

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COMMISSION  
CITY HALL  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL**

**APRIL 20, 2004 – 12:30 PM**

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Mayor Naugle called to order the special regular meeting of April 20, 2004, at approximately 12:32 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Present: Mayor Naugle  
Commissioner Teel  
Commissioner Trantalis  
Commissioner Hutchinson  
Commissioner Moore

Absent: None

Also Present: Acting City Manager  
City Attorney  
Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Naugle stated that there were a small number of former Mayors who traditionally made up the Board of Recognition, so they now had citizen representation consisting of Genia Ellis and Birch Willey. He further stated that the City had established the Citizens Recognition Program in 1972 and the purpose was to give public recognition to citizens who had contributed in significant ways to the development of the community. He explained that honorees were selected by the Citizens Board of Recognition and ratified by the City Commission.

Mayor Naugle announced that this year the Citizens Board of Recognition had been expanded and had former Mayors, along with Genia Ellis and Birch Willey, who represented the Council of Civic Associations. He stated that in 1984 the Citizens Recognition Program had been expanded to include Citizen of the Year and Distinguished Citizen Honoree. He explained that the category of Honored Founder was added to the program in 1990, and the category of Exemplary City Employee had been added in 1997. He stated that last year, the category had been amended to Exemplary Former City Employee as the Board recognized that the City had already established a program to recognize the accomplishment of current City employees.

Mayor Naugle recognized former City Commissioner Dick Mills and former City Clerk Chris Mills. He stated they were going to vary the order of presentations to be made today because of something that was occurring at the School Board later today. He explained that the City had fought for a long time to obtain possession of the Old South Side School again, and Hardy Park was contiguous to that site. He stated there had been plans to sell the site, build condominiums, and a courthouse, but through the hard work of City staff and Commissioner Hutchinson, along with community members, the City had been able to receive grants and awards in order to get the old South Side

School back into the City's hands. He stated that Commissioner Hutchinson was to appear before the School Board, and therefore, would have to leave this ceremony.

**2004 Exemplary Former City Employee – Lucy Kisela**

**(R-4)**

Commissioner Hutchinson stated it was an honor to present this award to someone she had a tremendous amount of respect for, and asked for Lucy Kisela to join her at the podium.

Commissioner Hutchinson proceeded to read a resolution selecting and honoring Lucy Kisela as Exemplary Former City Employee of Fort Lauderdale for 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING  
LUCY KISELA AS EXEMPLARY FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE FOR 2004.

Lucy Kisela thanked the Mayor and City Commissioners, along with the Citizens Board of Recognition, for this honor. She thanked everyone for the many years that she was able to work with them, for them, along side of them, and with the City employees and dedicated citizens.

Mayor Naugle stated that he also wanted to recognize two other former winners in this category, Tom Tapp and Chuck Ritchie, who were also present today.

**2004 Citizen of the Year – William G. Crawford, Jr.**

**(R-1)**

Commissioner Teel proceeded to read a resolution selecting and honoring William G. Crawford, Jr. as Citizen of the Year of Fort Lauderdale for 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND  
HONORING WILLIAM G. CRAWFORD, JR. AS CITIZEN OF THE  
YEAR FOR 2004.

William G. Crawford thanked the Mayor and City Commissioners for this great honor. He thanked Joan Micus, a former Citizen of the Year, who had nominated him. He also proceeded to thank the Citizens Board of Recognition for making this selection. He stated that Buddie Lochrie was the only person he had known to ever be honored by the Board of Commissioners of Broward County with two different "Buddie Lochrie Days." He stated that George Allen was also present today and was going to be the Broward County Bar Association speaker on May 17, 2004, when they would be honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. He added they would be celebrating with the Historical Society and the Broward County Historical Commission. He stated the City Clerk was the keeper of the City's history, and the first Executive Secretary of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Florence Hardy, had been Fort Lauderdale's City Clerk.

Mr. Crawford stated that he wanted to recognize his wife, Clare, and stated that without her he would not be able to be President of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. He announced that she was presently serving as Chair of the Broward Cultural Council. He thanked his Uncle Tommy and Gwynn Crowder had traveled from Raleigh, NC to be with him today. He also mentioned John and Barbara Paine, Dwight Rogers, Bob Elmore, and Paul Bradley for being present today, along with all his other friends and neighbors. He also recognized Helen Landers who was Broward County's Historian. He stated that he was a product of his parents' public service and the emphasis they had placed on public service.

