

**COMMISSION CONFERENCE
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COMMISSION CONFERENCE**1:35 P.M.****MAY 20, 2003**

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

Also Present: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
Sergeant At Arms – Sgt. Wheeler

I-A – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

The City Manager stated that on numerous occasions the members of the City Commission had requested the presence of the District Secretary for FDOT, Rick Chesser, at their meetings, and at the last meeting Commissioners Moore and Teel had requested the opportunity to ask some questions of Mr. Chesser.

Commissioner Moore stated he was concerned about how projects were done when it came to the district he represented in the City, and he felt the Department often times, in almost every case, never rose to the occasion. He felt that promises were never kept, timetables never met, and the quality of the projects different from other projects throughout the City. He stated he wanted the opportunity to tell that to Mr. Chesser. He further added that over and over he had stated his concerns to the individuals reporting to Mr. Chesser, but felt that apparently his comments meant nothing because the projects continued in the same manner.

Commissioner Moore stated one example was Broward Boulevard which was a project the community, County, City and FDOT had worked on for over 8 years, and at the conclusion it was only 25% of what the community thought they were going to get. He reiterated the same type work was not done on other projects in the City. Another example provided by Commissioner Moore was Federal Highway. Commissioner Moore stated that during the construction of Federal Highway, FDOT had stopped the project to address specific concerns by neighborhood business owners and also contributed additional funds to the project.

Commissioner Moore stated that FDOT had asked his district to consider an easement at Joseph C. Carter Park to allow a safety measure to be provided, along with landscaping, and FDOT had delayed the project for two years and then discussed the possibility of infusing funds since they would not have to do eminent domain on businesses across the street. Then, FDOT had decided not to do the project and did not compensate the neighborhood for the time they had waited to have a project done which had been funded through a bond deal.

Commissioner Moore stated that he and Commissioner Hutchinson had a number of residents in the area of Davie Boulevard who were now getting attention from FDOT in regard to landscaping and beautification to the Davie Boulevard roadway. He stated that he hoped this project would move forward. Commissioner Moore stated that he wanted Mr. Chesser to attend today's meeting because he wanted to make sure the Davie Boulevard project would be upcoming.

Commissioner Moore remarked that he was very disappointed because he did not see any respect from the FDOT in regard to his district. He felt they offered disparate treatment to his constituents over and over again. He further stated that at Sistrunk Boulevard at the overpass at I-95 were vagrants and he had reported this many times, and yet nothing was done. He reiterated that the landscaping was not as it should be at that location.

Rick Chesser, District Secretary for FDOT, stated he shared many of the frustrations that Commissioner Moore had regarding the Broward Boulevard project. He stated they began this project in the late 1990's and they were to begin resurfacing. At the same time, the County had decided to do a CPTED project and asked FDOT to transfer the money they had for resurfacing to the County, and the County would take the lead on the project. He explained the CPTED project was to run from I-95 west to State Road 7, and a resurfacing job would go from I-95 to US1. He explained further they had signed a Joint Project Agreement with the County in 1997, and FDOT's role had been to just sign a check. Mr. Chesser explained that after the bids came in for the project, the County added \$5 Million to the cost of the project. After they had begun the work, they decided to do drainage improvements which FDOT had recognized were necessary from the start. He remarked that FDOT had contributed a lot of money to that project in comparison to the results that were obtained. Mr. Chesser stated that the County was going to do some upgrades to the tree canopy, and that was the last he had heard about the project.

Commissioner Moore stated the tree canopy was very poor, but stated he was concerned because he had been informed that the County had been told by FDOT to cut down the trees because it was a safety concern. Mr. Chesser stated they had started with the resurfacing, and then the County came into the picture. He explained that they had taken out the medians in order to shift lanes. He stated that if trees were in sight triangles they could be removed for safety purposes, but he added that they had not instructed the County to remove the trees, but only to develop a design which met the standards.

Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, explained that when that type of shifting was done and one got into the sight triangles, the canopy had to be a certain size. He further stated that whoever made the decision regarding the maintenance of traffic drove the design on the landscaping selections.

Commissioner Moore asked what could be done now on Broward Boulevard, and asked how his Department could improve what was currently there. He reiterated this seemed to only happen in the black communities. He further stated he could not understand why every project in those parts of the City had such problems, and asked what could be done as compensation for the communities.

Mr. Chesser stated that they had learned their lesson and when there were major projects to be done, they would not do joint agreements with either cities or counties in the future. He reiterated this project had been out of their control and they were not pleased with the end product either. He stated the County had informed him that they were going to do upgrades to the landscaping at their expense.

Mr. Kisela stated the look they were attempting to retrofit was like the one at Federal Highway north to Pompano near the airport. He explained the selection of material depended on the sight triangle issues and would be a challenge.

Commissioner Moore asked if the sight triangles were different on Federal Highway than on Broward Boulevard. Mr. Chesser explained that every sight triangle was slightly different, but the standards were the same for all of them. Commissioner Moore stated that possibly someone could help him understand, along with the members of his District, as to the sight triangle concerns on Broward Boulevard from 7th Avenue to I-95 and what was taking place regarding visual issues on Federal Highway. He stated that his meetings were on the 3rd Wednesday of every month and asked if someone from the Department could attend and offer some explanation of the sight triangle issues.

Mayor Naugle stated that when one looked at the landscaping on Broward Boulevard it was not up to standard, and one area FDOT did which came out well was South Federal Highway south of the Tunnel to 17th Street.

Mr. Chesser stated that the County was to go back and review a concept which replicated what had been done on Federal Highway in Pompano. He explained that on a thru travel lane on a divided roadway, there was an offset of 6' from the edge of the pavement. He stated if there was an area more than 12' wide, then larger trees could be planted. When there were small islands such as the ones on Davie Boulevard east of I-95, smaller trees were needed because one did not have the 12' offset. He further explained in areas which they referred to as Transportation Design for Livable Communities (TDLC) low speed roadways changed the standard and made it less.

Mr. Kisela stated that in order to enhance the north/south movements on Broward Boulevard, the medians were narrow and that was why they used pavers.

Commissioner Moore reiterated that the communities he represented consistently saw a difference in how the traffic was handled by FDOT, and it was blacktop to blacktop. He continued stating they had the widest lanes, the highest speeds, no landscaping, no constant maintenance, but one block out of these communities there were elevated portions of landscaping.

