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COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. December 19, 2006

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager – George Gretsas
 City Auditor - John Herbst
 City Clerk - Jonda K. Joseph
 City Attorney - Harry Stewart
 Sergeant At Arms – C. J. Herbert

I-A – U.S. 1 – SE 6 Avenue Improvements; Florida Department of Transportation

Peter Partington, City Engineer, introduced Ramon Sierra, Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation.

Ramon Sierra proceeded to give a slide presentation which is attached.

Mayor Naugle asked if the plastic pylons are going to be eliminated in front of the Mercedes dealership on Federal Highway, and asked if concrete curbs are going to be installed. Mr. Sierra confirmed.

Commission Rodstrom asked if the pedestrian walkway is going to be at ground level. Mr. Sierra confirmed. Mayor Naugle asked when construction is going to begin. Mr. Sierra said construction would begin in late 2007 or early 2008.

I-B – Baltimore Orioles Spring Training; Facility Use Agreement

Commissioner Moore said at the last meeting the Commission stated they would contribute \$500,000, but the present agreement is showing \$850,000. The City Manager said that a pass-thru is involved. The City Attorney said the \$350,000 is the pass-thru that they are paying for rent. Commissioner Moore thought that was what was being used to pay the \$500,000. The City Attorney said it was part of the term sheet previously.

The City Attorney said when this came before the Commission the last time the \$240,000 the Commission indicated they would pay was in addition to the \$350,000.

Mayor Naugle and Vice Mayor Hutchinson said they agreed to put in \$500,000 but it had nothing to do with the bond. Commissioner Moore agreed.

The City Attorney said the agreement was changed slightly to take away the requirement to pay insurance and anything other than debt service on the bonds; the \$350,000 has always been in addition. In previous conversations this was a pass-thru. Instead of the \$240,000, it was changed to \$500,000 and applied strictly to debt service and added the \$350,000 that the Orioles pay for rent and it is a pass-thru. The City's out of pocket is \$500,000.

Commissioner Moore did not support the proposal.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson did not believe it is structured incorrectly.

Commissioner Teel said it is structured wrong if one refers to the original concept. If one is willing to give away more money that would be a different story, but she is not willing to do so, considering the value of the land. At one time the \$240,000 was not even on the table. The \$240,000 is more than enough.

Commissioner Moore thought the \$500,000 was a compromise.

Commissioner Rodstrom always thought the \$500,000 was too much. These monies are coming from General Fund revenue. The 5% collected from receipts goes to the Enterprise Fund and not the taxpayers. The \$500,000 will be for 30 years. Taxpayers will be assessed every year to pay for the arena. She believed the land was enough. The County is going to use bed tax money for this; they are not taxing the citizens more.

Mike Roland, Stadium Manager at Lockhart Stadium, said that on April 7, 2006 a letter was sent by the Superintendent of Schools to Mayor Naugle would be extending their lease for the stadium for an additional 20 years. He recalled commissioners indicating previously that the City's contribution was to be the land, and now they are talking about \$15 million over 30 years. It has cost the City nothing to run Lockhart Stadium for the last 18.5 years because the School Board has assumed the costs. Lockhart was built so students from the City's public schools would have a place to play football. This project would force those students to play football and soccer games outside of the City. Last month over 19,000 spectators came to the City for an international soccer game, and annually they hold 12-16 such matches at the stadium and many are televised internationally. Lockhart is considered one of the finest stadiums in the U.S.

David Romanik, representing the Baltimore Orioles, said they have a couple problems with the agreement. At the Commission's December 12, 2006 meeting there was a shifting of economic responsibilities under the term sheet from the City to the Orioles, including insurance which was the City's obligation under the term sheet. Generally the owner of an asset insures it. In addition, there was the issue of the repair fund so there would be a source of money to keep the stadium current during the 30-year period. The term sheet called for those items to be paid for by the City, but a funding mechanism had not yet been worked out. They felt the Airport Improvement Fund is a likely source for the payment of certain improvements made on Airport property such as the stadium, but that has now been shifted to the Orioles. They asked for the agreement to contain a provision giving the Orioles the opportunity to look at the finances of the entire transaction after the agreement was signed so they could send it to the State in order to qualify. As such they could determine if the project would be economically feasible for the Orioles. The City's obligation is capped at the \$500,000, plus the pass-thru of the facilities fee. The Orioles' obligation appears to be a blank check. They have not had the opportunity to check on the cost of insurance or do the legal analysis regarding taxation of the stadium because there is no legal precedent.

