are windy storms, a lot of sand is being blown into the street and onto the grass. Currently, any sand that blows into the gutter has to be disposed of. The Parks Department does not always blow the sand back onto the beach as it is very difficult; thus, sand is being lost. While people want to preserve the beauty of the beach and see the water, sand is being lost. The purpose of sea oats is to hold on the sand; if sand is continually lost, there will not be a beach. Ms. Miller commented on plants along the beach that are holding the sand and where there are no plants, the sand goes down by 5 feet. In closing, Ms. Miller said if nothing is done to protect the beaches, they will be lost throughout the Country.

**Barbara Moriarty, 617 Emerald Way West, Deerfield Beach,** said she lived in Crystal Lake and played at the golf course this past week and is disappointed to see it destroyed. She said when people retire, they will look for golf courses, but will not be able to find any. Lastly, Ms. Moriarty said it saddens her that open space is being given away.

**Phyllis Mavrikis, 333 NE 21st Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** said sea oats can grow up to 6 feet which would block views and it is against the law to cut them. Further, she asked for another type of plant to prevent the sand from blowing away.

**Amie Kay Tanner, 111 SE 5th Avenue, Deerfield Beach,** said Barbara Miranda passed away two (2) days ago. Ms. Miranda championed for a community garden.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS - 1ST READING**

3. P.H. 2017-056: Ordinance 2017/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 98-3 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ADDING DEFINITIONS RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA; AMENDING SECTION 98-44 PROVIDING THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS IS PERMITTED UNDER BOTH FEDERAL LAW AND STATE LAW, MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL CENTERS AND THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS SHALL BE PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS; AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 98-56(A) I-INDUSTRIAL AND (C) AND 98-56B(C) I-2 LIMITED HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ADDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL CENTERS AS A CONDITIONAL USE IF THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS IS PERMITTED UNDER BOTH FEDERAL LAW AND STATE LAW; AMENDING SECTION 98-85 REPLACING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WITH SPECIAL MASTER; CREATING ARTICLE X. MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL CENTERS PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA RETAIL CENTERS IF THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR CANNABIS IS SUBSEQUENTLY PERMITTED UNDER BOTH FEDERAL LAW AND STATE LAW; AMENDING SCHEDULE B. OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

PROVIDING ONE PARKING SPACE PER 200 GROSS SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA; 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.

MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller and seconded by Commissioner Drosky to approve the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

**Glenn Sullivan, 2377 Deer Creek Trail, Deerfield Beach**, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. In November, 2016, 71% of Florida citizens voted for an amendment to the Florida Constitution which was passed and now allows medicinal marijuana. He explained why medical marijuana is allowed and what type of diseases it is used to treat. He said by barring dispensaries, it impacts those with the least ability to travel and get help with their condition. Mr. Sullivan asked what risk the City takes on if the ordinance is not approved.

**Dave Mirantz, 9841 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs**, commented on plans the City has for economic development and his hopes that everything proceeds as planned. He said personally, marijuana should be illegalized but until that happens, it behooves the City Commission to make sure there is a comprehensive plan of how this community is developed; whereby, the Commission has the right to exclude or attract certain types of development that coincide with future development plans. In closing, Mr. Mirantz spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Miller read from staff's memorandum concerning the proposed ordinance; whereas, the proposed ordinance provides for the location and permitting of medical facilities. The ordinance does not prevent the facilities, but allows the Commission to regulate the location. There is wisdom in not having the facilities all over the City; further, it does not prevent medical marijuana from being sold. Once passed by both Federal and State Governments, it can be addressed at that time.

Commissioner Parness spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. He said today, the Senate passed a bill, whereby the drug cannot be eaten or smoked, but can be used for medicine as an oil. Thereafter, he commented on other legal drugs and habits such as alcohol and cigarettes. Moreover, Commissioner Parness commented on ways the drug could help people. He said the Federal Government may never approve it and many states have changed their Constitution. While 71% of the citizens voted in favor of medical marijuana, he asked that this also be regulated the same way other business entities are regulated. Commissioner Parness said the City needs to take action.

Commissioner Battle agreed with Commissioner Parness. She explained that there are challenges in dealing with insurance companies to find relief from medical issues in order to have a greater quality of life. If the ordinance passes, the notion is that the City will wait for the Federal and State Government, but by the time that happens, there will be nothing, which is unacceptable. Commissioner Battle said she would be remiss in her responsibilities if she supported the

ordinance.