Mr. Chesser stated that the sight triangles did not dictate landscaping, but controlled where you could or could not put it.

Commissioner Moore stated that Davie Boulevard was in the planning stages and they had met various times with the consultants, but one issue raised was the hiring of an engineer without community input. He asked if they ever considered assisting a community in paying for a consultant, such as was done at the Wingate site.

Commissioner Trantalis left the meeting at approximately 1:54 p.m. and returned at 1:56 p.m.

Mr. Chesser stated that they were going to use in-house sources to do the actual design. He further stated they normally had the cities review and give input. He further explained that 3 distinct areas were involved at Davie Boulevard. He stated the areas were State Road 7 east to US 1, US1 to SW 9th Avenue and from 9th Avenue to I-95 and each had distinctive issues. He explained that US1 to SW 9th Avenue, there was a program scheduled in '04 or '05 for resurfacing and at the same time the City was planning upgrading of the water line. He stated the problem now was how to create islands in the area and still allow left turns to the areas. He stated that at I-95 and Davie Boulevard, they were going to look at this as a separate issue on how to create right turn lanes to get onto the ramps to and from the Interstate, and likewise for the laning. He further stated they were in the early stages of doing a conceptual study for I-95 west to State Road 7.

Commissioner Moore stated that at the intersection of 441 and Davie Boulevard where improvements were made, the community desired to have a landscaped entranceway. He asked who they had to talk to in order to have such an entranceway considered.

Mr. Chesser stated he thought some of the property had already been conveyed to the City. Commissioner Moore stated that some of the land was owned by the City, but not all of it.

Mr. Kisela stated it could probably be done through the master plan. He stated that City staff could assist the neighborhood in understanding what was going on. He stated for that corridor there were major improvements planned in the 2011 Waterworks Plan and all improvements needed to be coordinated.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated they had visions of what they wanted for State Road 84, but FDOT was not really at the table and when it was done, they had to go back because of the landscaping. She stated if FDOT would be at the table when this process started, then they would not be creating something that would create more bureaucracy where they would have to go back in time, such as what happened on State Road 84.

Mr. Chesser stated that when they had surplus property, they always offered it to the local jurisdiction for public purpose, and it could either be conveyed for free or for valuable consideration.

Commissioner Trantalis stated that where the Pelican Beach was being built, he understood there was land owned by the State, and the City could possibly acquire the land and work out some type of lease deal with the developer to enhance the property. He asked if possibly the State might be interested in donating this land to the City for such a purpose. Mr. Chesser clarified that first they had to declare the land surplus, and once it was declared then they could ask the local jurisdiction if there was a desire from the public purpose basis or did they want to purchase the land without encumbrances. He explained if there was a public purpose, it had to stay that way in perpetuity. Commissioner Trantalis asked who made the decision as to whether there were any encumbrances. Mr. Chesser stated there was a process within each District with the Department, and then if everyone signed off, it was designated as surplus.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how long such a process took. Mr. Chesser stated it moved quickly if there were no complex issues involved.

Mayor Naugle stated that staff had been instructed about one month ago to move forward on such a path. Mr. Kisela explained that the Department had already determined the land to be surplus, and now they only had to work through the details. He stated they had already met with the developer and were beginning to work out some of the nuances involved. He felt within 30 to 60 days they could move forward.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that one of the issues she wanted to mention was the 17th Street project and the unfunded project involving reconfiguration of Miami Road. She suggested that before this project moved forward, she wanted it presented to the Commission so more input could be given.

Mr. Chesser explained that a conceptual study had been prepared for going westbound on 17th Street Causeway to do a triple left. He stated they did what they referred to as "boxing dollars," which involved using safety dollars and programming 2-3 years of projects, then boxing the money until the project was finalized.

Commissioner Hutchinson remarked that the traffic on 17th Street was horrible and reiterated they wanted to give input regarding that project. Mr. Chesser stated they would be glad to bring the project back to the Commission.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated the other issue was the controversial signal at 23rd Street and 17th Street. She remarked it was now double-signaled, and wanted someone from FDOT to go there with her and explain the reasoning behind this type of signalization. She believed many people were confused and the community was not pleased. She further stated that when coming off the bridge and heading east on 17th Street, one could no longer make a right turn on red. She stated if someone was going west they could make a right turn, and she did not understand the logic on the other side.

Mr. Chesser stated they were going to do an impact study in the next two weeks to discuss the demands and impacts of the right turns, and maybe some modifications could be done to the timing. He agreed for them to meet at the concerned site.

Commissioner Hutchinson left the meeting at approximately 2:15 p.m. and returned at 2:18 p.m.

Commissioner Teel thanked Mr. Chesser for attending today's meeting and introduced herself and stated she wanted to present District 1's concerns. She reiterated that the President of the Landings Association was also present today because there were concerns regarding a project on Federal Highway north of Commercial Boulevard. She stated one of the issues was the Department's desire to remove a signal light at the entrance to the Landings and at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Joe Welsch, President of the Landings, stated this entranceway involved about 4 residential associations and several large condominiums. He remarked that the City recommended leaving the signal light, but FDOT stated they were going to remove it. He stated they were requesting that the Department reconsider their decision and leave the signal light.

Commissioner Moore stated that he had two more issues that he wanted to raise with Mr. Chesser. He stated it was important that they receive from the Department a statement regarding Sunrise Boulevard explaining the thought process they went through in changing the design thereby not using the park easement that delayed the project. Commissioner Moore stated the other issue was in reference to the overpasses of I-95 that went through various communities, and in many cases there was a lack of lighting under the overpasses which permitted undesirable uses for the areas. He asked if they could do an evaluation of those underpasses regarding lighting and landscaping.

Mr. Chesser explained that the area at I-95 and Sistrunk Boulevard which was controlled by the State would be reviewed.

Commissioner Moore stated he did not know how the Department dealt with security issues, but under the overpass of the River the environment was uninviting. He felt they needed to address this problem. Mr. Chesser stated that in regard to the Federal Highway Bridge at 26th Street, they had worked with the Police Department and had posted "No Trespassing" signs which gave the City authority to evict squatters from the area. He further stated the only police authority out there was the Highway Patrol.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated such signs were erected in certain areas and seemed to work well. She stated that FDOT was supposed to do some studies regarding Tri-Rail at the bridge and asked about the status. She also stated when they were painting "their wall," Shady Banks had gotten a wall separating their neighborhood from the access road, there was a 6' chainlink fence which had been left opened and the neighborhood was getting "undesirables." She suggested they look into securing the fence better.

