

COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. JANUARY 18, 2006

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

Absent: None

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

I-A – Proposed Installation of Statues – NE 13 Street Median – 13th Street Business Association

Peter Partington, City Engineer, said that previously the City approved a grant regarding the installation of statues. Issues arose whether they could be located in the medians, but discussions are being held regarding the matter.

The City Manager said the question is where the statues should be placed.

Mr. Partington explained that the material is not break-away and that is why they are wrestling with the possible placement of the statues in the medians. When a removable object is placed close to the travel part of the road, they would be seeking certain setbacks.

Mayor Naugle asked if the statues would be at locations where there are mountable curbs. He said some curbs are made to be driven over and he is not sure what types of curbs would be involved at some of the location sites.

Mr. Partington said that they would be at locations where there are non-mountable curbs which have a lower setback requirement.

Vice Mayor Teel said that in the past FDOT was concerned about the trees at such locations, and she asked if FDOT has approved the placement of the statues.

Mr. Partington said this is a City street and no approval is needed from FDOT. An engineering firm will review standards issued by FDOT for the locations, and in meeting such standards the issue of liability will be covered.

Vice Mayor Teel asked what happens if the statues are damaged or stolen. Mr. Partington said that typically in connection with neighborhood projects, the community is required to be responsible for the first \$1,000 of damage, and then the City would be responsible for the remaining amount.

The City Manager said that the City Commission could determine otherwise.

Commissioner Moore said that there could be an indemnification whereby the City would not be responsible for any costs in connection with replacing or repairing damaged

statues. The City Manager further said that it would be up to the City Commission to decide the requirements.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that the statues are a gift to the City. Commissioner Trantalis said that an indemnification would not be involved, but actually a hold harmless agreement saying the City is not responsible to replace the art work. He asked about the composition of the statues.

Bunney Brenneman, President of the 13th Street Business Association, said the statues are made of soap stone and material that is found in Zimbabwe. She further said that the material can be compared to granite, and the statues would be placed on pedestals. She said that the City's guidelines will be followed and the ironworkers would create the pedestals. A steel rod would go through the bottom of the base through the sculpture to hold them in place.

Mayor Naugle asked if the statues would be a hazard in the areas where they are going to be placed, and if so, then he suggested that the Commission approve the placement of the statues, but if they are demolished then the neighborhood association would be responsible for their replacement.

Commissioner Moore said he is concerned about accidents and deaths due to such accidents in the areas where the statues are going to be placed, and asked what responsibility would be placed on the City.

The City Attorney said that the maximum liability to the City would be \$200,000, but said that there is no limit regarding civil rights. He further said that there has been a long history associated with this project due to the consequences that could be attached to it. He said that there was an instance in Tamarac where a rock had been placed in the road, and a gentleman ran into the rock and sued everyone involved. He said the City needs to make sure that the statues are protected and all safety issues are addressed in order to reduce the chances of the City getting sued, but that such chances would not be completely eliminated.

Commissioner Moore asked why a break-away stand would not be used. Commissioner Trantalis said that possibly the statue is not made of a material where such a stand could be used.

Mayor Naugle said that if such stands were used, then the statues could break off and possibly go through someone's windshield.

Mr. Partington said that such stands were more expensive, and if the statue was to completely break away, then additional damage could be caused. He proceeded to show a photograph of one of the locations where a statue is to be placed. He said a risk issue is involved, but the road he was presently showing had immovable objects on it close to the end of the road.

Commissioner Moore asked if placing these statues in the medians was not increasing the probability of unsafe conditions. Mr. Partington said that any time additional hardware is placed into the right-of-way, the risk factors are increased. Commissioner Moore asked if all possible sites for the statues have been reviewed that might pose less problems. Mr. Partington said that several sites have been considered, but they could

continue to check various sites. He said this site is close to the business place of the person donating the statue. He said that one way to deal with the risks for the area is to make sure the statues are installed in accordance with the prevailing City standards. In this case, engineering feels it is doable in the sites being considered.

