

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
JUNE 19, 2007**

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COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. JUNE 19, 2007

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager – George Gretsas
City Auditor - John Herbst
City Clerk - Jonda K. Joseph
City Attorney - Harry A. Stewart
Sergeant At Arms – Sgt. Mitch Van Sant

Mayor Naugle and the Commission welcomed students who are participating in the summer jobs program. The students thank the City for this opportunity.

I-A – Goals and Objectives – Upcoming Fiscal Year 2007-2008

A slide presentation was made by the City Manager. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. With respect to the 2003 Fund Balance, Mayor Naugle noted there was \$100 million in enterprise fund reserves that could have been utilized in the event of an emergency.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about parking revenues and whether they would go back into the General Fund. John Hoelzle, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, said the revenue from meters goes back into the rehabilitation of garages, installation of new meters and ADA projects. Revenues total approximately \$11 million. Otherwise those needs would have to come from the General Fund or a parking revenue bond.

The City Manager noted the earmarking of some funds for lifeguards and increases on South Beach Parking Lot.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked how calculations are made with respect to crime statistics.

Bruce Roberts, Chief of Police, said crime is down. The chart compared this past May with May last year. Mayor Naugle said it is part one crimes, which is a measurement used nationally. Chief Roberts explained there are many contributing factors; it is not all strictly arrests. For example, in 1994, crime was higher and there were 20,000 arrests. Crime is the second lowest in history now, but arrests are 10,000-11,000. Mayor Naugle pointed out that crime figures are inflated because there are no adjustments for additions to population. Vast areas have been annexed. Crime is down significantly. Chief Roberts noted that violent crime was up nationwide, but that is only part of the packet of serious crimes which is down. Through April of this year, even violent crime is down about 1%. Mayor Naugle pointed out there are about a third of the murders experienced twenty years ago at the peak.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about the process for street vendors. Chief Roberts said that they mostly try to physically arrest them. Lieutenant Mike DiMaggio said the

homeless and vendors receive one warning, then a citation notice to appear. They are arrested for either trespassing, disorderly conduct or something along those lines.

Mayor Naugle asked about the rate of deaths for street vendors. He thought through enforcement, that statistic is down. He referred to exploitation by the media and that it is one of the most dangerous professions. Chief Roberts said they have modeled after the City of Hollywood. In cities that do enforce, this is the case.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if more officers will be re-deployed to the parks during the summer. Chief Roberts said they work with Parks & Recreation and the ranger program. They have implemented a park action plan. They assess resources through the COMPSTAT process weekly. It has been measured since October. It is evaluated on a case by case basis. Commissioner Rodstrom asked for such information.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked and the City Manager assured that the new palm trees on the Las Olas streetscape are being cared for.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about a plan of action to accomplish the \$10 million next fiscal year. The City Manager said a plan would be presented to the Commission at their second meeting in July.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked how much remains from unfilled vacancies. The City Manager said projections would be provided at the July meeting. John Herbst, City Auditor, said there is the carry-forward or the net income at the end of the fiscal year, which is separate and distinct from the vacancy rate. Most cities tend to average an 8% to 10% vacancy rate. Depending how that is budgeted, it could represent some savings which could be redirected to shortfalls or build the fund balance. A policy decision could be made to set aside a certain amount of such funds as a negative amount in the budget to begin with.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager said the 2007-2008 budget and 5-year capital improvement plan would be addressed at the second meeting in July, July 17.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked when the City will address the potential \$23 million shortfall. The City Manager said the City does not know what is going to occur in January. There will be plenty of time to address those issues. Mayor Naugle said the situation in Tallahassee makes the Commission silent on new initiatives.

Commissioner Teel felt the City needs to address the tree situation both as a preventative to not lose electricity during storms and the aesthetic value. The Utility Advisory Committee's Tree Subcommittee is finding there is a lack of one central person. She hoped an employee could be chosen to monitor installations and so forth, although not a new employee. Perhaps the pilot program for trees under the feeder lines that started in District II could be continued.

Mayor Naugle noted that since planting trees in the right of way requires a permit, hopefully permits would not be issued for inappropriate trees, recognizing that some people will plant without a permit. Commissioner Teel explained those illegally planted trees need to be addressed before they reach a size that no one wants to disturb them.

Mayor Naugle commented that FPL is installing new feeder lines in areas where there are no lines over Live Oaks and Gumbo Limbos without notice to the property owners. Commissioner Teel complimented the City Manager and staff, particularly Assistant to the City Manager, Julie Richards, for the hard work and quick attention to complaints. She also complimented Code Enforcement on their statistics. Mayor Naugle and Commissioner Teel also commended the Building Department with respect to inspections.

