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COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. JANUARY 18, 2006

Present: Mayor Naugle
 Commissioners Hutchinson, Moore, Trantalis, and Vice Mayor Teel

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager – George Gretsas
 City Attorney - Harry Stewart
 City Clerk - Jonda K. Joseph
 Sergeant At Arms – Sergeant Chris Reyes

I-A – Proposed Installation of Statues; NE 13 Street Median; 13th Street Business Association

Peter Partington, City Engineer, said that two years ago the City approved a matching grant to the 13th Street Business Association for installation of statues. The match is actually the donation of statues. Issues arose whether they could be located in the median based on certain highway and geometric standards. They think two can be situated, but wanted the Commission to see the statues.

The City Manager said the question is if the Commission wants the statues and where should they be placed.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Mr. Partington explained that the material is not break-away and that is why they are wrestling with placement in the medians. When a removable object is placed close to the travel part of the road, they would be seeking certain setbacks. For two statues, they believe that the medians on 13th Street, each side of the railroad tracks would minimize liability.

Mayor Naugle asked if this location has mountable curbs. He understood that some curbs are made to be driven over.

Mr. Partington said that they would be at locations where there are non-mountable curbs which is helpful as it delivers a lower setback requirement.

Vice Mayor Teel referred to FDOT's concern about the thickness of tree trunks. She asked if FDOT has approved the placement of these statues.

Mr. Partington said this is a City street and no approval is needed from FDOT. The City will issue an engineering permit to the Association however, in reviewing the permit, the City will use FDOT standards. There will be some comfort level with respect to liability in that the City will have met FDOT standards.

Vice Mayor Teel asked what happens if the statues are damaged or stolen. Mr. Partington said that typically in connection with neighborhood projects, the community is required to be responsible for the first \$1,000 of damage, and then the City would be responsible for the remainder. If the statues have a considerable value and cannot be repaired, there could be some cost to the City in trying to replace them. The City

Manager said that the Commission could determine otherwise. In essence the Commission may set policy how it chooses.

Commissioner Moore said that there could be an indemnification whereby the City would not be responsible for any cost in connection with replacing or repairing damaged statues. The City Manager concurred.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that the statues are a gift to the City. Commissioner Trantalis thought it would actually be a hold harmless agreement saying the City is not responsible to replace the art work. He asked about the composition of the statues.

Bunney Brenneman, President of the 13th Street Business Association, said the statues are made of soap stone and material that is found in Zimbabwe. The material can be compared to granite. Through Ms. Brenneman's illustration, Vice Mayor Teel concluded the statues are about six feet in height. Ms. Brenneman indicated that the statues would be placed on pedestals constructed according to the City's guidelines. A steel rod would be placed at the bottom of the base and extend through the sculpture to hold it in place.

Mayor Naugle asked if the statues would be an unreasonable hazard or are they similar to other things in the medians like trees and poles. If they are demolished, the Association would be responsible for their replacement.

Mr. Partington indicated that he would not sign the engineering permit if he felt otherwise.

Commissioner Moore was concerned about accidents and deaths due to the statues being placed in the median.

The City Attorney said the City is adding to its opportunity of a lawsuit. The maximum liability would be \$200,000, but said that there is no limit regarding civil rights. There has been a long history associated with this project due to the consequences that could be attached to it. He referred to a case involving the City of Tamarac, the placement of a rock in the road and a gentleman ran into the rock and sued everyone involved. He had suggested to the City Engineer that the City needs to take precautionary measures. The place and design limits the City's chances of getting sued, but does not eliminate them.

Commissioner Moore asked why a break-away standing is not be used. The City Attorney indicated that was one option and another option was a non-mountable curb. Commissioner Moore asked why both are not being considered.

Mr. Partington said that a break-away stand would be more expensive, and if the statue was to completely break away, then even more damage could be caused. He proceeded to show a photograph of one of the locations where a statue is to be placed and pointed out the utility poles, immovable objects close to the road. It is a balance of risk.

