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COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. MAY 23, 2006

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

Absent: None

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

I-A – Request of Liberal Black Firefighters Association of Broward County For Sponsorship – Bi-Annual Convention of International Association of Black Professional Firefighters Welcoming Reception - \$3,000

The City Manager said that the monies could be pulled from the contingency depending on the desire of the Commission if there is support for this request.

Mayor Naugle asked if this is a once-in-a lifetime deal and the only time the City is sponsoring this event. The City Manager said that he did not have any history available regarding this event.

Action: Consensus to fund \$3,000 from Contingency Fund.

I-B – Davie Boulevard Corridor Master Plan – State Road 7 to Interstate 95

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, reviewed the presentation materials which are attached to these minutes and available in the City Clerk's Office. This is the first phase of the planning efforts for the Davie Boulevard Corridor Master Plan. The corridor itself is surrounded by a neighborhood. One goal was to redevelop the corridor in a planned fashion - an improvement to the neighborhood, economic development, stability and new business opportunities. The first phase was to meet with the public, define a vision and then create concepts that could be implemented and set up phase two. This took about 2 years, 5-6 meetings with the steering committee and 4 meetings with the community.

Mr. LaFerrier said that this corridor has been under utilized over the years with little redevelopment opportunity. There are about 20,000 residents. Neighborhoods are beginning to change, showing real potential. The area is commercially driven. A market study conducted shows there is a lot of spending along the corridor.

Mr. LaFerrier referred to the presentation materials, detailing the Guiding Principles developed in the public input process. Staff believes there is a great opportunity for transit-oriented development. The tri-rail is already on the east side. On the west side there is discussion about the Regional Transit Authority providing bus rapid transit along State Road 7. This could be transit oriented mixed use development. Moving inward to 27th and 31st, those areas could be redeveloped primarily with commercial development but reconfigured in a different fashion. The centerpiece of the plan is the concept of creating a main street environment between 27th and 31st. Thomas Aquinas School is

going to expand and provide cultural and public facilities. The Broward County Public Library is also in the area. There is an opportunity to create a synergy of public uses and provide a land use pattern that would allow for mixed-use development while spurring redevelopment.

With respect to the main street setting, Mr. LaFerrier said the area has been zoned and consists of single-family homes and vacant properties for many years. The presentation materials show how the area could be transformed. A successful example is in Delray Beach at Atlantic Avenue and Interstate 95.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. LaFerrier indicated the number of traffic lanes does not change.

Mr. LaFerrier further said that Florida Department of Transportation is currently in the process of making revisions to the corridor only from a traffic safety perspective. The next phase will describe the streetscape more.

Mr. LaFerrier referred to the Action Plan in the presentation materials. It is important to remember that the first and second phases involve funding through the block grant programs. There is about \$160,000 remaining in the project. The Implementation Plan shows how far staff believes it can get with this funding over the next eighteen months.

Elizabeth Hays, River Run Civic Association, said their community extends from Riverland Road to 31st Street. She said that the area has often been neglected. There is concern from the single-family residents as to what is going to happen if multi-use is introduced.

Ms. Hays referred to the library which did not do well in the hurricane and has been closed for quite some time. Many people feel that there might be enough land for a regional library on Davie Boulevard that could serve the entire southwest area.

Ms. Hays indicated in summary the Association supports the plan and is looking forward to its implementation.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said this is a great plan. For the last 6-10 years there has been some habitual problem properties. In order to create a great master plan for Davie Boulevard, the City needs to take a hard line against these property owners in order to attract viable retail.

With respect to the library, Vice Mayor Hutchinson wanted to encourage the County Commission to move the library to the St. Thomas Aquinas School side and do a joint venture. The School is quite interested. The community is not looking for a monstrous library, but something that could be utilize. It is something they have had for a number of years and the residents do not want to lose it. She suggested a letter be sent.

Mayor Naugle said that concept has been done in the downtown with the library in conjunction with Florida Atlantic University and Broward Community College.

Commissioner Moore agreed. He suggested speaking with the School Board. The shopping center where the library now exists is an opportunity for mixed-use development. He noted factors that he felt would make that shopping center take off

quickly with respect to mixed-use. He was concerned about the results and the time it takes in redevelopment areas from the Nuisance Abatement Board and Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Moore noted that Davie Boulevard is a State road just as Broward and Sunrise.

