

**COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA****JUNE 20, 2006**

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**COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING      1:30 P.M.      JUNE 20, 2006**

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

Absent: None

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

**I-A – Trial Residential Parking Permit Program – Beverly Heights, Colee Hammock and Birch Park Beach Finger Streets**

The City Manager indicated that there have been several requests for this type of a program. It is worthwhile trying, recognizing that there will never been 100% agreement.

John Hoelzle, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, said the residential parking permit trial program would be for the areas marked in green on the map. If there is an agreement today, then they could bring back a draft ordinance in July. They would implement the program by mid-September. Back-up information explaining the program has been distributed; the trial program will be for six months. During that period, they will continue gathering information and return to the Commission, providing a report on the success or failure at the end of the six months. Ultimately, there could be a City-wide ordinance that would be implemented, but each community would have their own resolution based on their particular needs. The hours of operation for the trial program would be 7 a.m. through 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday. The parking will be available on a first-come/first-serve basis. Homeowners will be able to purchase up to five permits per household.

Mr. Hoelzle said that there would be static cling permits, identified by color, including residential and guest. Service and construction vehicles would also require permits to be obtained by the homeowner who is permitted five permits. Permits will not be pro-rated during the year. Homeowner associations would be given 75 permits at no cost to be used for guests. The only cost involved is if a permit is lost.

The City Manager said the City does not want to be in the business of being responsible for parties and large events, and therefore, the homeowners association would take ownership of the program.

Mr. Hoelzle clarified the visual aid information should indicated hours of 7 a.m. through 9 p.m.

Commissioner Moore asked if the permits are for swale parking or parking meters. Mr. Hoelzle said the permits are for on-street parking in a residential area only. Signage will be placed in the area, identifying the residential permit parking locations. Mayor Naugle noted that many of the areas have curbs. Commissioner Moore said when he was working to get the two wheels on/two wheels off parking, a major concern raised was the fact of a vehicle being able to navigate down a roadway with such parking. This

program would involve four wheels on the actual street. He was concerned if cars would be able to navigate through the residential streets.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said the issue is that individuals are unable to park in front of their homes and trash receptacles cannot be emptied because there is always a car parked there.

Commissioner Rodstrom said that individuals who do not live in the area are continually parking on the streets..

Mayor Naugle said that in his neighborhood vehicles park on both sides of the street and vehicles can still navigate along the roadway.

Mr. Hoelzle showed an area on the map where some of the streets have not been earmarked for the trial program because they are very narrow, and consequently parking is not allowed.

Commissioner Moore asked what happens with garbage trucks. Vice Mayor Hutchinson indicated it is managed now; the only thing is changing is the permit.

Commissioner Moore asked what would happen if an individual parks in the area and does not have a permit. Mr. Hoelzle said that signs will be posted announcing the parking hours, and individuals will be cited, but probably not towed.

Commissioner Moore asked the homeowner associations' preference as to whether cars should be cited or towed.

Brian Donaldson, President of the Birch Park Finger Streets Homeowners Association, said they want the individuals cited and ticketed.

Commissioner Moore asked if the 75 permits being issued are for all three of the associations. Mr. Hoelzle indicated each area will have 75 permits. The permits will be identified for the specific areas and not be interchangeable.

Mr. Hoelzle said because this is a trial program, the City is not looking to totally recoup all costs, nor are they looking to recoup all costs if the program is permanently implemented. Costs have been broken down into the following categories: starter costs, and on-going costs.

Mr. Hoelzle said that included in the starter costs are the cost of the permits, the installation of signage, applications to be filled-out for the permits, policies and procedures that will be distributed when permits are purchased, 15-auto cites used by parking enforcement would be updated, training customer service representatives along with two managers regarding implementation of the program, training for police and the 23 parking enforcement specialists in the Police Department, along with anyone the Police Department would like to have trained. They are going to try to do a software short-fix that would allow them to accommodate tracking of the permits. If the short-fix does not work and the program is permanently implemented, then they may have to purchase a permit software tracking program. Not all of the \$65,000 would be associated with the residential parking permits because it would be used for other permits as well.

Mr. Hoelzle said that, regarding ongoing costs, they are estimating for the trial program costs would be the equivalent of one Customer Service Representative. They are also anticipating that Parking & Fleet's Assistant Manager, Financial Administrator, along with the Customer Service Office Manager, would have a percentage of their time involved. An equivalence of two full-time individuals for enforcement is estimated. Enforcement has to be done properly and during the hours specified. The 482 permits is based on an analysis that was done by the Birch Street Finger Streets. Initially, they believe the trial program will run at a deficit of about \$56,000 to \$57,000.

Mayor Naugle asked about the revenue received from tickets. Mr. Hoelzle said there is no guarantee that payment would be received on the citations because people have the right to appeal which could take months. Such revenue has not been factored into the program.

Mayor Naugle asked what is the motive for people parking in Beverly Heights and Colee Hammock. Mr. Hoelzle said that some people are employees of the businesses on Las Olas and some just don't want to park at the meters. Mayor Naugle asked if individuals cannot park in those residential areas, could the revenue rise in some of the City's paid parking lots. Mr. Hoelzle said that is possible. Mayor Naugle noted revenue from tickets and from other parking lots. With respect to employee parking, Mr. Hoelzle referred to the garage behind the Cheesecake Factory or the City Park Garage. Also there are free trolleys throughout the City on a regular basis. Mayor Naugle thought the presented scenario is probably a worst case picture.

Commissioner Moore agreed there is a possibility of greater revenue from the fines, along with an increase in use of the garage. In regard to the two-wheels on/two-wheels off program, there is a problem as to who would be citing the individuals and he was told it would not be possible to use the police. He asked who is going to do the citing. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that Parking Enforcement Specialists would be citing the individuals. Commissioner Moore asked why the Parking Enforcement Specialists could not be used for the two-wheels on, two-wheels off program, or whether they are being used.

Mr. Hoelzle said the primary responsibility of the Parking Enforcement Specialist is to protect metered public parking spaces. By diverting them to areas where there are no meters, their ability to protect the general public parking places throughout the City is diluted. Therefore, the concept is to train code enforcement officers.