Commissioner Moore questioned whether risk is being heightened because a motorist cannot go to either side of the road or the center. Mr. Partington said yes, any time additional hardware is placed into the right-of-way. Commissioner Moore asked if all possible sites have been reviewed. Mr. Partington said that several sites have been

considered, but they could continue to check various sites. He said this site is close to the business place of the person making the donation. Anytime additional hardware is placed in the right of way, there is an associated risk. One way to deal with the risk is to make sure they are installed in accordance with the prevailing City standards. In this case, the Engineering Division feels it is doable on the sites being considered.

Commissioner Moore said the Business Association should have liability insurance, and he asked if their insurance could be connected to this matter.

The City Attorney said that could be done and indemnification could be requested, but the City is the ultimate deep pocket. He has not discussed this issue with the Association. Mr. Partington said that he had not discussed the issue either. Mayor Naugle could not imagine an insurer underwriting it.

Commissioner Hutchinson supported the project. There would probably be more lawsuits from people tripping on broken sidewalks and curbs, than what would occur from these statues. She felt this is a good project; she reminded everyone that the statues are a gift to the Association, but on the same token she did not want to accept responsibility on the part of the City for any damage done to them or for replacing them.

Mayor Naugle concluded there is consensus approval with the condition that the City will not be responsible for any loss.

Action: Consensus approval. The City shall not be responsible for any loss.

I-B – Proposed 2006 State Legislative Agenda

The City Manager said the Commission has been presented with a wish list.

Mayor Naugle said that he is pleased to see Item 3-2 regarding eminent domain and save our homes.

Vice Mayor Teel felt this is a healthy wish list and she wondered if they might be asking for too much or is this common.

Carol Dunkinson, the City's Lobbyist, said it is common to have a long list, hoping that a portion of it would be granted. Sometimes they are asked to prioritize.

Linda Cox, City's Lobbyist, said it is good to have a list because it is a good introduction for the Delegation so they are aware of the City's priorities. There are various sources to secure funds. It takes time to obtain funds and this is a beginning.

Wingate

Vice Mayor Teel referred to Wingate, and asked if a golf facility would be considered as an acceptable use for the site, or housing. She asked what is the status.

The City Manager said it was his impression that the Commission wanted to pursue the golf course concept, but he understood, even in the case of a golf course, one cannot dig into the ground. Mayor Naugle said that the site is probably not suitable for residential development at this time.

Vice Mayor Teel also wondered about the people who might be employees at the golf course and their exposure to the site over time. She read about vents for removing gas, and asked how appropriate it would be to have such vents in the middle of a golf course.

The City Manager said that in speaking with outside firms, one volunteered to provide a survey of the site, along with a viability study as to how well-suited the site is for a golf course. Such a report would probably be submitted in one or two weeks. A study was done a few years ago, but concerns were then raised regarding the cost.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if there is a list of acceptable uses for this site.

Ed Udvardy, Assistant Public Works Director, said it depends on site development. One cannot penetrate the cap. A consultant has been doing environmental testing and sampling over the last two years, and the results have been submitted to the State and the EPA. Meetings were held with the EPA and the testing level was reduced. The EPA would be consulted with respect to development. In response to Vice Mayor Teel, Mr. Udvardy indicated that commercial development is a potential.

Commissioner Moore said the EPA process stated there had to be an end use for the site. The end use always has been open green space for recreational purposes. Therefore, no proposals could be made for industrial or residential development. The contaminate levels at the site would not permit any structures to be placed at the site, and most of the EPA sites returned for an end use have been done as golf courses because they provide the opportunity for what has to be followed, which is a 30-year evaluation of whether or not the capping and insulation used to prevent the contaminants from getting into the aquifer are working. There should be anything that would puncture it and place heavy weight on it. The community would prefer an executive-type golf course with a range. In this way testing could continue and soil could even be added. There is a section of the property where construction could take place which is the area where buildings had existed and no contaminants were placed in that area. A clubhouse could be built there. They attempted to find an end use that would generate revenue. It would possibly need seed money, but the operation would pay for itself.

Vice Mayor asked if there is any opportunity to receive federal funding. Commissioner Moore said EPA funds could not be utilized for such a project, but other funds could be available for a recreational use.

