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**2:02 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Assistant City Manager, Bud Bentley  
City Attorney  
City Clerk  
Sergeant At Arms - Sgt. Ryan

**I-A – State Legislative Agenda**

Bud Bentley, Assistant City Manager, stated this item included several Bills which the Commission had not previously received information on. He further stated that staff had made recommendations in their memo, and a request had been made for discussion regarding sprinklers for condominiums.

Mayor Naugle stated there had been discussion that compromise language had been proposed from the Senators.

Steve Kastner, Fire Marshall, stated he also had heard some comments regarding the 592 Bill. He explained there had been discussions for the life safety plan in regard to adding sprinklers in the common areas for condominiums.

Mayor Naugle asked what the feelings were of the Fire Department regarding such language. Steve Kastner stated it was an acceptable compromise that would help the condominium owners, and yet still includes the level of safety for the units. Mayor Naugle stated they had received some communication from the North Beach Alliance in support of the Bill, and previously the Galt Community Association had also taken a position of support regarding this issue. He felt this amendment was something the Commission could support since it appeared to be a compromise that both groups, the constituents and the professionals, could abide by. Steve Kastner stated that he had not actually seen the Bill, but the concept would be acceptable. Mayor Naugle suggested that instead of using the terms "life safety system," they could include "sprinklers in the common areas." Steve Kastner stated they wanted to eliminate the plan, and use some prescriptive measures as opposed to using a performance basis. He explained there would be protection except for the one head in the unit.

Mayor Naugle asked if this would apply to all condominiums over 8 stories which did not have outside walkways. Steve Kastner stated it applied to condominiums over 75', and explained that 8 stories was a good parameter. He stated that condominiums with exterior balconies were exempted from the code provision. He reiterated this was a good compromise.

Commissioner Teel asked if the buildings 75' or less would still need to provide sprinklers in the corridors and common areas. Steve Kastner replied if the building was under 75' it would not apply.

Commissioner Trantalis asked for further clarification regarding certain buildings being able to contravene the law. Steve Kastner explained that the bill stated if the building did not vote for this, no renovations would have to be done. If a building under 165 decided not to retrofit, they would not have to install sprinklers in any portion of the building. He further explained that under 592, the Board of Appeals would have to vote to exempt such condominiums and they could not opt out of it. Basically, he explained further this was a compromise bill which eliminated sprinkler heads from each unit, but not from the hallways.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if each individual association had the opportunity to opt out of that compromise. Steve Kastner stated he had not yet seen the final bill, and therefore, did not want to definitely comment on the language. He stated that according to the previous version of the way 592 had been written, individual associations could not opt out of this. Commissioner Trantalis clarified that according to how the bill was written each building would be required to have a sprinkler system

throughout the common elements if they were higher than 75' and did not have exterior areas of egress, and as far as the ability to opt out, they could not do so. Steve Kastner stated it was his understanding the only exemptions could be granted by the Board of Appeals.

Mayor Naugle asked if the Commission wished to support the compromise being proposed regarding the installation of sprinklers in the corridors of the condominiums. Steve Kastner reiterated this was an acceptable compromise considering the situation.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if this system should be required for buildings under 75'. Steve Kastner explained they were discussing a retrofit, and stated that presently any new buildings over 3 stories had to have sprinkler systems. He further stated that the national standard was set at 75'.

Mayor Naugle asked who the sponsors were for the amendments so their department could communicate with them. Steve Kastner confirmed. Mayor Naugle asked who had sponsored this bill. Mr. Bentley replied it was Representative Connie Mack and Senator Geller.

**Action:** Update to be given at the Commission Conference Meeting on April 22, 2003.

Mr. Bentley proceeded to refer the Commission to Item No. 3 of the list which was the "Definition of Extra Benefit" for the Police and Firefighters' Retirement System. He stated they would like to have the Commission's concurrence to support this.