Commissioner Moore asked who will be citing people for the two-wheels on, two-wheels off program. Mr. Hoelzle understood it will be code enforcement officers. Commissioner Moore felt that code enforcement staff is overwhelmed already with work. The City Manager said they are still working on an implementation plan, a meeting is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Vice Mayor Hutchinson noted that the neighborhoods still have to opt into the two-wheels on, two-wheels off program.

Commissioner Moore said when they attempt to find ways to eradicate problems in his district, there are no answers, but in other neighborhoods, staff has ways to implement. He was concerned. In answer to Commissioner Moore's question, Mr. Hoelzle indicated he is not part of the two-wheels on program. Commissioner Moore felt this shows the same type of staffing is not being used to eradicate problems. He was greatly

concerned about this fact. This is a program that is well-thought out. He hoped that the two-wheels on, two-wheels off program will have the same consideration.

Mr. Donaldson said that Birch Park Finger Streets are a unique community located off A1A consisting of nine dead-end streets north of Birch Park. He thanked City staff for meeting with their neighborhood regarding this issue. They received 93 positive responses when the Association polled the neighborhood. They are looking at quality of life and long-term parking occurring in front of their homes, not allowing residents to have any guests. He asked the Commission to move this forward. They will work on the issues that may arise over the next six months in educating homeowners and the public in general.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked if Birch Park Finger Streets Association is satisfied with the permit price, and if the hours are sufficient for their area. Mr. Donaldson said their original request asked for hours of 24/7, but they are excited about the opportunity to move forward with a test and support this program, which he felt will address 80% of the issues. They want evening hours because public parking is banned on A1A after 9 p.m. which forces the public to park in their neighborhood. The cost presented today falls into the neighborhood's worst case scenario range. He referred to costs in Hollywood and Miami Beach. They would like to consider cost, but did not want to jeopardize the trial program.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked if a written survey to homeowners was done. Mr. Donaldson confirmed that was done; that they were signed and returned. City staff was provided a copy of the survey.

Veronica DePadro, Colee Hammock Homeowners Association, said they are happy that after spending \$40,000 on a survey and working on this issue for five years, this program is going to be initiated. The goal of permit parking is to discourage non-residential parking and not punish residents with a new tax. Colee Hammock has always wanted a 24/7 program, but they are happy to accept the 7 to midnight program because the study shows the greatest impact in Colee Hammock occurs after 9 p.m. until midnight. The biggest complaint is the cost of the permits. They believe the permits should begin at \$25 with a free guest pass. She referred to Hollywood where the permit cost starts at \$25 with a free guest pass. The second pass could be \$100 to discourage individuals from parking additional cars on the street. She indicated that she will be providing a detailed program basically mirrors the City of Hollywood's program. She detailed particulars including 24-hour guest passes for \$1; personal service passes for nurses, for example, would be \$10; service vehicles clearly marked would not need a permit to park for less than 3 hours. She felt that the homeowner association should not be burdened with managing guest passes, and she is questioned the legality of charging \$100 per guest. She suggested guest pass booklets available for purchase by the residents. The neighborhood is very much looking forward to the program starting in September with a few changes.

Richard Mancuso, Beverly Heights Homeowner Association, said a lot of this is new to Beverly Heights and they are working through some issues. They want to protect their quality of life, and realize that the beach area is simpler whereas Beverly Heights is more complicated because of the urban nature of the neighborhood. Three main causes have been the expansion of businesses, popularity of the downtown and Las Olas, and the increase in parking rates which shifted parking into the neighborhoods. There is no

shortage of parking, but a shortage of free parking. The goal is to discourage non-neighborhood traffic and parking and to create flexibility. He distributed long-term goals, and a list of cities and their costs. They do not want an additional tax or to burden the neighborhood associations. The cost data is new to Beverly Heights. They have some problems with the fee structure. They would like to continue working on this. They do not want to stall the process.

The City Manager said that, regarding cost, he would like direction from the Commission. There are costs associated with administering the program. The real question is who will pay those costs, which is a policy decision. A happy medium is having the users pay \$12 per month, and the City make a contribution. Administration of the program as proposed is the best that can be provided at this time. If something more complicated is done, costs and complaints will rise. They are flexible regarding hours. The benchmark has been hours that the City Attorney's Office can justify linking to the study. The City Attorney's Office has opined that the hours are directly tied to the study indicates is a legitimate governmental issue. If hours can be added in the future, they would be happy to do so.

Commissioner Rodstrom favored moving forward with the trial program.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson understood that the study showed the biggest problem to be later in the evening. She asked if they could justify hours from 7 a.m. to midnight.

Mr. Hoelzle said that the criteria in the study was that 50% or more of the spaces had to be occupied during any given time period. According to the results of the study, they could not justify beyond 9 p.m. As they gather additional information during the trial period, possibly staff will make a different recommendation at the end of the trial.

Diane Alec, Parking and Fleet Services, said in reviewing the study of the hours, many individuals that were extending into the hour had been parked in the area since 4 a.m. With a residential permit program, those parkers will be displaced. They realize that there will be changes and modifications to the program for each of the communities because this is just the beginning.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson wanted to move forward, but she felt the cost of the permits is a little high. She felt the first one should be cheaper and the rest more expensive. She did not think that the homeowner association should be responsible for the permits. Ms. Alec said that the homeowner association is administering the program, and therefore, the checks would be payable to the association. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said many homeowner associations do not want to be responsible for such large amounts of money. She suggested that possibly this aspect could be tweaked. Ms. Alec said that the association would hold the check and once the passes are returned, the check would be returned. It would only be an issue if the passes are not returned. The homeowner association would have to use that money to purchase additional guest passes.

The City Manager said the money would be used to replenish guest passes. The incentive is to keep the homeowner responsible for the permits.

Mayor Naugle said that if the program is not administered in this way, then the City would have to add additional monies in order to dispense the permits, and possibly charge more in order to break even.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked about properties zoned R-O, whether they are to be part of the program. Mr. Hoelzle said that is not the intent. In order to obtain a permit, one would have to demonstrate that he or she is a homeowner in that association.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson indicated these properties are mostly in Beverly Heights, perhaps a couple in Colee Hammock, especially along Broward.

The City Manager said that one area has a significant number of businesses. Once the program is initiated, there will be opposition. This is the best staff can offer at this time.