Vice Mayor Moore complimented the City Manager on the presentation. He referred to the State's recommendations with respect to ad valorem taxes and the need to satisfy neighborhoods with their capital projects. The only way to do this that would not harm most is through union negotiations, retired employees, benefit structures. Much of the City's costs are associated with those negotiations. Another area is employee take-home vehicles. The Rosetti report on the Police Department shows a \$19 million increase in the operation of the Police Department from 2001 to 2004. He believed the only great expenditure during that time frame was take-home vehicles. He asked that the City look at the efficiency of using tax dollars for that cost. He emphasized that cameras in the police vehicles are necessary and important for public safety and policing. Whenever there are budget reductions, the first thing is a reduction in neighborhood projects. He hoped that would not be done and other areas for cost savings will be sought.

Mayor Naugle noted that cameras in police vehicles are also a safety measure for the officers.

Commissioner Teel complimented the work of all charter officers.

Vice Mayor Moore suggested there be presentations by all of the charter officers at the next meeting. It is important for the public to understand what the individuals the Commission appoints are doing.

Mayor Naugle felt the message to send forward is that the City is going to try to keep everyone working and continue services. They will have to be creative and find ways to reduce expenditures and raise other revenues that may be available. Commissioner Rodstrom felt even had this not happened, the City should still take that approach, accountability, services and so forth.

Action: A presentation was made. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted more coverage in the parks during Summer vacations. Commissioner Teel wanted a specific staff member assigned to give more attention to the improper placement of trees, although she was not suggesting a new employee. At Vice Mayor Moore's suggestion, there was consensus for the other three charter officers to also present information on the scope of the office, accomplishments, etc.

I-B – Sexual Predator Residential Restrictions

The City Attorney said this came forward a year or so ago and it was decided to wait on the Legislature because cities were setting different standards. Staff thought the State would adopt something to preempt this area, but they did not. Staff returned to the drawing board and are recommending that the City retain the 1,000 linear foot separation from parks, schools and areas where children congregate. About 18% of the

city remains after that is done. If it is increased to 1,200 feet, it leaves about 8% of the city available. Whenever it is less than 10%, the City would run into serious constitutional issues. In the ordinance three crimes are being added. Under the State statute, the 1,000 foot, the City would not need an ordinance if only regulating sexual battery, lewd and lascivious behavior in the presence of a 16-year old, sexual performance by a child less than 18 or selling or buying minors under the age of 16. The City would be adding three statutory crimes in its ordinance: 1) kidnapping of a child under 13 under aggravated circumstances; 2) false imprisonment of a child under the age of 13; and 3) luring or enticing a child.

Sergeant Victor London, Special Victims Unit, displayed maps depicting areas where such people would be allowed to reside with the 1,000 foot and 1,500 foot separation.

Mayor Naugle asked what percentage of the city is on book maps. The City Manager advised it is 8.15% on 1,500 feet and 18.96% on 1,000 feet.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Attorney said that bus stops are included in areas where children congregate.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about a zero tolerance approach. The City Attorney said the City may regulate, but not prohibit. He believed that 10% is a good threshold and 1,500 feet would exceed that threshold.

Commissioner Teel wanted to know the footage for 10%.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked why cities in the backup have 2,500 feet. Mayor Naugle indicated they may have ordinances that have not been challenged or still be able to stay in the 10% threshold. Sergeant London said the general trend with cities in Broward County has been to enact ordinances, but they are not very effective, however these people then choose to come to Fort Lauderdale because there is no ordinance. Hollywood is in the final phases of implementing an ordinance.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Attorney said his main concern in regard to challenges is the ACLU. There is plenty of case law saying they cannot be prohibited from living in the city. If 2,500 feet was used, there would be no place. Staff selected 1,000 feet because the State set that footage, and therefore, the City does not have to prove it. The State will have to defend the 1,000 feet, not the City.

Vice Mayor Moore said that Fort Lauderdale, Pompano and Hollywood are the only really dense cities. He hoped the City could shoot for the 10% separation and whatever footage would equate to that percentage.

Mayor Naugle asked that the calculation be made to be just over 10% and that be advertised for a first reading.

Commissioner Teel asked what percentages are being used by other cities. The City Attorney said they did not look at that issue because most cities did not make a calculation and they would not necessarily want to make that public. Mayor Naugle thought some cities made it so there would be no place within their boundaries.

