

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

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COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:38 P.M. SEPTEMBER 5, 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 – (None listed)

I-A – North U.S. 1 Urban Design Plan

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, said Commissioner Teel requested that this plan be prepared about one year ago. Staff has been working with the consultant and the public on it. It extends from Sunrise Boulevard north to the City limits. The current regulations for U.S. 1 are somewhat single-minded, homogenous and do not reflect what this corridor is about. This corridor is the backbone of the northern part of the city. It is a regional corridor for transportation, a local and regional commercial district. It is developing into its own character areas that represent opportunities for the future.

Mr. LaFerrier indicated that no action is requested today. It will be brought back to the Commission in 45-60 days for final consideration after more public input and meetings with property owners .

Wayne Jessup and Jenni Morejon, Planning and Zoning, made a slide presentation. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. Mr. Jessup noted the boundaries are from Sunrise Boulevard near the Gateway area to the northern city boundaries near McNab Road, consisting of approximately five miles. This is a narrow B-1 corridor that is adjacent to residential areas. During the public input process, it was noted that people did not want the commercial uses to disappear. There was discussion about more mixed use in the Coral Ridge shopping center area.

Ms. Morejon noted the intent statement is to transform U.S. 1 into a collection of distinct and dynamic places made up of premier regional destinations and friendly neighborhood shops and restaurants in a well-landscaped, pedestrian friendly, mixed-use environment. She reviewed the six character areas in the slide presentation. About a year is anticipated in order to revise zoning regulations, address the cross access easements and coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation with respect to sidewalks, bus stops and so forth.

Mr. LaFerrier was pleased with the public input and support. This document is written in a practical way, showing the steps to be taken over time for implementation.

Commissioner Teel noted the range of interests represented in the public input process. She noted this corridor encompasses District I and II and commented on the opportunities. She commended staff.

Commissioner Rodstrom also commended staff.

Vice Mayor Moore noted that Broward County is beginning to propose concepts for use and reuse of golf courses. He asked about public comment on this subject. Mr. LaFerrier said that when the public meeting was held, there was a plan amendment application pending to change the golf course to a mixed use (park and residential) development. The primary interest was to preserve the site as a golf course. There has been much discussion. There was public concern about the area potentially changing from solely golf course to partially residential. Vice Mayor Moore asked for staff and the district commissioner to focus on what would be the zoning concept for that property because of what the County is proposing. It appears the County is stating that one-third of any golf course must remain as open green space if redevelopment occurs. He wanted public input in order to be prepared when the County ordinance is proposed.

Commissioner Hutchinson said she gave the information received at the Broward League of Cities meeting to Assistant City Manager Gunn since they are looking for input from cities with golf courses. She felt this issue should come to the Commission for discussion.

Commissioner Teel said it appears that the area residents are comfortable with the commercial designation. They want to preserve as much open space as possible with respect to the American Golf Course property.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Mr. LaFerrier said currently the idea is an overlay district, but as they get closer to drafting legislation that could change.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Attorney explained the zoning in progress concept.

Mayor Naugle liked the connectivity of parcels in the proposal.

Mayor Naugle wanted to adopt a formal resolution concerning replacement of the Sunrise Bridge over the Middle River, that it be raised to accommodate larger vessels. It should be provided to the legislative delegation, Broward County and the State.

Commissioner Teel noted once the bridge is raised, access to adjacent structures is such that one must travel into the basement so to speak. She pointed out that 20th Avenue is right at the bridge. She hoped today's technology could address this.

Action: Consensus approval to present a resolution in October, 2007 accepting the plan. Vice Mayor Moore wanted public input on future plans for the golf course property and for the City's position to be stated early. Commissioner Hutchinson indicated that the Broward League of Cities is looking for input from cities that have golf courses. She provided information to the City Manager's Office. She asked that this matter be presented at a future meeting. Mayor Naugle requested a resolution be presented to the Commission concerning the Sunrise Boulevard bridge over the Middle River to be provided to the Legislative Delegation, Broward County and the State, expressing the City's desire to raise the bridge to accommodate larger vessels.