Commissioner Teel thought that the cost appears reasonable. It amounts to about 30-40 cents per day. During the trial period, the City may find out that they are breaking even or even coming out ahead, and then the price could be lowered. This is a good beginning, but they need to be realistic about the cost.

Commissioner Rodstrom expressed support in the program.

In response to Vice Mayor Hutchinson, the City Attorney advised that the first reading will be July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Naugle did not feel this program should be imposed on neighborhoods who do not want it. There will be two readings; it should be left up to the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Moore asked if the same 65% standard is going to be used, which is what is being proposed for the two-wheels on, two-wheels off program. Vice Mayor Hutchinson noted that Birch Finger Streets have that percentage. Mayor Naugle felt that these neighborhoods are being impacted more by things out of their control. In Birch Park Finger Streets, there is the beach and national publications telling people to park on the side streets, hotels in the area where their employees park in front of residences. Not every area of the City has people coming in from the outside. One of the reasons it is a burden on Colee Hammock and Beverly Heights is that the City is charging to parking and people are trying to get away from that cost by going into neighborhoods. In Lauderdale Manors people are not parking there to get away from parking meters. Commissioner Moore felt there should be a standard, consensus in the neighborhood and a certain threshold of people in that neighborhood that agree. Mayor Naugle said that everyone has their own standards. In his opinion a consensus means the neighborhood leaders, the association president, are all in support of a plan. Commissioner Moore felt the same should be done with two-wheels on, two-wheels off. The civic associations and presidents have already agreed that they want to implement it. He did not want communities to have different standards. Mayor Naugle explained when it is a City imposed problem, not in the instance of two-wheels on, two-wheels off where it is a neighborhood preference, he did not feel a 2/3 vote would be necessary.

Mr. Hoelzle said the distinction is that this is a trial program. Commissioner Moore said the two-wheels on, two-wheels off is also a trial program. Mr. Hoelzle thought that was already voted upon. Commissioner Moore thought it is always a different threshold for his district. Mr. Hoelzle indicated when the program is permanent, there is criteria that has to be met before the homeowner association could qualify. Mayor Naugle suggested Commissioner Moore's point be addressed at the first reading.



Ms. DePedro asked if the green sections on the map are the ones that will have permit parking. Ms. Alec said the R-0 would be excluded. The green areas depict on-street parking.

The City Attorney said the ordinance proposed contains a 65% provision. However, they have passed the time in order to advertise the ordinance for the July 6th Commission meeting. Therefore, the first reading could not take place until the second meeting in July and the second reading in September. Practice has been to include the date of the first and second hearing in the advertisement. The date for the first hearing has passed. They could advertise for the second hearing in between the two hearings, if the Commission so desires. This has been done before.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that they need to do whatever is necessary so the reading can take place on July 6, 2006.

Assistant City Attorney Sharon Miller said the July ordinance is for a trial program and not a permanent one; the 65% standard is included in the permanent program. Commissioner Moore said he is only asking for a level playing field.

**Action:** There was consensus for ordinance first reading on July 6, 2006.

#### **I-B – City Auditor Recruitment - Interviews**

There was consensus to allow a five-minute presentation from each candidate in alphabetic order and then allow public comment.

Ken Eastment said he has an accounting degree and is working on a master's degree in forensic accounting. He said that there are multiple certifications within the auditing world, and he is a Florida CPA, a certified internal auditor, a certified information systems auditor, a certified fraud examiner, and a certified government audit professional. He operates a one-person audit shop at the largest college in the U.S., and does a risk assessment to drive his work plan, and reports his progress quarterly to the board of trustees.

Commissioner Moore asked if Mr. Eastment has any experience in auditing of federal funds. Mr. Eastment said he has indirect experience because of the college's population the students require financial aid, and one of his responsibilities is to follow-up on recommendations made during the federal audit. Commissioner Moore asked if the position is offered, when would he be able to begin. Mr. Eastment said he would probably be available the beginning of August.

John Herbst said he has a diverse background and has held positions in the private sector, public accounting, and with two governments, including the City of Neptune Beach and the City of Jacksonville. At Neptune Beach he held the position of Director of Finance and Administration, and the Director of Finance in Jacksonville, the Chief Financial Officer for the Jacksonville Housing Commission, and the Principal Budget Analyst. He outlined duties in both municipalities. The general fund budget in Jacksonville is approximately \$875 Million dealing. In Jacksonville, he deals heavily in the areas of revenue projections and analysis, and a lot of his work revolves around supervising staff analysts, and projects for the mayor and staff. They have a council auditor office that mimics what he believed Fort Lauderdale hopes to accomplish. It is

divided into two pieces. One-half of the shop works on internal audits, and the other part works with the City Council as a legislative review. When the executive branch brings forward appropriations and transfers during the year, the Council Auditor makes sure the projections and assumptions are reasonable. It gives the Council a second set of eyes on what the Administration is proposing. The same thing is done as far as the annual budget. There needs to be a peer review of audits periodically. He believes there is an opportunity in Fort Lauderdale to craft a supporting function to assure that the City's assets are being safeguarded.

Commissioner Moore asked if Mr. Le Fosse has any experience in auditing of federal funds. Mr. Herbst said he has directly administered the CDBG, HOPWA, ESP, HOME, SHIP, State School Readiness programs, and FEMA grants and reimbursements. Commissioner Moore asked if the position is offered, when would he be able to begin. Mr. Herbst said that he would be available after July 12, 2006. Commissioner Moore asked if he would deal with a risk assessment in connection with what audits should be performed. Mr. Herbst said that all audits should start with a risk assessment, a risk evaluation, look at internal controlled environment. Internal controlled environment is the most important thing now, particularly with recent private sector scandals. The Sarbanes-Oxley Rules, which apply in the private sector, are gradually making their way to the public sector, and eventually will be demanded by credit agencies with respect to the City's bond market rating.

Abel Le Fosse said he worked with the State of Florida Auditor General and in the private sector. Risk assessments were done before proceeding with audits. He also worked as a senior staff auditor in the City of Miami's Fire Department. He supervised 1-3 employees. He worked independently to set up the audit process. Before coming to the U.S., he was a bank examiner for seven years. He has a master's degree in finance and business administration. He is a certified public accountant and certified tax auditor. He believed that he has plenty of experience in the area of auditing and governmental accounting.