Commissioner Moore said the Business Association should have liability insurance, and he asked if their insurance could be connected to this matter.

The City Attorney said that could be done and indemnification could be requested, but the City is the ultimate "deep pocket" in the situation. He said that he has not discussed this issue with the Association. Mr. Partington said that he had not discussed the issue either.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that she is in support of this project and there would probably be more lawsuits from people tripping on the City's broken sidewalks and curbs, than what would occur from these statues. She felt this is a good project and reminded everyone that the statues are a gift to the Association, but on the same token she did not want to accept responsibility on the part of the City for any damage done to them or for replacing them.

Mayor Naugle said that this item is being approved by the Commission with the condition that the City will not be responsible for any loss.

Action: Commission approves this item, but the City would not be responsible for any loss.

I-B – Proposed 2006 State Legislative Agenda

The City Manager said the Commission has been presented with a "wish list." He said further that the State Lobbyists are present at today's meeting to answer any questions regarding process, and the departments are present to answer any questions regarding the projects.

Mayor Naugle said that he is pleased to see Item 3-2 regarding eminent domain on the list.

Vice Mayor Teel said this is a "healthy" wish list and she wondered if they might be asking for too much or is this a common occurrence.

Carol Dunkinson, State Lobbyist, said it is common to have a long list hoping that a portion of it would be granted. Sometimes leaders will ask for the lists to be prioritized due to their length and content. She said that she is working with Linda Cox regarding State issues.

Vice Mayor Teel said that the items fall into various categories.

Linda Cox, Lobbyist, said it is good to have the list because it is a good introduction for the delegation so they are aware of a city's priorities. She said it takes time to obtain funds and this is a beginning.

Vice Mayor Teel asked for further information regarding Wingate, and asked if a golf facility would be considered as an acceptable use for the site. She asked if the site would be appropriate for a housing development even though they are still hearing that it is contaminated, and what is the status regarding the site's clean-up.

The City Manager said it is his impression that the Commission wanted to pursue the golf course concept, but it is his understanding that there is a certain amount of encapsulations regarding a golf course at this site. Mayor Naugle said that the site is probably not suitable for residential development at this time.

Vice Mayor Teel said that is probably the case, but she is also wondering about the people who might be employees at the golf course and their exposure to the site over time. She further said that she read about the vents for removing the gas, and asked how appropriate it would be to have such vents in the middle of a golf course.

The City Manager said that in reaching out to outside firms on this matter, one firm volunteered to provide a survey of the site, along with a viability study as to how well-suited the site is for a golf course. Such a report would probably be submitted in 1-2 weeks. A study was done a few years ago, but concerns were then raised regarding the cost involved. The City Manager said that if a golf course is to be constructed at this time, they would have to do it in a cost effective way.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if there is a list of acceptable uses for the site.

Ed Udvardy, Public Works, said it depends on site development because they cannot penetrate the cap and on going tests have been taking place. A consultant has been doing environmental testing and sampling over the last two years, and the results have been submitted to the State and the EPA. Meetings were held with the EPA and the testing has been modified. Once a decision is made regarding the type of development chosen for the site, then it would have to be presented to the EPA for their review and approval.

Vice Mayor Teel said the ultimate decision would be made by the EPA. Mr. Udvardy said the City also decides, but the EPA would be part of the equation. Vice Mayor Teel said that decisions are made on an individual basis. Mr. Udvardy confirmed. Vice Mayor Teel asked if commercial or residential development could occur at the site. Mr. Udvardy said that commercial could be a possibility.

Commissioner Moore said the site has been dealt with for several years and consists of 60 acres that has been on the EPA list. He said the process done by the EPA stated there has to be an end use for the site. He further said the end use always has been for green space for recreational purposes. Therefore, no proposals could be made for industrial or residential development. The contaminate levels at the site would not permit any structures to be placed at the site, and most of the EPA sites returned for an end use have been done as golf courses because they provide the opportunity for what had to be followed, which included a 30-year evaluation of whether or not the capping and insulation used to prevent the contaminants from getting into the aquifer was working. There could be nothing to puncture it and nothing consisting of heavy construction could be placed at the site so continuous testing could be done. He said the community would prefer an executive-type golf course. There is a section of the property where construction could take place which was the area where buildings had existed and no

contaminants were placed in that area. Due to rain run-off, there was no high concentration of contaminants in such area which consisted of about 4-5 acres, where a clubhouse could be built. Commissioner Moore said that they attempted to find an end use that would generate revenue.