Mayor Naugle asked if there could be a main street with viable retail and pedestrian walkways with a four-lane highway. Mr. LaFerrier said that this has been done in Delray Beach.

Commissioner Moore felt the main street reference has to do more with the look and character. He felt that the Delray example is different because it is at the end where the traffic can be slowed down.

Mayor Naugle said it appears the Commission agrees with the presentation. He asked the City Manager to prepare a letter to the District County Commissioner regarding the library.

Commissioner Moore said a copy of that letter needs to also be sent to the Friends of the Library, along with the principal of the elementary school, and director of the private school.

Action: Consensus approval as submitted. At Vice Mayor Hutchinson's and Commissioner Moore's request, Mayor Naugle asked the City Manager to prepare a letter to the Broward County Commission with respect to a library in the area along with the Friends of the Library, elementary school principal and private school director in the area. Vice Mayor Hutchinson wanted to take a hard line against problem properties in the area.

I-C – Tree Removal Pilot Project With Florida Power & Light – Northeast Corridor Public Rights-of-Way

Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the Utility Advisory Committee addressed the situation of palm trees growing under power lines which are hard to trim and the fronds cause damage to the lines. Staff did a survey of the feeder line from the 13th Street Substation. Palms on the right-of-way that are getting close to or intruding upon powerlines would be removed. The City would plant a suitable replacement. The property owner could relocate them onto their property. This is a pilot project from the Utility Advisory Committee. Proper communication needs to occur with the property owners. Staff will work closely with FP&L.

Mayor Naugle referred to a Photo 22 on Federal Highway where Live Oaks are in the swale and the power line is on the other side of the sidewalk, and asked if it would be necessary to remove those trees.

Mr. Thornburg said it would probably be best to replace them with something else. Shade trees can be trimmed, but they do not look very good. Perhaps something else could be done with shade trees, working with the property owners.

Commissioner Teel commented on how the trees are chopped severely on one side. Arborists say that they consequently are more likely to be damaged during a hurricane because their weight is all on one side.

Mayor Naugle said that if trees are removed, then the stumps should also be removed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Rodstrom said Poinsettia Heights was selected for the pilot program. She asked how many trees are to be removed and how much interaction will occur with the residents.

Mr. Thornburg said there are 44 palms on the right-of-way. Direct contact will be made with the property owners.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about the 150 trees noted in the back-up. Mr. Thornburg said there are 75 trees and palms located on the right-of-way, and another 75 on private property. The program does not address trees on private property. Staff will advise property owners that they might want to do the same thing. Forty-four trees on public right of way will be removed.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Fred Stresau of the Utility Advisory Committee, said this only includes right-of-way in the streets, not behind the houses.

Commissioner Teel said she toured the area. The only way to trim the tree is to chop the head off, so trimming is not a viable option. It is important to provide sufficient notice. She further asked if the relocation cost would be the responsibility of the property owner. Mr. Thornburg said that the City could take the tree out of the ground, which save the property owner some expense, but the property owner would then have to hire someone to replant it.

Commissioner Teel was concerned about a Canary Island Palm in Coral Ridge that is probably worth about \$20,000. She wanted to make sure there is some care. She felt it is a good pilot program.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted further clarification as to how property owners will be contacted. Mr. Thornburg said they will go door-to-door and leave information if no one is at home asking them to call the Parks and Recreation Department. A time schedule will be created and 3-4 weeks notice to property owners to make arrangements.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked what happens if a large group of homeowners object. The City Manager said it is a Commission decision. Staff will proceed after notifying the property owners, unless the Commission directs the staff not to proceed without permission from the property owner.

Mayor Naugle said this is the first time the City is allowing trees to be saved that are on public property and retained in the neighborhoods.

The City Manager said that property owners will have the option to either have the tree removed or to relocate it.

Commissioner Teel said the goal is to clear the wires so electricity is not lost.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson pointed out that FP&L will butcher the tree anyway.

Mr. Thornburg said if a property owner wants to do something with a tree, staff will give them a specific date.