Commissioner Drosky said he supports the proposed ordinance, which is a moratorium. He explained that in 2005, the United States Supreme Court ruled in the case of *Gonzalez v. Reich* that marijuana is a controlled substance and is in the sole jurisdiction of the Federal Government to regulate. When State Law conflicts with Federal Law, Federal Law shall prevail. The Constitutional Amendment passed by Florida voters conflicts with the Federal Act; thus, it is extremely possible that the proposed ordinance and State Law conflicts with Federal Law. He said it is prudent to impose the moratorium until there is harmony between the two laws.

Mayor Ganz said he believes in the medicinal benefits of marijuana. While he understands the need to impose restrictions, especially after having issues with pill mills, he does not want to prevent what Florida voters supported. Additionally, the problem with the proposed ordinance is the conflict between Federal and State Government and waiting for them to agree. Mayor Ganz said if the ordinance is approved, there should be limitations of where the facilities should be. He does not agree that the Commission wait until Federal and State governments are aligned, but there should be regulation for the City. After talking with people throughout the City, people are in favor of medical marijuana.

Vice Mayor Miller said he is not against medical marijuana, but wants the City to have regulating ability on where the dispensaries are located. He asked if the proposed ordinance is amended to indicate State only, would it give the City ability to regulate locations.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said he would not recommend redrafting at this moment, but the ordinance can be recast so that it is not dependent on reconciliation of Federal and State Law, then adopt all other restrictions. He suggested that the ordinance either be defeated or tabled indefinitely.

Commissioner Parness said the State is working on passing a bill which may end up being very restrictive; the only known at this time is that it cannot be eaten or smoked. Further, medical marijuana does not contain the chemical content to get people high. The Commission owes it to the people that are in pain to wait until the State Law comes out to see how it will be grown and dispensed. Then restrictions can be implemented. Lastly, Commissioner Parness asked to wait on what the law is before a decision is made.

Commissioner Battle agreed with Vice Mayor Miller and recommended waiting on the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Ganz said if the Commission decides to table it, it would trump the motion.

Commissioner Drosky said he concurs with tabling it and visiting later.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to table Item 3 indefinitely. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

4. P.H. 2017-063: Ordinance 2017/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMITTAL, PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT FOR LOCATION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS AND ANTENNAS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF MORATORIUM AND EXTENSION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance was read by title only.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, explained the purpose of the ordinance and said there are bills pending in the Florida legislature and there is a need to review all matters dealing with telecommunication towers on private properties and in the rights of way, uniformly.

Mayor Ganz opened the public hearing.

**Glenn Sullivan, 2377 Deer Creek Trail, Deerfield Beach,** said with the proliferation frequencies, he recommended engineering assistance to map the frequencies that are in the towers so that future towers do not interfere with the current towers. Lastly, he said there is a likelihood of interference as frequencies and usages increase.

**Richard Rosenzweig, 97 Farnham E, Deerfield Beach,** said the communications issue is currently under review by the State, which will take away the cities' rights regarding installation, location and at whose expense. He said the City needs to fight against the State taking away Home Rule.

Mayor Ganz closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Drosky said this issue goes back to the 2006 Nextel cell phone tower debacle and is very sensitive to the City. He explained that Tallahassee is trying to take away cities' ability to regulate telecommunications; therefore, he spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Parness said the Commission should wait to see what the State does because rushing forward could be counteractive.

Commissioner Battle spoke in support of the moratorium. She said Item 9 is similar to the moratorium, because it opposes Senate Bill 596 which preempts local governments from regulating the placement of small or micro wireless antennas. The League of Cities is opposed to this particular issue; therefore, she asked that the Commission support Item 9 and the proposed ordinance. Lastly, Commissioner Battle said this ordinance would allow the City to have more control over where the antennas are placed in the City.

Mayor Ganz said the City has a comprehensive telecommunications ordinance due to past scenarios. He said the telecommunications ordinance was revised a few years ago and quite possibly should be reviewed again.



**MOTION was made by Commissioner Battle, seconded by Vice Mayor Miller, to approve Item 4 on first reading. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to discuss Items 6, 8 and 9.

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

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve Items 5 & 7 of the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

5. Resolution 2017/029 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, confirming the election results for members to the Board of Trustees Firemen's Pension Trust Fund.
6. Resolution 2017/030 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, approving the agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide professional services for the preparation of a design criteria package associated with the rehabilitation of the Middle School Aquatics Center as part of their continuing services agreement in the amount of \$84,010.00. (Funds from Account #001-0215-519-60-21 - Buildings [\$84,010.00])

Commissioner Battle said she has received information from people in the community concerning piggyback or renewable contracts. When contracts are done this way, it seems that other businesses are not allowed to do business with the City; therefore, she asked that from this point on, staff provide the length of time the City has been doing business with the company. Additionally, she said she does not want the public to feel that other businesses are not given an opportunity to work with the City.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said this item is for the design, not the construction.