Vice Mayor asked if there is any opportunity to receive Federal funding for the project. Commissioner Moore said EPA funds could not be utilized for such a project and could only be used to inform the public or hire an engineering firm that would evaluate the facts being provided by the State, County and the EPA. He further said that funding could possibly be received from recreational uses.

Mayor Naugle said if such a project is constructed, the property values surrounding the site would increase, thereby providing more tax revenue for the City.

Mr. Udvardy said that the area is a grassy site as of this time and is fenced-off to the public.

Commissioner Moore said the golf course concept provides the opportunity to evaluate the property for the next 30 years as required by the EPA.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if after 30 years the site would be considered safe and free from contaminants. Commissioner Moore said if that was not the case, then another method might have to be used in order to provide a safe closure for the site. He further said that the item on the Commission's agenda this evening is to continue the process so such goals could be met.

Mr. Udvardy said that it is to ensure that all test results fall within acceptable standards.

Commissioner Moore said they had projected a larger amount of funds to do the closure than what had been spent, and he asked where the remaining monies have been placed. Possibly such monies could be used to create the additional sod to begin the project.

The City Manager said that this is a "wish list," and broad policy statements are not being made by adopting the list. One of the items on tonight's agenda is in connection with staffing and equipment. He said this City is a Homeland Security City and they are working now with other municipalities in an attempt to secure funding for various items. He said they want to spend funds wisely regarding emergency preparations.

Commissioner Moore asked if further information could be provided regarding funding for the Wingate site.

Linda Cox said she has done research on this matter with the EPA and discovered that the Commission, as a governing body, could designate the site as a brown field and then certain funding could be accessed. A funding dispute was pending at this time, and therefore, the EPA had to sign-off before such designation could be done. She said that there are also some grants available.

Commissioner Moore said that if the site is designated as a brown field, the City could seek certain funds, but if it is a super-fund site that would not be possible.

The City Manager said they are running a parallel course in this case because they had monies to build it, but the next question is what is the cost to operate such a facility and could the private sector be involved.

Commissioner Moore said he is concerned about the 60 acres laying dormant because there is no benefit to the taxpayers or the City. He said the City needs to explore what methods are available so the site could function on its own and have a positive effect on the City. He further said the issue with the UWASSI funding would be to the City's benefit. Five municipal entities are currently receiving such funding: Miami Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Pembroke Pines and Miramar. The County is going to attempt to change the process so the monies would go directly to them. He felt the money should go into the City's coffers and the lay of the land of the process stay with the City. He said that the League of Cities is going to Washington, D.C. regarding certain issues, and he hoped this matter could be one that would be addressed at that time. He hoped that locally they could mobilize those cities to work together and keep the monies in their hands. He suggested that this issue be addressed nationally. He asked if the lobbyists interfaced with the National League of Cities and the State regarding such matters.

Ms. Cox stated that this was addressed on a state level.

The City Manager said that an RFP had been put out and the selection process is presently on course. Therefore, a recommendation should be made in a month or so.

Commissioner Moore asked if the lobbyists had any type of relationships nationally to respond to such an RFP. Both lobbyists said they did not plan on responding to the RFP. Ms. Dunkinson said that she had relationships in DC, and Ms. Cox stated the same. Commissioner Moore said it is his understanding that a local Congressman had a different belief regarding such matters, and he hoped discussions could be held in order to convince him otherwise.

Mayor Naugle said that he and the City Manager are working on a strategy to have the City remain in control. The City Manager said they had a plan, but the question is if there will be any effort in applying for the grant to undermine what occurred on Friday.