Vice Mayor Moore felt the percentage is the issue, not so much the footage. Fort Lauderdale has more schools, parks and bus stops than other communities.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Attorney did not have any information as to litigation occurring in other cities with 2,500 foot ordinances but that 2,500 foot restriction has been adopted in the last year and a half for all of those communities.

Commissioner Rodstrom thought there could be an influx of these individuals in the city. Mayor Naugle indicated a year and a half ago he suggested it be adopted. The City Attorney indicated it fell through a crack. He explained the chronology.

The City Attorney said that Vice Mayor Moore had previously asked about drug sales. Drug sales were not included because the State has adopted a distance of 1,000 feet. If the City changed the distance, it would make it a lesser crime punishable by a \$500 fine or 60 days in jail. In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Attorney indicated this statute is also for schools, playgrounds and parks. Vice Mayor Moore asked for a copy of the statute.

Action: Consensus approval to set a public hearing with a footage buffer that would exceed 10%. Commissioner Teel was interested in seeing percentage scenarios of 10, 11, 12 and 13. Commissioner Moore requested a copy of the state statute concerning drug sales near schools, playgrounds and parks.

I-C – Baltimore Orioles Spring Training – Agreement Extension

The City Manager said the Orioles are seeking an extension based on the terms of their agreement with the City. The request is for a one-year extension with a one-year renewal option.

Commissioner Teel asked how the extension would impact the ADA improvements. The City Attorney said it would not be impacted. The contract requires the Orioles meet the ADA requirements contained in the consent decree that the City has with the parent litigation. This has been met. There could be new ADA requirements, which is not addressed. The Orioles would like to have the right to renew in one year, but the City would prefer to make it a mutual determination. After the end of this year, it would be a mutual decision as to an extension. This is the only change recommended to the Orioles' proposal.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if the City should be indemnified. The City Attorney said if the City is sued on an ADA issue, by the time a judgment is received, this will have gone by. When the renewal comes up, they could discuss it again.

Because matters with the Orioles have all been at the last second, Vice Mayor Moore wanted more time and asked about six months instead of a year. The City Attorney said the Orioles want to get through the next season which requires more than six months. Mayor Naugle suggested April 30th. Alan Koslow, representing the Baltimore Orioles, said they are requesting one year because the new agreement has been signed. It says that once conditions are met, such as financing and FAA approval, the agreement expires. The Orioles are agreeable to going forward with the new agreement. Six months would not work because they would have to return to the Commission in the middle of spring training.

Vice Mayor Moore thought if it was six months, things would be accelerated and it would not be a matter of waiting until the last minute. Mayor Naugle felt the pressure would then be placed on the City.

Action: Consensus approval as submitted. Vice Mayor Moore opposed. After this extension, additional extensions would be required to be mutually agreed. See regular meeting agenda item.

I-D – Residential Parking Permit Program Studies – Potential Cost

John Hoelzle, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, said language concerning a study cost was removed and language was added (page 6) giving discretion to the Commission with respect to studies.

Commissioner Teel asked how staff would ascertain if the neighborhood is qualified to conduct a traffic study. Mr. Hoelzle said the ordinance provides the City would identify the study parameters. The study would involve writing down license plate numbers from vehicles parking in the community. Staff would verify those license tag numbers.

Action: Consensus approval as revised to give applicants two choices: conduct the study approved by the City or the City hires a consultant to conduct the study at the applicant's expense. See regular meeting agenda item.

I-E – Fort Lauderdale Branch Library – East Sunrise Boulevard

Mayor Naugle said at some point the County offered to operate libraries. Some cities turned their libraries over to the County and others kept their libraries. Fort Lauderdale turned their library over to the County. When the main library was built downtown, there was a question whether to close the branch library. The decision was made to continue operating it as a community library. With this proposal, the community library would be reduced in size to less than 5,000 square feet. The entire building is large. Fort Lauderdale leases office space for various branches of the City government all over the city at great expense. With this arrangement ArtServe would have over 20,000 square feet, which equates to a donation of about \$400,000 annually by letting them occupy that space. With the plan to replace the Police Station and anticipation that Public Works and Parks and Recreation would be moving out of the west Broward location, he thought it would be excellent for Parks and Recreation to be at the City's largest park, Holiday Park. With pressure from the Legislature, he questioned the City being able to afford to continue to give away such space even though the organizations are very worthy. The agreement with the County will expire in 2009. If Parks and Recreation was situated there, park maintenance would likely improve and complaints generally would go down.