Mayor Naugle stated that this item had been discussed with the Governor and President of the Senate earlier in the week, and the other Mayors had stated that due to lack of earnings all contributions would go to the pension plans. Due to shortfalls which other cities were experiencing, the appeal made to the Governor and President of the Senate was that this was not the year to mandate additional expenses on the cities due to their having their own budgetary problems. He stated the study which had been done showed there would be a financial impact on the City of \$1.3 Million.

Commissioner Moore entered the meeting at approximately 2:13 p.m.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if they had received the actual analysis back. Mr. Bentley explained they had received a draft, but it had not been specific regarding cost estimates and a meeting was to be scheduled for that discussion. He stated that the information would be included in a Friday memo to the Commission.

**Action:** Friday Memo to include additional information.

Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, stated that in regard to Item No. 4 the Department of Environmental Protection had for several years attempted to memorialize into the regulations what they refer to as the Risk Base Corrective Action. He explained this was a clean-up bill for environmental sites. He stated that the challenge on the Wingate site was the arsenic levels under the Risk Base was 7 parts per trillion, but in an urban environment it should be 7 to 29 parts per trillion. He stated they had concerns regarding both of the bills and recommended that the Commission oppose them until more information could be received. He continued stating that it would have very little impact on Wingate, and could have more of an impact on Lincoln Park and in connection with some transportation projects when they acquired land which could have some environmental contamination. He further stated that when you got into the Risk Base Corrective Actions they were stricter than what was seen in other clean-ups.

Commissioner Trantalis clarified that staff was asking the Commission to go along with a more liberal allowance of contaminants. Mr. Kisela stated that was one way of stating it. He added that they would be going with the existing standards. He explained that the dioxin nationally was about 1,000 parts per trillion which was an acceptable level for clean-up. He stated the Wingate landfill had 600 parts per trillion, and

the State's goal at this time was 7 parts per trillion. They did not feel that the science supported the establishments of such standards.

Commissioner Trantalis asked who was making this proposal. Mayor Naugle replied it was actually scientists and DEP. He reiterated that the power plants discharged mercury which accumulated on all the properties and if they were tested the standards would not be met.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 2:18 p.m.

Commissioner Trantalis asked who was behind this Bill. Mr. Kisela reiterated it was the scientists and technicians in the Department of Environmental Protection. He said staff was saying if they wanted to make these changes to the rules, then it should go through the process and not be done through "the back door." Commissioner Trantalis asked if this was made into a law, would it be difficult for Fort Lauderdale to comply with such a law due to the nature of the soil and the conditions the City experiences. Mr. Kisela stated Wingate was a perfect example, whereby the State needed the Risk Base Correction Actions and spent \$1.2 Million checking soils in adjacent neighborhoods which were below the levels.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Mr. Kisela remarked that Representative Smith had passed Bill 651. Mr. Bentley stated that there was no Senate bill as of this time.

**Action:** Commission to support staff's recommendation.

Mayor Naugle remarked that Item No. 1 had been presented to the League Board yesterday and adopted by the Board of Directors. He explained it had always been their position to support the League's decisions unless they specifically opposed an item.

Mr. Bentley stated that the Beach Renourishment matter was scheduled for the May 7, 2003 Cabinet meeting, and were asking for everyone's support and attend if possible. Somewhat related to that, he stated the County was undergoing a Beach Sand Bypass Study as it relates to the Port Inlet, and a presentation would be made to the Commission on April 22, 2003.

Mayor Naugle stated that their objections to the sand bypass would entail not losing any sand, and so it would be done in a way so as not to be noisy and disruptive to the residents quality of life. Mr. Bentley remarked that the preliminary study stated that both of those objectives could be achieved.

**Action:** Presentation to be made on April 22, 2003.

**I-B – Special Counsel for Las Olas Intracoastal Municipal Parking Lot Development (Palazzo Las Olas Group, LLC Proposal)**

Mayor Naugle asked if the Commission would allow him to work with the City Attorney in order to obtain someone with a real estate background to review the documents. He hoped they could show a term sheet comparing the lease in the RFP and the proposed lease. He felt there were differences between them, and felt this was a complex deal. He reiterated that staff did not do these types of transactions on a recurring basis and he felt it would be a good idea to have someone else review the documents.

