

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION**

**CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

APRIL 3, 2003

Meeting was called to order at approximately 12:20 p.m. by Mayor Naugle on the above date.

Roll call showed:

Present: Commissioner Teel
Commissioner Trantalis
Commissioner Carlton B. Moore
Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson
Mayor Jim Naugle

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager, F. T. Johnson
City Attorney, Harry Stewart
City Clerk, Lucy Kisela
Sergeant At Arms

Mayor Naugle welcomed everyone and stated that he and the City Commission always looked forward to the annual Citizen Recognition Awards. He stated further that his first duty was to recognize the members of the Citizens Board of Recognition who arrived at the selection of the honored citizens that were to be given awards, and those members were as follows: Former Mayor Bob Cox, Former Mayor Rob Dressler, and Peggy Keiser, who was in attendance representing Congressman E. Clay Shaw. He stated that there were also present former honorees attending today's meeting and he asked for those individuals to please stand.

Mayor Naugle stated that he also wanted to recognize some other special guests at today's meeting who were as follows: Honorable Jose Gonzalez, Former Commissioner Andrew DeGraffenreidt, Commissioner John Aurelius, Former City Attorney Don Hall, and Former City Manager George Hanbury.

Mayor Naugle explained that the City of Fort Lauderdale had established the Citizens Recognition Program in 1972, and the purpose of that program was to give public recognition to citizens who had contributed in significant ways to the development of the community. He further explained that honorees were selected by the Citizens Board of Recognition which consisted of all former Mayors of the City of Fort Lauderdale. He stated that the Board's recommendations were then forwarded to the City Commission for approval. In 1983 the Citizens Board of Recognition recommended that the Awards Program be expanded to include the Citizen of the Year and Distinguished Citizen Honoree beginning in 1984. Mayor Naugle stated that the category of Honored Founder was added to the Citizens Recognition Program in 1990. In 1997 the Board added the category of Exemplary City Employee. He explained that this year the category was amended to Exemplary Former City Employee since the Board recognized that the City had already established a program in place to recognize the accomplishments of current City employees which was done on the first Tuesday of the month. Mayor Naugle stated that since the program's inception, the Citizens Recognition Awards had honored 71 outstanding citizens for their contributions towards the growth, development and advancement of the City.

Mayor Naugle continued stating that before he proceeded with the awards, he wanted to introduce a special guest, Bill Crawford, President of Fort Lauderdale's Historical Society. He stated that Mr. Crawford

was going to present an audio and visual presentation which featured excerpts and audio taped interviews with Ivy Stranahan, the City's first school teacher who arrived here in 1899. He stated that the interview had been originally taped more than 40 years ago on fragile reel-to-reel tape, and was recently restored by a professional sound preservationist who digitized and transferred the interview to a CD-ROM. He further stated that the interview was part of the Historical Society's Voices of the Past project, which also included an interview with Mrs. William H. Marshall, the wife of the City's first Mayor.

Mayor Naugle stated that earlier they had attended a memorial service for Elizabeth Freeman who assisted in setting up these programs.

Bill Crawford stated that they were pleased to be a part of this ceremony and to be able to bring forward an audio taped interview done with Ivy Stranahan in 1962, along with an interview from 1969 by Kathryn Wilson, granddaughter of Marilyn Byrd Paine at the age of 13.

Mr. Crawford proceeded with a slide of Ivy Stranahan in her wedding dress in 1900 in Miami. She came to Fort Lauderdale in October, 1899. In the brief interview she explained how she arrived on the train and lived with Ed King and his family, who was a member of the School Board, while she taught school. Mr. Crawford explained that the two interviewers were journalists and were August Burkhard and Phil Weidling who wrote "*Checkered Sunshine*" which was the history of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Crawford proceeded to show a photograph of Ivy Stranahan in 1899 in front of the school house with her 12 students. During the interview, she described her first journey down the New River. Ms. Stranahan explained there were about five families in the City back then and hundreds of Indians.

Mr. Crawford explained that at Old Fort Lauderdale operated by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, they had a replica of the old schoolhouse from 1899, along with a photograph of Juliette Smart, Education Director. He then proceeded to show photographs of Frank Stranahan's Trading Post, along with a thumbnail sketch of Frank Stranahan. Mr. Stranahan arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1896 as the first Postmaster and was President of the first bank, served 9 terms on the City Council, and 4 as President. Mr. Crawford continued stating that Ivy Stranahan was a great friend of the Seminoles and one of the earliest environmentalists in the State, as well as an early advocate for the Women's Right to Vote. In the following interview, she explained some about their early life and how they lived and what types of food were eaten.

Mr. Crawford explained that the next slide was a photograph of Frank Stranahan in the 1890's in front of his original Trading Post. Ms. Stranahan described the dances which were held in people's homes and at the Stranahan House. Mr. Crawford showed photographs of Ivy Stranahan from 1961.

