

DISTRICT 4 MEETING RECAP
JUNE 24, 2010

COMMISSIONER BILL GANZ

Commissioner Ganz reported information **MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization)** has stated the goal in our area is to develop better mass transportation for travelers and not to construct a flyover or widen SW 10th Street.

Burgess Hanson, Interim City Manager announced some changes to city staff with include Kevin Klopp, Acting Assistant City Manager, now oversees the CRA, Economic Development, liaison for Code Enforcement, and the purchasing department. Hugh Dunkley is preparing the city budget in a new format. Pete Suttler is the new Chief of the Broward's Sheriff's Department with Lt. Kevin Grandville (sp?) overseeing Deerfield Beach. Staff assignments have been changed in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Hugh Dukley presented information on the **budget** for the upcoming year. The City is facing a \$16 million deficit. The City will be cutting costs and increasing fees to address this deficit and do not plan on using money in the cash carry forward account as was done last year. Revenues will be lower due to many factors including property tax loss, high unemployment, slowdown in consumer spending (less sales tax revenue coming into the city from the state), and obligations for pension funds. 25% of the budget goes to funding the fire services and 26% goes to funding police services. Deerfield's fire assessment fess is one of the lowest in Broward County.

Donna DeFranzio (sp?) presented information on **NE Focal Point** saying they services children, Alzheimer patients and seniors. The center is open during the day Monday through Friday.

Sgt. Joe Joyce, Code Enforcement, asked residents to call about any violations they see especially graffiti and boxes and trash at the shoe store on Hillsboro. Pictures can be e-mailed to Code Enforcement and will help with actions taken against the property owner. Code enforcement has been successful on a number of violations but the entire process takes time. Any fines imposed or expenses incurred are charge to the property owner as a special assessment which carries more importance than just a lien and the City will get paid when the property is sold. Kevin Klopp is now working as a liaison with Code Enforcement. St. Joyce phone number is 954-480-4241 and Kevin's is 954-480-4222.

Broward Sherriff Chief Pete Sudler stated BSO receives around 200 calls per day for Deerfield. He said residents should be careful and not be a victim of crime – do not leave items in view in vehicles and don't leave vehicles unlocked. Watch for persons at commercial property as criminals are removing back flow preventors and selling them for scrap metal. BSO is also working on scrap metal placing that accept these stolen items.

Kevin Klopp, CRA and Economic Development, stated he is in contact with the owners of the old Burger King on Hillsboro and is available to help with any issues a potential buyer may have. Dunkin Donuts has re-opened and Aldi grocery store is scheduled to open in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,
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