Mr. Kisela stated there was an additional FDOT project in the planning stages on Federal Highway north of Sunrise Boulevard to Oakland to the city limits, and they were presently doing some community outreach.

Commissioner Moore reiterated that a project was being proposed on Sunrise Boulevard from 15th Avenue going west. Mr. Kisela remarked that project involved landscaping enhancements. Mr. Chesser remarked that he believed the City had made a \$500,000 enhancement request, and the last he had heard was that it was ranked high by the enhancement review process. He added it took a few years before it got into the cycle.

Commissioner Moore reiterated that he would like to have FDOT present at his district meeting in June.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 2:25 p.m.

Action: FDOT officials to attend District III meeting and various matters to be reviewed by FDOT as discussed.

I-B – Broward County Office of Urban Planning and Redevelopment

The City Manager stated that Commissioner Hutchinson requested a presentation as to what role this new department would be undertaking.

Mayor Naugle left the meeting at approximately 2:27 p.m. and returned at 2:28 p.m.

Peter Ross, Office of Urban Planning and Redevelopment, announced that Cynthia Chambers, head of the department, was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Ross stated that they had been meeting with various cities and CRAs. He explained that they were formed in March, 2003, and their primary directive was to institute a comprehensive development partnership with Broward County municipalities. He stated for the last few months they had been working on strategies and meeting with various groups. He also advised that workshops were to be held with the various municipalities.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Mr. Ross further stated that this office did not create any new staff positions, but was an amalgamation of people from 3-4 different departments existing within the County. He stated they had a Planning Services Division which consisted of approximately 20 individuals, along with Code Enforcement with 30 people, and 5 people from Economic Development. He stated they were not subplanting the City's redevelopment planning responsibilities, and their primary directive was to facilitate the City's efforts.

Mr. Ross stated that redevelopment was a top County issue and their projections showed that the County would increase by 1 Million within the next 30 years. He stated they had gone west about as far as they could go and pressure for redevelopment in the east would increase. He advised this would be a great strain on the regional transportation system, water supply, along with higher densities on the Barrier Island. He stated these were the types of issues their office would be involved in.

Mr. Ross advised that their role would be planning and refinancing regional infrastructure, managing their own fiscal resources, and County-wide land use planning. He stated two new roles were the targeting of financial assistance to priority areas, and to join in City/County planning. He further stated the traditional roles for the municipalities were redevelopment planning, development approvals, site plan approvals, zoning petitions, and local infrastructure. He reiterated they were not going to take over the City's redevelopment responsibilities and did not have the resources to do so.

Mr. Ross continued stating their authority over development and creation of new legislation or rules would be none because they were not a regulatory agency, but could only make recommendations to the County Commission with respect to the County's Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Plan, along with the Land Development Regulations. He stated they were due for an overhaul of such regulations. He stated they were the lead agency in various projects and also had been asked to review the Regional Activity Center, Governmental Center Campus Project, and evaluation and appraisal report. He stated they also were involved with the Post-Disaster Redevelopment Planning and Policy regarding

areas built above the Land Use Plan which was required by State law. He remarked that his particular project was the Community Design Guidebook.

Mr. Ross stated it was no secret that the County Administrator had concerns regarding the CRAs and the tax incremental financing. He stated further that the Administrator had asked their office to put together some alternatives for the financing where the County would directly provide grants or loans for targeted infrastructure, property acquisitions, and things which could facilitate redevelopment. He also stated they were working on funds budgeted for financial incentives for municipalities, and there was to be a workshop in July to determine how much money should be included in next year's budget. He added there were plans to include substantial fundings in next year's budget for targeted infrastructure.

Mayor Naugle asked for some further clarification regarding targeted infrastructure.

Mr. Ross stated it pertained to any public improvements such as sidewalks or sewers which could be funded to facilitate redevelopment. He added that one of the things they came to terms with in their meetings with the City regarding redevelopment agencies since there was a lot of distrust and misunderstanding between the City and the County, was to have a workshop with officials and CRAs to see where there was a consensus and what roles the individual agencies should play.

Mr. Ross stated if anyone wanted any additional information, they could contact either himself or Cynthia. He added in their office there were 55 individuals.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated when she heard this presentation at the MPO reference had been made to having spoken with some of the City department heads, and she asked staff if they had any input or discussion with the new office.

Cecelia Hollar, Director Construction Services, stated the only discussion she had with Cynthia was regarding the County's proposal to do the governmental facility. She stated that some of the challenges facing her department was responding to County requests dealing with what appeared to be County-wide issues such as school impacts and transit impacts. She asked if their office would provide assistance to them when looking at impacts on the area regarding school facilities and dealing with School Board staff.

Commissioner Hutchinson remarked that she was concerned the County wanted to take away the City's control over the CRAs, and she proceeded to ask Kim Jackson if she knew what this office was planning.

Kim Jackson, CRA Director, stated there were two meetings with Cynthia and some of her staff in relation to the downtown campus and the expansion of the CRA district. She stated they had learned of this presentation at the City Managers meeting. She remarked that what was most discerning at that meeting was that many city managers had asked questions afterwards about the reality and feasibility of what was being proposed, and she stated how concerned they were about these matters. She continued stating that they had no direct conversations with this office and stated that after seeing the presentation, she was concerned about what the County was going to propose as far as their toolbox for redevelopment. She stated one question which had been posed to the County Administrator was if it would affect existing CRAs, and the existing. She felt the intent was to replace it at some point.

The City Manager stated that the office came into existence in March, and the fact of the matter was that their redevelopment activities went beyond what was proposed in the written document and their understanding of it. He stated their concern was that they make sure nothing stopped the City's redevelopment efforts as planned for the CRA or the Beach Redevelopment Board, or other planning entities to which they were accountable. He further stated that their other concern was regarding the overlap. He stated the interest in the Barrier Island caused him great concern regarding the areas the City had jurisdiction and responsibility to, and he had stated that to the County Administrator. He felt they had to be very cautious. He stated such conversations would always exist with the County, but he was suggesting as they moved forward certain issues would come to light. He stated over the last few years, they had battles in Tallahassee regarding the powers of the existing CRAs and how a coalition could limit those powers.