David Santucci, Assistant City Manager, said he will touch base with Commissioner Battle to specify the type of information she would like. This work authorization was based on a competitively solicited proposal from 2013 which was recently renewed. During the renewal, the City Commission provided direction to rebid solicitation through the request for qualifications process. The evaluation committee has been selected and staff is now in the process of resoliciting. Mr. Santucci explained that this is the pool of architectural, engineering and surveying consultants pursuant to Florida Statutes who can be retained on a continuing services contract based on different disciplines required throughout the City. It is in the City's best interest to hold on to these consultants because the process takes a long time, but in December, the

contract will expire and will thereafter be rebid. He said the item is for design specifications, lead to construction, but does not include the actual construction project which will be competitively bid.

Commissioner Battle said she does not want to stymie staff, but wants to know how many more times a particular company can bid on a contract. On some of the contracts, it seems the same contractors are continuously awarded bids and impedes others from doing business with the City. She asked that background information highlight whether a company was awarded a bid and when, when the new bid is forthcoming and whether the current company can again participate in the bidding process. She said with the same company always winning the bid, it does not look good to the company.

Vice Mayor Miller said when a service company is performing well, meets expectations and submits a low bid, it benefits the City to continue working with them instead of limiting their years.

After the motion, Mayor Ganz said the City has a robust committee system that vets very well. When first elected, it was during the economic decline and historically witnessed the City rubber stamp renewals on a regular basis. That did not work in the best interest of the City because the contracts were approved when the economy was booming. As the economy started turning, the Commission made changes to ensure the bidding process. When the economy went down, prices were better and people were more willing to closely examine the proposal. A few of the renewed contracts reflect contract pricing acquired during part of the economic downturn which reflects well for the City. There are not a lot of instant renewals, but what is odd about this is that the most effective approach to this project is to hire a consultant, Stantec, to establish the scope of services to be provided by a design build team and create bid documents so the City can advertise for competitive bids among pool contractors. He said the design team is helping mold the new proposal which they will not bid; as consultants should not be bidding on work that will be done.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to approve Item 6, adopted Resolution 2017/030. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

7. Resolution 2017/031 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, authorizing the use of funds in the total amount of up to \$3,500.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for a program which meets the statutory requirements of Section 932.7055, F.S.; and providing for an effective date.
8. ORDINANCE 2017/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 46-37, DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION AND CANVASSING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, ADDING DEFINITIONS OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION, AMENDING THE HOURS OF SOLICITATION AND PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR NON-COMMERCIAL ENTITIES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, CONTAINING A PROVISION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Ganz said he has a concern about the door-to-door solicitation and canvassing amendment and asked that the item be tabled.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, concurred.

**MOTION was made by Vice Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Battle, to table Item 8 indefinitely. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

9. Resolution 2017/032 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature and the Florida Governor to oppose CS/SB 596 which preempts local governments from regulating the placement of "small" or "micro" wireless antennas and equipment on public buildings, public rights-of-way; providing direction to City Officials; providing for an effective date.

The Resolution was read by title only.

Commissioner Drosky said this item ties into the telecommunications moratorium from earlier. He explained that Tallahassee has pending bills that negatively impact the cities; Senate Bill 596 preempts local governments from regulating the placement of small or micro wireless antennas and equipment on public buildings or public rights-of-way. He asked that the Commission support the proposed resolution.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Vice Mayor Miller, to approve Item 9, adopted Resolution 2017/032. Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

## PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Chad Grescek, Director of Sustainable Management, regarding beach dunes and sea oats.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, asked that a presentation be given regarding the dune plantings and the timelines.

Chad Grescek, Director of Sustainable Management, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the dune installation. Mr. Grescek said during his presentation, he will explain why dunes are installed, dunes at the beach and why certain areas have dunes and others do not. He said in 2012, beaches generated approximately \$50 billion in annual revenue; 810 million people visit the beaches and it is the #1 tourist attraction. The problem is that the beaches are being threatened and 60% are eroding on average, 1 to 2 feet per year and 50% are considered critically eroded. There are obviously unknown threats such as storms, sea level rise and climate change which are not fully understood at this point and time. The government is promoting resiliency and establishing dune maintenance and projects are consistent with those plans. To manage these threats, cities perform beach nourishment projects; whereby, Fort Lauderdale just

finished a \$55 million beach nourishment project.

Mayor Ganz said he appreciates the information being presented as it makes a case for why dunes are needed, but it does not explain the current situation. In 2012, the Commission voted to limit sea oats to certain areas and now it appears that they have been planted beyond those boundaries. He said there are a lot of methodologies to combat erosion on the beach, but he asked that the conversation be limited to why the sea oats were planted in unspecified locations and how to resolve it.