Mr. Crawford explained that they had over 250 oral history tapes which went back to 1962 on reel-to-reel tape, and they wanted to digitize them all to preserve them, and also by digitizing the tapes they could be placed on the Internet.

Mayor Naugle stated it was interesting that August Burghard had conducted the first oral interview. Later he was the President of the Chamber of Commerce and a City Commissioner back in 1963. He stated that the Historical Society's work was very important.

Mayor Naugle remarked they were all present today to honor some modern history makers of Fort Lauderdale.

2003 Honored Founder - Richard A. Mills, Jr.

(R-3)

Commissioner Teel presented the Citizens Recognition Award for Honored Founder to former Commissioner Richard A. Mills, Jr. Commissioner Teel proceeded to read the Resolution which was approved unanimously by the City Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-64

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, SELECTING AND HONORING RICHARD A. MILLS, JR., AS HONORED FOUNDER FOR 2003.

Richard A. Mills, Jr. thanked everyone and proceeded to introduce his family.

Mayor Naugle proceeded to recognize the City's former City Clerk, Kris Mills.

2003 Exemplary Former City Employee - Dennis E. Lyles

(R-4)

Commissioner Trantalis presented the award for Exemplary Former City Employee, Dennis E. Lyles. Commissioner Trantalis proceeded to read the Resolution which was approved unanimously by the City Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-65

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, SELECTING AND HONORING DENNIS E. LYLES, AS EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 2003.

Dennis E. Lyles thanked everyone and stated he had been participating in City Commission meetings and various City Boards since 1978. He stated that if a City Attorney was lucky he would become a part of a team with an effective City Manager, and then the two of them would be able to assist the City Commission to achieve the will of the voters and make the City a better place. He explained that he had been part of a team with 3 very effective and accomplished City Managers during his career and they were as follows: Connie Hoffmann, George Hanbury, and Floyd Johnson.

Mr. Lyles stated if a young lawyer was lucky and taken under the wing of a more experienced attorney who would serve as a mentor and help him learn his job and serve as an example of professionalism and competence. He stated he was fortunate in that he had two such mentors. One was Don Hall, and his predecessor Phil Shailer who had been the State Attorney of Broward County. Mr. Lyles stated that his present day practice took him all around the State, and he found there was no finer or more ethically run City Hall than the one in Fort Lauderdale.

2003 Citizen of the Year - Ray Ferrero, Jr.

(R-1)

Commissioner Moore presented the award for Citizen of the Year to Ray Ferrero, Jr. Commissioner Moore proceeded to read the Resolution which was approved unanimously by the City Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-62

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, SELECTING AND HONORING RAY FERRERO, JR., AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2003.

Ray Ferrero, Jr. thanked everyone and stated it was important for the City to do these awards once a year. He felt it was important for everyone to think about the good things that many people were doing in so many different ways. He stated there were two people present today that he particularly wanted to

thank. One person was his wife, Rachel, and the other person was his son, Raymond. He stated that his daughter in Gainesville had also called him this morning. Mr. Ferrero stated this was a great community to raise a family, and he felt that communities and people had to give back. He stated he loved the law profession and was proud to be a member of the Florida Bar. He stated that the resources available today were limitless to carry out a vision for this State, County, and community.

2003 Distinguished Citizen - Samuel F. Morrison

(R-2)

Commissioner Hutchinson presented the award for 2003 Distinguished Citizen, Samuel F. Morrison. Commissioner Hutchinson proceeded to read the Resolution which was approved unanimously by the City Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-63

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, SELECTING AND HONORING
SAMUEL F. MORRISON, AS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN OF
2003.

Samuel F. Morrison proceeded to thank everyone and congratulated all the honorees at today's meeting. He explained that he had arrived in Fort Lauderdale in 1974 as the Assistant Director for the library system, and stated he was able to accomplish many things and give back to the community due to the people he had worked with in the City. He stated that the project near and dear to his heart over the last few years was the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, and he wanted to thank Norman Brown of the Construction Management Division who had been the Project Manager and Ruth Goebel of the Library staff for all their hard work on this project.

The City Manager stated that those individuals who were recipients of today's well-deserved rewards and to the citizens of this City, he wanted everyone to know that some "new twists" had been added to this year's presentations. He explained there was the historical review presented by Mr. Crawford, and the added dimension of a cake. He stated that the City was approaching its 100th birthday for 2011, and he felt they needed to begin that countdown and have a ceremonial cutting of the cake. He proceeded to ask the honored recipients of today's awards, along with the City Commission, to assist Mr. Mills in cutting the cake.

The City Manager invited everyone to stay for lunch and the unveiling of the Distinguished Citizen Plaque, and proceeded to thank Ms. Backus and the Public Information Office staff and the City Clerk's office for today's ceremony.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.