Mr. Crawford stated he had to share an article that had appeared in the Miami Metropolis on April 7, 1911, after the organization of the Town of Fort Lauderdale. The article stated as follows:

"Fort Lauderdale City Fathers met last night for the first meeting since its formal organization and passed 3 important ordinances to hold the City government until the town's charter had been secured. One ordinance deals with the maintenance of proper sanitation throughout the town. The other ordinances are akin and a measure as one provides for the keeping of the peace in the town, and the other puts a penalty on excessive motoring speed. Hereafter, woe be tied anyone turning a corner in Fort Lauderdale faster than 4 mph, and on the straight streets he must keep down to 10 mph, and every member of the City Council is an automobilist who knows whereof he speaks. Life is more value they say, then a few minutes of time saved a traveler."

Mr. Crawford once again thanked the City for this great honor.

**2004 Honored Founder – W. George Allen**

**(R-3)**

Commissioner Trantalis stated that when he had first moved to this City about 20 years ago, he had been invited to the Tower Club and had met George Allen. He stated that throughout the City he had seen his picture in various places, and at one time he had thought that he had pre-dated the Stranahans. He remarked that Mr. Allen had done a lot for the City.

Commissioner Trantalis proceeded to read a resolution selecting and honoring W. George Allen as Honored Founder of Fort Lauderdale for 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING  
W. GEORGE ALLEN AS HONORED FOUNDER FOR 2004.

George Allen thanked the Mayor, City Commissioners and the Selection Committee for this honor. He stated that he enjoyed a great life here and it was a pleasure to call this City home, and he looked forward to working "with" everyone and sometimes "against" them in the future.

Mayor Naugle stated that in the audience they also had Barbara Paine and Dick Mills who had been previous honorees in this category.

**2004 Distinguished Citizen – Robert B. Lochrie, Jr.****(R-2)**

Commissioner Moore recognized Anita Holloway Taylor, who had mentored him through the City Hall Chambers when he had first been elected. He stated that two past Commissioners were also present from a neighboring City, and they were Haywood Benson and Wally Effers from the City of Lauderhill.

Commissioner Moore stated he was honored to have the opportunity to read the following resolution.

Commissioner Moore proceeded to read a resolution selecting and honoring Robert B. Lochrie, Jr., as Distinguished Citizen of Fort Lauderdale for 2004.

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SELECTING AND HONORING ROBERT B. LOCHRIE, JR. AS DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN FOR 2004.

Robert Lochrie stated that he appreciated this honor conferred upon him and thanked the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Citizens Board for the recognition. He stated that he wanted to introduce the people who allowed him to give time to the community. He proceeded to introduce his wife Susan, and their children, Glenn, Kate, Robert, and Robert's wife Brook. He proceeded to thank his friends and colleagues for attending today's ceremony. He explained that no one received an award without the collective work of a lot of people.

Mr. Lochrie explained that the City was only 22 years old when he had been born. He stated that each generation of his family attempted to give something back to this wonderful City. He stated that of all the activities he had participated in 3 had been important. The first was the DDA, the Broward Center for Performing Arts, and the neighborhood associations. He stated that before the DDA, they had many vacant buildings and empty streets with few people living in the Downtown. Today, he explained that the RAC had millions of square feet of office space, first-class restaurants, a nationally recognized library, a Museum of Art, a riverfront park, Riverwalk, and housing. He remarked that the Downtown was important to the City's economy and to the budget.

Mr. Lochrie further stated that an important by-product of the urban center was that it kept more dense development in one place, and protected the residential neighborhoods and helped shift the tax burden from the residential properties to the commercial properties. He stated that this City was a better place to live in today, than it had been 30-70 years ago. He was confident that they had the collective wisdom to protect their residential neighborhoods, while still developing the City. He added that he missed Lucy Kisela and commented that the other award winners today were also good friends and neighbors. He stated he was happy to live in Fort Lauderdale.

Mayor Naugle stated that former winners of this award that were present today were John Paine and Birch Willey.

Mayor Naugle announced that at this time everyone would go outside for the unveiling of the plaque for the Distinguished Citizen Award, followed by lunch.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

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Jim Naugle  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeff Modarelli  
Assistant City Clerk