Commissioner Moore asked why the City would replant under the wires. Mr. Thornburg said they will use the adopt-a-tree philosophy to plant in the swales with trees that will only grow to a certain height that will not impact the lines.

Gene Dempsey, Urban Forestry Supervisor, said that several species only grow to 18' or 20', and some thatched palms only grow to that height, along with flowering trees. They do not provide a canopy but they offer some green. He mentioned several species. A grant has been obtained from the State to provide free trees to homeowners.

Commissioner Moore asked who would maintain the trees in the right of way. Mr. Thornburg said if trees are planted that will only grow to a certain height, maintenance will not be an issue. Mr. Dempsey explained palm trees grow in a straight line and cannot be maintained out of the power lines. The small trees are just about maintenance free. If a homeowner calls, the City currently will trim a tree in the swale. A preventative maintenance program has been started throughout the City.

Action: Consensus approval as submitted. Mayor Naugle asked that the stumps and debris be removed immediately.

I-D – Request of Housing Authority For Funding - \$54,000 Park Impact Fees H.A.C.F.L. Plat No. 1

Phillip Goombs, Housing Authority, reviewed his letter to the City Manager, dated May 8, 2006, requesting funding from the City in the amount of \$54,000.

The City Manager said if the Commission approves this request, he has been informed by the City Attorney's Office that the City cannot waive the fee therefore the monies would come from the Contingency Fund.

Mayor Naugle asked if this is in the CRA. Commissioner Moore replied yes, but said it is not a CRA project and does not meet CRA project standards. He felt there should be a change in the City's methodology regarding such fees, especially for a non-profit group dealing with low-income individuals. In situations where low income housing is involved, the fees should be waived.

The City Attorney explained such a waiver would put the fee in jeopardy because it makes the fee a tax. The ordinance is based upon a plan and calculation of a fee that is to be paid by the users. If a class of users do not pay, then the courts would probably find it to be a tax.

Commissioner Moore said the Commission should consider the request for \$54,000. He did not think that CRA would be the appropriate funding source. This is property not on the tax rolls and the CRA should be used to increase the tax base.

Mr. Goombs said that once built, it will be on the tax rolls.

Commissioner Moore said the first step is that the City Manager pay it from the General Fund, and if reimbursement can be obtained from the CRA and the Commission agrees, then that could be done. He did not feel the project should be delayed.

Mr. Goombs said that time is of the essence in this regard. Mayor Naugle noted much of the public housing is very old. This is a new building. He commended Mr. Goombs. He believed it is an appropriate expenditure, whatever the source. He agreed with Commissioner Moore concerning the funding source.

Commissioner Moore complimented the work being done at this site. He asked that the Housing Authority meet with the community to inform them what is occurring at the site. He also suggested announcements be distributed in various places where the public would have occasion to get a copy.

Mr. Goombs said that he met with the Dorsey Riverbend Homeowners Association and will continue doing so.

Dan Fee said that Broward County has provisions in their Code for waivers. They designate an alternate funding source. Perhaps the City could look into this. The City Attorney said the County is not waiving the fees but finding an alternate source to pay the fee. Mr. Fee thought a provision could be included in the park impact fee ordinance so such matters would not have to be done individually.

Commissioner Moore thought additional research is needed, but was concerned how this would be offered as to funding source.

The City Manager said that a case-by-case basis is safer because at least the City can guarantee a funding source.

Action: Consensus approval as submitted; \$54,000 from Contingency Fund.

I-E – Policy Permitting Absentee City Commission, Board or Committee Members to Participate in Meetings – Electronic Communications Media Technology

The City Attorney said this issue was raised a while back, but the problem went away and no action was taken. Another request was made recently for an advisory board member to appear by telephone. When this was last discussed, the Commission decided that until a policy was established it would not be allowed. He was directed to prepare a policy. The policy provided in the backup conforms with the most recent discussion of the Commission. The policy is that the cause of absence must be a physical disability, such as medical treatment or some similar action; that it not be a quasi-judicial board; that there be a quorum physically present; that the telephone system allow them to hear and talk to other members of the public; that notice be given 7-8 days prior to the meeting that a telephonic or electronic presence would be taking place; and only members physically present would be able to vote. In addition to the boards, this policy could be adopted for the Commission or a different policy could be created for the Commission or handled on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Teel was not in favor of this procedure for advisory boards because it is disruptive. Possibly something could be done for the Commission.