Mayor Naugle said if such a project is constructed, the property values surrounding the site would increase, thereby providing more tax revenue for the City.

Mr. Udvardy said that the area is fenced grassed open space.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if after 30 years the site would be considered safe and free from contaminants. Commissioner Moore said if that is not the case, then another method might have to be used in order to provide a safe closure. The item on the Commission's agenda this evening is to continue the process and ensure that such goals are met. Mr. Udvardy said that it is to ensure that all test results fall within acceptable standards.

Commissioner Moore said they projected a larger amount to do the closure than what had been spent. He suggested the remaining monies be used to create the additional sod to begin the project.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

The City Manager said that this is a wish list of \$25 million. One item on tonight's agenda is in connection with staffing, \$350,000. The City was just designated by Homeland Security as a UASI city. They are working now with other municipalities in an attempt to secure funding for various items.

Wingate

Commissioner Moore asked the City's Lobbyist to comment on potential funding for the Wingate site.

Linda Cox said she has done research on this with the EPA and discovered that the Commission, as a governing body, could designate the site as a brown field and then State brown field funding could be accessed. A funding dispute is pending. The EPA would have to sign-off before such designation could occur. She said that there are also other grants available.

Commissioner Moore understood as a brown field, the City could secure certain funding, but as a super-fund site, that would not be possible. If there is a way to designate it as a brown field, he hoped that would be done.

The City Manager said they are running a parallel course in this case. If the City had monies to build it, the next question would be the cost to operate such a facility and could the private sector be involved.

Commissioner Moore was concerned about 60 acres laying dormant because there is no benefit to the taxpayers or the City. The City is maintaining it. The City needs to explore what methods are available so the site could function on its own and have a positive effect on the City.

Commissioner Moore was concerned the County will attempt to change the process with respect to UASI funding, so that the monies would go directly to them. He felt the money should go into the City's coffers. He said that the League of Cities is going to Washington, D.C. regarding certain issues, and he hoped this matter could be one that would be addressed. He hoped that locally they could mobilize those cities identified for UASI funding and work to keep the monies in their hands. He suggested that this issue be addressed nationally. He asked if the lobbyists interface with the State and National League of Cities' legislative staff.

Ms. Cox stated that they interface on a state level.

The City Manager said that an RFP is out and the selection process is presently on course for a federal lobbyist. Therefore, a recommendation should be made in a month or so.

In response to Commissioner Moore, both lobbyists indicated that they have relationships in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Moore understood that a local congressman has a different belief on this, and he hoped discussions could be held to convince him otherwise.

Mayor Naugle said that he and the City Manager are working on a strategy to have the City remain in control. The City Manager said they have a plan, but the question is if there will be any effort to undermine the plan.

Commissioner Moore said he would like to know what is being proposed and how they intended going about it. He understood that they will converse with the Congressman prior to any other moves so he will know Fort Lauderdale's position. The City Manager said that the cities appear to be supportive of the decision made on Friday which was for the cities to have a majority control over the application process. The UASI process does not guarantee funding, but provides the right to apply. The working group would decide on the application and review the projects to determine for which ones they are requesting funding. If the County is in control, the City would be subject to their decisions. Millions of dollars have been spent on the Broward Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and its facilities, but meantime there are communities throughout the County where one strong wind could eliminate their emergency operation centers. The bulk of the funding has been going to the County, but the cities want to obtain their fair share.

Commissioner Moore asked if the Homeland Security Department decided that the five municipalities should be given the opportunity to apply for funding, instead of it going to the County. The City Manager confirmed that as correct. Commissioner Moore was concerned that negotiations with the Congressman would utilize what the Homeland Defense Department felt is appropriate, and why so. The City Manager confirmed once again.

Agenda Item M-13 Budget Amendment 2: Reorganization within City Manager's Office

Commissioner Moore said he would like to discuss the new staff positions in the City Manager's Office that are on tonight's agenda. Mayor Naugle suggested discussion be held until this evening and then the public could participate.