Mr. Grescek said on August 11, 2015, during a City Commission meeting, staff brought forward a request to the City Commission to provide a letter of support to put together a dune restoration project grant application to Broward County with the purpose of developing and adopting a dune management plan. The plan was intended to increase resiliency of the natural coastal ecosystem as well as protect the coast line of the coastal economy, which was presented and approved by a 5-0 vote. The second step, on August 18, 2015, staff brought forward a request to consider a grant application which was also approved to install dune vegetation. The final item was presented on February 2, 2016 and provided a resolution to approve the Broward County grant agreement. He said he understands how sensitive this topic is and would not have made any changes without the City Commission authorizing the proposed activities.

Mayor Ganz asked if the February 2016 approval for the grant agreement included placing sea oats in the questionable area.

Mr. Grescek replied yes, as well as prior approvals.

Mayor Ganz said when the approval for the grant agreement came forward, he asked if this was the designated area for the sea oats.

Mr. Grescek replied that he believes there were several recommendations in the grant application and believes the agreement stipulated that there may be some flexibility associated with the locations; however, he said most of the locations included were in the grant application. The one that may not have been included might have been the most recent one; the City's intention was to continue the projects done contiguously. Mr. Grescek explained that staff tried to contact a property owner to seek permission for planting in a particular area and when they could not, the sea oats were planted further north on public property.

Mr. Hanson said staff is very aware of what the Commission and residents discussed in 2012 and it was not staff's intent to plant north of the designated area; moreover, there are no future plans for dunes elsewhere. He apologized for the presentation because he wanted to give the audience background on the project. Additionally, he asked that Mr. Grescek show the photographs taken on the beach.

Mr. Grescek said the depicted photos were taken yesterday morning as there is a lot of debate regarding impacts to view, which he outlined. He said both the dune and berm have minimal impact.

Mayor Ganz clarified that the designated location was not previously approved during the original

grant.

Mr. Grescek replied that the grant master plan was to review the entire City.

Mayor Ganz said in 2012, the Commission knew sea oats were an issue, and did not want to plant them in other areas, but only limited them to where the DEP permit requires. The plantings have gone beyond that and he does not understand why and asked how it can be rectified.

Mr. Grescek said one (1) option is not to remove them because the DEP regulates resources and once dunes are planted, they are considered both an economic value and environmental value for nesting turtles. He said it is a protected resource and is now regulated by DEP.

Mayor Ganz said in simple terms, it cannot be removed.

Mr. Grescek replied yes, that is correct.

Mayor Ganz expressed dissatisfaction with the current location.

Mr. Grescek said the items brought forward after the 2012 meeting were meant to receive Commission authorization to look into dune planting.

Mayor Ganz said the issue should have been vetted with the residents through workshops. While there are many different solutions to beach erosion, including building a wall on the beach which he is not in favor of. There are a great deal of costs associated with keeping sand on the beach, but the approach is different than just planting sea oats. He said this is a big issue with him and is not sure how to rectify it; nonetheless, this goes back to the base problem that once something is voted on, that there be an agreement to adhere to the decision instead of usurping it.

Mr. Hanson said staff has no intention of going any further north and does not believe it was a deliberate intent to go around the 2012 decision.

Commissioner Drosky asked where the sea oats were supposed to be planted under the permit, versus where they are now.

Mr. Grescek said he does not have a viewable map. He reiterated that the planting to the north was not specifically included but was added because staff did not receive permission from the private property owner.

Commissioner Battle said she would like more information and said the beach previously had sea oats to keep the sand from flying away. The problem is that if residents are promised something, the City should deliver. Since they cannot be dug up, she suggested having a workshop to obtain more information. Lastly, Commissioner Battle said she needs more information so she is able to respond to residents intelligently.

Mr. Grescek commented on the drawing, which represents 90% of what was planted. In mentioning flexibility in the grant application, part of the flexibility was to place the vegetation in areas where there was windblown sand.

Mayor Ganz said the original grant application showed a potential location where weddings are held which would not be a controversial area. The Commission was asked to support a grant application then approve the agreement with potential sites. Site A is the south end of the public beach where the wedding pavilion is located, which does not have a dune. He reiterated that this area would be less controversial than the suggested area. He said he does not recall saying the dunes could be put in the north area and after seeing the potential sites, believed the dunes were to be planted south. He asked if the sea oats can be relocated, not removed and destroyed.

Mr. Grescek said it may be a possibility that he will speak with the agency about.

