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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING CITY COMMISSION FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA MAY 10, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mayor Naugle on the above date, City Commission Meeting Room.

Roll call showed:

Present: Vice Mayor Christine Teel

Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis Commissioner Carlton B. Moore Commissioner Cindi Hutchinson

Mayor Jim Naugle

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager George Gretsas

City Attorney Harry A. Stewart
City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph
Sergeant At Arms Sergeant Frank Miller

Zack Crown, Boy Scouts, led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTE: All items were presented by Mayor Naugle unless otherwise shown, and all those desiring to be heard were hard. Items discussed are identified by the agenda number for reference. Items not on the agenda carry the description "OB" (Other Business).

Mayor Naugle said that the motions and resolutions could not be heard until 6:00 p.m. Therefore, he asked the City Attorney if the matter of R-1 could be brought forward for discussion, but the vote would be held until after 6:00 p.m. The City Attorney confirmed that would be appropriate.

Transmittal of Evaluation and Appraisal Report, Comprehensive Plan – Florida Department of Community Affairs – Case 1-T-05 (R-1)

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, said that written comments were offered by the Planning and Zoning Board. In general the Board requested additional information in the EAR document that would not be required by the State and more than what was transmitted the last time the EAR was submitted. Such information is good and necessary and important for the future regarding amendments. He said the EAR report is the beginning of the plan amendment process that will occur in the next year.

Mayor Naugle asked if any changes are being recommended at this time.

Mr. LaFerrier said he did not think that any comments they received would require an amendment to the document as required by the State. Therefore, he is not

recommending any changes and the document be submitted in its present form. This document will come back in 60 days; the Local Planning Agency will review it again and then the Commission will be asked to adopt it.

Mayor Naugle asked if the document would be reviewed in a workshop setting. Mr. LaFerrier thought that was a good idea.

Commissioner Trantalis said a workshop session is a good idea and should have taken place earlier. He believed that is why the Planning and Zoning Board did not approve it. The Commission is now being held under the wire due to time constraints. This is a mistake in the process he hoped the City would learn from. He felt the document is difficult to understand, and asked why a workshop had not been held prior to this time.

Mr. LaFerrier said the effort in putting the EAR document together is significant. It is a process that normally takes 12-18 months to complete. Staff did not begin to work on the document until the beginning of this year due to lack of sufficient staff. He regretted that workshops were not held, but he was committed to having a workshop before its adoption.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the comments she received on the EAR are too detailed to include in this document. She felt the EAR is very bureaucratic. The comments are good. She wanted them to be incorporated extensively and not just touched upon in one or two sentences. She asked that they get resurrected and come back. Mr. LaFerrier agreed.

Vice Mayor Teel said this is not an approval of the document, but only a transmittal. Workshops are needed when reviewing complicated documents and that should be done in the future. She felt they are on the right path and hopefully some lessons have been learned.

Mayor Naugle said this evaluation takes place every seven years; the process should begin earlier next time.

Commissioner Reports

OB

Joseph C. Carter Park

Commissioner Moore said the Joseph C. Carter Park is now open.

Riverland; Parking on Swales

With respect to parking on swales, Commissioner Moore said the Civic Association of Riverland agreed to a two-wheels on and two-wheels off in a dedicated boundary. He provided a map to the City Manager. A method needs to be found to inform the residents of the requirement, and the Police Department needs to begin enforcing the rule.

Mayor Naugle asked if there is to be a grace period in which the residents could be educated about the rule. Commissioner Moore said the Civic Association made that recommendation. There needs to be an education program before fines are imposed.

The City Manager said a program will be prepared and the Commission apprised.

FPL Substation; 6th Avenue

Commissioner Moore said landscaping was to be done around the FPL Substation at 6th Avenue. He hoped the City would work with FPL regarding the plan they committed to over 20 years ago. He provided a landscaping concept for the area to the City Manager to determine if this could be implemented.

Sistrunk Boulevard; Streetscape Improvements

Commissioner Moore announced a public hearing to be held on May 19, 2005, 6 p.m., at the Mizell Center regarding Sistrunk Boulevard Streetscape design to be done by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). He urged residents to attend and provide input.