Vice Mayor Teel asked about the grapefruit league. Ms. Cox said that the Tourism Committee is to hear a fiscal impact report on the stadium this Thursday. Chairman, Nancy Peters, is filing a Committee bill to provide three additional spots for existing spring training facilities to be renovated. Senator Fasano has the bill in the Senate. These are the same three locations as last year. Fort Lauderdale should be next in line for such renovation.

Action: There was consensus to address the item at the regular meeting.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 2:14 P.M.
MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:41 P.M.**

II-A – Public Safety Radio System; Emergency Repairs; Damage Caused by Lightning Strike During Hurricane Rita

No discussion.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board

Commissioner Trantalis recommended Miranda Lopez for appointment to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Eileen Helfer and Al Miniaci be reappointed to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle recommended Judith Scher for reappointment to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Teel recommended Brad Fitzgerald and Henry A. Snizek for reappointment to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore recommended Ina Lee for reappointment to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting

Board of Adjustment

Action: Deferred.

Cemetery Advisory Board

Commissioner Trantalis recommended Victoria Mowrey be reappointed to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Anne Platt and Mark Van Rees for reappointment to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle recommended Connie C. Christensen for reappointment to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Teel recommended Larry W. Sherman for reappointment to the Cemetery Advisory Board, and recommended Jose Manuel Portela for appointment to that Board.

Commissioner Moore recommended Albert McWhite for reappointment to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting

Charter Revision Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Community Appearance Board

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Dennis West and Maria Scarola for appointment to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Services Board

Action: Deferred.

Education Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon

Action: Deferred.

Historic Preservation Board

Action: Deferred.

Marine Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Board

Action: Deferred.

Unsafe Structures Board

Action: Deferred.

Utilities Advisory Committee

Action: Deferred.

OB - Walk-On Billboards; Request of Clear Channel

Mayor Naugle was uncomfortable about this important policy matter being a walk-on item and therefore, he could not support it. The public is not being provided an opportunity to speak. If it was properly scheduled on an agenda, he might support it.

Commissioner Moore said that the matter had been on the Commission's previous agenda, but was removed due to the fact that an appraisal offer had been made to Clear Channel, and the City. They asked that it be removed from that agenda so they could review the appraisal value.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked why the matter was not noticed. Commissioner Moore said the matter should have been placed on this agenda.

The City Manager said therein lies the confusion because they asked to have the item removed and no date certain was provided for future scheduling.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Clerk noted that there was nothing on the City's website that this matter would be discussed.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that she did not receive information until last night.

Commissioner Trantalis said that no one was aware that the matter was going to be discussed today.

Commissioner Moore said this matter is an urgent one due to the fact that this is an opportunity to reduce the number of billboards in the City. The majority of them appear in his district. He asked for the Commission to support the removal of these billboards and have them located along I-95, which is recommended. He did not think there is anyone who would object to such removal; he felt it would be very beneficial.

Mr. Michael Brown, representing Clear Channel, said that they are willing to appear at a future meeting if the Commission so desires. The item was removed from the previous agenda because the appraisal information was not delivered until a few days before. They believe it is a good recommendation. The deferral letter did request it be scheduled on this meeting.

Commissioner Moore asked if the item could be placed on the Commission's February 7th agenda. He wanted unanimous support. Commissioner Trantalis did not think anyone is against the removal, but they also have to decide where billboards will be located.

IV-A – Proposed Lien Settlements; Special Magistrate and Code Enforcement Board Cases

The City Manager removed Item 15 (705 S.E. 22nd Street – CE04100914) from the agenda.

There was no discussion.

Action: There was consensus approval on all remaining items.

V – Commission Reports

Street Lights

Vice Mayor Teel thanked the Director of Public Works in connection with the street lighting of the Sunrise Intracoastal area.

Cleanup, Repairs after Hurricanes

Commissioner Trantalis said that there was an article in the Home Fort Lauderdale Magazine regarding the damage that occurred. He felt there seems to be little effort on the part of the businesses with respect to restoration, yet most have been resolved in Miami. He asked how the City is addressing this.

The City Manager said that the City has been lenient and now there needs to be better communication. Commissioner Trantalis felt the time is up and people need to know they will be cited if they do not do something.