Commissioner Trantalis stated that they all shared the City Manager's concerns, but he felt the document as presented should be taken at face value. He felt the new department was an attempt to reorganize within the County structure and to work in a more streamlined fashion. He further stated he hoped this office was not going to attempt to usurp the City's role in urban planning and design, but to assist them.

Commissioner Moore stated the County had CRA boundaries but never did anything with them, and they did about the City's CRA boundary, but in reading this document he did not see anything that led him to believe that they would even utilize it in the future. Mr. Ross replied that the major focus area of this new office was the unincorporated area, and an attempt to revise the old CRA plan. He felt it was unlikely they would get into TIF financing for the area. Commissioner Moore remarked that he was not concerned as to the funding source they used, but he hoped they would review what the City put on the table to induce development, and that whatever the County did it would be a positive step.

Commissioner Moore continued to ask how they could agree to work where the properties were abutting. He continued stating that the City was presently working on a project known as Sweeting Estates, and the County owned land in the area that could be vital to this project, and hoped there could be somewhere the City could acquire that property.

Mayor Naugle remarked that this should be one of the first acts of this new office.

Mr. Ross remarked that one of their newest programs was to return property the County owned to the taxrolls. Mayor Naugle asked if the next step could be a voluntary annexation into the City. Commissioner Moore stated they were considering for annexation a number of communities adjacent to the CRA, but if they were annexed he wanted to know how they County would address the CRA boundary, and would they permit the City's CRA boundary to encompass an area already designated a CRA area without conditions being placed on the City. He felt if such communities were annexed that had been designated as a CRA boundary by the County, he felt the City's CRA boundary could expand without conditions. He felt it would make no sense to entertain such communities for annexation, and once annexed the City would have to come to odds with the County regarding incentives for redevelopment in such areas.

Commissioner Moore stated another issue was that this Commission sat on the Boards of the agencies which this new office stated they were going to rely on, and he hoped they could follow the process of the new department through such entities. Lastly, he stated this new department was assuring the Commission that they were not going to deal with any regulatory issues which would go against the City's objectives for redevelopment. Mr. Ross stated he could not commit to such a statement and remarked they were not a regulatory agency, other than the fact that they did have some code enforcement responsibilities in the unincorporated areas, and that they could propose revisions to the County's Comprehensive Plan or Land Development Regulations within the purview of the County Commission. He stated they already had some directives such as with the RAC which they had been asked to look at. He hoped what they were considering would be helpful. Mr. Ross stated the County Commission had authority over development and this new department would probably make recommendations on various issues.

Commissioner Moore clarified that this new office would be dealing with some legislative matters which could direct redevelopment.

Mayor Naugle reiterated they would be making recommendations to the County Commission. Mr. Ross replied none of this was anything new.

The City Manager stated that some of Commissioner Moore's questions should be directed to the County Administrator. He felt there would still be legislative attempts as they related to the CRA, and he believed the City would take the

same strong stance as previously. He further stated that the questions relating to what would happen in the case of annexation were very important and would set the path for the future on how they would proceed. He stated they would make sure those questions would be put in writing to the County and obtain an answer that could be brought back to the Commission.

Commissioner Moore reiterated those were key questions.

Frank Schnidman stated the County had made an effort by taking 55 staff members and creating a new department without doing additional hiring, and new tasks and responsibilities on this office. He felt what was happening was that there was an effort to look at a substantial amount of work for these individuals, and he was not familiar with any other County which had tried to get involved in a series of projects that played such an intrusive role in local governments. He stated if there was such an excess capacity, they should reduce staff rather than look for such new work.

Mr. Ross reiterated there were 55 individuals in this department, and 30 comprised code enforcement, and the actual planning section was comprised of about 25 people, and 10 of those were demographers and support staff. He stated about 10 individuals were actually planners, and added that they did rely on consultants for various projects. He remarked a lot of the work was a refocus to the County administrative level. He added they were changing their focus from new development in the west to redevelopment in the east.

Mayor Naugle stated he hoped that the first act might be the lots on the North Fork of the New River.

Action: As discussed.

I-C – Film Permits

The City Manager stated that this request came from Commissioner Hutchinson in response to concerns from the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she was not bringing this matter up in an adverse manner, but wanted a project manager on site so if an issue arose someone could be contacted.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 3:02 p.m. and returned at 3:03 p.m.

Commissioner Hutchinson reiterated that she was attempting to find a happy medium for this project.

Fred Stresau stated he had written a letter to the Commissioner because he had discovered that these people were permitted until 2:00 a.m., and he felt this was excessive.

Leslie Backus, Director of Communications, stated that they did issue late night permits sometimes, but required that their production manager go to every house in the neighborhood which would be impacted and give them a letter to sign and return to the City indicating their consent for the filming. She remarked that did not happen in Mr. Stresau's case and last year there was a shoot in Rio Vista which took two nights and all neighbors had been notified. She apologized in this case.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the City received copies of all the letters signed. Ms. Backus confirmed and stated they assumed that the filming persons went to every impacted home, and unless addresses were matched with the paperwork they would not be aware if anyone had been missed in the area.

Mayor Naugle stated they did not want to make the process too onerous so as to discourage these individuals from attempting to get such permits. Ms. Backus confirmed, but stated they were attempting to make things respectful towards the neighborhoods which would be impacted by such filming. Mayor Naugle asked if some individuals had been missed would they have a different procedure for that entity if they returned for a permit again. Ms. Backus confirmed and remarked that the neighborhood had the opportunity to voice their concerns and then they would proceed accordingly.

Commissioner Hutchinson remarked that Ms. Backus's staff had been very cooperative and had attended the neighborhood's meetings. She stated she wanted to make sure that the Association President or some group be given the project manager's telephone number in case of a problem.

Elizabeth Wentworth, Film Commission, stated that they were available to support Ms. Backus, and she would communicate any concerns to the film industry. She further remarked that professional filmmakers did not cause problems. She also thanked the City for supporting their industry.

Dick Winer stated that he used to make motion pictures in the City, and he felt this industry was the best publicity the City could get.

Action: Contact person and phone number to be made available by each entity requesting a film permit.

I-D – Economic Development Workshop

The City Manager stated at the last meeting, he had asked the Commission to consider meeting during a half-day session and proposed a mini-summit in

follow-up to the economic development effort. He stated he had amended such request and was asking the Commission to meet on June 5, 2003 instead of June 4, 2003, but more significantly as opposed to a "mini-summit," he was asking to rename and restructure the session as more of a workshop to make sure they were moving in the direction of this Commission in regard to future economic development activities.