Mr. Romanik said a provision was suggested to the City Attorney, allowing for either side to look at the economics of this deal after receiving the State funding commitment. At

that point, a decision could be made if the deal is economically feasible. He distributed proposed language.

The City Attorney said staff heard about this yesterday at 4:53 p.m. He thought there was a meeting of the minds regarding this issue. The Orioles thought it had been discussed at the last meeting, but staff did not recall it. By the time this information was received via e-mail, the agreement had already been sent to the Orioles.

Commissioner Moore did not see any need to discuss this. It was his understanding they were talking about a \$500,000 City contribution. For years the City spent \$500,000 in keeping the facility open. The only reason he agreed to this figure was due to the new ballfields. Now it is \$850,000 and he is no longer supportive. It appears some commissioners understood the \$350,000 to be a pass-thru. Therefore, he asked if the City is going above the \$500,000.

The City Attorney said this item is being brought forward on the conference agenda to make sure that everyone had an understanding of the issues, and if there were any unknowns, those blanks would have to be filled in. There is a blank on page 19 regarding a dollar amount to be set and capped. According to the term sheet, the City is responsible for the containment, abatement, clean-up, or removal of any environmental hazard during phase I of the project at least.

Commissioner Moore said some time ago the Commission asked for 48 hours for all conditions to be put on the table. The City Attorney said this is the final time; it has to be to the State by the 29th.

Mayor Naugle was not comfortable with the provision that after submittal to the State, the Orioles can back-out.

The City Attorney said the problem is that staff feels it makes it an agreement to agree, which is not an agreement at all.

In response to Commissioner Moore, Mayor Naugle thought everyone assumed that the \$350,000 was a given except for Commissioner Moore.

Commissioner Teel did not understand how the Commission could vote on it with the loose ends. They would be voting on a blank as to how much the taxpayers would possibly have to pay in regard to page 19. All of this information was to have been forwarded to the City days ago. Things are always being thrown at them at the last minute. It is an unacceptable way to do business.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson asked why the environmental item was not discussed. The City Attorney said the City overlooked it. The timing was bad, it was hurried. It will have to be addressed regardless of what the City does with the property.

Commissioner Teel pointed out if the cost to address it is \$10 million, for example, perhaps the City does not want to do anything with it. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said even if it is developed as airport property, it would still have to be addressed.

Mr. Romanik said last week they came in with a given regarding the \$350,000 because this is the facility's use fee which the Orioles are paying to the City, and the City would

pay it toward the bond. The only monies to be paid by the City at that point was the \$240,000 which was payment for maintenance on the City's park area which they would be paying on any park created in the City. This money would not be going to the Orioles either. The \$500,000 came about because the term sheet required the City to pay the insurance. When it was priced at \$250,000, it was unacceptable and at that point was shifted to the Orioles. The \$240,000 and the \$250,000 came to be the \$500,000 total. The Orioles are not being paid for anything, particularly nothing more than what the term sheet originally required. Like any business, they want to place a cap on their expenses. If a maximum amount for the Orioles could be agreed upon today, then a lot of the other language could be eliminated. If there have to be adjustments once all the facts are known, then the Orioles can decide. Asking the Orioles to sign a blank check is not in the spirit of what they have been negotiating for 5-6 years. As to what was required within 48 hours was the maintenance number and they were pretty close in complying. The Orioles are only trying to make this work. It must be a two-way street.

The City Manager said there are two issues. First is the City's total contribution, and second, the environmental issue. He asked if there is Commission support to amend the agreement for a total of \$500,000 minus the \$350,000 pass-thru.

Mr. Romanik further said that would then shift the insurance to the Orioles. The City Manager said it would increase the Orioles' contribution by \$350,000. Commissioner Moore said he would then support it.