Commissioner Moore asked if Mr. Le Fosse has any experience in auditing of federal funds. Mr. Le Fosse said when working with the State's Auditor General he had experience with federal reports and funding. Commissioner Moore asked if the position is offered, when would he be able to begin. Mr. Le Fosse said he would be available for this position tomorrow morning.

James Smith said he has over 32 years experience in finance, auditing. He has been the chief financial officer of large hospitals, worked in auditing for over 10 years, served in leadership positions, and has experience in three major start-ups from the financial aspect. He currently works for the City of Tampa which is a premier city audit shop in Florida, if not the southeast. They follow the yellow book. They have peer review. Internal control is probably the cornerstone of this work. They do a preliminary survey, involving risk assessment, talking with people, the audit and the audit report. The key is the responsibility of management. The function is to provide an independent appraisal service both for the City and the directors and managers to effectively discharge their responsibilities.

Commissioner Moore asked if Mr. Smith has any experience in auditing of federal funds. Mr. Smith said that he has not performed any federal fund audits, but he would be able to perform such functions. He was in the hospital industry for over ten years. He was

given an opportunity to go into managed care. With hard work and dedication and communicating with peer, it was an excellent operation. Commissioner Moore asked if the position is offered, when would he be able to begin. Mr. Smith said he would be available for the position within a month.

Michael Moskowitz said he is confused by a series of events that has taken place in the City because he applied for this position. He spoke with the Management Consultant hired to find qualified applicants and was informed that he was on the seven-person short-list. He did not hear anything for several weeks and when speaking with the Management Consultant again, he was informed that he had been dropped from the short list. He was the only person out of the seven that was dropped. He is the only candidate with specific Fort Lauderdale experience, having served on the Budget Advisory Board, and he has an excellent education. He wanted an explanation and to be considered.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson felt this is totally inappropriate. She met with the Consultant and was informed that Mr. Moskowitz did not meet the qualifications and that is why he would not be interviewed. There was no short list, other than the list of people who qualified for the position.

Commissioner Moore thanked Mr. Moskowitz for applying, but the Commission is now ranking individuals to be considered. As interviews have been held, he was ready to make a decision.

Commissioner Rodstrom said that in her meeting with the Consultant, she was provided a packet of materials. It contained an application from Mr. Moskowitz along with two other individuals who have dropped out of the running at their discretion. The Consultant told her that it was the short list packet based upon background checks and references. She asked why certain people were missing and that the list had dwindled. Sufficient experience does not necessarily mean the individual has to have a paying job doing governmental service. She asked why background checks were not done.

Ms. Singh said that the Consultant performed background checks, but the City may also conduct further background checks.

Commissioner Teel said Mr. Moskowitz has a great future ahead of him, but one of the things she feels is that he needs more experience in the field before such a position could be offered to him.

Mayor Naugle said the Commission needs to establish ground rules in regard to ranking of the candidates.

Commissioner Moore thanked Ms. Singh for her great job, as well as the Consultant. He was and continues to be concerned with limiting applications from individuals licensed only in the State of Florida, but he was impressed with the applicants, even though it was a narrow search.

Mayor Naugle said it is his understanding that each commissioner would write down the names in ranking order, one would be the first choice, and sign the ballot. A tabulation will be done.

Commissioner Moore suggested that only the top two candidates be written down. Commissioner Teel preferred to list four candidates because it provides the ability for three others in case of a problem with the first individual chosen. Commissioner Moore said if there is not a consensus on a candidate, he thought it might be better for the Commission to go out again.

Mayor Naugle felt the candidates are qualified and he could work with any of the four.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if she could review the background check on each candidate.

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**Action:** Ken Eastment, John Herbst, Abel LeFosse and James Smith were interviewed.

**I-C – Owner Controlled Insurance Program**

Mayor Naugle said he asked for this item to be placed on today's agenda because recently the Commission has approved some large construction projects. Previously the Insurance Advisory Board recommended the City take advantage of an Owner Controlled Insurance Program offered by the Florida League of Cities, that there would be considerable savings. He understood that the City Attorney has a concern. He wanted a letter clarifying if a group of construction projects, such as WaterWorks 2011, could be considered for this program.

The City Attorney said this concept has a long history. At one time it was not legal for municipalities, but two years ago the law changed making it legal under certain circumstances. He felt the City should obtain an opinion of the Attorney General directly addressing the City's programs and how they do business. Applying this to existing programs may be problematic because the City would have to go back to the contractors who have already been awarded a contract and apply it. It may slow down the process. This would be a perfect program for a single project with one contractor, but this is multiple projects.

Mayor Naugle indicated that the City would have to negotiate with the contractors to get the savings.

Commissioner Moore felt the WaterWorks projects are probably a situation of the contractors not being willing to renegotiate. In response to Commissioner Moore's question, the City Attorney advised that \$75 million is the threshold for using this program. In response to Commissioner Moore, Mayor Naugle indicated his suggestion was to use the Florida League of Cities. Commissioner Moore felt it should be a competitive process, although he very much respected the League. Commissioner Moore favored the concept and wanted to consider it. He was concerned about a single source.

The City Attorney said the single source issue is a determination to be made by the Commission. In the procurement code, there is a provision saying that insurance does not have to be competitive, but the Commission has historically made insurance premiums competitive.

Mayor Naugle said the City belongs to the League. They have programs that save cities monies. There are \$80 Million worth of projects on the table for which contracts have not yet been signed, and possibly they could save anywhere from \$800,000 to \$1.6 million.

Commissioner Moore said even greater savings may be possible if it was competitive. Mayor Naugle felt the projects would be delayed significantly if it was done competitively.

The City Attorney said the Commission might want to hear what the negotiations will present, at least the initial contact with those companies. The City went out to bid on the \$80 million in an unusual fashion because no labor was involved, only unit pricing. The OCIP program is primarily labor costs. He is not sure how they would go about pulling out the labor costs out of a unit-price contract. WaterWorks representatives will not want to do anything to slow down the process as work orders are being issued.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Attorney indicated that contracts have been approved; signing is simply administrative at this point.

Mayor Naugle felt that two questions are involved. One is should they attempt to see that future WaterWorks projects come under the OCIP program by getting the Attorney General's letter, and secondly, should they attempt to obtain some savings in connection with this project.

Commissioner Rodstrom agreed with saving money and working with the League of Cities. She asked if this qualifies for an actuary study to be performed.