Prostitution; Federal Highway

Commissioner Hutchinson said that the e-mail entitled "Cindy Sin-City," is totally inappropriate. She felt the Public Information Office and the Police Department should get the word out as to what is being done regarding prostitution on Federal Highway. She indicated that she will not tolerate this.

Mayor Naugle said that today he was informed about new bicycle patrols and received a positive response from the neighborhood.

Commissioner Hutchinson said Captain Carter did a great job at the Poinciana meeting the other evening, but further word needs to be put out on the street as to what is taking place. She felt the Police Department is doing a great job.

Bruce Roberts, Chief of Police, said in their action plan process, they are going to incorporate a public information component. He detailed was has been done with respect to prostitution. He agreed the Police Department needs to make the neighborhoods more aware of what the department is doing.

Commissioner Hutchinson said she does a monthly newsletter and she would be willing to incorporate this information into it.

Mayor Naugle thanked the Police Department for their efforts in this matter.

352-9190 – July 4th Fireworks Display

(PUR-1)

One-year contract for 4th of July fireworks display services is being presented for approval by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Recommend: Award to first ranked proposer

Vendor: Lamella Fireworks Manufacturing, Co.

New Castle, PA

Amount: \$80,000.00 (estimated)

Bids Solicited/Rec'd: 160/2

Commission Agenda Report 05-0477

The Procurement Services Department reviewed this item and recommends awarding to the first ranked proposer.

Kirk Buffington, Director of Procurement Services, said the City released an RFP to hire a fireworks contractor for the July 4, 2005 event. Two proposals have been received and are being presented to the Commission tonight. Late Wednesday, the City Manager, Parks and Recreation Director, and he were approached by members of the community willing to fund the fireworks. Staff is interested in making this work, but staff and legal counsel have concerns. A letter has been received today purporting that they would sponsor this event, but no written agreement has been received from any group that the fireworks would be sponsored, and to the level of the City's expectations as indicated in the competitive contract. From the legal point of view, there are various concerns and those would be explained by the City Attorney. There could be some liability issues from the contractor involved in the competitive process.

The City Manager said the City is grateful for the offer, but issues do exist and need to be addressed.

The City Attorney said that normally when someone sponsors a City event, it is done through a competitive process. He said that has been done and they are at the end of that process. The Commission can reject all bids, but they must do so in good faith. The City could be at risk if the bids are rejected and they proceed forward with the volunteers. Also, they would have to waive the competitive process. The City could select the vendor through the competitive process, select a vendor, accept the donation and allow them to sponsor the event. This was done last year. It would leave the City in a no risk situation.

Commissioner Moore said his issue is not whether the City has the obligation to follow through, but the amount of the event. He asked what the cost was for last year.

Mr. Buffington said the contract price last year was \$56,000.

Commissioner Moore said he wanted to reject the contract due to the \$80,000 cost. He felt it is out of line with the City's budget.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked why the price is much higher this year.

Mr. Buffington said last year was the last year of a previously awarded five-year contract prior to September 11, 2001. Since September 11, 2001, the cost of the barge, permitting, dealing with Port Everglades, and the cost of materials have increased greatly, and that is the primary reason.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if the contract is put out for a rebid, would the prices possibly be lower. Mr. Buffington said the cost would not be lower. He reminded the Commission this is the second bid. Two responses received were two of the biggest players in the market. There is a lot of work involved regarding the permitting process because the applicant has to deal with the County, City, Port Everglades and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if Grucci is accepted as the vendor, along with the private funding, the City would insulate themselves from liability or estoppels.

The City Attorney said staff's recommendation is for Zambelli. If the Commission wants to go with Grucci, and articulates a reason why to do so, it could be done and the risk would be reduced. He reminded everyone that there is no written contract at this time with any group.