Commissioner Rodstrom had requested this item be placed on the agenda. The matter went to the County and should have been first directed to the City. The community library is not going away but it is changing. This is a special collection library to be located at this site while their other facility is being done. The library would take about 4,500 square feet. As far as the periodicals, it is a state of the art library. It facilitates reading material and reading areas for a large part of the City's population. As far as revamping the building for Parks and Recreation, it would be costly and it has not been

decided upon. This is a temporary lease agreement. She wanted to consider it a special exhibition by ArtServe on behalf of a very large part of the community.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Attorney said the County has the right to renew the lease for 20 years. It is exclusively for library use including exhibitions and lending library activities. The County would argue that the uses fall within the lease.

Mayor Naugle said that ArtServe expanded from 9,000 to 15,000 square feet and will now be 20,000 square feet without the City's approval. It is a private collection. Commissioner Rodstrom indicated it would be open to the public.

If it is temporary, Mayor Naugle asked when the new facility would be built. Nate Klarfeld, President, Stonewall Library, said their present facility, Gay and Lesbian Community Center, is being condemned or actually has been sold and will be demolished. They are in the process of raising funds for a permanent building. The agreement Stonewall negotiated with Broward County and ArtServe is for an unspecified period of time. They are planning to be in a permanent building within 5-10 years. It is a year to year lease. There are about 9,000 to 10,000 patron visits yearly. The collection is open to the public. About 20% of their budget is paid by the County. The only part that is private would be if one would like to take something from the collection home.

Commissioner Teel said if ArtServe absorbs the Stonewall library within their space, then the City could retain their space. Commissioner Rodstrom commented on what would still be available to the community in terms of activities. Mayor Naugle noted in 2001 there was a 15,000 square foot public library; now it has shrunk to 9,000 and they will further shrink it to 4,500. The total building square footage is close to 40,000 square feet. Commissioner Rodstrom felt that each portion collectively serves the entire community.

Vice Mayor Moore suggested that the agreement be amended to provide the 4,300 square feet for Stonewall until September, 2009. He asked that this site be included in the City's space studies. With today's technology, use of a library is now extremely different. People are using the Internet differently than when this was negotiated. With an extension, it gives the City time to address use of the property as suggested by the Mayor.

Vice Mayor Moore thought the developer who purchased their existing facility was to fund Stonewall in a new building. Mr. Klarfeld said Stonewall is only a tenant in the building; the Gay and Lesbian Community Center is being funded by the developer in a new building. In response to Vice Mayor Moore, Mr. Klarfeld indicated that the Gay and Lesbian Community Center was not offering space to them.

Commissioner Teel wanted a better accounting of the building square footage. Jack Latona, a member of the Stonewall Library Board, said the lease goes to 2009; renewal is at the County's discretion. About half of the building has been used for storage. Much of what is being expanded for ArtServe and Stonewall is not being taken away from the library services. Stonewall is paying to develop the space as a library. Broward County Library is using it for storage of desks, etc. Broward County wanted to leave the building altogether and the City led the fight to keep the library and ArtServe at this location. This is a way of getting the building fully utilized for public services.

Mayor Naugle pointed out that the lease provides that the County will use the building solely as a branch library facility open to the public. He read that part of the lease that indicates it will not be used for storage, which means they are violating the lease. With a violation, the lease terminates and it goes back to the City.

Mr. Latona indicated that Stonewall is a library. Vice Mayor Moore believed the County is simply contracting to provide library service to the community. He believes they should extend the contract until September, 2009.

Eileen Cobb, Assistant Director of Broward County Libraries, said the Fort Lauderdale Library is 31,180 square feet. Of that portion they use about 9,984 for the public library and 1,860 feet for the traveling libraries section, which may be mistaken as storage. They plan to allocate 4,350 to Stonewall from the 9,000. The County has a contract with the City and ArtServe. They would be reallocating space to ArtServe who would then contract with Stonewall.

Mayor Naugle asked about the size of the branch library. Ms. Cobb said the library would be 4,770 square feet. Mayor Naugle pointed out in 1980 it was 30,000 square feet. Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out in 1980 the public library downtown did not exist. Vice Mayor Moore noted there are two other entities providing library services.

The City Manager said that staff has not yet reviewed this.

Vice Mayor Moore felt it is important to know the square footage that will be used for library.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked about a timeline since this has been on the burner for some time. The City Manager said that until this agenda item, the City had not received information. As soon as the City receives a plan, it will be presented at the next meeting. Mayor Naugle felt any delays are self-imposed.