The City Manager stated there had been momentum established last year at the Commission Workshop held in the Beach Community Center, which led to an economic development summit whereby approximately 140 stakeholders had come forward, and "next steps" were planned. Due to the establishment of a Steering Committee some things had transpired since that time. He remarked that the economy had taken some "dives," and they had to re-evaluate their staffing patterns for the next year. He stated there had been discussions regarding entering into partnerships with some "mini-partners" such as the Chamber of Commerce, Broward Alliance, and many others. He suggested that the Commission support staff in their efforts to get the direction straight, but not in another "mini-summit." He felt they needed a smaller session to work through the issues and see what path they wanted to take, and move forward.

Mayor Naugle stated he hoped they would take the community input received from the summit and make recommendations to the Commission.

The City Manager stated what had been suggested at that summit was quite expansive in nature, and he felt the recommendations needed to be refined. He advised that Pat Dumont, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Board, was present at today's meeting, along with the CEO of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

Action: Economic Development Summit to be held June 5, 2003.

I-E – Harbor Isles Neighborhood Pedestrian Beach Access

The City Manager stated this matter had been the subject of various discussions and a number of individuals from the Harbor Isles area were present at today's meeting.

Hector Castro, City Engineer, stated this dealt with a public access easement through the beach which ran from SE 20th Street to what was referred to as the "high water mark" measured in 1967. He explained this access was the only access to the beach south of the South Beach parking lot. He stated that as you reached the eastern part of the walkway, what appeared to be a public beach was a private one. Photographs were shown of the area.

Mr. Castro stated the fence in the area was a concern to some of the residents of the neighborhood. He explained that public improvements had been made as part of an assessment project for the Harbor Isles neighborhood.

Commissioner Hutchinson reiterated that one issue was the chainlink fence and staff had been attempting to locate the permit as to when this fence was installed. She remarked that at the top of the fence was barbed wire which was not permitted in residential areas. Currently, this could be a wider public easement if the second chainlink fence was removed. She added that to the right of that fence was a wall with additional chainlink on top.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that another issue was having the Parks and Recreation Department maintain the area because it was hard to get equipment into the area.

Mr. Castro remarked that the fence was located on the Orleans Chateau property which was the condominium to the north. Commissioner Hutchinson reiterated they did not know the reasoning behind the installation of the second fence. Mr. Castro stated as you went east, it became wider. He advised there was also a dune on the site.

Commissioner Hutchinson remarked that this was a public easement and residents in the area had to go around the speed hump to get through, but when you went around it one was on private beach area. Mr. Castro showed a picture of the dune in relation to access to the easement.

Commissioner Hutchinson added there were two gates at the east and west ends. She stated there was additional information available that had not been distributed to the Commission and she proceeded to do so.

Pat Montalban, Board Member of the Orleans Chateau, stated that they were requesting that the sand dune be removed. She stated they needed to get input from the community regarding the locked gates. She remarked their fence had been damaged and they were willing to work with the City on this matter. She suggested that both ends be locked.

Anthony Mazzoli, President of Point of Americas I, stated on the east end the fence had been damaged and he recommended that the gates be locked. He remarked that many residents were afraid and suggested they explore the security aspect more fully.

Ben Guenther, 2400 Inlet Drive, stated he had taken some of the pictures of the area and were prior to the time the City had installed the fence, but were not old pictures. He advised he was on the Board and Officer of Lake Lyon and was authorized to tell the Commission that they supported leaving the access open at

all times to the public easement. He stated that Lake Lyon also had a recorded private easement which was not the subject matter at this time.

Jim Gerran, Board Member of Point of Americas II, stated their concern was not to block people from access to the beach and were requesting that the gates be closed in the evening. In the past there had been vandals and problems with individuals being on the beach who had no reason late at night to be there. In 1993, the Police had recommended that the gates be locked at night or the City could incur greater expense in an attempt to police the area.

Karen Arotzzi, Harbor Inlet, stated individuals should not be prevented from going to the beach whenever they desired. She remarked the fence had not been finished properly and should remain open.

Evel Casas stated she had a skin problem and was not allowed to exercise on the beach during the day due to the strongness of the sun. She stated she walked at night and could not get into her community, Harbor Inlet, from the public access and had to walk around and go through A1A by the Yankee Clipper. She felt this was not fair. She remarked that this happened after 8:00 p.m. where she could not gain access to the area. She stated that no one minded the gate and there was no one she could contact. She added that the 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. was a "farce."

Elizabeth Hayes, Representative of Council of Civic Associations, stated at their April 8, 2003 meeting a resolution was passed regarding this matter. She advised that the Commission had received copies of it and proceeded to read it into the record as follows:

"WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale is the responsible party for maintaining public easement walkways and right of ways (including deeded easements);

"WHEREAS, the public beach access between the Points of America Condominium and Orleans Chateau Villas is a deeded public easement and walkway currently under the City's control;

"WHEREAS, maintenance of this area has not been completed for its entire length by the City, illegal fencing, gates and signs have been installed and the general public is being hindered from freely using this right of way at all times as is the general practice of other beach locations;

"WHEREAS, there is very limited and time controlled posted parking available;

"Be it resolved by the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc:

“The Board of Directors and the Membership of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc. hereby requests that the City of Fort Lauderdale remove all locking gates and fencing that does not meet with current code requirements including all barbed wire. It further requests that the City maintain the deeded public walkway and easement by clearing vegetation, debris and other obstructions from the walkway which indicates the width of 15 feet at the beginning of the area narrowing to 10 feet at the ocean end of the right of way. See plat documents for precise locations. In addition, the City Parks Department should include this in the beach maintenance program and keep this open to the public at all times. Any fencing that is needed should be gated wide enough to allow beach equipment to enter and exit this area for necessary work. In an effort to maintain an equitable availability to the public, we ask that this work be done immediately and in accordance with existing code requirements for the City’s property and the abutting properties and their fences.” She added that this resolution had been signed by Yvonne Tozzi, President of Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Inc.

Mae Simmons stated this condition was deplorable and public access should not be denied. She further stated that 10 years ago when the gates were locked there had been problems on the beach, but due to neighborhood improvements public parking had been removed from the area and the problems were diminished.