I-B – Changes to Unified Land Development Regulations Recommended by Ad Hoc Code Reform Committee of Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations

Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, said the proposal covers three categories. The first is the single-family zoning district, the second is the multi-family zoning district, and the third is long-term planning goals. Staff's analysis focuses on the single-family and multi-family changes. Staff would like to evaluate the proposal's merit and come back to the Commission at a later date. Some of the issues that have been problematic for the city, developers and residents are placement of trash cans, types of landscape materials and screening of mechanical equipment. These would be addressed in a first phase. They are minimal from the standpoint of affecting property rights or the ability to redevelop. Also, a large public turnout would not be expected. Staff believes they could move forward with these items expeditiously.

Mr. LaFerrier indicated the second phase would be more complex because they could affect several things in a development such as lot coverage, floor area ratio and property rights. Staff believed they could have a planning working document in about three months of these items. The key question is what is the public process. Perhaps it would entail attending civic association meetings or advertising and going to the Planning and Zoning Board. For the more complex items, he felt they should consider a public outreach process. Some people's property would be impacted as to what they anticipated to develop and others could end up with a nonconforming structure. People should be informed before coming to a Commission meeting. Draft language could be prepared within three months. This work was not programmed, therefore staff would have to be removed from other projects. There would also have to be coordination with other departments and the City Attorney's office. A consultant also might become necessary. Public participation has the biggest impact on the scheduling.

Mr. LaFerrier said just to have the public hearing process alone would take about three to four months, thus a six-month target is not realistic. All affected property owners may have to be notified by letter, some 80,000. Often times meetings end up being informational, question and answer. It is best that work get done before going to public hearing.

Mr. LaFerrier concluded by saying that this is good work, needs to be accomplished, but it is difficult. Staff can move it along and have a consultant help at the end.

Commissioner Teel said that the Planning and Zoning Board wants to be more involved. Commissioner Hutchinson said that a lot of these minutes appear in their minutes under "For The Good of The City", but it has not been moved forward. Mayor Naugle said that the Board should make a motion to place this item on the Commission agenda.

Commissioner Rodstrom liked the idea of having a workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Eugenia Ellis, President, Council of Civic Associations, was very disappointed with the lack of progress. On July 10th, the Commission gave staff an edict. The meetings mentioned are what they thought would occur during the last sixty days, but they have not. Staff has commented that with today's market, there is no rush. However, she disagreed. Some forty-seven neighborhoods are represented. Property rights are not being taken away. The proposal was not all immediate land use changes, but rather an

option list. They believe they have a commitment from the Commission and they expected progress.

Ray Dettman, Harbordale Homeowner Association, said many of the common sense issues should be handled expeditiously because they are affecting the neighborhoods. He was also disappointed in the status.

Courtney Crush felt the group provided a comprehensive document. There may be 5, 6 items that could be quick-fixes inside of a year. They are irritants as new development occurs. She did not think they affect property rights. They offer options. Commissioner Hutchinson agreed there are some items that could be addressed expeditiously. She encouraged the Commission to direct staff to address what could be accomplished quickly and have a longer plan for the more intense matters.

Vice Mayor Moore agreed. He suggested the items be placed into an three categories, A,B,C. Commissioner Hutchinson thought such a list could be presented at the next meeting. Vice Mayor Moore felt it should be no later than thirty days. He felt the Commission would like to see a number of these items move forward if they could be accomplished without impact property rights.

Commissioner Rodstrom felt community involvement will be necessary for the more complex items, including Planning and Zoning Board. She commended the group for their work. She thought staff could indicated by the next meeting the A list quick items.