The City Attorney said this is not generally actuarial; it is primarily worker compensation. The contractor would pay based upon the rating they receive based on experience. The proposal is for the League of Cities to train and monitor and ensuring that OSHA regulations are met. The League would have their own rating.

There was consensus for the City Attorney to seek an opinion from the Attorney General. The City Attorney said he would get that out by the end of the week.

Mayor Naugle asked if they should attempt to obtain savings on existing contracts that have not yet been signed. Vice Mayor Hutchinson preferred to hear from the Attorney General before proceeding. Commissioner Teel agreed. The City Attorney said he is confident that the turnaround in the Attorney General's office would be quick based upon past experience.

The City Manager asked if they are to hold off on the course of the ones going through process until the letter is received, or should they move forward with those projects and use the Attorney General letter for future projects.

Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that by not holding projects and waiting for the Attorney General letter, they could be losing some savings.

The City Attorney said they have been dealing with this for two years. They have never been able to verify savings. When people who are using the program are asked about savings, their reply is that they are saving, but do not know how much. The only way to

really know is to bid it with OCIP and without OCIP. These contracts have already been bid. The City could still implement the program with the cooperation of the contractors.

Commissioner Teel asked if the contractors are going to share in the savings if they choose to cooperate. The City Attorney said the down side could be the fact that the contractors have deals in place for worker compensation with carriers for their business. The City would need additional staff to monitor the monitors, at least one person. In this instance there are six contracts issued and it could require one person per contractor.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom's question, the City Attorney advised that if the contracts are not signed, the contractor can obtain a mandamus to require the Mayor to sign the contract since it has been approved by the Commission. While the City is waiting on the Attorney General, they can speak with the contractors and see what problems may arise.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson believed there will be a problem with contracts already awarded. Commissioner Teel was concerned about delay to the project. Mayor Naugle said the delay is self-imposed because they have been aware of this for some time, a recommendation was made by the Insurance Advisory Board.

Commissioner Moore recalled at the time there was a lot of discussion about whether the process would be legal and that was the reason for the delay. This is a good concept and the League is a good entity to implement it.

Mayor Naugle concluded the City would try to get it for future projects that qualify.

**Action:** The City Attorney received Commission consensus to request an Attorney General's opinion concerning the City, particularly whether a group of construction projects like WaterWorks 2011 could be eligible for this program as well as application to existing projects.

### **I-B – City Auditor Recruitment - Interviews**

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Mayor Naugle noted they need another vote for a second-place individual. There was consensus to vote on a second-place individual if necessary.

John Herbst was chosen as the City Auditor.

Mayor Naugle indicated that he would work with the City Attorney on a contract for Commission approval.

**Action:** There was a majority consensus for John Herbst. The Mayor and City Attorney will negotiate a contract for consideration at a future meeting.

### **I-D – Regulation of Retail Establishments That Provide Shopping Carts**

Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked when this is going to be advertised. The City Attorney said this is going to Planning and Zoning Board; the matter will be placed on their next agenda.

**Action:** There was consensus to place this item on the next Planning and Zoning Advisory Board agenda.

**I-E – Downtown Regional Activity Center Plan Amendment – 3,000 Dwelling Units**

Mayor Naugle noted the Commission previously received allocation of 3,000 units and had said they would not be available until the City established a policy for a parks fee and consideration of the affordable housing ordinance.

Chris Wren, Director of Downtown Development Authority, said the Board's position is that they want these units to enter into some form of availability for downtown.

Commissioner Moore said the Commission previously stated that when they included the open space and affordable housing, that the units would become available. A number of developers have offered a program or participation in affordable housing, but there is no ordinance. It is on the agenda for October.

Mayor Naugle suggested that they make the units available now, with 15% of the units set aside for attainable housing and 85% at market rate. He did not want to delay projects that are ready to go. He thought that some of the affordable units may be taken voluntarily by developers because of how the market is now.

Commissioner Moore asked if the development community would agree to a 15% set aside for attainable housing not knowing what participation there might be. Consistently, the developers have stated they wanted to know the impact before agreeing to such a requirement.

Mayor Naugle said the proposal is to set aside 85% of the units with no restrictions for affordable housing, and 15% of the units for attainable housing and allow developers the choice of drawing down the 85% or the 15% affordable.

Commissioner Rodstrom said when the request was being made by the City for the 13,000 units, there was something put in place to relocate the existing 20,000 in today's inventory as flex units. She did not feel they need the 3,000 units from the County because the City has 20,000 to use. Twenty percent of the 20,000 are of an affordable component set aside. He did not think the City needs the 3,000.

The City Attorney said that the flex units cannot be moved without the County's approval. Commissioner Rodstrom said they could not be moved without the approval of the City Commission as well. The City Attorney confirmed that as correct. Commissioner Rodstrom understood that is where the collapse comes in. If the collapse happens, then the County can be bypassed, but it would still come before the City Commission.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson noted there was a consensus with the then sitting City Commission that these units would not be disbursed until there was an affordable housing component and a park impact fee. It was always a consensus. The public was assured. The community did not want the 13,000 units and that is why it ended with 3,000. If the affordable housing does not occur in October, then that should be the time for the discussion of the 3,000 units.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if the 3,000 units have been integrated into the Unified Land Development Regulations.

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, replied no, and added an ordinance would be enabling them to put into the ULDR.

Commissioner Teel asked about the DDA's position.

Mr. Wren said that the Board has not taken an official position, but there is an interest in seeing positive development continue in the downtown area, but uncertainty does exist regarding these issues. Some projects are ready to proceed forward and it would be a shame if they did not contribute to the downtown. He said that he hears what Commissioner Moore and Vice Mayor Hutchinson are saying.

In response to Vice Mayor Hutchinson, Mayor Naugle said that he asked for this item to be placed on today's agenda because the Commission had a position they agreed to and he wanted to see if there was any change in choice since some projects are not moving forward. Some of the units not being built may return to the pool because he did not agree with granting any extensions.

Commissioner Teel asked if there are more affordable units available after the units on tonight's agenda are allocated. Mr. LaFerrier said there may be a few. Commissioner Teel said there may not be units available if an affordable builder comes on board.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said those developers could pull units from flex zones, which would be easy as the County is encouraging affordable units

**Action:** No action.

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

Commissioner Rodstrom said she discovered that the only individuals notified about this program were affected homeowners, not the entire neighborhood. Commissioner Moore said from the beginning only the affected homeowners were to be notified.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked whether written authorizations could be obtained.