Commissioner Trantalis said one of the private sponsors was under the impression that since the City rejected a previous bid, there were not going to be any fireworks this year. Therefore, he secured private funding to guarantee payment of the Grucci proposal. Even if the private funding is not forthcoming, the City would only be out \$66,000 compared to the existing bid of \$80,000.

The City Attorney said the question is whether or not the bid is a proper response to the RFP.

Commissioner Trantalis realized the two proposals are different, but he wanted the cost and risk to the City to be minimized.

Mayor Naugle said that \$40,000 is in this year's budget for the event, and if a sponsor could make up the difference, the City would still be within their budget.

Commissioner Trantalis preferred the City not spend any money.

Mayor Naugle was concerned about a lesser display. Commissioner Trantalis said he is interested in a quality product. In the bid tabulation presented by staff, Zambelli would charge the full amount if a cancellation takes place, but Grucci would only charge \$6,000.

With respect to Grucci, Mr. Buffington said it is \$6,000 plus associated expenses, including the barge which is \$24,000 to \$25,000, and one-half the show charge. It is not a flat \$6,000.

Commissioner Trantalis said the information is deceiving and the total cost should be shown in case of a cancellation. Mr. Buffington said he attempted to present it as the proposer responded. It is his obligation to present a factual picture of what is being received. He cannot make subjective evaluations. Zambelli provided a flat amount. It is the known versus the unknown. The barge is a subcontractor to the display company and is a pass-thru cost.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if the Commission accepted the Grucci proposal, would they be subjecting the City to any risk by rejecting staff's recommendation. The City Attorney said an explanation has to be given as to why the proposal is being rejected. Commissioner Trantalis asked if cost would be a justifiable reason. The City Attorney confirmed yes, but the lower cost would have to meet the RFP criteria. As he understood, cost received a certain amount of points. If both proposals met the criteria in the RFP, the points could be reallocated. Commissioner Trantalis concluded that the City does not have free reign in securing a contractor. The City Attorney said there is a procurement process to be followed to avoid problems. The avoidance of problems cost

money. Commissioner Trantalis questioned whether the Commission has the right to save the community \$66,000 or \$80,000. The City Attorney explained at this point the City has no contract. The problem is the Commission is at the threshold where a decision has to be made. The sponsors came in a day late and a dollar short. There is no written contract at this time. The answer is it can be done, but not without risk.

The City Manager said there are two issues. The first is whether the Commission wants to accept the gift, which has one element of risk not yet discussed. They want to handle it completely. If the donors do not deliver, there is no enforceability leverage.

Commissioner Trantalis said the letter does not indicate they want to take over the event, only to fund it. The City Manager said they were informed the sponsors want to deal with the vendor. Staff asked them to make a cash contribution, but he believed they said no.

Kathleen Gunn, Assistant City Manager, said the sponsors informed the City their ability to raise funds was based on the ability that Grucci would put on the event. She said the group was informed that through the procurement process Zambelli was being recommended. At that point they did not have the willingness to do the show on that basis.

Commissioner Trantalis did not understand that the City would be turning over the entire event to the contributors, but rather they are indicating that the contributions will be made if Grucci is doing it. Those are two completely different things.

The City Manager had a different impression after the conversation. He did not understand that the City would be reimbursed for the contract if it is awarded to Grucci. Ms. Gunn said a complete discussion including all the logistics was not held with the sponsors. The City Manager indicated if they are willing to reimburse the City and the contract is between the City and Grucci, he would have less concern. The worry would be whether Zambelli would sue the City, which is far less than the possibility of not having the event.

Commissioner Hutchinson said this appears to be a commercial for Grucci, and if the City does not accept Grucci, they will not supply the funds. They are directing the process not the City.

The City Manager said their point is that the Grucci family has homes in Fort Lauderdale, and they felt an arrangement could be made where they could put on an \$80,000 show for less money than the City could. However, he could not speak for them.

Commissioner Moore said the budget is for \$40,000 and this bid is for \$80,000. Therefore, he suggested that both bids be rejected. The City normally does not sponsor holiday events outside of the 4th of July. The City should sponsor the holiday, excluding the fireworks.