Commissioner Moore said he would like to know what is being proposed and how they intended going about it. The City Manager said that the cities appear to be supportive of the decision made on Friday which was for the cities to have a majority of control over the application process. The UWASSI process did not guarantee funding, but only provided the right to apply. The working group would decide on the application and review the projects to determine which ones they are requesting funding for, and if the County was in control, the City would be subject to their decisions as to what should be applied for. Millions of dollars have been spent on the EOC and its facilities, but meantime there are communities throughout the County where one strong wind could eliminate their emergency operation centers. The bulk of the funding has been going to the County, but the cities wanted to obtain their fair share.

Commissioner Moore asked if the Homeland Security Department decided that the five municipalities be given the opportunity to apply for the funding, instead of it going to the County. The City Manager confirmed. Commissioner Moore said he is concerned that the negotiations and presentations made to the Congressman would utilize what the

Homeland and Defense Department felt was appropriate, and why it was appropriate. The City Manager confirmed once again.

Commissioner Moore said he would like to discuss the new City Manager positions that are listed on tonight's agenda. Mayor Naugle said the matter is to be discussed this evening and then the public could participate.

Vice Mayor Teel asked for further information regarding the grapefruit league. Ms. Cox said that the Tourism Committee is to hear a report on the stadium, and the Chairman, Nancy Peters, is filing a Committee Bill to provide three spots for the existing spring training facility to be renovated. Senator Cassano has the Bill in the Senate. She said these are the same three spots that were on last year. Fort Lauderdale is supposed to be next in line for such renovation.

Action: None taken.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 2:14 P.M.
MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:41 P.M.**

II-A – Public Safety Radio System – Emergency Repairs – Damage Caused by Lightning Strike During Hurricane Rita

Action: None Taken.

I-B – Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration – Request of Parade Committee – Financial Assistance for Police Staffing

Wayne Alexander, Parade Committee, said they are seeing a donation from the City not to exceed \$9,200 to assist in covering the costs for police enforcement, and other costs associated with this annual event. The parade would start at Joseph C. Carter Park and go to Holiday Park where a festival would be held with Gospel music designed to entertain the young individuals.

Mayor Naugle asked how much money had been raised for the event. Mr. Alexander said they raised less this year and the amount totaled about \$30,000. He felt the hurricanes had contributed to this factor.

Commissioner Moore said the event is free and nothing is generated from the event. Mr. Alexander said no one is getting paid to work on the event, and everyone is volunteering their time.

Mayor Naugle said that \$6,600 could be given towards the event instead of the \$9,200 being requested.

Kathleen Gunn, Assistant City Manager, said that since this is a holiday, overtime costs would be involved. Detail is voluntary work and they could not ensure the officers at the site.

The City Manager said they would attempt to get this to work as best possible, and they would keep the costs down as much as possible.

Vice Mayor Teel asked if the County had been approached to help with this event. Mr. Alexander said that the County provides a mini-grant from the Corporate Affairs Division in the amount of \$2,000.

Vice Mayor Teel said that \$9,000 was a high amount and she would prefer an amount around \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Action: Commission consensus to approve the request as submitted.

II-A – Emergency Repairs – Public Safety Radio and Telephone Systems – Damage Caused by Hurricanes Rita and Wilma

Action: None Taken.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board

Commissioner Trantalis said that he wanted to appoint Miranda Lopez to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson reappointed Eileen Helfer and Al Miniaci to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle said that he wanted to reappoint Judith Scher to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Teel reappointed Brad Fitzgerald and Henry A. Sniezek to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore reappointed Ina Lee to the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting

Board of Adjustment

Action: Deferred.

Cemetery Advisory Board

Commissioner Trantalis said that he wanted to reappoint Victoria Mowrey to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Commissioner Hutchinson reappointed Anne Platt and Mark Van Rees to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle reappointed Connie C. Christensen to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Teel reappointed Larry W. Sherman to the Cemetery Advisory Board, and wanted to appoint Jose Manuel Portela to that Board.