Terry Rynard, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, said the concern was that if only half of the property owners supplied a written consent, how difficult it would be to evaluate the pilot program.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked why Poinsettia Heights neighborhood was chosen. Commissioner Teel said that Coral Ridge is also one of the neighborhoods. Ms. Rynard said that the area was identified by the Utility Advisory Committee.

Gene Dempsey, Forestry Supervisor, said that they are also following FP&L's schedule for trimming that particular feeder line, which is to be done by the end of June. If the palms are not relocated, then FP&L will trim them and homeowners may not be happy.



Commissioner Rodstrom did not want the trees removed or trimmed. People in this neighborhood are very upset. FP&L does not have a good history with people. She asked about trees in other parts of Fort Lauderdale, if this is supposed to prevent the electricity from going out.

Mr. Dempsey said this is a pilot program. If successful, it would be initiated throughout the City. He understood that the trees will be pruned by FP&L regardless of the City's actions.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said she would prefer the trees being relocated because the one that have been trimmed have been essentially destroyed. She would be happy for this pilot to start in her neighborhoods. The pilot is to get the right tree in the right location.

Commissioner Moore explained his understanding of the program. He also was willing for the pilot in his district. The reason they selected Poinsettia Heights is because there is a feeder line running through it. FP&L has a right to chop the trees regardless of the pilot without asking the homeowner. Actually Poinsettia Heights is getting a benefit that others are not getting.

Commissioner Teel noted this is only about palm trees. She felt that Mr. Dempsey is an excellent employee for this work.

Mr. Dempsey said this program involves approximately 44 palms which would be relocated on the same property in most instances.

Commissioner Teel said this is a perfect example of being thoughtful and preserving as many trees as possible. She is no way to clear a palm other than to cut off the greenery on the top. She suggested that Mr. Dempsey perhaps meet with the people in Commissioner Rodstrom's district that are concerned.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Dempsey indicated that he notified the president of each homeowner association.

Mayor Naugle asked about starting with everywhere in the program but Poinsettia Heights, and address it again at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Teel said the feeder line is coming from the substation and the whole line has to be cleared in order to have a positive impact.

Commissioner Moore said that if the residents would prefer FP&L hacking their trees instead of this program, he would not object.

Michael Vandermeulen, President of Poinsettia Heights Homeowners Association, said they are not opposed, but information was not provided. He questioned the liability involved in the moving of trees, and ensuring the survivability.

Commissioner Moore said if the homeowner does not desire to retain the tree, the City is still going to attempt to ensure the survivability of the trees on public property.

Commissioner Teel said there is an adopt-a-tree program; these trees could be replaced with an appropriate tree for the site.

Larry Stewart, FP&L, clarified that the trees are City trees, they belong to the City. This would be an opportunity for the homeowners to take over the maintenance of the trees at a different location.

Barry Essig, a resident of Poinsettia Heights said they received notices on their mailboxes and he did not feel that was appropriate as the notice could have easily blown away. He could not relocate the trees on his property, due to lack of space. The proper time to relocate is not during the hurricane season. He does not trust FP&L to work on his property. He met with Mr. Dempsey and spoke highly of him.

In response to Vice Mayor Hutchinson, Mr. Stewart indicated that City crews will be digging up the trees. These are Queen palms, in this instance, and they are not usually planted on City right of way. Commissioner Teel mentioned the adopt-a-tree program again.

Commissioner Rodstrom was opposed to the program being implemented in her district. She wanted a community meeting and written notice to all homeowners.

**Action:** There was consensus to move forward, Commissioner Rodstrom was opposed.

#### **I-G – Gospel Museum – Request For Funding**

Commissioner Moore said they are attempting to create a staff that would do whatever necessary for the City to secure the Museum. He wanted the Commission to deal with the appropriation being set. Once the School Board and Broward County match the funds, then the office could be created to steer the project.

In response to Vice Mayor Hutchinson, Commissioner Moore indicated the parties are the creators of the Museum, School Board, Broward County and the City.

Mayor Naugle prefer to see what site will be used. Commissioner Moore said someone is needed to work on the site location, square footage of the facility, and all of those things. There needs to be a coordination.

Commissioner Moore talked about positive economic impact.

In response to Commissioner Teel, Commissioner Moore said the lead agency now is the Convention Bureau. They cannot market this concept without approval of the County Commission on every move. This is the problem.

Commissioner Teel asked if the Tucker Group is going to commit funds. Commissioner Moore confirmed they have agreed to commit \$75,000.

Commissioner Teel pointed out that a site has not yet been selected. Commissioner Moore indicated that is why the request is only for a commitment, not outlay of \$75,000. Bobby Jones wants the Museum to be in Fort Lauderdale.

Commissioner Teel and Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked about a business plan. Commissioner Moore said that a business plan and an outline of services could be provided when they reach the point of releasing the funds. It is a joint participation agreement which the City Attorney would review. This is the same as when the

Performing Arts Center was being created. Commissioner Teel asked if the School Board has made a commitment. Commissioner Moore understood that a member of the School Board has been working with this group, but they have not yet taken a position. The County has given consensus that they would like to see the facility in this location. The City's action would be the first move.

Mayor Naugle asked what is the funding source. The City Manager said it would be the Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if CRA funds could be applied to this project. The City Manager said the City Attorney is researching the matter.

Commissioner Teel wanted more information. Commissioner Moore explained that it will not move forward until there is an office established.

Mayor Naugle asked what is the budget for the facility. Commissioner Moore said it is being discussed as about \$40 million to build. The site, property, etc. all have to be addressed. What is known is that they want to be in this area. He believed they will be able to secure funds from the State.

Commissioner Teel asked if a presentation was made to the County regarding the facility. Commissioner Moore confirmed that a presentation was made and understood that the County welcomed being chosen for the facility to be built here.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Commissioner Moore did not know when the financial commitment, outlay, would be.