Mayor Ganz also recommended a workshop to figure out how to approach beach erosion. He said staff has made the beach phenomenal and it would not be without staff's dedication and hard work. However, there is room for improvement and there should be other methods to protect against beach erosion. Lastly, he reiterated possibly relocating the sea oats.

Mr. Grescek said staff did not intend to go against the Commission and residents' desires.

Mayor Ganz said his comments are not an attack on staff, but there was a lack of sensitivity on this and both Commission and staff should have known it would be an issue. His most important criticism is that the grant application did not warrant planting in the north beach area.

Vice Mayor Miller clarified that the sea oats would be relocated to the wedding pavilion on the south side.

Mr. Hanson replied yes.

Mr. Grescek reiterated that he is not absolutely sure the agency will allow it, but will look into it.

Vice Mayor Miller said the lot in the north area, where staff tried to obtain owner permission, had a sign and phone number to sell the property; thus, staff should be able to contact the owner now. Additionally, if the sea oats cannot be relocated to the south end, maybe that location could be a possibility.

Mayor Ganz said the location by the wedding area is a possibility, but the concern is whether DEP allows the relocation.

Vice Mayor Miller asked that there be additional discussion if DEP allows a relocation.

Mr. Grescek replied yes. As part of the strategic planning process, occurring later this year, beach management needs to be a topic and hopefully this item can be discussed with direction to future projects if any.

Vice Mayor Miller asked that a workshop be in the spring.

Mayor Ganz asked that the relocation be investigated as soon as possible.

Mr. Hanson said the Commission should know that regulatory agencies will be looking for this type of measure, especially FEMA. If a city receives any beach renourishment funding or reimbursement, it will be required to provide vegetation.

Mayor Ganz said this shows the need for a workshop to determine what others are doing and various ways to protect a vital asset.

Commissioner Parness asked how soon staff would talk with the regulatory agencies about the feasibility of the relocation.

Mr. Grescek replied tomorrow and the Commissioners will be notified via memo.

Mr. Hanson said if DEP denies the request, staff will try to use as many resources in Tallahassee to make the relocation possible; however, they are still in session so it may take some time.

## 2. Presentation regarding the Kingfisher Canal by the Director of Environmental Services.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said staff has prepared a presentation regarding the Kingfisher Canal which provides information on what actions have been undertaken and upcoming actions.

Tom Good, Director of Environmental Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Kingfisher Canal.

Presentation Overview - Mr. Good provided an outline of what to expect during the presentation. Urban stormwater management provides staff with the ability to understand the totality of the canal system and what improvements can be made. The presentation will be finalized with a cost summary.

Development Evolution - Mr. Good provided an extensive study on the earth's natural reaction to rain regarding absorption and runoff. When it rains, the water will either penetrate impervious (roads) or pervious surfaces (grass). With impervious surfaces, it becomes stormwater runoff. Thereafter, he provided photographs of existing lands from Cutler Bay, Pinecrest and Deerfield Beach, and how the water flows when there is land and/or development. Currently, about 60% of the City's water is runoff and cannot go anywhere except a water body.

Urban Stormwater Management - Mr. Good said pre-1970s, development started reaching a level that started area flooding which turned efforts to drainage in an effort to move water quicker. As time progressed, moving untreated water started creating impaired water. Around 2000, the EPA passed a ruling that reduces pollutant loadings to water bodies throughout best management practices (BMP); which includes construction site runoff. With federal and state rules constantly changing, there will be more demand on limiting storm water runoff by capturing the water and reusing rain water in the future. Needless to say, stormwater management is much more than drainage and is expanding considerably.

Stormwater System Overview - Mr. Good highlighted the drainage system located east of Dixie Highway which includes the Kingfisher Canal. Thereafter, he asked that Mr. Bardes provide information on performance measures for the canal.

Water Quality Measures - Patrick Bardes, Coastal & Waterways Coordinator, highlighted tasks that have been undertaken since 2014: dredged approximately 1,000 cubic yards of sand to reduce sediment and enhance navigation; conducted multiple water quality studies and analyses; hired Stantec to perform an outfall pollution control study of the westernmost outfalls; smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system; installed aerators in the Kingfisher Canal, west of the 12th Avenue bridge; performed another hydrographic survey last year to ensure a sufficient sediment depth; staff performs weekly water sampling; and the Sanitation Division collects litter from the waterway.

Public Information/Education Efforts - Mr. Bardes said with the help and support of the Marine Advisory Board, staff has implemented public information efforts: installation of "no dumping: drains to waterways" placards on every catch basin east of Federal Highway; the City Commission adopted a litter and waterways ordinance for enforcement as well as others.

Summary of Expenditures (2014 - 2016) - Mr. Bardes said approximately \$250,000 has been expended since 2014 on the Kingfisher Canal, especially the westernmost portion and the two (2) outfalls.