Mayor Naugle agreed with Commissioner Teel, it would not be necessary for an advisory board, but could be enacted for the Commission for non-quasi-judicial matters, not to be counting toward a quorum or voting. Hopefully the Commission would honor a delay on a matter until the absent commissioner could be present.

Commissioner Moore agreed with Commissioner Teel. With respect to the Commission, he had no problem with it if they are not allowed to vote.

The City Attorney said absent of policy to the contrary, this could be done. If there is no policy, under State law, one can tie-in telephonically, participate and vote, but cannot be counted as part of the quorum.

The City Attorney said a resolution will be prepared that would prohibit advisory board members from appearing telephonically, and allowing the Commission to appear telephonically and vote on non-quasi-judicial items.

Action: The City Attorney will prepare a resolution establishing such a policy for the Commission, allowing the absent member to vote except in the case of quasi-judicial matters, and prohibiting such practice by boards and committees.

II-A – South Middle River Neighborhood Master Plan

Mayor Naugle said the plan is approved conceptually, but particular items need to be discussed in the future, such as the narrowing of Andrews Avenue to two lanes where the State would most likely be involved.

The City Manager said that the Commission should recognize that master plans are not funded, and therefore, work cannot commence until funding is in place.

Mayor Naugle noted in some neighborhoods, there has been a special assessment to implement their plan at least partially. Conceptual approval does not necessarily commit to any funding.

David Litty, Vice President of Middle River Civic Association, thanked the City for addressing this matter, and they want to move forward due to the developments that will be occurring in pieces. The master plan is the only tool to be a part of the process. They realize it is not funded, but it does provide guidelines for them.

Commissioner Moore wanted to clearly state that this action does not have the Commission accept it as a plan. Until the Commission votes on it, they are not proceeding. Mr. Litty hoped it would be brought forward and voted upon.

II-B – Joseph C. Carter Park – Proposed Settlement of Outstanding Design Fees – Miller Legg, Consultant

Commissioner Moore said he is not in favor of this proposal.

Peter Partington, City Engineer, said the scope and time frame for this project have been greatly extended to the point that the original contractor defaulted. The time line was extended and during that time the consultants continued to work on the project. They made it clear that they would be making a claim for additional fees. The claim is

approximately \$286,000. One problem is that the personnel with the most knowledge of this project are no longer here. Staff is proposing what they feel is a fair solution of the claim, that is basing the fees on a standard percentage that the City charges itself in-house which is also supported nationally by the Association of Civil Engineers. The proposal for final settlement is \$159,000.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if this situation ever occurred in the past with this firm. Mr. Partington said that typically when projects greatly increase in scope, the City will face increased costs from consultants. He has a comfort level in this matter because the total percentage on the greatly increased final cost, which increased from \$4.6 Million to \$7.15 Million, is in line with national averages.

Commissioner Teel said the amount is a horrendous increase. She asked if this was caused by the City requesting additional amenities. Mr. Partington said that by and large that is correct. Also, any time there is a change order, one may not get the sharpest pencil on price.

Commissioner Teel recalled there was a lot of vandalism. Mr. Partington said issues surrounding the construction did have an impact on the initial contractor and the surety when they took over, and that, in turn greatly extended the time line of the project, and by doing that, it necessitated the consultants to visit the site more than originally envisioned. The original contract specified 18 months. Some additional amendments were granted to the original contract.

Commissioner Teel felt the City has a responsibility to pay a reasonable amount, and in comparing the percentages they were not that great in comparison to the total cost. She is in favor of the proposal if this closes it. The product is beautiful.

Mr. Partington said that this proposal would resolve only the consultant element. There are still loose ends on the construction contract which will probably continue for some months.

Commissioner Moore was opposed. This consultant has done as much harm to the project as they have done value. In the beginning of the project when he was looking at it closely, he saw a lot of balls being dropped. He blamed both the consultant and the contractor. He was not in support of them being compensated at this level.