Maureen Koehler, Executive Director, ArtServe, said in the original lease the space was lumped together with the public space, which was auditorium and gallery exhibit space. She believed the library did not have exactly 30,000 square feet. She noted that they also house thirteen other cultural groups and host some 1,500 events and fifteen exhibits in the general gallery area. There has been discussions with regard to the status of the building.

Mayor Naugle felt that ArtServe is a worthy organizations.

Ms. Koehler had a list of the current membership which is over three hundred as well as resident members.

The City Manager asked who is the key person with which to work. The City does not have information as to what Stonewall is doing in terms of improvements, modifications to the building.

Commissioner Rodstrom said that a condition could be placed in the lease that when Stonewall vacates the premises they would be required to put the building back to its original state.

Vice Mayor Moore recommended an extension to September, 2009. Staff should provide information before the Commission votes on this. This is a conference meeting.

Ms. Cobb suggested Robert Cannon, Director of Broward County Libraries, would be the point person for the City. Mayor Naugle also suggested the County Administrator.

Action: Consensus approval for the matter to be scheduled at a regular meeting. The City Manager will provide additional information at that time.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION 3:27 P.M.

John Coleman – WC-03-11586 and WC-05-12796

MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:40 P.M.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Appointments

Audit Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Aviation Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Moore recommended Richard McDonald be appointed to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Board

In response to Vice Mayor Moore, the City Attorney indicated because this is a committee, members could also serve on a board.

There was consensus to accept staff's recommendation of appointees.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Cemeteries Board of Trustees

Action: Deferred.

Community Appearance Board

Vice Mayor Moore recommended Pearl Maloney be appointed to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Services Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Education Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Moore recommended Helen McNeely be appointed to the Education Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Blue Ribbon Committee

Action: Deferred.

Historic Preservation Board

Action: Deferred.

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: Deferred

Marine Advisory Board

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended Bob Ross be appointed to the Marine Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Action: Deferred.

Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Utility Advisory Committee

Action: Deferred.

IV – Commission Reports

Water Restrictions

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested the Commission discuss at a July conference meeting imposing permanent water restrictions. Mayor Naugle pointed out the special water rates when there are restrictions. He would like to also know how it would affect

the bonds. Commissioner Rodstrom was interested in whether it would affect any growth management policy.

Ordinance – Prevent members of City Commission from soliciting donations for third parties from persons or entities that do business with the City

Commissioner Hutchinson distributed her letter to the Attorney General requesting an opinion regarding members of the Commission soliciting donations for third parties from persons or entities that do business with the City. Commissioner Teel asked how long does it usually take for a response. The City Attorney indicated two weeks to a year.

Security in Park System during Summer Vacation

Commissioner Rodstrom said they need to provide more public safety for residents at the parks. She asked the City Manager to look into providing more public safety protection by the Police Department in the parks during the summer vacation, such as more bicycle and horseback patrol.

Automated Public Restrooms; Beach

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager indicated the automated restroom equipment previously discussed at a conference meeting would come from CRA funds. Commissioner Rodstrom asked for a financial status on the Beach CRA. Parking revenues from the beach area are going to the Beach CRA, but she thought they were supposed to go to the General Fund. Mayor Naugle said there are parking funds that the Commission authorized to be spent on the beach, which had to do with use of South Beach Parking Lot and the differential in the rate structure. A portion was to be spent to maintain that parking lot which is in the CRA. The Commission made a policy decision that new revenues from the area north of Sunrise Boulevard would be designated for lifeguards. Funds have been decided to be spent on the beach in the CRA area, but not given to the CRA.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to know if General Fund revenue will be paying for part of the automated public restrooms. Mayor Naugle believed this was part of the CRA Plan. The City Manager yes. There is a question regarding maintenance and whether those funds could be paid out of CRA funds. The City Attorney said parking revenue is derived from a fee that has to be related to the cost of providing the service. There are incidental profits made from enterprise funds. Parking is an enterprise fund. The monies should be spent within the Parking Enterprise Fund. To the extent there is a surplus, those could go to the General Fund. The fee cannot be set in order to create revenue for the General Fund. The City was allowed to charge a higher parking rate for the north part of the beach because it is providing lifeguard service. Parking revenue goes to the General Fund.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked the City Auditor to review any surpluses that should go to the General Fund prior to going to the CRA for the automated restrooms. The City Auditor said there is a transfer-in from the Parking Enterprise Fund into the Beach CRA with a further transfer-out of the Beach CRA for debt service.