Vice Mayor Teel asked for further clarification in staff's report: "...which the bid had specified would not be counted for the total number."

Mr. Buffington said the RFP has a detailed scope of what is expected for the fireworks show. Two of the issues with the Grucci proposal is that their show is to be 20-21

minutes, and the RFP provided for a minimum show time of 25 minutes. This partially explains the price difference. The RFP also specifies the total shell count and what would be acceptable.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if the shell count is part of the RFP rating or consideration. Mr. Buffington advised yes. This technical decision was made when developing the scope.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if the Commission is willing to accept fewer shells and a less show time, could they reject the higher bid and accept the lower proposal. The City Attorney said that the Commission should regrade the evaluation form or articulate why they prefer the lower proposal.

Vice Mayor Teel said one show might not be equal to the other, but the compelling part is the difference in price. She felt a show should be held, but the City does not need to spend \$80,000. She believed there is good reason to accept the lower bid. If the show is cancelled, the City is still saving money. She asked what the reasons would be for canceling a show.

Mr. Buffington said inclement weather is one reason for cancellation of a show. The barge captain has the authority to cancel the show due to high seas or other problems.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Teel and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to re-rank the proposers for the fireworks display.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if a motion could be made, if re-ranking takes place, to accept the Grucci bid contingent upon receiving written funding commitments within 72 hours from the third parties., and if that is not done, the contract would be awarded to the other vendor.

The City Attorney responded no, that the two should not be tied together. Mayor Naugle enumerated reasons that could make the distinction for re-ranking.

The City Manager said there is another matter the Commission needs to be aware of. There is an expectation on the part of this group that they want an official sponsor for the event. He was not aware of who and what might manifest.

Mayor Naugle said a proposal would have to be provided with detailed information regarding the event.

Ms. Gunn said some potential sponsors were named in the letter which was provided to the Commission this afternoon, but she believed further detailed information could be provided. Because of the short time frame, she believed phone calls have been made and it is paid. She was certain they would clarify the sponsor question.

Commissioner Trantalis said he spoke with Mike Kelleher for the Q-Resort (Hilton) and he explained the issue further. No request has yet been made regarding naming opportunities. Kelleher's corporation will commit to full funding, and they will seek other partners. In Mr. Kelleher's letter, he mentions other entities. There is no contract, but the letter has been given and the verbal conversation held.

Mr. Buffington said this is a new opportunity that has never before been presented to him. He displayed and reviewed the RFP criteria. Both firms agreed to work with sponsors if that occurred.

Commissioner Moore said he cannot support this. He felt the City could be challenged. He suggested the City not accept either bid.

Commissioner Hutchinson agreed that an RFP process was followed and specific requirements met.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel and Commissioner Trantalis. NAYS: Commissioners Moore and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle.

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Vice Mayor Teel that both bids be rejected because they are higher than the proposed budget for the event.

The City Manager was concerned if the bids are rejected how the City would be able to provide fireworks for the 4th of July. There is not enough time for a re-bid.

Commissioner Moore said a 4th of July celebration should be sponsored by the City, excluding fireworks due to budget restraints, and if someone wanted to propose a method to underwrite such expense, the Commission would entertain such proposals.

Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel and Commissioner Moore. NAYS: Commissioners Trantalis and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle.

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to accept staff's recommendation as listed in PUR-1, and that Staff work with the Kelleher group. Roll call showed: YEAS: Commissioner Hutchinson and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: Vice Mayor Teel and Commissioners Trantalis and Moore.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if a motion could be made to accept the Grucci proposal. The City Attorney said it was his understanding that the re-ranking making Grucci the first proposer had failed.

The City Manager said the City is now at a crossroads. To guarantee fireworks under the City's control, either of the two vendors would have to be accepted. If both bids are rejected, the other option is to negotiate with the private sponsors and hope the show is delivered. The risk is the City would not be able to control delivery. The worse case scenario is there will be no fireworks.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how many years the City has had fireworks on the 4th of July. Mr. Buffington said he has been with the City for ten years, and every year there has been a fireworks display. Commissioner Hutchinson said the City would have fireworks. She believed this has been an advertisement for Grucci, and she was annoyed that she has been placed in this position.