Action: The settlement as recommended will be scheduled on the June 6, 2006 regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Moore was opposed to the amount.

III – B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Audit Advisory Committee

Action: Deferred.

Aviation Advisory Board

Commissioner Teel recommended reappointing John Milledge and Joseph Scerbo to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson recommended reappointing Bill Aston to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore recommended reappointing Cynthia Turner-McDonald and Sharon Woods to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle recommended appointing Christopher Pollock to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Board of Adjustment

Action: Deferred.

Budget Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Cemeteries Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Charter Revision Board

Vice Mayor Hutchinson recommended that Dr. Ronald Wright be appointed to the Charter Revision Board.

Mayor Naugle recommended that Chris Fertig be reappointed to the Charter Revision Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Appearance Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Community Services Board

Action: Deferred.

Education Advisory Board

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended that Jackie Gross, Jacquelyn Bradley, and Paula Haliczzer be appointed to the Education Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore recommended reappointing Pamela Brown, Pearl Maloney, Frances Payne and Niara Sudarkasa to the Education Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon

Action: Deferred

Board of Commissioners, City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority

Mayor Naugle recommended that James Kemp, III be appointed to the Board of Commissioners, City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Marine Advisory Board

Commissioner Teel recommended that Alan Gabriel be appointed to the Marine Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore recommended reappointing Norbert McLaughlin and Steve Tilbrook to the Marine Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Board

Commissioner Moore recommended reappointing Ella Phillips to the Northwest-Progresso-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Board

Commissioner Teel recommended appointing Mary Graham to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION AT 2:41 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:04 P.M.

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

Commissioner Rodstrom asked for further explanation on the process and discounting.

Mayor Naugle explained there may be a \$500,000 lien, but only \$40,000 equity in the property. The \$500,000 could not be collected. It was previously handled entirely by the

Commission, but now the City Manager makes a recommendation after staff evaluation. A commissioner may call-up anything from the list for discussion. The City Attorney explained also sometimes after repairs are made, the inspector does not get to the site in a timely fashion and it is not entered in the computer and the fine continues to accumulate. If it is a homestead, it is not possible to foreclose. For example, if a roof was not fixed, but there is no roofing material available, staff would reduce the fine.

Mayor Naugle noted that sometimes the City Manager recommends the full fine. The City Attorney indicated in that case, those are not on the agenda. The City Manager indicated if a commissioner has a question on any particular item, he or she should pull it and staff would give them a briefing.

Action: Consensus approval as submitted.

IV -- Commission Reports

Florida Neighborhood Conference October 5-7, 2006: Scholarships

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that October 5-7 the City will host the Florida Neighborhood Conference. In the past the City has been generous to the neighborhood associations so they could attend the event. She proposed that the Commission offer two sponsorships to each recognized neighborhood. The conference fee is \$45 for three days, including meals and everything. There are 67 recognized neighborhoods. The amount needed would be \$6,030.

Mayor Naugle asked if this could be included in next year's budget. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that in the past some cities used CDBG funds for this event. Mayor Naugle suggested reimbursing the people. If at the last minute someone cannot attend, then the fees would not be disbursed. The City Manager preferred to take it from contingency. Vice Mayor Hutchinson did not want a reimbursement approach.

If someone cannot attend, Vice Mayor Hutchinson wanted to allow someone else to attend in their place. She wanted a designated staff member to work on this. In the past it has been done on a yearly basis. The City Manager concluded this should be a routinely budgeted item.

Commissioner Teel wanted to stress that if someone signs up, they are obligated to attend because the money will be paid.

Transportation Management Association; Resignation

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that Paul Carpenter resigned from the Management Transportation Authority. His last day will be July 7th. A special meeting will be scheduled with the TMA, City and County staff to address this.

Mayor Naugle noted the unveiling of the new sun trolleys, red and yellow.

FEMA Reimbursement; Hurricane Aftermath

Commissioner Moore asked about the FEMA reimbursement process relating to the hurricane aftermath. He noted the contractor has not invoiced the City. He wanted to know what impact this has on FEMA reimbursement.