The City Attorney stated that this deal was probably the most complex the City had ever entered into. He explained it was a public/private joint venture, and suggested that "another pair of eyes" reviewing the documents would be most welcome. He felt it was a good idea to compare the documents, and they would be happy to work with the Mayor and return to the Commission with a recommendation for special counsel.

Commissioner Moore stated that he was shocked with this proposal coming from the Mayor because he felt the City Attorney's office should be making such a request.

The City Attorney stated he had discussed this matter with the Mayor before it had been scheduled to come before the Commission, and that he was happy to make it a recommendation from his Office. He stated it was the Mayor's decision to have the matter placed on the agenda as he had requested. He further stated that from their perspective, they looked upon this as having a "fresh pair of eyes" available.

Commissioner Moore stated if outside counsel was required, who would be directing the counsel regarding their time and direction of what they were to look for in the documents. He stated he preferred having additional counsel hired to ensure what they were interested in gaining would be accomplished. He further stated that often times the Commission and the CRA change the conditions of a development agreement.

The City Attorney stated that they would bring back a recommendation to the Commission for either a firm or an individual, along with a scope of work which would identify what was expected of the outside counsel. He hoped they could find someone with the time to do this so they could keep with the original schedule.

Commissioner Moore asked if their direction was to find out what was different in the RFP.

Mayor Naugle stated that this was something he wanted to see based on his 29 years of experience in doing real estate transactions, and if the Commission had any other concerns of what they wanted expert attention focused on, then those recommendations could also be offered.

Commissioner Moore asked what priorities the City Attorney felt were the need for having outside counsel review such documents. The City Attorney stated that his priorities centered around having "an extra pair of eyes" to review the documents and make sure everything was linked together since this was such a complex deal. He felt it was a good idea to have someone review the RFP and make sure the documents conformed to that RFP, and ensure that the documents were consistent with each other. Commissioner Moore asked what type of selection process would be used in regard to the hiring of such counsel. The City Attorney stated that they needed to find someone who had time available to do this, along with expertise in such matters.

Mayor Naugle stated that a budget would have to be developed. The City Attorney stated that they would not know any costs that would be involved until they knew what the scope of the work would be, and most likely it would be a negotiated document and then a budget could be prepared.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the City Attorney anticipated they would make such a recommendation to the Commission later on this month. The City Attorney stated they would attempt to do that, but felt it would be difficult to meet such a time line. Commissioner Hutchinson reiterated that this was a complex item, and if a second pair of eyes were needed, then they needed to proceed forward.

Commissioner Trantalis stated he was against hiring outside counsel because he was against the project. He felt if outside counsel were hired it should be for the purpose of seeing what the City's exposure was in trying to either modify the project or choose another location for it because he felt they should not be building on City property.

Commissioner Teel stated she was in favor of hiring outside counsel and felt it was an open-minded move and one of sound thinking. She felt this would help to protect the City and also the developer.

Commissioner Moore stated that in bringing in outside counsel to review development agreements, the process was delayed and prevented the project from getting on the taxrolls. He felt there was still a need

to have a method of getting through the necessary review of a deal more quickly.

**Action:** Recommendation to be brought before the Commission.

### **I-C – Proposed Vacation of Portion of North Atlantic Boulevard - Pelican Beach Resort**

Peter Partington, Traffic Engineer, stated if the Commission liked the concept of this project, then there would be various legal and administrative steps which would have to be taken. He proceeded to turn the presentation over to Robert Lochrie who was representing the developer.

Robert Lochrie, on behalf of the developer and owner of the Pelican Beach Resort, stated this project was currently under construction with a new hotel. He proceeded to show the configuration of the site. He stated they had some discussions with FDOT who was receptive in declaring some of the adjacent portions of the property surplus, and he proceeded to explain what could be done on the site. He then showed graphics of the site. By acquiring the property from FDOT, they could end up with a more significant landscape area with a larger buffer area. He explained that FDOT would retain a new section along A1A in order to install a turn lane. He explained they would then end up with a more streamlined approach to A1A with wider sidewalks for the pedestrians.