Commissioner Moore reappointed Albert McWhite to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting

Charter Revision Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Community Appearance Board

Commissioner Hutchinson said that she wanted to appoint Dennis West and Maria Scarola to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Services Board

Action: Deferred.

Education Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon

Action: Deferred.

Historic Preservation Board

Action: Deferred.

Marine Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Board

Action: Deferred.

Unsafe Structures Board

Action: Deferred.

Utilities Advisory Committee

Action: Deferred.

OB - Walk-On Item/Billboards – Clear Channel

Mayor Naugle said that it is his understanding that discussion would be held this evening.

Commissioner Moore said that the matter was originally scheduled for a Conference Meeting and then it would proceed to the Regular Meeting time for discussion. Commissioner Trantalis confirmed.

Mayor Naugle said that he is not going to be able to vote on this because he did not feel this should be a walk-on item. He feels it is important public policy. He said that he might support the item, but he is uncomfortable if the public is not going to be provided an opportunity to speak. He said that he did not understand the urgency being applied to this matter, and felt that a large amount of information has been provided to the Commission for their review.

Commissioner Moore said that the matter had been on the Commission's previous agenda, but was pulled due to the fact that an appraisal offer had been made to Clear Channel, and the City Commission was provided with additional information to be considered in making their decision.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked why the matter was not noticed. Commissioner Moore said the matter should have been placed on this agenda.

The City Manager said therein lies the confusion because they asked to have the item pulled and no date certain was provided for future discussion.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that she did not receive the information regarding this matter until last night.

Commissioner Trantalis said that no one is aware that the matter is going to be discussed this evening.

Commissioner Moore said this matter is an urgent one due to the fact that the number of billboards in the community need to be reduced, and the majority of them appear in his District. He asked for the Commission to support the removal of such billboards from the communities, and have them located along I-95.

Mr. Brown, Clear Channel, said that they are willing to appear at another meeting if the Commission desires them to do so. He said the item had been previously pulled because the information regarding the appraisal had not been delivered until right before the last meeting.

Commissioner Moore asked if the item could be placed on the Commission's February 7th agenda, and said that he desired unanimous support for the matter. Commissioner Trantalis said that he did not think anyone was against the removal of the signs, but they also had to discuss where the billboards were to be located.

IV-A – Proposed Lien Settlements – Special Magistrate and Code Enforcement Board Cases

The City Manager said that Item #15 is being removed due to there not being a settlement on that matter.

Mayor Naugle said that if none of the Commissioners have any objections, all settlements would be approved as presented, except for Item #15. There were no objections.

Action: All recommendations were approved, excluding item #15.

V – Commission Reports**Sunrise Intracoastal Lighting**

Vice Mayor Teel thanked Albert Carbon in connection with the lighting of Sunrise Intracoastal.

Home Fort Lauderdale Magazine

Commissioner Trantalis said that there was an article in the Home Fort Lauderdale Magazine regarding the damage that occurred to a lot of homes and businesses in the area due to the hurricanes. He felt there was little effort on the part of the businesses to help clean things up, yet most situations have been resolved in Miami. He asked how the City is following up on these types of situations so that the City can get back to normal. He gave as an example a tree in Wilton Manors that has been down since Hurricane Wilma, and yet nothing has been done to remove it.

The City Manager said that the City has been lenient and now there needs to be better communication. Commissioner Trantalis said time is up and everyone needs to begin taking care of the problems.

Mayor Naugle said that if individuals are waiting on materials to do repairs, then that would be a different story and citations would not be given by the City.

The City Manager said that due to the amount of damage that had occurred in the City, they wanted to give everyone sufficient time to take care of the damages. Mayor Naugle said that the matters had to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Some of the businesses had lost incomes and some may have had high deductibles, and many are still waiting on checks from the insurance companies. He said that everyone should be notified that it is time to resolve the problems.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that there was a lot of debris, and possibly a press release should be done notifying the residents that debris hauling has come to a halt, and that everyone should now use bulk trash pick-up to remove such items from now on.

Sistrunk Boulevard Lights

Commissioner Moore said that streetlights are still not working along Sistrunk Boulevard, and he asked for an update regarding lights along 6th Street.