Commissioner Rodstrom did not want to make the financial commitment until a site is chosen because it could be outside of the City. Commissioner Moore agreed and explained this is why he is suggesting that the City only commit and not appropriate funding yet. Obviously, if a site is selected outside of Fort Lauderdale, there would be no contribution by the City. They have committed that they want to be in Fort Lauderdale and they are exploring sites within Fort Lauderdale, but there is one site outside of the City limits on the table. It is not their preference because it is already being considered by another non-profit, Urban League, and they do not want to go against another non-profit that has served the community.

Mayor Naugle asked Commissioner Moore to furnish the list of sites under consideration to the City Manager so that it could be provided to the Commission.

**Action:** There was consensus to reschedule the item at a future meeting when more information has been assembled. Commissioner Moore was to provide a list of potential sites to the City Manager.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION AT 3:55 P.M.**

**MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:15 P.M.**

**I-H – City Commission Budget Reorganization Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

Mayor Naugle asked if the figure at the bottom is what the actual expenses would be. He asked if everyone would have the same amount or would an average be taken.

Maxine Singh, Commission Coordinator, indicated that the travel category is different for each commissioner.

Mayor Naugle did not think it would be right for them not to be the same.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson pointed out that it could be different because, for example, the Mayor is paid more and has more travel.

The City Manager said this is the best reflection of each individual commissioner's needs.

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 4:17 p.m.

Mayor Naugle asked if funds could be moved from one category to another, and spent from the new category. The City Manager indicated that the same budgeting process would be used; it would depend on usage of the funds. Allyson Love, Director of Management and Budget, indicated Commission approval would not be required to move from one sub-object to another; as long as the bottom line is not exceeded.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked if any amounts could be rolled over to the following year if not expended. Ms. Love said that it would go into the Fund Balance; roll overs are not allowed.

Mayor Naugle said the amount of \$100,000 for the Commission budget is new and he is uncomfortable with it. If a commissioner wants to purchase something, they could bring the item forward to the Commission.

Commissioner Teel was surprised to know about a mission account, which had apparently changed names in the past. She felt this is good because it keeps things in the open and the Commission has to be accountable for the expenditure of the funds. Before money was coming from different places.

Mayor Naugle asked where and how was it spent before.

Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 4:19 p.m.

The City Manager said that apparently there has been a tradition with previous city managers, a mission fund. When requests were made by commissioners for smaller items, they made requests to the city manager for those funds.

Mayor Naugle asked what has been expended for the last three years. The City Manager said that is a small amount. Ms. Love said that the information could be supplied to the Commission; for this year approximately \$26,000 was been spent, with \$246,000 budgeted.

Commissioner Teel felt there should be a mechanism making funds more apparent and easy for the public to review. There should be further discussion as to use of the funds. It provides more flexibility as well as transparency.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson concurred.

Commissioner Teel indicated in the past that in addition to a mission account, there has already been raiding of Public Information Office accounts when there are events and no money available. She felt it should all be laid out realistically and with transparency.

Commissioner Teel questioned the \$2,500. Mayor Naugle noted it is for a state of the district. Ms. Singh indicated that Commissioner Moore has a state of the district and wanted \$2,500, so she felt it fair to give all of the commissioners the same amount. Commissioner Teel pointed out it could come out of the \$20,000 mission fund allotment. There is already a state of the city for the entire city. She did not want the \$2,500.

Commissioner Moore felt these things could be addressed by the new Auditor. The appropriation of this budget does not mean it will all be spent. It is a guideline.

Commissioner Teel agreed, but felt realistic figures have to be set. She did not think it is necessary to budget \$2,500 and \$20,000.

There was consensus to remove the \$2,500 allotment from each commissioner budget.

In response to the City Manager, Commissioner Teel indicated state of the district funding should be charged to the \$20,000.

Commissioner Rodstrom felt the \$20,000 is too much. Mayor Naugle suggested \$10,000 and there was consensus.

Commissioner Moore commented that commissioners give a considerable amount of time to their job. Delivery of services to constituents is important. He wanted each commissioner to be as conservative or as liberal as the budget will allow. He wanted it to remain at \$20,000. Vice Mayor Hutchinson pointed out that it is no different than each department.

Commissioner Moore said that he does a state of district address because the state of the city address does not inform his constituents about projects occurring in their neighborhoods in the manner that they deserve. He did not want to be limited in offering such informational opportunities to his constituents.

Commissioner Rodstrom raised question to the varying amounts in each commissioner budget for travel. Vice Mayor Hutchinson noted that she has never reached \$4,600, which is allocated, for travel. Commissioner Moore indicated that he goes over the amount because he is involved with the Broward, state and national leagues and the technical committees on which he serves requires travel. The memberships paid are significant. It is important to participate in the legislative matters.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Ms. Singh indicated that the total league membership totals about \$43,000.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson noted that there is travel for legislative week in Tallahassee each year.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if she decides to become more active, would she be allotted an additional \$10,000, which is the difference in her travel account and the travel account for Commissioner Moore.

Commissioner Moore felt the budget was based on past practice. The City Manager indicated additional funds could be allocated if Commissioner Rodstrom so desires. Commissioner Rodstrom indicated if necessary she will take money from the mission account.

Commissioner Teel had no problem with the travel allocated as Commissioner Moore is representing the City.

**Action:** There was consensus to reduce the mission account to \$10,000 for each member of the Commission and eliminate the \$2,500 for State of the District addresses.

#### **I-I – Water Bus– ADA Accessible Landings**

**Action:** None taken.

#### **I-J – Consultant Fee – Donation to Charity**

Mayor Naugle suggested the donation be made to the General Fund. Commissioner Moore referred to the Consultant's request to donate to a non-profit. I

If the City wants to recommend some non-profits than that could be done.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that the money should be given to the homeless groups.

**Action:** The donation is to be made to the homeless.

#### **II-A – Barricades – Emergency Purchase and Rental**

**Action:** None taken.

#### **III – B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies**

##### Audit Committee

Mayor Naugle recommends appointing Michael Moskowitz to the Audit Committee.

**Action:** Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting.

##### Aviation Advisory Board

Mayor Naugle recommends appointing Bunney Brenneman to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson recommends that Debra Von Valkenberg be appointed to the Aviation Advisory Board.

**Action:** Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Board of Adjustment

Commissioner Teel said that Don Zimmer has resigned from the Board of Adjustment due to the fact that he is serving on the Broward County Rules and Appeals which does not permit him to serve on the City's Board.