*Mr. Bardes turned the presentation back over to Mr. Good.*

Kingfisher Stormwater Management - Mr. Good said while improvements have been made over the past 18 years, there is still more to go. Mr. Good outlined an image of the Kingfisher Canal's location and the drainage system which discharges into the head of the canal, in yellow.

Areas for Improvements - Mr. Good displayed locations for the 72" and 24" outfall structures, whereas, the photos were taken 10 days ago, to illustrate current conditions. While investigating the 72" line that crosses over the bank parking lot, a depression was noticed and needs to be addressed.

Potential Improvement Alternative #1 - Mr. Good provided different options for stormwater management. One of the tools utilizes a screen that stops debris from traveling downstream. The screen can be wrapped with a biofilter to help with oils from flowing through the system; however, it is used for smaller systems.

Potential Improvement Alternative #2 - The next device Mr. Good showcased, the Continuous Deflective Separation (CDS) unit, would be used for pollution control. He said the system captures for high flows, solid debris and sedimentation sinks to the bottom of the tank which has to be cleaned out periodically. He said the system keeps the debris down to the size of a cigarette butt and will not impact any stormwater flows because it has an automatic bypass when there are high flows in a storm event.

Continuing, Mr. Good said staff is in the pre-design phase and would like support for the CDS unit and tie the 24" and 72" on at the 9th Avenue location. The unit is very large and may be too large to sit in the roadway, but staff is trying to determine if the CDS can sit in the roadway without disturbing the structural integrity of the headwall and without encroaching on private property that



abuts the right-of-way. Since the 24" pipe serves a much smaller area than the 72" pipe, the second solution would include placing a smaller screen at the upstream location because it has a smaller flow and where staff believes there will be repairs, that is where the CDS unit will be placed.

Potential Improvements Schedule for 2017 - 2018 - Mr. Good outlined the stages of the project; currently, in pre-design stage. At the beginning of May 2017, staff should be able to go into final design and the first part of July, permitting will begin with several agencies. The procurement process will likely begin in September, followed by construction in December.

Cumulative Cost Summary - Mr. Good said from 2006 - 2008, repair activities to the canal cost approximately \$145,000; from 2014 - 2016, \$250,000 and the potential improvement is approximately \$330,000. Any construction needs will be presented to the Commission for consideration. In closing, Mr. Good said this is a small part of the overall system in the City and taking these actions will manage the waterway systems.

Mayor Ganz said there was a list presented to the Commission of about 10 things and asked the outcome.

Mr. Bardes replied that a majority of the items have been completed or are ongoing. The Sanitation Division continues to clean the canal and the Department of Environmental Services is still identifying potential pollution controls.

Mayor Ganz asked that the Commission be provided with that list, although some of the tasks have been completed, promises were made to the residents. Mayor Ganz said booms were done in the canals within the last four (4) years. He asked if there are any other 72" pipes in the City.

Mr. Good replied no, that is the largest pipe in the City.

Mayor Ganz clarified that the CDS would be attached to the 72" pipe and the screen would be used for the 24" pipe.

Mr. Good replied yes. If the 72" and 24" could be fit in a single structure, at the one location, that would be beneficial; it could be one or the other.

Vice Mayor Miller said the demonstration appears to only collect large, solid debris, but not oil.

Mr. Good said the unit does capture oils; he explained how it would work. Even the smallest particles would not pollute the waterway. Thereafter, Mr. Good entertained questions from Vice Mayor Miller concerning other drains and canal systems. In terms of costs, Mr. Good said either solution would cost \$330,000. Furthermore, regulatory agencies have tightened the rules every year and now almost every city in Broward County has impaired water that has to be repaired; however, Deerfield Beach is not on the impaired water list.

Vice Mayor Miller spoke in support of the system and recommended starting installation.

Commissioner Battle asked for the life expectancy of the unit.

Mr. Good replied approximately 25 to 30 years at a cost of \$330,000.

Commissioner Battle asked if the Commission is prepared to provide a similar alternative for other canals should it become necessary.

Mayor Ganz said he asked for discussion on this item because it has been four (4) years since requests and promises were made and wanted to see what developed. Funds have been budgeted in the current fiscal year budget; obviously, more money will be needed in the next fiscal year to accomplish intended goals. He said he would like to assure that any promises made in the future will be fulfilled.

## **COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY**

### **CITY MANAGER**

No Report.