Bernie Friedman, representing the Orioles, said even though the Commission had a term sheet saying the City would pay insurance, and even though the Orioles negotiated in good faith, the Orioles would cover the insurance as long as the City would give a small contribution towards the insurance. Now the City is saying they are going to change the term sheet to have the Orioles pay the insurance, which they never agreed to do, and take away the money some of the Commissioners and City staff thought. He did not know if this would be acceptable to the Orioles because it violates the term sheet.

Mayor Naugle said people have changed their positions many times. He wanted to discuss it at the 6 p.m. Commission meeting.

Commissioner Moore said if the City is to pay more than \$500,000, he is not changing his mind.

Action: See Regular Meeting; Item MD-17

I-C – Design Guidelines; Duplexes, Townhouses and Cluster Dwellings

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, said that there has been discussion at Planning and Zoning Board meetings about projects being developed in the multi-family zoning districts. There is a desire to change some of the regulations in those districts. Staff recognizes there are some issues to be dealt with and he would like some direction from the Commission as to whether this should be a top priority item. Their department's plate is quite full with planning projects, and he reminded everyone this would affect about 20% of the City including about 15,000 parcels. This would probably involve public meetings and hearings and would take some time. It has merit, but is not something he feels they could take on in the next eight to ten months.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said she discussed this matter with the City Manager and staff because this has involved constant dialogue at the Planning and Zoning Board meetings and also at her district meetings. Everyone is being inundated with such developments and it is a priority, but the unfortunate part is that staff does not have the time to devote to such a project. She would like the Commission to move ahead with the preparation for having this done in 10 months. She said these monsters are destroying neighborhoods and tree canopy, and there are some issues in certain communities in connection with guest parking and the placement of garbage cans which possibly could be dealt with at this time.

Mr. LaFerrier said that possibly some of the smaller issues could be addressed through code amendments.

Commissioner Teel said that Code Enforcement should be contacted regarding some of the issues such as garbage cans because ordinances already exist.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said the neighborhoods should not have to make such calls, but done by individuals who live there and by the developers.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if there are other options available besides dumpsters and individual cans and where they are to be placed. Mr. LaFerrier said the placement of these items are raised during the site plan level review.

Mayor Naugle suggests that they follow the City Manager's recommendation. A suggestion was also made to hire a consultant and if that is necessary it could be included in the next budget and discussion could occur. In the meantime, he feels the matter could be reviewed and possibly by code enforcement.

Commissioner Moore asked about the construction taking place at NW 1st Street because it appears it is getting taller. Mr. LaFerrier said that it is a storage facility and the property is zoned commercial and the developer made modifications to the project. He said there are problems in the commercial categories which need to also be addressed.

Commissioner Moore asked for this to be dealt with in the Northwest Redevelopment area and for a moratorium to be placed on this type of zoning so there would not be such buildings constructed until regulations are reviewed and amended if necessary. He said the only thing positive about the building is to the owner and the tax base for the City, but not to the redevelopment effort of the area.

Commissioner Rodstrom said they need to look at transitional areas more and how circumstances should be mitigated, along with height requirements.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said the issue today deals with townhouses and cluster dwellings, and one of the biggest things is that cluster homes are regulated, but townhouses are not.

Mayor Naugle asked for the CRA to give their comments, along with staff, regarding commercial development at the January 4, 2007 Commission meeting.

The City Manager said staff could report on the 4th regarding mechanics, how long it will take, and what process could be followed.

Commissioner Rodstrom said that possibly the Commissioners could speak to their board appointments on the Planning and Zoning Board regarding this issue.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that townhouses do not go before the P&Z Board.

Action: There was consensus to complete current studies/projects as anticipated in the upcoming 8-10 months before starting this project and to include in the budget consulting fees if necessary. In the interim, there was consensus to individually address certain matters, such as garbage collection and guest parking.

I-D – Ethics Law to Prevent Soliciting Donations for Third Parties/Charitable Organizations from Vendors, Developers or Lobbyists who do Business with the City.

The City Attorney said they were asked to report back to the Commission regarding this matter. The background material has been provided to the Commission, including excerpts from the Policy and Standards Manual published by the City Manager applicable to all City employees, but not to City Commissioners, along with an ethics opinion on a similar issue regarding solicitation for not-for-profit corporations and examples of definitions and exceptions applicable to this issue.

In order to draft regulations on this subject, they need to find out what the Commission wants to define as a charitable organization, the penalties, and enforcement provisions. Also, they need to decide who would be enforcing the regulation, along with the intent.