**Action:** Deferred.

Budget Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Hutchinson recommends that Sean Fee be appointed to the Budget Advisory Board.

**Action:** Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Cemeteries Advisory Board

**Action:** Deferred.

Charter Revision Board

**Action:** Deferred.

Community Appearance Advisory Board

**Action:** Deferred.

Community Services Board

**Action:** Deferred.

Education Advisory Board

**Action:** Deferred

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon

**Action:** Deferred

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

**Action:** Deferred.

Local Law Enforcement Grant 5

**Action:** Deferred.

Marine Advisory Board

**Action:** Deferred.

Performing Arts

**Action:** Deferred.

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

**Action:** None Taken.

**IV -- Commission Reports**CVC Project

Vice Mayor Hutchinson announced the next CVC project scheduled on Saturday, 8 a.m. at the Bonnet House.

Riverland and Melrose Park Annexations: Zoning Code and Status of all Annexations

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that property was annexed in the Riverland area and in Commissioner Moore's district. These individuals are still under Broward County Code. She asked that the City move forward to get these areas under the City's Code as soon as possible. Further she pointed out that there are problems when they try to make home improvements. She felt the City should help them through the Board of Adjustment process; it should almost be part of the backup.

The City Attorney said that normally in an annexed area, the City changes the Zoning Code. Under state law, zoning in place at the time of annexation stays in place until the City amends it. Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, believed these areas were annexed in 2002. In order to rezone the properties, a land use plan amendment was necessary, and that was completed about a year ago. A consultant will be requested for authorization in July to begin the process of rezoning.

Mayor Naugle asked if the City is on the timeline promised to the citizens. Mr. LaFerrier did not know, but it is a department project. Mayor Naugle felt that is something that should be known; commitments should be honored. Mr. LaFerrier offered to find out.

Mayor Naugle wanted to look at all commitments made and see if the City is on schedule. Vice Mayor Hutchinson thought that might be a good idea because she hears often that commitments are not being lived up to in this area.

The City Attorney recalled the promise made to the Riverland area was that the City would not change the zoning immediately. The County zoning would stay in place. He did not recall a promised time period, but the City did promise to rezone it and anything built in accordance with the County Code would be grandfathered in as allowed. They could rebuild what they had before.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson explained she is not criticizing. She simply wants the City to be a partner in the process until the zoning is changed.

Discussion turned briefly to a recent Board of Adjustment case.



In addition to the promise noted by the City Attorney, Vice Mayor Hutchinson recalled the promise with reference to save our homes. The City Attorney indicated the City followed through on that.

The City Attorney mentioned the Marina Mile area annexation. There were a lot of uses put in place for which the City did not have a category, and a lot of uses the City did not allow in the same district that were in the same district. This is why the Planning & Zoning Department has chosen to secure a consultant to assist. He did not think any promises were made to Marina Mile.

#### Affordable Housing; Information from the National League of Cities

Commissioner Moore presented a booklet from the Florida League, State of the Nation's Housing 2006. He urged everyone to review this material before the Commission's discussions take place in October on attainable housing. Information is also provided regarding rental units.

#### Elks Lodge No. 652 Request to Expand Hours of Operation

Commissioner Moore provided a letter from the Pride of Fort Lauderdale Elks Lodge 652, requesting a 4 a.m. closing time and asked the City Manager to followup.

#### Lifeguards; North End of Beach

Commissioner Moore referred to information received concerning lifeguard stands. There is a shortage of lifeguards at the north end of the beach. Lifeguards were cut out of the budget many years ago due to budgetary issues. He wanted to know what it would cost to provide lifeguards at that end of the beach. The City Manager said that the cost is approximately \$1 million. Commissioner Moore asked that this be considered during the budget discussions. People go to that part of the beach because the parking is free.

There was discussion about revenue generation for paid parking. Commissioner Moore felt the number one concern as a government should be public safety.

The City Manager said that several options could be reviewed during the budget discussions.

Mayor Naugle asked for a report on the loss of life at that end of the beach and the time of day it occurs.

#### Audit Report; Community Development Block Grant Funds

With respect to CDBG loans and funds, Commissioner Moore complimented staff for the document received on this subject. The internal audit review dated May 9, 2006, shows there are a number of concerns. He wanted these things implemented in a timely manner.

#### South Regional Activity Center (RAC); Workforce Housing; North Broward Hospital District

Commissioner Rodstrom said it was brought to her attention that the North Broward Housing District is having a problem recruiting staff. One of the problems is housing. When flex units are moved from point to point, workforce housing could be addressed. She quoted the starting salary of a nurse at \$45,000, which would allow for the purchase price of \$145,000. With a roommate, they could meet the benchmark of \$290,000. When flex units are moved to an area, a designation could be made for a percentage, if not all, of the housing be at a certain benchmark.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson felt there will be an opportunity to do this. There still has to be zoning changes in order to accommodate the units. She referred to the South Andrews Regional Activity Center group is a big supporter of the hospital district, and the hospital district is a supporter of that group as well. They want to work together because they see that area as an affordable housing area.

Mayor Naugle thought that the hospital district may go into the business.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to support the hospital as that is an important service.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson believed projects will come forward that will address this issue.

Commissioner Moore said in the attainable housing ordinance that was being considered, regional activity centers were excluded for density bonuses. In this particular area, there should be consideration of some density bonuses in order for these things to happen.

Commissioner Hutchinson left the meeting at approximately 5:04 p.m.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about mandating that a certain percentage of the flex be dedicated to workforce housing.

Mayor Naugle felt that if the price or rent is mandated, it shrinks the supply.

Commissioner Moore indicated that there are varying opinions on this and he urged the Commission to read the booklet from the League he mentioned earlier.

Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that development companies have found a way to deal with the issue without the bonus density. If it is part of the program when the flex is allocated, developers would have to do it at the time of the transfer. Some developers choose to provide workforce housing and they do not need the perks or taxpayer dollars.

Mayor Naugle felt that there are people who make a living providing workforce housing, and it is not necessary to force it or need for price or rent control.

Commissioner Moore concurred. He pointed out the hospital district is doing this out of necessity. Markets of employees are being lost because of the price of housing.

If there is a condition of 20% workforce housing in that area, Commissioner Moore saw this as a requirement on the private sector. It should not be the only opportunity of a requirement simply because it is more conducive to one opinion.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:23 p.m.