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Town of Hillsboro Beach - Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said the Town of Hillsboro Beach may be filing a suit against the City regarding the beach issues; the erosion conditions on private beaches within the town. On behalf of the private beach owners, they intend to sue the City over permits that were issued to the City for revetment groins in the 1960s and 1970s. However, the Town informed the City only two (2) years ago that they object to the groins. The Town asked that a solution be provided by April 24th and if it is not accepted, a formal suit will follow. If a formal suit is received, it will be addressed at that time.

## **COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSIONERS**

### **VICE MAYOR MILLER**

#### **DISTRICT 1**

Sullivan Park - Vice Mayor Miller said Sullivan Park is typically full over the weekends, but a resident told him that a lot of people are upset that the open area cannot be used for parking. He said while he is aware that FDOT only allows use of the area during special events, there should be a way to use the parking area over the weekends. He asked that the administration find out if FDOT will provide a remedy to the problem.

Ban on Polystyrene - Vice Mayor Miller said last year, he brought to the Commission the idea of banning styrofoam in the City. He asked that the Commission do research on this product because it does not break down, is a pollutant and has negative impact on the environment. Vice Mayor Miller said he will bring forward an item to ban styrofoam, but wants the Commission to have time to research it. It was previously tabled because there was an assumption that it could be recycled, but it failed. Lastly, he said this falls in line with being a good steward over the City.

### **COMMISSIONER BATTLE**

#### **DISTRICT 2**

Women's History Brunch - Commissioner Battle said the Women's History Brunch was very successful; whereby, it has grown from 25 to over 100 people. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Police Patrol - Commissioner Battle said due to the construction on Hillsboro Boulevard, people are detouring to Natura Boulevard. Traffic is very congested; thus, the area needs to be patrolled, as well as on Martin Luther King due to a recent accident. Although the MPO has road plans for MLK, it continues to be pushed back.

E-mails - Commissioner Battle said the Commission continues to receive emails from residents near 834 SE 4th Street. The Commission is looking into the noise pollution after hours and throughout the night.

Landscape Ordinance - Commissioner Battle asked for an update regarding the landscape ordinance because a resident wants to install artificial turf.

Eric Power, Director of Planning & Development Services, said staff is working on a comprehensive code change for the entire Code. As stated last year, residential and residential landscape will be first, hopefully May or June.

#### **COMMISSIONER PARNES**

#### **DISTRICT 3**

Civil Meeting - Commissioner Parnes thanked everyone for their participation in a civil meeting. He said you can have heated discussions and difference of opinions, but as adults which was proven tonight.

#### **COMMISSIONER DROSKY**

#### **DISTRICT 4**

Saturday Office Hours - Commissioner Drosky thanked those who met with him on Saturday. He said he will have office hours at City Hall once a month on the first Saturday of every month; the next date is scheduled May 6th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FDOT PD&E Study - Commissioner Drosky reminded everyone that the FDOT will be holding the makeup meeting regarding SW 10th Street for the segment including I-95 and Hillsboro Boulevard at the Doubletree Hotel on Thursday, April 6th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. He said the meeting will not focus on the corridor, everything connects with this project. He said this will be a tsunami for Deerfield Beach because the Sawgrass interchange and corridor and I-95 interchange are all related. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Proposed Bills - Commissioner Drosky said Senate Bill 80 and House Bill 163 regard public records. Currently, there is an exemption to the public records that allows frivolous individuals to take advantage of the public records. SB80 passed unanimously last week and now HB163 is set to be heard on Thursday by the Government Accountability Committee. If it is found that an individual is seeking public records for an improper purpose, a court may award against the complainant, the individual, as to the agency, reasonable costs including attorney fees and expenses incurred by the agency. This would be a benefit to the cities going forward.

Commissioner Drosky said SB1770 is an attack on CRAs and he would like to go on record for opposing this bill.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, commented on the Commission being able to send a letter of opposition.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Drosky, seconded by Vice Mayor Miller, to send a letter opposing SB1770 regarding the early sunset of CRAs in the state. Voice Vote:**

**Yeas:** 5 - Commissioner Battle, Commissioner Drosky, Commissioner Parness, Vice Mayor Miller, and Mayor Ganz

**Nays:** 0

Commissioner Drosky said the bill would sunset CRAs as of July 1, 2017. There are some exceptions, but not many as it is very strict.

Coastal Geology - Commissioner Drosky said the City currently does not have a beach renourishment fund. Instead of waiting for perils against the beach, then paying, the City would be saving and putting money aside on a regular basis. He asked that the City Manager start earmarking monies from certain revenues without any additional taxes to the residents.

Villages of Hillsboro Park - Commissioner Drosky said design plans for the boat ramp at Villages of Hillsboro Park are 50% complete and should be 100% complete by April 16, 2017.