Mayor Naugle said he is the person who raised this issue and wants it to include all parties, profit and non-profit. He further said that OPS could be the enforcer. Mayor Naugle asked what other options are available regarding enforcement.

The City Attorney said it might be better to have a complaint process in place and then forward it to the Special Master.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said she was not present when this matter was discussed and no one talked about it that evening when she was present. She feels it is ridiculous because she does a lot of charity work and she would not be able to do that if this law was in place. She believes it is wrong and as a public servant she is serving the public every single day of her life. This concerns her because somebody would think that as a public servant she would do something wrong in her charitable work.

Mayor Naugle said this would not prevent her from doing the work. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said she does not solicit from anyone who does business with the City, but this is grass roots level and she would not be able to do it any longer if this law is put in place. Mayor Naugle said it would prevent her from soliciting from various organizations doing business with the City. She believed that no one across the country had such a law. Mayor Naugle said once a city does adopt such a law, he believes that others will follow.

Commissioner Moore said he would support this ordinance if campaign contributions were included. He said they need to include that no elected official or candidate would

receive money or some form of contribution from individuals doing business with the City. He said the City has discontinued making contributions to many organizations.

Commissioner Rodstrom said the issue involving candidates would have to be handled differently unless they are considering a candidate as a charitable organization.

Commissioner Moore said his district expects him to help them.

Commissioner Teel said when a request is made from the dais that creates a perception that the Commission should not be creating. Advertisements in newspapers saying that a Commissioner supports an organization and is asking for contributions makes it appear as though it is a City function. Letters requesting contributions should not be on the City's letterhead or Commission letterhead. There is the ability for people to do charitable work, but City Hall should not be a collection place and City staff should not be involved.

Commissioner Teel said someone doing business with the City asked what her favorite charity was so they could make a contribution, but she did not supply the information. She said the Commissioners have the right to sponsor a charity, but not under the guise of being an elected official. She further said that she supports this policy, but she is concerned who would enforce it and whether fines should be involved. She said that possibly a special master could be utilized.

Mayor Naugle asked if there should be a \$100 for the first misdemeanor and then \$500 for every violation afterwards.

Commissioner Rodstrom said she thought there should be a \$500 fine for the first violation and then each one afterwards be considered a misdemeanor. She said she would change the fine to \$100 for the first offense, and then \$500 afterwards.

Genia Ellis said the Fire Department does their "boot drive" yearly and solicits from the public. Therefore, such things continue throughout the City and in crafting the document they would have to be very careful.

Mayor Naugle said this discussion is in reference to elected officials.

Ms. Ellis further said that unless there is an ordinance saying the City would get a park fee or a contribution for any things not on the books, than the Commission should not request them until such time as they are on the books.

Ried Morgan, Tarpon River, said the concept is strange in what is being proposed, but less Wilma the Mayor would have been the worst criminal because he asked for volunteers and contributions, and even vendors cleaned the streets. He understands the principle but believes they are defeating other things that people look up to them as leaders for. He said a Commissioner's name could not be separated from the title Commissioner. He said the job of politics is to put pressure on individuals for contributions. He believes if this law is put into effect, they would be undoing a lot of good that is being done. He said everyone does business with the City in some way.

Commissioner Moore said if politicians and candidates are not going to be included, than they are “blowing a bunch of wind.” Solicitation from the dais could be a rule so as not to occur.

Commissioner Teel said she agrees about campaign contributions should be included, but asked if candidates could be included also.

The City Attorney said there could probably be one ordinance that would amend several sections of the Code.

Commissioner Moore said that no soliciting should be done from the dais and make it a policy.

Mayor Naugle said he would support including campaign contributions.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said the fliers she did regarding her “shoe drive” were done upon direction from the City Attorney’s office and the Public Information Office. She finds it gratifying to work for not-for-profits and assist them in their work. To tie their hands regarding such work would be frustrating. She finds it despicable when a neighborhood says they would approve the City’s plan, but they want \$75,000 for a traffic study. She does not agree with the “horse trading” that has taken place with the Commission over the years.