Mayor Naugle said that if individuals are waiting on materials to do repairs, then that would be a different story, or if they are still waiting for insurance money.

The City Manager said that due to the amount of damage, the City wanted to give people sufficient time to take care of the damages. Mayor Naugle felt it has to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Businesses had lost incomes, some may have had high deductibles, and many are still waiting on checks from the insurance companies. He said that everyone should be notified that it is time to resolve the problems.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that there was a lot of debris. People are leaving debris on the swale for the entire month until it is picked up. Possibly a press release should be issued that debris hauling has come to a halt, and that everyone should now use the bulk trash pick-up time.

Sistrunk Boulevard; Street Lighting

Commissioner Moore said that streetlights are still not working along Sistrunk Boulevard, although he had reported it two days ago.

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, said that they are in the area today. They have had difficulty getting parts, wiring. As soon as repairs are made they will work with FP&L to get the streetlights operational. He could not specify exactly when the lights would be back on.

Commissioner Moore said that the area is very dark at night, and it is a heavily traveled pedestrian oriented street.

Sistrunk Boulevard

Commissioner Moore mentioned the various organizations, clergy and members of the state and federal legislative branches that were represented as supportive at the recent County Commission meeting concerning redevelopment and narrowing of Sistrunk Boulevard. The County Manager's has requested they use his committee process. The County District Commissioner stated at the meeting that he would place this on his agenda only if there was a compromise, and that Mayor Naugle was agreeable to the compromise. He wanted to know that Mayor Naugle is one of four votes. The City has done over \$100,000 of study showing his argument to be incorrect.

Commissioner Trantalis wanted to know what compromise was offered. Commissioner Moore said Commissioner Rodstrom indicated they could not have a date unless they compromised. Mayor Naugle said that Commissioner Rodstrom's plan is to make the area like Las Olas: during rush hour, it would be four lanes, and otherwise it would be

two lanes. He met with the County Mayor and informed him that the City was very clear in their support regarding narrowing of the roadway, and the County Mayor assured him he would resolve this issue, along with other issues during the coming year. He thought it was a very productive meeting.

Commissioner Moore did not think the way the information was presented was fair to anyone. The Committee will meet again on February 6, 2006. He wrote to him to inquire as to whether the Committee was going to place the item on their agenda, and he has not yet received a response. They are trying to follow the requested process, and are willing to do so. However, if an agenda date of February 6th is not provided, then he would like to go before the County Mayor and explain that the City attempted to follow the requested process, but the Chair of the Committee was unwilling to permit a dialogue and they would like to bring it to the full Commission.

Commissioner Moore said that the CRA Director had done a good job creating the facts and merits of this matter. At the meeting to decide on the process, false information was put on the table on the Mayor's positions, whether requested had been supplied. The impact of the study is not meritorious to what he is claiming, and the mitigation he is proposing has no validity. He referred to NW 19 Street and funds appropriated for improvements that have not be implemented because of the way the County handles things. He hoped that they would be able to make a presentation on February 6th and present factual information.

Mayor Naugle felt the compromise plan is worthy of consideration and he has stated such at various meetings. He also made it clear that the City Commission's position is that the roadway be narrowed. He asked if the members of the Committee are known.

Commissioner Moore said the members of the Committee are as follows: Commissioner Wexler, Commissioner Wasserman, along with Commissioner Rodstrom. The County Mayor can attend any of the meetings and has indicated he will attend when this matter is discussed. A confirmation has yet to be received regarding the meeting of February 6, 2006.

UASI

He emphasized that the City use the Broward League of Cities with respect to UASI and the five designated cities getting direct funding. He noted that he has brought it to the attention of the Broward and Florida leagues. They believe the matter should be taken to Washington, D.C..

Twin Lakes North and Rock Island Annexations; Welcome

Commissioner Moore announced that welcoming celebrations regarding the Twin Lakes and Rock Island annexations are scheduled for the 21st and 28th of January.

Affordable Housing Roundtable Discussion

Commissioner Moore reminded everyone of the Affordable Housing Roundtable discussion scheduled for January 21, 2006.