Mr. Lochrie further stated that staff had requested that the developer consider the possibility of extending the bike path further to the south to the 1800 block where it currently ended. In addition, everyone wanted the traffic signal to stay at its present location. He stated they were also discussing with the Parks and Recreation Department about making some additional landscaping enhancements in the park. He explained they had gone to the Property and Right-of-Way Committee, and it had been suggested they come before the Commission. He explained further they wanted to proceed before the other Boards for a full evaluation, along with the necessary public hearings, and then on to DOT.

Joe Holland, President of Dolphin Isles Homeowners Association, stated he was speaking for himself and was also active in the Traffic and Pedestrian Access Committee, and involved with a recently formed Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee. He felt this issue had arisen quickly and stated it was a good concept and supported this project. He was concerned about the need of conveying a fee simple to the private property

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 2:44 p.m. and returned at 2:45 p.m.

Mr. Holland stated that he would be more comfortable if the excess property was kept within the domain of Parks and Recreation. He stated they had reservations about the deceleration lane next to the bike lane, and felt the traffic was not warranted for a deceleration lane. He reiterated that the area did need to be redeveloped and wanted a continuation of the bike lanes. He felt this was an excellent augmentation to Wellingham Park.

Mike Mueller, President of Everglades Condominium, stated that he felt this was a good idea and supported this as an additional greenway. He suggested it would be better for the developer and save him money, if it was reverted to a City park rather than going to private property.

Dave Marshall, bike and pedestrian advocate and resident of Riverside Park, and stated he had recently learned about this project and had not had time to review it thoroughly. He requested that the bike and pedestrian lanes be considered.

Miranda Lopez stated there was very little land in the B-1 district and she wanted this parcel kept as public land.

Commissioner Trantalis asked for further clarification as to what land was owned by the City and what

portion was owned by the State.

Mr. Lochrie explained on the map the portion of land owned by the City. He explained it was about 1' at the southern edge to about 6' of the northern edge. He stated it was a small strip which then bowed out and covered the entire street. He further stated that the remaining land was owned by DOT.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if the developer had spoken with DOT in regard to this proposal. Mr. Lochrie stated they had spoken with DOT who regarded the property as surplus, but had to go through the process. DOT had then asked what were the City's opinion in regard to the matter. Mr. Lochrie stated that was why they went before the Right-of-Way Committee and the Commission. He explained DOT did not have any plans or need for the property.

Mayor Naugle stated that no final decision needed to be made at today's meeting and that the project still had to go before Planning and Zoning. He stated also that the Bicycle Committee could have input in regard to the lanes and how they should be designed. He asked if the Commission agreed in regard to the elimination of the driveway and the location for the right-turn lane. Mayor Naugle stated he felt it was a good idea for the hotel to maintain the landscaping. He asked if the State could deed to the City and then the City give the hotel a license agreement to use and maintain the area.

The City Attorney stated that if the State determined to surplus the land, they did not have to go through the process if they were deeding it to another government entity.

Commissioner Teel stated with such an idea, how protected would the City be 30 years into the future. The City Attorney stated if they accepted the Mayor's recommendation, they would suggest that a license agreement be given for the use of the right-of-way, as opposed to issuing a lease.

Commissioner Trantalis stated if it was determined to widen the street as suggested were they precluded from granting a license. The City Attorney stated they would not get a license over the part of the property that the City could improve on in the future. Commissioner Trantalis stated if they agreed to the Mayor's recommendation and made the area a park and licensed it to the owner of the hotel, and later on determined that the road needed to be widened, would there not be a process that would have to be followed. The City Attorney explained it would be licensed for a period of time and would be made renewable. He further stated this was the issue they had faced with Bahia Mar where they had a 50-year lease, and now some of the property was needed for widening A1A. He explained they were working on the issue as to how much of the leasehold interest had to be conveyed.