Mayor Naugle said they should be elected for the votes taken on the City Commission and not on their fund raising abilities. Vice Mayor Hutchinson said she was not elected to office due to her fund raising abilities, but as an elected official individuals look to you to host a committee.

Commissioner Moore asked why the Mayor’s Gala is done every year. Mayor Naugle said in the past it was done for fund raising for a sister city. Commissioner Moore also referred to the Mayor’s Cup and said he found that objectionable.

Commissioner Teel said “horse trading” occurred years ago, but things should be done on an individual’s name and not a title.

Action: The City Attorney will present an ordinance based on input provided by the Commission. It will provide for a complaint process with a special master hearing. It will also address campaign contributions.

I-E – Decorative Crosswalks Installation Policy

Commissioner Moore said Villa Park already has pavers, but if they are going to the new concept than they need to replace the pavers. The neighborhood wants it to match.

Peter Partington, City Engineer, said the suggestion is that they sign-off on a policy that continues to permit pavers on residential roads, but stamped asphalt on collector roads.

Commissioner Teel asked if stamped asphalt could be used on residential roads if the neighborhood requests them. Mr. Partington confirmed. Commissioner Teel said that some roads which have pavers are disastrous and need replaced.

The City Manager said that asphalt over time does fade.

Commissioner Teel said a policy is needed now that would set up routine maintenance for the roadways. Mr. Partington reminded the Commission that maintenance is higher for asphalt than for pavers.

Action: Consensus approval. If a neighborhood would prefer stamped asphalt, it will be allowed. Commissioner Moore indicated that Dillard Park would like uniformity on use of material. Commissioner Teel wanted a policy established for regular maintenance of this feature.

I-F – Economic Incentives Program

The City Manager said a formal policy needs to be in place regarding this matter.

Ron Hicks, Director of Economic Development, said this is a program where companies are given incentives to come to the City or to expand their facilities.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson and Commissioner Moore left the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked how incentives for affordable housing would work since there is none available in the City. Mayor Naugle said the individual would receive a higher salary in order to be able to afford to live in the area.

The City Attorney said this is in regard to jobs being created in the City.

Action: Consensus approval as recommended. Vice Mayor Hutchinson and Commissioner Moore were not present.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson and Commissioner Moore returned to the meeting at approximately 2:52 p.m.

I-G – Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration; Request by Parade Committee For Financial Assistance

Mayor Naugle suggests that a contribution be made to the organization.

Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, said staff's recommendation is to have the money come the Contingency Fund.

The City Manager said if the Commission is going to approve this yearly, than possibly they should be placing this item in the budget and then these discussions would not have to continue taking place.

Commissioner Teel asked how much is in the Contingency Fund. The City Manager said they could return to this item once the information is obtained.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION 2:54 P.M.
MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:58 P.M.**

I-G – Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration; Request by Parade Committee For Financial Assistance

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It was stated that is \$69,200 available in the Contingency Fund.

Mayor Naugle said the expenditure is approved as a donation to the organization. Commissioner Teel said this is approved with the understanding that the item would be budgeted in the future.

Action: Consensus approval, including provision in the budget for future events.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee VacanciesAudit Committee

Action: Deferred.

Cemeteries Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Code Enforcement Board

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said that she is recommending that Howard Elfman be moved from alternate to member of the Code Enforcement Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Community Appearance Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Community Services Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Downtown Development Authority

Vice Mayor Hutchinson recommends that Dennis O'Shea be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Rodstrom recommends that D. Frederick Fazio be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor Naugle said a separate vote would be taken this evening regarding this position.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Commissioner Moore recommends the reappointing of Gerri Washington and Gwen Watson to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Education Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Fire Rescue Facilities Blue Ribbon Committee

Action: Deferred.

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Northwest Progresso Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Action: Deferred.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Unsafe Structures Board

Commissioner Teel said she is recommending Joe Holland, Engineer, as the consensus appointment for the Unsafe Structures Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken at Regular Meeting.

Utility Advisory Committee

Action: Deferred.

IV – City Commission Reports

Zoning of Commercial Buildings

Commissioner Moore said he wants to re-mention the issue of zoning in connection with commercial buildings and their permitted sizes.

Police Incident (shooting)

Commissioner Moore said the community needs to be provided further information regarding the police incidents occurring. He asked that a meeting be organized so the community's concerns could be addressed.