Mike Mays, Harbor Inlet, stated he worked late at night and sometimes he could only walk along the beach at night and these gates prohibited him from doing so unless he succumbed to walking all the way around the area. He remarked that if vandals wanted to gain access to the area they still could do so, and he did not understand why only one area was locked.

Genia Ellis, Vice-President of Harbor Inlet, stated the public access had been locked for the last 10 years, timing was not regulated, and the posted times were not followed. She stated the general consensus of the neighborhood was that the past problems were over, adjoining properties had their own security, and the public right-of-way did not have to be policed and locked.

Commissioner Hutchinson reiterated that this issue began in 1993 and additional backup was being distributed to the Commission. She added this had been done by the existing City Manager and District Commissioner at that time, but the issue of public right-of-ways had not been brought before the Commission. She remarked that the back-up material always stated the gates were to be locked at midnight and not 10:00 p.m. She stated that this was ridiculous in that the City could not maintain what they owned because of a fence, barbed wire, and speed hump. She remarked that it appeared that the sand was permitted to collect to discourage individuals from using the access. She added she was not attempting to put undue pressure on individuals living on either side of the access, but it was

a public right-of-way and easement which should be allowed to remain open for the public. She stated she was discouraged with the pictures showing barbed wire on the fence and reiterated that it was not permitted in residential areas. She added that Parks and Recreation had not been allowed to maintain the area properly and asked for it to be opened and beautified. She remarked that the Police Department could monitor the area, and if there were problems then the City could control the key to the matter. She stated that a private property owner should not be obligated to control the gate. She suggested the gate be opened for 6 months and then the matter be reviewed.

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested the area be opened for 6 months and encouraged the residents if problems occurred to contact the Police Department so the matter could be monitored. She also stated that she wanted the speed hump removed and for the area to be properly maintained. She also added that she wanted the chainlink fence and barbed wire removed as long as it was not on private property.

Commissioner Trantalis stated that he agreed with Commissioner Hutchinson, but stated there appeared to be a recurring theme regarding right-of-ways. He stated there was another problem off of Center Road where the City did not maintain their property. He asked if the City was underfunded regarding such matters. He reiterated these were the gateways to the beach and should be properly maintained.

Mayor Naugle stated if resources were not available, possibly they should contract the service out. He asked if the Police Department had voiced any concerns about this matter.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated this had been a decision made by the existing City Manager and the District Commissioner, but it had never been a part of Commission discussion. She felt this issue needed to be resolved and had been a "touchy" topic no one wanted to discuss or raise due to the decision made in 1993.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if it was practical to consider locking the area from midnight to 5:00 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. Commissioner Moore remarked it should not be locked since it was a public access issue.

Mayor Naugle remarked that they should re-analyze the situation.

Bruce Roberts, Chief of Police, stated that they preferred time to re-evaluate the matter and the recommendation made in 1993, and would return to the Commission after 6 months to make their report.

Mayor Naugle reiterated that if problems arose, the Police Department should report back to the Commission before the 6 month time period. Chief Roberts agreed.

The City Manager stated that they needed to reanalyze the situation, and relevant history could show how they arrived in such a situation. He felt they had the resources to maintain the beaches and had received their 2nd Blue Wave Award for doing proper maintenance.

Commissioner Trantalis reiterated that image was very important since the City was a tourist destination.

Commissioner Hutchinson clarified that the matter would be taken care of as suggested so a true walkway would exist for the pedestrians. The City Manager confirmed.

Commissioner Teel stated that allowing illegal activities or disrepair was an embarrassment to the City. She asked if the gates were going to be physically removed along with illegal fencing. Commissioner Hutchinson stated the only remaining fence was at the eastern end, and the western one had been removed due to the project. Commissioner Teel suggested that anything illegal or disrepair be removed and the area left open.

Hector Castro, City Engineer, stated that he understood what the Commissioner had suggested to be done in order to make this open to the public 24 hours per day. He added that he wanted to work with the condominium associations because essentially the public beach did not begin until you reached the water, and if one meandered off the walkway, then they would be trespassing.

Commissioner Moore suggested that the condominiums post signs stating it was private property, and the City was required to give access to the public. He did not see any reason for the City to post any type of signs. Mr. Castro stated that the sand dune would be removed.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 3:52 p.m.

Action: Gates opened to the public and situation monitored for 6 months. Report by Police Department to be given to the Commission after that time frame.

I-F – USS Hoga Association, Inc. – Application for Historical Ship USS Hoga

The City Manager stated this Commission had supported the first phase of the USS Hoga being permanently docked at a site on the New River, and now was the time to submit a letter of support for Phase II which was due to the US Navy

by June 9, 2003. He reiterated there was no financial responsibility on the part of the City beyond the provision of the dockage.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if any liability was involved.

The City Attorney stated that he had not looked at the documents regarding what the donee's responsibilities would be.

Commissioner Trantalis stated that whether you bought something or were given something, there was law suggesting legal responsibility.

Dick Winer explained that the City would not be liable in any way, but were named on the insurance policies.

Mayor Naugle reiterated that the City Attorney was to make sure that the City was indemnified in the documents.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 3:57 p.m.

The City Attorney stated that normally they had gone through Risk Management to assess the risk and what the City's liability might be. He stated that sovereign immunity limited their liability to \$100, 000 per person and \$200,000 per incident, and anything over that there was a claims bill.

The City Manager stated that this began about 3 Commissions ago and had been presented to every advisory body. He stated that he had been advised by Jamie Hart, Supervisor of Marine Facilities, that the City's standard commercial tenant agreement would apply in this case. Mr. Hart explained that in this case the Federal Government required additional insurance up to \$2 Million and this would have to be reviewed by staff.

Commissioner Teel stated she understood there was an agreement with one of the vocational schools to have this as their project, including all maintenance of the ship. She asked if the restoration operations would take place on the water. Mr. Winer explained that all restoration was to be done at Port Everglades, and reiterated that the Commission should not confuse maintenance with restoration.

Mayor Naugle stated that on the River they did allow minimum maintenance to be done on the water, but major work was to be done at a yard. Mr. Hart stated that major work was required to be done before towing it to the New River.

Commissioner Teel asked if there was a written agreement that the school would be responsible for maintenance of the ship. Mr. Winer confirmed and stated they had a letter from the School Board.

Mayor Naugle reiterated that one of the requirements the Commission had imposed on the project was that if it was ever in disrepair, it would have to be removed.