The City Manager said if there are specific questions, answers would be provided. With respect to the automated public restrooms, it comes down to whether the Commission

wants to implement the CRA Master Plan which includes this equipment. He questioned what parking revenue has to do with this because parking revenue is not being used to pay for these restrooms.

John Hoelzle, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, said that Parking pays the debt service on the Oceanside Parking Lot and that debt services goes into the CRA. He believed it is around \$660,000. Vice Mayor Moore commented that debt should soon be paid. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Attorney indicated that once paid, the fees are adjusted.

Commissioner Rodstrom concluded that no General Fund revenue is being used for the automated public restrooms. The City Auditor said that is correct; it flows through the CRA from parking revenues to debt service. Commissioner Rodstrom did not want General Fund revenue going towards the automated public restrooms.

Mayor Naugle read from the November 20, 2001 Commission minutes where single occupancy self-cleaning stainless steel restroom were addressed. He noted the idea actually came from former Commissioner Smith.

The City Auditor noted in his work plan for the coming year, there will be an examination of the Parking Services Enterprise Fund.

CRA Director and Requests for Information from City Manager

Commissioner Rodstrom referred to the City Auditor's report on the Operating Budget and specifically Finding 1.3, new positions and all vacancies. There was an interim CRA Director for a couple months. The Commission has no idea what that individual was paid, any expenses. The City Manager said that the salary is budgeted and approved by the Commission. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that the line item includes a lot of positions. She questioned how the Commission can check what was paid. The City Manager indicated that a Beach CRA Director is budgeted; it is a line item. When an individual is hired, there are hiring slots, paperwork is filled out. The position is either budgeted or it is not. Commissioner Rodstrom asked it is the same amount whether one or three people doing the job.

Mayor Naugle indicated commissioners may make such inquiries by email for example.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that the Commission does not hire employees, except for a few. The Charter restricts the Commission from employee issues. As there is only one line item, only one CRA Director would be hired.

Mayor Naugle said the purpose of Commission Reports is to bring up matters with the Commission. Matters with the City Manager should really be raised outside of the meeting. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mayor Naugle noted that correspondence between the City Manager and a Commissioner is not out of the Sunshine.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked what would prevent the hiring of fourteen individuals for one position. The City Manager said there are policies in place to ensure that does not happen. Commissioner Rodstrom said she would forward to the City Manager that part of the information that was unclear.

Liquor Store on NW 9 Avenue; Operating without Occupational License

Vice Mayor Moore asked the Commission to consider taking action against the liquor store on 610 NW 9 Avenue as it is still operating without a license and is a problem. Citizens need to believe that laws have a purpose. The business litters the community; there is loitering. He wanted the business closed as quickly as possible. The City Attorney said they are working on that very issue at this time. An individual signed a lease based upon the fact that the City issued an occupational license, when it was called an occupational license. The license expired. The zoning was questionable. The Zoning Department now says that it is improperly zoned. The landlord has attempted to convict this tenant because they did not have an occupational license, but the matter was dismissed because they inadvertently applied for a renewal of their license which is now called business tax. It was renewed.

Vice Mayor Moore said it is this government's fault that this improper business is operating. Therefore, he urged the Commission to correct the problem. The City Attorney said it is being worked on. It has to do with taking away estoppel rights. They are working with the landlord who has agreed to assist. The license has been revoked and the landlord has been asked to evict them. If this is not successful, he will present a plan at the next meeting, July 10.

Vice Mayor Moore complimented the Police Department for their attention to that intersection after the last meeting discussion. He also thanked the City Attorney's Office, He emphasized the problem can only be resolved with closing the business. It is a disenfranchisement from what is being attempted to be done in the area.

FOCUS Newsletter

Vice Mayor Moore thought it was inappropriate for commissioners to not have an opportunity for comment in the City's newsletter in addition to the Mayor. He asked for this to be placed on the next conference agenda, July 10.

Fire Station 46 Public Community Meeting

Vice Mayor Moore hoped the public would attend the meeting regarding Station 46 because there will be discussion about the change of use of park land in order to address public safety.

Use of Deadly Force; Consultant Report on Police Procedures

Vice Mayor Moore referred to the emergency purchase on policing procedures that was acted on by the Commission. It is now considered an attorney work product. The public should understand what the City is doing for both parties. He was concerned that a document prepared at the taxpayers' expense is not being made public.

Park Dedication/Renaming

Commissioner Teel announced a joint effort with North Broward Hospital District, a park dedication/renaming on June 25th.

V – Manager's Report

None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:11 p.m.