Commissioner Teel asked for the City Attorney's opinion of the A list. Commissioner Hutchinson asked about the garbage can issue. The City Attorney said some of the quick-fix items are code violations and not necessarily zoning issues. There are some simple fixes. Whether there is a taking of property will be in the eye of the beholder. When it reaches the level of what can be built now versus that which can be built after the regulations are enacted, and it will likely be less, there will input from a lot of people.

Mayor Naugle felt that 30 days would probably be needed to compile the A,B,C list.

Vice Mayor Moore felt it is apparent that additional staff, a deputy and a planner are needed in the Planning and Zoning Department. He strongly recommended that a deputy be appointed and decision to either hire a consultant or a staff member to implement this. It should be done prior to the budget.

Commissioner Teel did not want to have the Planning and Zoning Board left out of the A list process.

Vice Mayor Moore hoped the Commission would urge staff to implement these things more expeditiously. Some risk and a more aggressive approach should be taken if it provides better customer satisfaction. He recalled efforts of the Code Committee and the community's dissatisfaction. For example, there is a building being rehabilitated on Sistrunk Boulevard that should have been torn down. He preferred to be challenged for trying to give the customer satisfaction than to be challenged by developers.

Action: At Commissioner Hutchinson's request, there was consensus approval for staff to provide on October 2, 2007 a list of those items they believe could be accomplished in 90 days, those that should be referred to the Planning and Zoning Board and public

discussion having property right impact, and long range items. Commissioner Teel wanted the Planning & Zoning Board to be involved in the 90-day items. Vice Mayor Moore wanted to find a way to address the public's concerns notwithstanding challenges with respect to the law.

NOTE: The Commission recessed and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors from 2:43 p.m. to 2:53 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 2:53 P.M.
MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:12 P.M.**

II-A – Northwest Commercial Redevelopment Project

Vice Mayor Moore asked about the timeline. Marc LaFerrier, Director of Planning and Zoning, said staff wants to come back to the Commission with design principles discussed with the developer, a preliminary development program, a schedule to get the project into the final consideration phase and additional information relative to the developer's agreement.

Vice Mayor Moore asked if drawings of what is proposed would be submitted. Mr. LaFerrier said that could be accomplished, but such a timeline might be aggressive. The developer may wish to speak directly to this question. It is really a matter of how quickly the developer's design professionals can develop a plan. A lot of progress could be made by the first meeting in October. A site plan could possibly be submitted within thirty days thereafter.

Sean Jones, representing Milton Jones Development Corporation, said that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. He believed they could have a site plan by the first meeting in November. Architectural renderings and elevations could be provided thirty days after that. He committed to bringing the matter forward to the Commission as soon as possible.

Vice Mayor Moore said the Commission made a recommendation of October 2. He asked what would be the status at that time. Mr. Jones said they are meeting with City staff tomorrow. The Jones Development Corporation's staff has not yet received the full scope of the issues to design the site plan. If it can be provided by October, they would do so. He felt having a grace period until the first meeting in November would be prudent.

Action: There was consensus approval for the site plan to be presented no later than the November 6, 2007 conference meeting. Elevations and architectural renderings may require an additional thirty days.

II-B – Actuarial Studies by Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC – Labor Negotiations – Emergency Purchase

No discussion.

II-C – Pre-Employment Psychological Evaluations – Police Department – Emergency Purchase

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Captain Gregory Salters, Police Department, said they are working intensely to fill vacancies.

II-D – June and July 2007 Monthly Financial Reports

No discussion.

III-B – Advisory Board and Committee Vacancies

Audit Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Aviation Advisory Board

Mayor Naugle recommended appointment of Lee Alexander to the Aviation Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Board of Adjustment

Mayor Naugle said that there is a consensus appointment of Don Larson and Gerald Jordan to the Board of Adjustment.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Cemeteries Board of Trustees

Vice Mayor Moore recommended that Cameron LeRoy Mizell be appointed to the Cemeteries Board of Trustees.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Appearance Board

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended reinstatement of Annette Ross and Marilyn Mammano to the Community Appearance Board.