Mr. Carbon said that they are presently in the area and have begun running out of parts and wire, but they have begun working with FP&L in connection with the problem. He said that he does not know when the lights would all be back on.

Commissioner Moore said that the area is very dark at night without the lights, and it is a heavily traveled pedestrian oriented street.

Sistrunk Boulevard Corridor

Commissioner Moore said that many people had gone to the County Commission meeting recently in support of the redevelopment of the area. He said that they are to utilize the County Manager's Committee process in addressing this issue. The County District Commissioner stated at that meeting that he would place this on his agenda only if there was a compromise, and that Mayor Naugle was agreeable to the compromise that was issued. He said that studies have been done to show the impacts regarding the narrowing of the corridor, and that the information distributed was incorrect. All mitigation issues were reviewed and the City wants to share such information with the County.

Commissioner Trantalis asked what proposal had been offered. Commissioner Moore said that a figure was thrown out. Mayor Naugle said that Commissioner Rodstrom's plan was to make the area like Las Olas, and that during rush hour the traffic would be four lanes, and otherwise it would be two lanes. He said that he met with the County Mayor and informed him that the City was very clear in their support regarding the narrowing of the roadway, and the County Mayor assured them he would resolve this issue, along with other pending issues with the City, during the coming year.

Commissioner Moore said that he did not think how the County had presented the information regarding this matter was fair to anyone. He said further that after the debate, the Committee decided to meet again on February 6, 2006. He said that he had inquired as to whether or not the Committee was going to place the Sistrunk Corridor on their agenda. He said they are trying to follow the requested process, and are willing to do so, but if an agenda date is not provided on February 6th, then he would like to go before the County Mayor explaining the City attempted to follow the requested process, but the Chair of the Committee was unwilling to permit a dialogue between the concerned parties. Therefore, they are requesting that the matter be presented to the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Moore said that the CRA Director had done a good job creating the facts and merits of this matter for the meeting. He said the impact of the study is not meritorious to what the County Mayor is claiming, and the mitigation being proposed has no validity. He hoped that they would be able to clarify the submitted information to the County Commissioner at the meeting on February 6th.

Mayor Naugle said that he felt the compromise plan is worthy of consideration and he has stated such at various meeting, but he also made it clear that the City Commission's position is that the roadway be narrowed. He asked if the members of the Committee are presently known.

Commissioner Moore said the members of the Committee are as follows: Commissioner Wexler, Commissioner Wasserman, along with Commissioner Rodstrom. The County

Mayor can attend any meetings he desires and plans on attending the meeting when this matter is placed on the agenda. He said that no confirmation has yet been received regarding the meeting of February 6, 2006. He further said that they spoke with the Director of the Broward League of Cities who felt this was very important, and John Thomas of the Florida League also felt this matter should be taken to Washington.

Twin Lakes/Rock Island Annexations

Commissioner Moore said that celebrations regarding the Twin Lakes and Rock Island annexations are scheduled for the 21st and 28th of January.

Affordable Housing Roundtable Discussion

Commissioner Moore reminded everyone of the Affordable Housing Roundtable discussion scheduled for January 21, 2006.

Commissioner Moore complimented Chief Otis Latin, Fire-Rescue, on the excellent lunch served yesterday.

Illegal Dumping

Commissioner Moore said that another issue he wants to mention is illegal dumping. It appears many people are dumping their debris and trash at construction sites, and he asked if something could be done to enforce the laws. He asked if cameras could be installed and possibly individuals put in jail and vehicles confiscated in such situations.

Commissioner Moore asked if information could be included in the City's water bills regarding numbers for individuals to call in connection with unlicensed contractors.

Mayor Naugle said that he had just met with the Consumer Affairs Board, and they expected a huge increase in complaints.

Commissioner Trantalis asked what recourse could be taken in such situations. Commissioner Moore said he would like the City to deal with Consumer Affairs who could possibly hold special meetings to address the increased caseload for such matters. Many individuals were not aware of who to call and how to attempt a resolution for their situations.