Commissioner Moore stated he did not think the State would declare the land surplus if they felt it would be used in the next decade. He stated his concern was about what would happen 25 years down the road. If this property was given to the hotel, what would happen when a new developer stepped in and wanted to develop the site. He felt if the property was publicly owned with a license agreement for the maintenance of the property by the hotel, then everyone would benefit. He further stated if the road needed to be widened, then the property could be given back to the State for that purpose. He also suggested they include language regarding the landscaping and its maintenance during the time of the licensing agreement.

Mayor Naugle stated there could be a clause included to cover such a request.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if there was a deed restriction on the property whereby they had to use the existing property line for the setback. The City Attorney explained if it was in their control and they owned fee simple to the property, then the setback would be from the property line. He stated they would have site control approval over the land, but they would not be able to demand them to follow the strict rules which had been adopted.

Commissioner Moore stated that making it public property should be explored and it would also cut out the bid process.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated she was in favor of the concept, but asked how the developer felt about the City owning the property and issuing the license.

Mr. Lochrie stated that they appreciated the fact that everyone was in favor of the concept and they would explore it further. He felt the concerns raised regarding the setbacks could be dealt with deed restrictions.

Commissioner Hutchinson further asked if the City would work with them regarding DOT in trying to acquire the property. She asked what the next step would entail. Commissioner Moore stated if they agreed to maintain and landscape the property, then the City could request FDOT to allow them to be the public owner of the property.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Lochrie wanted to get direction regarding the concept, and now they needed to proceed but the Commission would be kept advised as to the status of the situation.

Mayor Naugle congratulated the owner and stated the City wanted to be a partner in this project in order to make it happen.

**Action:** Concept to be explored for dedicating the land to the City and a license agreement issued.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 3:01 p.m.

### **I-D – Appointment of Two City Commission Representatives for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would like to be a representative for the MPO. Commissioner Moore stated that he would also like to be a representative.

**COMMISSION RECESSED AT 3:02 P.M. FOR THE  
EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION**

**CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING  
RECONVENED AT 4:23 P.M.**

### **III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies**

#### **Code Enforcement Board**

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that at the last meeting she had suggested Richard Mancuso as an alternate for the Code Enforcement Board, but he was not interested. Therefore, she was now appointing Jan Sheppard as the alternate for the Code Enforcement Board.

**Action:** Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

#### **Education Advisory Board**

Mayor Naugle appointed Elaine Schulze to the Education Advisory Board.

**Action:** Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.



Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board

Commissioner Teel appointed H. Tom Jones to the Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board.

**Action:** Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

**IV - City Commission Reports**Air and Sea Show

Commissioner Teel asked about access to the neighborhood behind Sunrise Boulevard during the Air and Sea Show. She stated there was an article in the City's newsletter stated that access to the area would be denied from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the show, but she explained they had been told otherwise last year. She further stated she had talked to several individuals at the Police Department and there appeared to be some confusion regarding this matter. Commissioner Hutchinson asked if passes had been distributed to the residents. Commissioner Teel remarked they had received them one year, but were told it was too expensive and they would not get any more. She explained the residents did not have access to their homes.

The City Manager stated that he thought that problem had been resolved and would make sure that the residents received passes so they could have access to their homes.

Water Quality Update on George English Park Lagoon

Commissioner Teel stated that she would like a water quality update at the Commission's next meeting regarding George English Park Lagoon, and stated they seemed to continue having polluted waters. She stated that according to the newspaper, supposedly the Health Department was testing the water on a weekly basis.

Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, stated that a report would be given to the Commission on April 22, 2003.

Mayor Naugle remarked about the ducks being at the lagoon. Commissioner Teel remarked the ducks were not the problem, but the person feeding them.

Railroad Train Noise

Commissioner Trantalis stated that 3 of his constituents had complained about the railroad train horns. He stated that he was not sure how much jurisdiction the City had over this matter, and stated it might come under Federal jurisdiction.