Code Enforcement Workshop - Commissioner Drosky said he is working on details on how to conduct a Code Enforcement workshop which may be incorporated into a District 4 meeting or having a second workshop; the details are being vetted with the City Manager.

Meeting Start Time - Commissioner Drosky said he has heard several people say it is difficult to remember that the Commission Meetings start time of 6:45 p.m. He asked that it be placed on the next agenda to discuss a proper start time.

Mr. Maurodis said the Commission would have to amend the rules of procedure.

Upcoming Commission Meeting - Commissioner Drosky said the next Commission meeting will be held after the Easter and Passover holidays. He wished everyone happy holidays.

*The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.*

There was a brief discussion regarding the start time for the Commission meeting; the consensus was to discuss 7:00 p.m. as the start time at the next meeting.

Commissioner Battle said she recalls receiving an e-mail today that SB1770 was passed; there were three (3) no votes. She asked that the City Manager make sure the letter is not going out too late.

**MAYOR BILL GANZ**

Short Term Rental Properties Ordinance - Mayor Ganz said he would like the City Attorney to begin the process for an ordinance on short term rental properties because there are a lot of issues with people renting out residential homes for vacation use which creates issues in residential neighborhoods.

Reasonable Accommodations Group Homes - Mayor Ganz also asked for an ordinance concerning the recertification for group homes who have received reasonable accommodations. Under the ADA, with a reasonable accommodation, three (3) or more unrelated people are allowed to reside in a residence. The City is limited in what can be done with group homes and does not want to jeopardize that; however, the ordinance would protect the residents by requiring recertification on a regular basis to make sure those who received reasonable accommodations are living up to their requirements.

Public Hearing - Mayor Ganz asked how the Commission would like to handle when the public speaks on items that have a first reading; hear from the public first then make comments or vice versa. If the Commission comments first, the public has an opportunity to understand the Commission's opinion and hopefully offer helpful comments afterward.

It was the consensus of the Commission to allow the Commission to comment first, followed by the public.

Commissioner Battle said SB188 comes up on Monday. She asked whether the Commission wishes to take action now or wait on an ordinance to see what happens with the bill.

Mayor Ganz said since the City has worked on the bill and is in the process of an ordinance, it should be presented and then determine whether there are any contradictions with the State.

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney, said staff will develop the ordinance and with the time it takes to pass an ordinance on two (2) readings, it would probably be right in line with the Legislature.

Barbara Miranda - Mayor Ganz said he was saddened to hear about Barbara Miranda who started out as the Raging Granny who was consistent and passionate about her beliefs without wavering.

Schools - Mayor Ganz said the Commission needs to figure out its approach. While the City has limited power, we also have the ability to persuade the residents. The Commission cannot do anything alone; the residents are needed to put pressure on the School Board and the Superintendent to make sure the City's issues are being addressed. Mayor Ganz said the school system is a determining factor in people wanting to reside and remain in the City. The public is paying a great deal of money for what was approved to allow the School Board to invest and improve the schools which is not happening. He reiterated that the Commission and residents must work together to get things accomplished with the School Board.

Medical Emergency - Mayor Ganz thanked Penny Frantella for her quick thinking during a medical emergency tonight.

Tri-Rail Naming - Mayor Ganz said the name at the Tri-Rail should be changed from Deerfield to Deerfield Beach.

Burgess Hanson, City Manager, said there could be a historical reference, because it is a train station, but he will check with the Historical Society. It could have been called the Deerfield Station before 1925.

Haitian Flag Day - Mayor Ganz said May 18th is Haitian Flag Day which is almost like the 4th of July. It is celebrated by the Haitian community throughout the world and asked that the day be recognized in some measure as it would go a long way.

Presentations - Mayor Ganz said he would like the Commission to come off the dais, greet the honorees and give them an opportunity to have their picture taken with the Commission.

Improvements to Infrastructure - Mayor Ganz said over the past several years, he has spoken to people about LEED certified buildings and feels like the City has stalled. There is an amazing facility on the beach, it should have been the first step in continuing forward. He recommended going back in that direction, if so desired.

Sullivan Park Parking Spaces - Mayor Ganz suggested partnering with service groups or the Historical Society and have a small special event to warrant the need for special event parking.

Civil Meetings - Mayor Ganz thanked Commissioner Parness for his comments as this meeting has proven that the Commission can have constructive and not destructive debate.

Country Music Festival - Mayor Ganz said the Country Music Festival will be held on April 15th at the beach; information is on the City's website.

Social Media - Mayor Ganz said his Facebook page is forth coming as well as e-mail alerts. Additionally, he is looking into City wide crime alerts.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Vice Mayor Miller and seconded by Commissioner Battle to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: All. NAYS: None.