Vice Mayor said that contractors are providing false information to the consumers adding to the problem. She suggested that representatives from Consumer Affairs visit homeowners' association meetings and educate the residents of the City regarding this problem.

Martin Luther King Celebration

Commissioner Moore thanked the Police Department for their hard work and efforts during the event. He said that one of his concerns was that no invitations were extended to anyone to speak during the event. If that was not the case, he found that to be problematic. Mayor Naugle said that he was asked to speak during the breakfast event. Commissioner Moore said the breakfast was handled by the YMCA, and not the MLK Committee. He felt the failure of anyone to speak on behalf of the City was not

acceptable, and the situation needs to be corrected for the future. He said it was a good event.

The City Manager said that various tents were erected by various organizations, and possibly next year the City could have their own display and tent, and even have the Police Department do some recruiting. Commissioner Moore said that both the Fire Department and Police Department should be represented.

Homeless Issue

Commissioner Moore complimented management regarding the handling of this issue, and the City was obtaining international coverage of the situation. He said that he hoped the State Attorney would address this matter appropriately and handle it as a hate crime.

Commissioner Trantalis said that the young people did a terrible act because they did not feel anyone was paying attention. He said there are parts of the City where illegal activities occur because no one is watching, and he felt more eyes are needed on the streets. He said that this is a lesson learned by the hard way. There is an element in the City that creeps out when no one is watching.

Commissioner Moore said that he read the article in the newspaper regarding the matter yesterday, and he felt it is sad that young people today had such mentalities.

The City Manager said that when such incidents occur, individuals attempt to look for the meaning, and this appears to be an isolated incident, but the community assisted in solving the crime. The community was outraged and other young individuals stepped up to the plate to help gain justice in this matter. He said that he did not want people losing sight of the good that occurs when something bad happens.

Mayor Naugle said that a national advocate complimented the City's Police Department in this matter.

Vice Mayor Teel said that cameras are helpful as shown in this case. She asked if possibly certain areas of the City should install cameras and that a matching grant could be obtained. In the long run, this would save the City money and additional officers would not have to be put on the streets.

Mayor Naugle said that cities like Chicago are installing such cameras on their streets. Vice Mayor Teel said that she believes the cost for such things is coming down recently.

The City Manager said that one issue that would have to be addressed is having cameras on private properties, and the other issue is having them placed on public properties. The City Attorney would have to participate in such discussions.

Commissioner Moore said that he is not in favor of cameras on the roadways, but when it reflects on public safety, then possibly such things would have to be done, especially in areas where redevelopment is being attempted.

Commissioner Trantalis said that he did not think most individuals would object to such a program.

Commissioner Moore suggested that they rotate where the cameras are being placed.

The City Manager said that they are going to have to take a holistic approach to the matter because once the cameras are installed, other areas will begin requesting such surveillance.

Vice Mayor Teel suggested that possibly partnerships could be created. Commissioner Moore said that something has to be done.

Mayor Naugle suggested that a pilot program be started.

Hurricane Recovery

Commissioner Moore said that street signs need to be put back up, including STOP signs, because even emergency vehicles are having trouble locating properties. He suggested that they seek financial assistance from the County.

The City Manager said the issue is how responsive is the regional approach to such matters versus the City taking care of the situation themselves.

Commissioner Moore said he is aware that the County is in charge of the signs, but possibly management could send a letter to the County regarding reimbursement if the City takes care of the problem. Mayor Naugle said that he also was concerned about the matter.

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested that a letter be written asking about the County's priority as to where the directional signs come into play versus the STOP signs. She said that some of the school zone lights are still not working.

10th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference

Commissioner Hutchinson proceeded to show a brief video regarding the 10th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference, along with the sponsor packages that will be distributed. Hal Barnes was complimented on his work with the video.

NCIP/BCIP Projects

Commissioner Hutchinson said that due to increases in constructions costs, she hoped that the NCIP and BCIP projects are appropriately funded to incur such increases.

VI – City Manager Reports

None given.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:28 p.m.