Vice Mayor Moore recommended Cathy Curry and Bess Gathers be appointed to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Services Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Moore recommended appointment of Jennie Brooks and Margaret Haynie Birch to the Community Services Board.

Commissioner Teel recommends the appointment of William Goetz to the Community Services Board.

Mayor Naugle recommended the appointment of Fenel Antoine and Emmett Kater to the Community Services Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Education Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Fire Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee

Action: Deferred.

Historic Preservation Board

Mayor Naugle recommended the appointment of Joyce Gardner to the Historic Preservation Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: Deferred.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Action: Deferred.

Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board

Commissioner Hutchinson recommended reappointment of Sean Fee, Michael A. Natale, and John A. Verkey to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board.

Vice Mayor Moore recommended appointment of Larry Mabson, Robert Payne and Shirley Small to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board.

Commissioner Teel recommended appointment of James B. LaBate and Betty Shelley to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board.

Mayor Naugle recommended appointment of Ed Angelbello, Curtiss Berry and JoAnn Medalie to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Unsafe Structures

Action: Deferred.

Utility Advisory Committee

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended reinstatement of Caldwell Cooper to the Utility Advisory Committee.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

IV – City Commission Reports

Florida City Government Week; Florida League of Cities

Commissioner Hutchinson said that October 21-27, 2007 is Florida City Government Week. The Florida League of Cities is encouraging municipalities to participate. She thought it would be fun to engage students. She provided information to the City Manager's Office.

Action: Commissioner Hutchinson wanted to take part in Florida City Government Week, October 21-27, 2007, by perhaps engaging students. She provided information from the Florida League of Cities to the City Manager.

Diversity; WALK-ON resolution

Commissioner Hutchinson felt that the Mayor is entitled to his opinion, but she feels differently. She felt it is important that the Commission reaffirm their commitment to diversity. She provided a draft resolution. She wanted to walk it on tonight or schedule it for the next meeting. This community is diverse and the Commission has embraced it for a long time. The language is patterned after the City's values reflected on the agendas.

Mayor Naugle asked what sexually oriented groups means. Commissioner Hutchinson thought the City Attorney could review the format. She thought it has to do with the gay and lesbian communities.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Attorney indicated that language could mean a number of things. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested adding, gay and lesbian community. Mayor Naugle said that he could vote for this if language was included that the City wants to continue marketing the city as a family oriented destination. He referred to spring break and that the city ended up having a reputation for spring break that lasted all year. It got out of hand. It was a reputation that took over the city's whole meaning. Diversity is good, but the City should also concentrate on being a family oriented tourist destination. He wanted to see such language in the resolution. He did not think the City should be both all the time. On sunny.org, Broward County's website for tourism, under small lodging or rainbow tourism, there is a list of hotels some of which display nude photographs. He wondered if the County has promoted gay tourism in a way that is sexually oriented. He preferred the City being marketed as having great restaurants and beaches and sports activities. When it is gay tourism, he questioned why there has to be sexually explicit photographs. The website does not indicate it should be for adults. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested adding families in the seventh whereas after diverse groups. Mayor Naugle said he could then support it.

Action: At Commissioner Hutchinson's request, there was consensus to consider a resolution reaffirming the City's commitment to diversity at the regular meeting. In the alternative, Commissioner Teel wanted to make an individual statement. There was no objection to the Mayor's request that the resolution note the City is a family oriented tourist destination.

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Tourist Development Council; City Representative

Mayor Naugle understood that the County Commission is replacing him with another member of the City Commission on the Tourist Development Council. He planned to share with the Convention and Visitors Bureau what he has learned regarding tourist promotions. He suggested language similar to the County ordinance. Commissioner Hutchinson indicated she would first have to look at that ordinance.

Commissioner Rodstrom asked if diversity includes families. The City Attorney said not necessarily; diversity generally is referring to ethnic, religious, different types, groups of people.