Commissioner Moore complimented Chief Otis Latin, Fire-Rescue, on his excellent luncheon.

Illegal Dumping at Construction Sites

Commissioner Moore said it appears many people are dumping debris at construction sites. He wanted something done to enforce the laws. He asked if cameras could be installed and possibly individuals put in jail and vehicles confiscated in such situations.

Unlicensed Contractors

Commissioner Moore asked if telephone numbers could be included on the City's water bills to call in connection with unlicensed contractors.

Mayor Naugle said that this morning he met with the Consumer Affairs Board; they expect a huge increase in complaints with respect to unlicensed contractors. He concurred. He suggested field staff remind citizens to use a licensed contractor.

Commissioner Trantalis asked what recourse could be taken. Commissioner Moore wanted the City to ask Consumer Affairs to hold special meetings, and that this telephone number be placed on the City's water bills.

Vice Mayor said that contractors are providing false information to consumers. She suggested that representatives from Consumer Affairs attend homeowner association meetings.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

Commissioner Moore thanked the Police Department for their hard work and efforts during the event. One of his concerns was that no invitations were extended to anyone from the City to speak at the event. Mayor Naugle said that he was asked to speak at the breakfast event. Commissioner Moore said the breakfast was handled by the YMCA, and not the MLK Committee. He felt this needs to be corrected for the future.

The City Manager said that the Police Department plans to do recruiting next year. Commissioner Moore felt that both the Fire and Police Departments should be represented.

Homeless Murder; Surveillance Cameras

Commissioner Moore complimented staff on this issue. He hoped the State Attorney would address this appropriately and handle it as a hate crime.

Commissioner Trantalis said that these young people did a terrible act because they did not think anyone was paying attention. There are parts of the City where illegal activities occur because no one is watching. He felt more eyes are needed on the streets. He said that this is a lesson learned the hard way.

The City Manager said that this appears to be an isolated incident, but the community assisted in solving the crime. The community was outraged and other young individuals

stepped up to the plate to help gain justice. He did not want people losing sight of the good that occurs when something bad happens.

Mayor Naugle noted that a national advocate complimented the City's Police Department in this matter.

Vice Mayor Teel said that cameras are helpful as shown in this case. Possibly certain areas should have cameras; perhaps a matching grant could be obtained. In the long run, this would save the City money.

Mayor Naugle said that cities like Chicago are installing cameras in high crime areas. Vice Mayor Teel believed the cost for such things is coming down recently. They could be rotated.

The City Manager said that one issue that would have to be addressed is having cameras on both private and public properties and the question of liability. The City Attorney would have to participate in such discussions.

Commissioner Moore felt it would be useful in the interest of public safety, especially in areas where redevelopment is being attempted.

Commissioner Trantalis did not think most individuals would object.

Commissioner Moore suggested that the cameras be rotated.

The City Manager said that they are going to have to take a holistic approach to the matter because once the cameras are installed, other areas will want them as well.

Vice Mayor Teel suggested that possibly partnerships could be created. Commissioner Moore felt that something has to be done.

Mayor Naugle suggested a pilot program.

Street Name and Stop Signs

Commissioner Moore wanted street signs to be put back in place, including stop signs, because even emergency vehicles are having trouble locating properties. He suggested that they seek financial assistance from the County.

The City Manager said the issue is how responsive is the regional approach to such matters versus the City taking care of the situation itself.

Commissioner Moore suggested possibly the City could send a letter to the County regarding reimbursement if the City takes care of the problem. Mayor Naugle also was concerned.

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested that a letter be written asking about the County's prioritization of directional signs versus the STOP signs. Some of the school zone lights are still not working.

Commissioner Hutchinson presented a video used to promote the upcoming 10th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference in Fort Lauderdale, along with sponsor packages. Hal Barnes, Engineering Design Manager, was complimented for his work on the video.

Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) and Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP) Projects

Due to increases in construction costs, Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to know at a future meeting that the NCIP and BCIP projects are appropriately funded to absorb such increases.

VI – City Manager Reports

None given.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:28 p.m.