The City Manager stated that the whole issue revolved around safety, and the horns were more noticeable late at night. He explained they had no jurisdiction over the matter, and in the past they had joined forces with the County in an attempt to get the trains to be more sensitive to the length of time the horns were sounded, but their ability to enforce this was very limited. He stated they could explore the matter and reapproach the railroad representatives.

Mayor Naugle stated that there was a strategy for the future in regard to the elimination of horns by installing gates on both sides, but it was very costly. He felt that as part of the FEC project, they might be able to obtain funding for the gates since it was a safety issue.

NW 19 Street Median Project

Commissioner Moore proceeded to read a press release regarding the project and upcoming project for the 19 Street medians. He stated that the limit of the project was from NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 31<sup>st</sup> Street, and he believed that to be wrong. Mayor Naugle remarked it was to NW 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Commissioner Moore reiterated that was Martin Luther King Avenue City limits. He stated there was to be a meeting regarding this improvement project at Lauderdale Manors Recreational Center on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Naugle asked if the County was going to assist in paying for the funding of a portion of the right-of-way that was unincorporated.

Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, stated that regarding corporate limits, the Mayor was correct but the County was discussing turning over the maintenance to the City. This matter was presently being evaluated and the County was not supportive of the median. He further stated they would continue working on this matter with the County.

Commissioner Moore stated he did not see any problem in attempting to find additional support which could improve the project, but he wanted the project to continue moving forward community's desire for the median improvements.

Development Issues

Commissioner Moore stated there had been a great deal of support from the City Attorney's Office regarding development issues, and wanted to thank them publicly because they had met every concern that had been raised by the public.

Tour of Publix

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she had toured the new Publix yesterday in downtown Fort Lauderdale, and stated it was only the third of its kind in the country with others located in South Beach and Atlanta. She stated that the store would open on April 10, 2003 and stated it was a valued amenity in the downtown. She emphasized that the community would drive the hours of the store and presently it would be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. but those hours could be negotiated. She also added that the manager was a woman with 30 years of experience.

Neighborhoods USA

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that coming up in May would be Neighborhoods USA. She stated that last year some individuals had been sent to participate, and she desired to do the same this year. She explained that this was a national organization for neighborhoods, and that she was a member of the group. Last year, she remarked that \$1,000 was set aside for expenses and she believed the Council had been permitted to choose the individuals who attended. She added that this year the conference would be held in Chattanooga. She stated that the conference would be held locally in 2004.

Commissioner Teel stated she had attended a few years ago, and felt it was a very worthwhile endeavor.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that a State Conference would be held later on in the year in Sarasota. She further stated that last year there had been a member from each district who attended and one extra individual for a total of 5 representatives.

Mayor Naugle stated that the Council would choose the individuals and there would be a cap for expenses of \$1,000 per individual.

CVC Project

Commissioner Hutchinson announced that she had one more CVC project scheduled for April 26, 2003. She stated they would be painting the wall along Davie Boulevard by I-95 which was a DOT wall.

Letter of Interest/New County Governmental Center Complex Selection Committee

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the County was requesting letters of interest regarding their vision for the new mixed-use governmental center which proposals were due back on April 7, 2003. She asked where the City would be in regard to this issue.

The City Manager stated that he had discussed a number of issues with the County Administrator, including this City's opportunity to participate in their selection and negotiation committee for the proposed campus. He stated that he had been presented with a letter which had been forwarded to the Commission. He explained the Commission needed to appoint a representative to participate in this committee. He added he had discussed this with Commissioner Hutchinson since it was in her district, but it was up to the Commission to choose their representative. He announced the first meeting was to be held May 6, 2003, but did not yet have the exact time for that meeting.

Mayor Naugle asked Commissioner Hutchinson if she would like to participate in the committee. Commissioner Hutchinson confirmed and stated that eventually this City would have to rebuild their City Hall and needed to find out where they stood in the process. She felt it was necessary to find out where they would connect as governments.

Commissioner Moore stated the City needed to make the County aware that the new building should not be higher than the existing one.

It was decided Commissioner Hutchinson would serve as the City's representative on the County Selection/Negotiation Committee.