Mayor Naugle said he has met with leaders in the community who said they want to wait until the results of the investigation come forward. He believes there should be a public meeting at that time.

Commissioner Teel said she was concerned about the venue that had been chosen and she hoped there would be a policy that when serious matters are to be discussed that a proper location be chosen that could accommodate the situation.

Commissioner Moore said he wants to know which buildings in the City do not have microphone systems.

Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, said that the Mizell Center is not a City facility.

Commissioner Moore said they need to review what is taking place in their government and what policing methods are being utilized. He does not feel it is negative to question the police on their tactics and incidents which have occurred.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked when the sensitivity training is held.

Bruce Roberts, Chief of the Police Department, said that all officers go through 40 hours of manual training which is twice the amount required by the State, and included in that training is a 9-hour training regarding diversity, racial profiling, and human relations. Officers going through the Academy are given 130-140 hours of training dealing with mentally ill individuals and domestic violence. He said that training is reinforced every year with 9-hours of training. Also if complaints are received regarding certain officers, those individuals are sent for additional training to the Academy in order to correct their behavior.

Commissioner Moore asked about letters written complimenting officers. Chief Roberts said he returns a card thanking the individuals for such letters and the letter itself would go through the individual's chain of command. A copy is also given to the concerned employee and put in his personnel file.

Commissioner Moore asked about letters written complaining about officers because he believes they should stop covering up incidents regarding discourteous police officers.

The City Manager said he agrees that a PA system should be placed at the Mizell Center and one has been ordered.

Commissioner Teel said they need a policy regarding where such meetings should be held and suggested that this matter be discussed at a future Commission meeting. She suggested that possibly the first floor meeting room at City Hall be considered.

Neighborhood Recognition Letters

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said in the past they have mailed out neighborhood recognition letters. The neighborhoods want to use their points but they have not yet received their letters. She asked why that has not yet been done.

Maxine Singh, Commission Office, said they wanted to give the newest Commissioner the opportunity to review them.

There was a consensus to send out all letters except those to be reviewed by Commissioner Rodstrom.

Elizabeth Hayes asked when District II would receive their letters. Commissioner Rodstrom said they would be sent out before the Christmas holiday.

Fire Rescue Bond Projects and Security Plan Reports

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about a status report being given on the fire bond projects. She also asked about the status of the security plan. She said that a report is also needed regarding the 4 + 2 or 3 + 2 plan.

Cultural Arts and Tourism Board

Commissioner Rodstrom suggested that a new advisory board be created to address cultural arts and tourism for the City.

Mayor Naugle said advisory boards require staffing and normally he refers individuals to the County's tourism services that are available, and therefore, he does not feel such a board should be duplicated by the City. He is open to suggestions but wants everyone to realize that expenditure would be involved.

Vice Mayor Hutchinson said the question would be which department would staff this board.

Mayor Naugle said indirectly the Beach Redevelopment Board handles some tourism. He suggested that they review what other cities are doing regarding this matter.

Item Purchasing 9 – Deadly Force

Commissioner Rodstrom said she is going to make a motion tonight to reconsider Item Purchasing 9 from the last meeting regarding the Deadly Force issue.

Restroom: George English Park Facility

Commissioner Teel asked about the fire in the public restroom at George English Park. If staffing is not available, than the restrooms should be closed. Commissioner Moore agreed, along with Vice Mayor Hutchinson.

Commissioner Moore said there are a number of concerns regarding the public facilities and what could occur if safety is not provided by staff.

Potential Neighborhood Park; Vacant Property (2401 NE 27 Terrace) near Bayview Drive

Commissioner Teel said the Broward County Parks Bond approved the purchase of the parcel of land on Bayview Drive.

Potential Drought; Lawns

Mayor Naugle said there seems to be a pending drought if winter rains do not come and water restrictions could be put into place. He does not want code enforcement to cite anyone for brown lawns.

V – City Manager Reports

The City Manager said he wants to wish everyone a wonder Christmas Season. He also wished individuals celebrating Hannukah to have a nice holiday season.

Holiday Lights/Decorations

The City Manager said they have installed holiday lights on the beach which have been donated. For the next budget season, they are going to ask the DDA to contribute towards the City's holiday lighting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:42 p.m.