

RECAP OF DISTRICT 4 MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2009

COMMISSIONER BILL GANZ

City Manager, Mike Mahaney, gave an overview of the City's financial status. Copies of his hand outs: Fiscal year 2009/2010 Progress Update and Broward County Cities Comparison of Millage rate and Fire Assessment Fees are attached to this recap. Mike pointed out that the City of Deerfield has maintained Moody's Aa3 rating which is important for obtaining loans if needed. Broward County and it's cities have been affected this year by the additional homestead exemption.

Mike talked about the number of capital improvement projects that are going on in Deerfield. The majority of the projects are being completed with funds not coming from the City's budget. The biggest one being \$40 million in stimulus funds for the Dixie Flyover project. Other projects are outlined in the attached handout.

Mike also pointed out that Deerfield Beach and Tamarac do not charge a utility tax on electricity. If the utility tax is taken into consideration for other cities listed on the chart, Deerfield's tax rate would be the lowest in Broward County.

Keven Klopp, Economic Development Manager, and Commissioner Ganz spoke about new businesses coming into Deerfield. It is confirmed that Aldi Foods will be going into the Books A Million location on West Hillsboro Blvd. This is a discount food store with this being the first one in South Florida. There is no membership fee charged and they do not sell in bulk. They carry their own brand of food items. A children's indoor recreational facility will be opening up on SW 10th Street between SW 24th Ave. and Military Trail. Hopefully Napa Auto Parts will be going into the old Mattress Mart location and Tire Kingdom may be coming back to West Deerfield in another location. The pink building on West Hillsboro has been condemned and the owner will be demolishing the building.

Chief Jay Fernandez, Broward Sheriff's Office, reported that crime is down 10% in Deerfield for the period from January 1 to October 3. Last year crime was down 13%. All areas are down except burglary of conveyance (cars). Valuable items are left in cars and in many cases they are left unlocked. As a deterrent, notes are put on cars to put owners on notice of the problem. Chief Fernandez spoke about how the criminal will make a number of purchases on credit cards taken from cars and will also put the card number out to other criminals who use the account to make purchases on the internet.

Commissioner Ganz reported the FDOT will be putting in curbing and a sidewalk on the north side of SW 10th Street from Powerline Road to Military Trail. Some landscaping will be included in this project. Commissioner Ganz also said that Greg Stewart of the MPO has stated that the flyover on SW 10th Street won't happen although the street may be widened at some time in the future. He also said that CDM is currently completing a study of the water rates that are charged in Deerfield Beach and the Commission should be getting the results in the near future.