Mr. Winer stated that the Federal Government had ways of disposing items and a process had to be followed. He explained that Little Rock was this City's main competitor and he had been informed that the City of Fort Lauderdale would have an excellent chance of getting this ship if they were seeking this as a municipality.

Gene Fitzgerald, former officer of the USS Little Rock, stated that the USS Hoga was the last surviving ship from Pearl Harbor.

Commissioner Hutchinson left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Action: Commission to write letters of support.

**COMMISSION RECESSED AT 4:42 P.M. FOR AN
EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION**

COMMISSION RECONVENED AT 5:27 P.M.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

I-G – Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP)

The City Manager stated that this set forth the policy changes, proposals and clarifications relative to the Capital Improvement Program.

Marisol Lotito, NCIP and BCIP Business Capital Improvement Program Manager, stated that staff was seeking to reintroduce the Business Capital Improvement Program which had been at a standstill for the past year. She stated the grant cycle would reopen on July 1, 2003 and closing it at 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2003. Even though the program had been at a standstill, the projects previously awarded had been moving forward. She explained that program guidelines were outlined in Exhibit 4 which had been distributed to the Commission, and many had remained the same with slight changes in their verbage. She stated that the Economic Development Advisory Board had served as the Board to make recommendations regarding the project, and guidelines had been set up to mirror the neighborhood capital improvement program which had been operating efficiently over the last 5 years.

Ms. Lotito further stated that on July 10, 2003 there would be a pre-application workshop to be held at the Beach Community Center, and on July 17, 2003 a technical assistance workshop would be held.

Action: Approved as presented.

I-H – Broward County Governmental Center Downtown Campus Selection Negotiation Committee (S/NC)

The City Manager stated that Commissioner Hutchinson had requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated she was disappointed in the process. She added that a letter had been sent from the County to the Commission asking them to appoint an elected official from this Commission to represent the City. This had been done unanimously, and for whatever reason the County chose to appoint the Mayor. She felt they should have stood united as a Commission backing the Commission's appointment with the understanding that the County could do whatever they chose to do, but it was her district and she held this near and dear to her and wanted to participate. She reiterated that the County had asked this Commission to appoint a representative. She stated that a week before she had received her back-up she had spoken with the City Manager since it had originally been an ex-officio member, and she had requested action by the County to make her a voting member so the City could participate more fully. She felt by the County switching the representative, it went against the process. She further added that it was her understanding that until the Commission reappointed that person was the Mayor representing this Commission.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Naugle reiterated that he had not asked for the appointment. Commissioner Hutchinson agreed. Mayor Naugle remarked that he felt the Commission did "stick together," and stated he had received a call from the County Mayor asking if he had requested to be appointed. Mayor Naugle replied that he had not requested the appointment. He reiterated that he had been told at the last minute about the appointment.

The City Attorney stated the County had made a request to the City, and the City had followed through on the request and appointed a representative to the committee, but the County had decided not to appoint that particular representative, and had appointed a separate representative. He further added that until the Commission changed their recommendation, it was citizen Naugle serving as a member of that committee.

Mayor Naugle stated if the Commission did not want to be represented on this committee and wanted him to resign, he would do so. Commissioner Hutchinson remarked that she wanted the City represented at the table, and her disappointment had been that they had asked the City to participate and make an appointment which they had done, and they chose to make a "switch." She

reiterated she was disappointed in the process which was something she firmly believed in and encouraged individuals to participate in, and to change it in the middle of the game plan was not right.

Commissioner Hutchinson reiterated that she wanted to sit on that committee, but if the County wanted the Mayor as the representative, then this Commission had to designate him.

Commissioner Trantalis agreed Commissioner Hutchinson should serve, but remarked that possibly due to a change in location that might be the reason they chose the Mayor as representative.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated she had read the minutes of the meeting and the matter of ownership had been discussed, and she reiterated that each of them had ownership in their district. She felt it was not good reasoning on their part and did not want to discuss why they did it. She stated she had been appointed unanimously from this Commission and the rules had been followed. Therefore, they should not have asked the Commission to make such an appointment.

Mayor Naugle asked if Commissioner Hutchinson wanted them to write a letter of protest and ask for her reinstatement.

Commissioner Moore suggested a compromise be made in the matter. He agreed the Commission had sent a representative they felt would be most appropriate, and the County chose to select another individual. He suggested the Commission appoint an alternate due to the fact that the Mayor had a heavy schedule, and the alternate be Commissioner Hutchinson.

Commissioner Trantalis questioned the precedent the Commission would be setting by doing this. Commissioner Moore stated he was suggesting this in this way because he sat as a Board Member to the Broward League, and they made it clear in their policy that they chose the individuals for their board even though the Commission may offer a selection. He felt since the County did not have such a policy that they could not find such a suggestion objectionable.

Commissioner Hutchinson commented that the Commission should not have written a letter of request, and then do whatever they wanted.

Commissioner Teel stated she agreed about the appointment of an alternate, and possibly the change that the representative be a voting member might not be something they wanted to deal with, and suggested that recommendation be removed. Commissioner Hutchinson disagreed and stated the DDA was also a voting member, and the precedence had been set years ago when they appointed Kristin Jacobs as a voting member to an SMC committee while being a neighborhood representative.

Commissioner Hutchinson suggest the Commission stick with their original appointment and select Mayor Naugle as the alternate.

Commissioner Moore stated he was only offering the suggestion as a compromise and did not want to find themselves involved in an exchange with the County. He stated the matter could go either way and he would agree to whatever the Commissioner preferred.

Action: Letter to be written reconfirming Commissioner Hutchinson as the representative, and Mayor Naugle to serve as the alternate.

II-A – Water Taxi – Water Bus Dock Stops

Mayor Naugle remarked this would create a mechanism for removing vessels blocking docks.

The City Attorney stated the recommendation being made was to send this for review to the Marine Advisory Board because he was concerned about towing the vessels or giving a private entity the authority to do so. He remarked that Maritime law was different than land law.