Vice Mayor Moore wanted to consider it at the evening meeting, if the issue of sexually oriented groups and family could be addressed.

Mayor Naugle said that the City Commission could nominate someone to serve on the Convention and Visitors Bureau but he thought the County makes the ultimate decision.

Vice Mayor Moore thought it is beneficial to have someone seated on that board. Mayor Naugle asked Commissioner Rodstrom because of the number of hotels in her district, however she declined.

Vice Mayor Moore suggested that the Vice Mayor be the appointee.

Commissioner Teel also thought that the District II commissioner is appropriate, but if she declines the Vice Mayor is a good suggestion.

Mayor Naugle indicated the decision could be made each April.

The City Attorney believed members of the board serve a term and could only be removed for cause. If that is the case, swapping seats on an ad hoc basis might require an amendment to the County ordinance. He will look into it.

Action: In response to Vice Mayor Moore's question, there was consensus to designate the position of vice mayor to this position. (Mayor Naugle previously served) The City Attorney was to report on whether it was possible to do so based on the governing County ordinance.

No Objection to Plat Note Amendment; Multifamily; H.A.C.F.L. Plat 1; 324 West Dixie Court 20-P-07; Regular Meeting Agenda Item R-05

Vice Mayor Moore wanted the matter tabled. This is a major parcel of land in District III, and there has been no input from the community to the Housing Authority. Low income units are being increased by 59 and the 87 very low-income units are being reduced to 55 being proposed. He asked the Housing Authority to meet with the community.

Nuisance Abatement Board's recommended penalties; City Attorney's position

Vice Mayor Moore referred to several sites in the community where the police have worked with the community on nuisance matters. The community wants to see the City Attorney's Office advocate closing these units for the maximum amount of time, which he believed is 364 days. He asked the Commission to direct legal counsel to look into this maximum closing and stand strong on the community's recommendation rather than being concerned with a challenge. There are three properties coming up this month. The community has stated for a long period of time that they are a nuisance and the Police Department has confirmed this based upon the review.

Mayor Naugle thought if there is a dissatisfaction with the way the board is functioning, the governing ordinance should be amended. The Commission cannot dictate to the Board. Vice Mayor Moore said the Board is making a recommendation of harshness, but it does not seem to resonate.

The City Attorney said that a recommendation of the Board is now being appealed. The City Attorney's Office supports whatever recommendation the Nuisance Abatement Board makes, but they do not necessarily represent the community or their desires. The City Attorney's Office represents the Board. To the extent they can make the community happy, they do so, but there are times of disagreement. They take the best legal approach possible and support the strongest penalty possible under the facts of each case based upon the Board's recommendation. For the case on appeal, the Board that a security guard be provided on the premises for a year. The question on appeal will be whether that requirement is too harsh because it is the first time they have actually been prosecuted.

Vice Mayor Moore said in order to convey the community's feelings, they have packed the Board's meetings and to state the value of the Board being harsh with these places. There are a number of sites that have been problematic. They want the City Attorney's Office to follow the direction to the maximum of the Board's recommendation.

Action: Vice Mayor Moore wanted the City Attorney's Office to advocate having the Nuisance Abatement Board close units the maximum amount of time according to the community's wishes. He noted three properties coming forward this month that the community recommends and the Police Department review finds them to be a nuisance.

Workforce Housing adjacent to school properties; School Board

Vice Mayor Moore said the School Board is recommending that properties adjacent to school sites be used for affordable workforce housing. He wanted the City to work with the School Board to make this housing available. He wanted the entire workforce to be considered and not only teachers. He hopes wanted to adopt a resolution of support.

Commissioner Hutchinson was concerned that the School Board has special powers regarding building. They can opt out of many things the City relies upon. Also, she

asked if the City would receive tax revenue from it. If it would reduce the opportunity for the cost of housing, Vice Mayor Moore wanted to consider whether it is critical. Perhaps the City could consider tax abatement for two or three years.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked what would happen if no one moved in. Vice Mayor Moore said that is why he thought it should be expanded to the employee base.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted that they could get tax credits from the State.