Homeland Security

Mayor Naugle stated that he had participated in a conference call with the White House staff regarding Homeland Security to discuss the supplemental budget request made by the President whereby they would allocate \$1.5 Million for grants to state and local governments for training and planning. He explained there was a provision which stated that the States had to allocate 80% of the funds to local governments. He added that he had also received a letter from the Governor last week discussing this matter, along with firefighter grants where similar amounts of monies would be made available to cities and required the coordination with the State Fire Marshall's Regional Domestic Security Plan. It appeared that the growth for Federal funds would be for homeland security, firefighters and police departments. He hoped the City could aggressively seek such funds.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if the City would be in competition with the Broward County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Hutchinson confirmed and stated the City needed to aggressively seek those funds. Commissioner Trantalis asked if their services would augment each other.

Commissioner Moore suggested that possibly they should discuss partnering the forces and there could be some distinctive advantages in doing so.

Mayor Naugle stated that the City Manager needed to develop a strategy and maximize the City's effectiveness in recovering some of those funds which would be available.

The City Manager agreed and stated that Bob Cooke and Rhoda Kerr were already working on the

matter.

#### Haitian Sister City/Donation of Garbage Truck

Mayor Naugle stated that they were taking a trip this weekend to Cape Haitian which was the second largest city and would have direct flights there. He stated they were donating a garbage truck to the city and were trying to see if the Federal government would sponsor a water plant there since they had some drinking water issues. He also stated this would be the first time a school official would also participate in this matter.

#### **V - City Manager Reports**

##### Film Permit/"The Glades"

The City Manager stated that tonight there would be a walk-on for a request for a film permit for the use of the South Beach lot to store equipment on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated the name of the production was "The Glades." Leslie Backus explained that this was about a volleyball match between high schools and they were requesting that a volleyball set be put up on the beach.

Commissioner Teel asked what happened if there was inclement weather. Ms. Backus explained that normally a rain date was also chosen.

##### National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Conference

The City Manager stated that on April 26, 2003 there would be a National Forum for Black Public Administrators in Fort Lauderdale in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He stated this conference had been held in this City in 1983 which at that time was only a small organization with no formal name. Now, they totaled over 2500 members. He stated the headquarters would be at the Marriot Harbor Beach from April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 30, 2003.

##### Vision Statement and Values

The City Manager stated that the Commission had instructed staff to begin action regarding the major issues outlined in the Climate Survey. He stated one major area dealt with the need to develop a vision statement for the City, and articulate the values represented by this organization so they could move forward. He felt this was an appropriate time to celebrate the City's 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday and give a status report on this matter. He proceeded to distribute posters to the Commission. The Posters were entitled "Fort Lauderdale 2011 Committed to Excellence Today for a Better Tomorrow."

The City Manager unveiled the City's values as follows:

Respect for the dignity of our citizens and co-workers and for the diversity of all groups.

Integrity as demonstrated by honesty and fairness, and conduct beyond reproach.

Courage to do the right thing, for the right reason, in the right way.

Teamwork through recognition that excellence is achieved by cooperation, communication and collaboration.

Service to the public, our elected officials and other employees that is exemplary and exceeds expectations.

Creativity as the foundation for ingenuity and innovation in the delivery of service.

Accountability for our decisions, actions and results.

The City Manager stated they were not suggesting that this was the full range or exclusive list of values this organization embodied, but were saying these were the values he wanted to send to each department in an attempt to make all employees understand what they were working towards and what type of scrutiny everyone would be held up against. He felt it constituted a good work product that would involve everyone.

Mayor Naugle stated he thought this was an excellent idea and hoped the posters would be displayed.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if these values had been created in workshops with employees. The City Manager explained they began with a series of workshops with management, and they in turn went back to their respective divisions and worked through the organization to adjust and "tweak" the values. Commissioner Trantalis asked if it was the City's intention that new employees would be directed to these values. The City Manager confirmed and stated they had a good orientation program and these values would become part of that process.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**Note: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part, and is on file in the office of the City Clerk for a period of two years.**