

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

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

A – Twin Lakes South Annexation

The City Manager said the Commission asked for options regarding Twin Lakes South annexation. A preliminary financial analysis was provided, and a policy decision needs to be made as to whether this matter should move forward. The City of Oakland Park has requested this matter be deferred.

The City Manager said one option is to defer this item until next year, and another option is not to proceed with the Twin Lakes South annexation at any time.

Mayor Naugle said there is documentation providing that areas to be annexed have to break even.

Commissioner Teel said if a policy exists that annexed properties must be revenue neutral, then it would be foolish to disregard such policy.

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson not to proceed with the Twin Lakes South annexation.

Vice Mayor Trantalis asked if the expenditures involved are a one-time expense. The City Manager said the bulk of the cost involves additional staffing.

Otis Latin, Chief of Fire-Rescue, said staff consists of 4.33 individuals for a 24-hour shift.

Vice Mayor Trantalis said that Oakland Park is going to place this matter on their March ballot. He said that the matter should be deferred at least until that time. He felt the annexation would cost the City a large expense.

Mayor Naugle said the assessed values of the homes in the area do not support the high cost of additional personnel for the area.

Vice Mayor Trantalis said it is not fair to section out a portion of the neighborhood. He further said that the economics of scale would then dictate the amount of additional staff needed, and he did not agree with that concept.

The City Manager said the word “preliminary” indicates a question as to which formula should be used in this instance. He was not sure if the analysis is being done properly in this case. He felt the City should not take on additional responsibility at this time.

Commissioner Hutchinson said she represents an annexed area, and they were promised things they had not been given. Until the City figures out how to do things in

the proper manner, she did not think the City needed to increase their square footage at this time.

Vice Mayor Trantalis wanted to make sure the Commission is basing their decisions on accurate information.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioner Teel, Vice Mayor Trantalis, Commissioners Moore and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Jim Naugle
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jonda K. Joseph
City Clerk