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to reconsider the motion to allow Grucci to put on the fireworks display. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: Commissioner Moore.

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Vice Mayor Teel to accept the Grucci bid for the reasons stated previously. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: Commissioner Moore.

<u>Presentations</u> OB

1. Silver Knight Awards

Commissioner Hutchinson said she was the keynote speaker for the top 10% of the graduating class of Stranahan High School. She proceeded to announce the Silver Knight Awards recognizing two outstanding seniors for their unselfish service to their school and community. The students are Alana Edun of Stranahan High School and Carmela Adriana Punziano of Fort Lauderdale High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

Third Amendment to Extend Contract with LM Engineering, Inc. Engineering Laboratory Testing

(M-1)

A motion to authorize execution of a third amendment to extend the agreement with L M Engineering, Inc. dba as GFA International, to provide engineering laboratory testing for the duration of time needed to award and execute a new contract for year 2005-2006, or until November 14, 2005 – Project 10451A.

Recommend: Motion to approve.

Exhibit: Commission Agenda Report 05-0480

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as presented. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

Acceptance of Broward County Canvassing Board's Certification November 2, 2004 Bond Referendum; Fire-Rescue Facilities

(M-2)

A motion accepting the Certification of the Broward County Canvassing Board, which Certification is on file in the City Clerk's Office, declaring results of the Bond Referendum held November 2, 2004.

Recommend: Motion to approve.

Exhibit: Commissioner Agenda Report 05-0469

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Trantalis to approve the item as presented. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

RESOLUTIONS

Transmittal of Evaluation and Appraisal Report, Comprehensive Plan - Florida Department of Community Affairs - Case 1-T-05

(R-1)

Commissioner Hutchinson introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO TRANSMIT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT REGARDING THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Which resolution was read by title only. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

Mayor Naugle said when this report comes back, he hopes there would be a way to measure the result of the mass transit improvements being proposed. He asked how this would affect travel and the level of service. Regarding mass transit and transportation, the County is the level of government that provides such services. The County receives gas tax revenue, and has such responsibilities.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting and said that he supports the EAR report.

Cultural Facilities Grant – Southside School - \$1.5 Million Florida Division of Cultural Affairs

(R-2)

Commissioner Moore introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A CULTURAL FACILITIES GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS OVER A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD TO ASSIST IN THE REHABILITATION OF SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL.

Which resolution was read by title only. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis, Moore and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

2005 General Obligation Bonds – Fire-Rescue Facilities - \$40,000,000

(R-3)

Commissioner Moore introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TO PAY FOR THE ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING OF CERTAIN NEW AND EXISTING FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING THAT SUCH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SHALL CONSTITUTE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY AND THAT THE FULL FAITH. CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CITY SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY PLEDGED FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND THE INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH: DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER THE DETERMINATION OF CERTAIN MATTERS AND DETAILS CONCERNING THE FIRST SERIES OF SUCH BONDS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE BY COMPETITIVE BID OF THE FIRST SERIES OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF BOND SALE; APPROVING THE FORMS OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF BOND SALE AND OFFICIAL BID FORM: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE FIRST SERIES OF SUCH BONDS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH HEREIN; APPOINTING A PAYING AGENT AND A BOND REGISTRAR; PROVIDING FOR THE PRINTING AND USE OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; COVENANTING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c1-12 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COMMITMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO; AUTHORIZING A BOOK-ENTRY REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR THE BONDS: AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Trantalis asked if the \$40 Million would be obtained at one time or staggered. The City Manager said the bonds would be \$20 Million at a time.

Which resolution was read by title only. Roll call showed: YEAS: Vice Mayor Teel, Commissioners Trantalis, Moore and Hutchinson, and Mayor Naugle. NAYS: None.

There being no cadjourned at 6:56 F	matters	to	come	before	the	Commission,	the	meeting	was
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ATTEST:									
Jonda K. Joseph City Clerk	 	_							