Action: Marine Advisory Board to review and provide recommendation.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Board of Adjustment

The City Commission agreed to reappoint Stephen Buckley to the Board of Adjustment and Al Massey as the Alternate.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Budget Advisory Board

Commissioner Teel recommended appointing Garry Johnson to the Budget Advisory Board. Mayor Naugle recommended appointing Don Winsett.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Charter Revision Board

Mayor Naugle appointed Chris Fertig and Commissioner Moore reappointed Dan Lewis to the Charter Revision Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Code Advisory Committee

Action: Deferred

Community Appearance Board

Action: Deferred

Community Services Board

Commissioner Teel recommended appointing Bob Lynn to the Community Services Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Education Advisory Board

Action: Deferred

Historic Preservation Board

Commissioner Teel recommended appointing Mary Jane Graff to the Historic Preservation Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Marine Advisory Board

Commissioner Teel recommended appointing Eugene Zorovich to the Marine Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore reappointed Norbert McLaughlin to the Marine Advisory Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board

Commissioner Teel reappointed Albert Fils to the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore reappointed Ella Phillips to the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson reappointed Jerry Carter to the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Trantalis reappointed Charlotte Rodstrom to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Moore reappointed James McCulla to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Action: Formal action to be taken at Regular Meeting.

III-C – Group City Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coalition of Broward County

Commissioner Hutchinson was appointed as representative, and Commissioner Moore the alternate, to the Group City EMS Coalition of Broward County.

IV – City Commission Reports

Transportation

Commissioner Teel stated that everything seemed to be moving forward and was glad that Mr. Chesser had attended today's meeting and would hopefully be mindful of everyone's concerns.

Mayor Naugle asked if the Commission wanted a letter to be send to FDOT to reconsider their recommendation regarding NE 55 Street. Commissioner Teel felt a resolution would be very helpful.

Action: Walk-on Resolution at Regular Meeting that FDOT reconsider their recommendation regarding NE 55 Street.

Tallahassee

Commissioner Teel stated the trip was very interesting and she enjoyed going there.

Beach Renourishment

Mayor Naugle congratulated Commissioner Teel on her successful venture regarding beach renourishment.

Commissioner Teel stated that Representative Greenstein explained a new way of generating sand from crushed glass.

Water Pressure in the Isles

Commissioner Trantalis stated that the residents in the Isles were complaining about water pressure in the early morning hours. He added that the response the residents had gotten was that this was a deliberate measure for cost savings.

Frank Coulter, Deputy Director of Public Services, stated that it was not a deliberate measure, and what occurred was that irrigation systems turning on in the early hours caused the pressure to go down. He explained that the Waterworks project planned to improve that situation in the next 5 years.

Mayor Naugle remarked that he had noticed when it was dry, the water pressure was low especially when the irrigation systems clicked on. When the rains started, the pressure appeared to improve.

Mr. Coulter remarked they were working on the situation and checking it.

Commissioner Moore suggested that possibly residents change their time settings for the irrigation systems and then the pressure might improve.

Mayor Naugle asked how staff could be sure there were no problems in the system.

Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, explained they were checking the system. Mayor Naugle stated that sometimes at the ends of the isles there were calcium build-ups and possibly that could also be checked. Mr. Coulter explained they first checked the valves, and sometimes there were breaks in the line at river crossings and that would also be checked.

Lake in Poinsettia Heights

Commissioner Trantalis stated that people could no longer swim in the lake at Poinsettia Heights due to pollution.

Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, stated that over the last 6-7 years they had worked with the neighborhood in regard to introducing grass carp to deal with vegetation in the lake, but did not address specific concerns regarding the water quality. He stated they would check into the situation.

Henderson Clinic

Commissioner Trantalis stated the mental health clinic had relocated to 3rd Street and residents in the area were concerned because patients appeared to be meandering through the neighborhood.

The City Manager stated they would check into the situation.

County Parks Bond

Commissioner Trantalis stated that he had received a letter about the county parks bond and that a list had to be submitted, and asked if he could receive a copy of the priority list.

The City Manager stated he had just signed a memorandum regarding this issue and copies would be delivered to the Commission.

Model Home Issue at Recent CRA Meeting

Commissioner Moore stated he was concerned about the model home matter which they had agreed to at the recent CRA meeting. He stated that title searches were being done on the remaining 100 lots, and he felt they should proceed with the Development Agreements pertaining to the 5 lots agreed upon instead of waiting on those 100 remaining lots.

Faye Outlaw, Community Economic Development, stated they had identified the 100 buildable lots, and out of that 100 they had cleared titles for 10-15 and would proceed with the Development Agreement, and using the CRA real estate group to continue clearing the remaining titles.

Commissioner Moore stated he preferred they proceed with the lots agreed on so there would be no hold-up in regard to the development.

Action: Development would proceed for the approved lots.

Hollywood/Lauderdale Lakes – HOPWA Properties

Commissioner Moore stated that Mayor Naugle had been contacted by the Mayor of Lauderdale Lakes regarding HOPWA housing they had acquired. He felt it was embarrassing to have properties in such a condition in other municipalities.

The City Manager apologized for the situation and stated he had responded to Mayor Brown, and reiterated they had received these properties due to being a grantee in an attempt to do something good for the citizens. He reiterated that nothing could be done to the properties until approval was received from HUD.

Mayor Naugle stated that the properties could be maintained better and trash removed.

Commissioner Moore stated that this was HOPWA money and people who had this disease had no where to live, and the properties should be rehabilitated.

Faye Outlaw stated that they had selected the Housing Authority as the non-profit agency, and HUD had ruled that as long as properties were in the City's name, they could not use HOPWA money for rehabilitation. The properties had to be transferred to the Housing Authority in order for HOPWA money to be used for the properties.

Commissioner Moore asked what was preventing the lease from being done. Ms. Outlaw stated they had just received approval from HUD to move forward with the lease.

Mayor Naugle asked if this could be a walk-on at tonight's meeting.

The City Attorney stated that this could be done subject to review and approval by his office. He replied this could be done in 48 hours, if there was a willing partner.

Ms. Outlaw remarked that the Housing Authority was a willing partner.

The City Manager clarified there was one municipality who did not want the property rehabilitated. Ms. Outlaw replied there was a single-family house in Hollywood which was located in an industrial/commercial zone and would have to be rezoned. She stated there was an 11-unit quadraplex in Lauderdale Lakes who did not want the property rehabilitated and wanted to purchase it from the City. She stated they were in the process of getting appraisals and compare the gap before putting it up for sale.

Commissioner Moore stated he felt the residents were concerned about these properties because of them not having been properly maintained.

The City Manager remarked that he had been told they had other plans for the subject properties.

Broward League of Cities – May 31, 2003

Commissioner Moore stated the Broward League of Cities would be inducting their new president on May 31, 2003.

Meeting recessed at 6:07 p.m. until after the Regular Meeting this evening.