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Presentation to Pension Boards on Attainable Housing

Commissioner Moore wanted to know the proper procedure to be scheduled to speak to the Pension Board relating to attainable housing as previously discussed. He asked for a list of meeting dates. He suggested a joint letter from him and the City Manager to the board.

Mayor Naugle said if there is a problem he would discuss it with the trustees.

Bulk Trash Pickup

Commissioner Rodstrom asked for an update regarding the cost for an extra bulk trash pickup.

Auditor Position

Commissioner Rodstrom asked for an update regarding applicants for the City Auditor position. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that two individuals cancelled.

FEMA Reimbursement; Hurricane Aftermath - Continued

Betty Burrell, Director of Finance said that Crowder Gulf did not send invoices until yesterday. It is set up on a reimbursement basis with respect to FEMA.

Commissioner Moore was concerned if other municipal entities have made their submittals, then possibly the funds could be depleted. Also, he was concerned the contractor could increase their costs based on the City's projections which have been made to FEMA.

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, said Crowder Gulf has submitted several invoices to the City's FEMA certified monitor who has returned them for proper documentation. Therefore, when the City pays them, they will go smoothly through FEMA. They are reimbursed immediately. The City is looking at a purchase order to Crowder Gulf of about \$16 million and to date, received invoices are \$10.7 million. He gave detail as to the process.

Commissioner Moore asked if the City has entered into a new agreement with Crowder Gulf for the upcoming hurricane season. Mr. Carbon said they have extended their current Crowder Gulf contract through the 2006 hurricane season, but they are sending out an RFP for the next cycle.

Commissioner Moore was concerned about dealing with a company who has not submitted invoices for the last year. Perhaps they are too busy.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. Carbon said that Crowder Gulf started invoicing the City in March. They provided great service during the hurricane. There is a FEMA review sheet approval for the reimbursement.

The City Manager said the City has an independent company who watches the work being done, so there is a redundancy system. Mr. Carbon said they are reviewing the invoices to make sure their records of what was collected is what is being invoiced.

Commissioner Moore asked why is it so difficult to get invoices.

Ed Udvardy, Assistant Public Works Director, said part of the problem is that they were very busy during the past hurricane season. They tried to get Crowder Gulf to limit their scope of responsibility in Broward County to the City of Fort Lauderdale, but during the last hurricane season they had a lot of work in the Gulf Coast. Some invoices were submitted but there were mistakes which had to be corrected.

Mayor Naugle asked if the lateness of the invoices puts the funding in jeopardy. Mr. Udvardy said he did not believe so. There is a project worksheet with FEMA for debris removal of \$36 million. Mayor Naugle said they were quick in removing the debris, but slow in billing. Mr. Udvardy confirmed that is correct.

Commissioner Moore was not comfortable being in a process where many are standing in line for federal funds, and potentially not being in proper order.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Mr. Udvardy said the City has paid \$2.4 million to R.W. Beck who is the monitor contractor, along with \$2.2 million to Crowder Gulf, and roughly \$7 million to the engineering contractor.

Commissioner Moore asked if the City could seek reimbursement for the money paid to the engineering contractor, since it has been spent. Ms. Burrell said she will have to check on this, because she was not that payments had not been made.

Mr. Carbon said that it is actually \$2.7 Million to Crowder Gulf.

The City Manager said he has been informed that as long as the City makes known their projections and the invoices qualify, there is no problem regarding reimbursement.

Commissioner Moore asked for the Commission to be kept in the loop on this process, and that Crowder Gulf provide an expectation level as to when their invoices will be submitted. He felt they should be submitted more expediently. The City Manager agreed to advise Crowder Gulf of the Commission's concern, and to verify there is no problem with respect to the time frame.

Commissioner Moore was concerned about the potential for a bottleneck with the next hurricane season approaching.

Commissioner Teel said that Crowder Gulf did a great job, but she agreed invoicing should be done on a more timely basis. Commissioner Moore said his comments only pertain to the matter of invoicing, not their quality of work.

U.S. 1 Master Plan

Commissioner Teel said District I had their U.S. 1 Master Plan meeting on May 13th at Imperial Point Hospital. Many people attended and staff did a great job.

V – City Manager’s Report

None given.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m.