Commissioner Hutchinson did not want to vote on anything until first meeting with the School Board to know their plans.

Vice Mayor Moore suggested that the School Board be invited to a conference meeting.

Mayor Naugle pointed out each site would have to be rezoned and public hearings would have to be held.

Mayor Naugle cautioned against tax abatements because the City would have to raise taxes on existing residents.

Vice Mayor Moore noted there was tax abatement in the CRA and this is no different.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted if the properties are rezoned, it would no longer be School Board property. Logically taxes would be due. The City Attorney said that it would still very well be School Board property which is exempt from taxation. If the property is developed and maintain fee simple title, the leasehold interest would be taxable.

Commissioner Teel referred to a tax abatement and noted the City's part of the tax bill is only 20%. She questioned if the other groups would do the same. She also questioned how many teachers or school employees residing in those units would be from the schools that serve Fort Lauderdale. However, she was thrilled to see the idea. Hopefully large employers like the Hospital District will be next.

Action: Vice Mayor Moore requested a resolution of support to the School Board concerning property adjacent to schools being used for workforce affordable housing. There was consensus to invite a School Board representative to a conference meeting.

Workforce Housing RFP; property in vicinity of Lincoln Park

Vice Mayor Moore said the City withdrew a bid due to possible contamination on property around Lincoln Park. He asked when would the review be completed so the RFP could be reissued.

Action: Vice Mayor Moore referred to an RFP being issued on property in the vicinity of Lincoln Park with respect to workforce affordable housing and asked about the timeline.

Planning & Zoning Department staffing

Vice Mayor Moore wants the Commission to consider the planning staff budget. He agreed that the market has changed. He believed this is the best time to plan. He asked the Commission to consider personnel or consultants that might be necessary.

Action: Vice Mayor Moore wanted to address adding a deputy director and a staff member or consultant to the Planning & Zoning Department staffing.

Crime

Commissioner Rodstrom said that once a month she conducted a meeting on crime. If it is addressed in the northwest area, it gets pushed into District III. She asked if a workshop could be arranged with Commissioner Moore on this subject.

Sidewalks; Galt Ocean Mile

Commissioner Teel said that a number of years ago, Galt citizens assessed themselves for pink sidewalks. Now the sidewalks are being raised by tree roots. People are suggesting they be replaced. She was informed that the residents were guaranteed this area would be maintained in a Disney-like way forever by the City. She questioned how these custom pink sidewalks which are now faded could be replaced. In reviewing the special assessment documentation, she noted that the City only guaranteed to maintain the landscaping. She suggested the City's policy on sidewalks be reviewed.

Commissioner Hutchinson felt that sidewalks throughout the city are a mess. She questioned the policy that it is the property owner's responsibility.

Action: Commissioner Teel wanted a determination to be made as to responsibility for sidewalks in the Galt Ocean Mile area where tree roots are causing damage. Both Commissioners Teel and Hutchinson wanted to address the policy citywide.

Parasailing

Commissioner Teel referred to the parasailing accident in Pompano Beach. She knew that legislation is being prepared at the state level, but it will not be for at least a year. She suggested the Marine Advisory Board or someone with experience in this area review the matter in the interest of limiting the City's liability. Perhaps something should be enacted until the State legislation kicks in.

Mayor Naugle did not think the City has the ability to regulate such activity off-shore. The City Attorney believed the City could regulate getting to and from the beach, but he did not think the City could regulate what is happening out on the ocean. If regulations are adopted and not enforced, the City's regulations are more liable than if nothing is done. Commissioner Teel felt it behooves the City as protectors of the people in this community to at least think about doing whatever is possible until State legislation kicks in.

Mayor Naugle raised questions about liability to the City if regulations are not enforced and that City personnel would have to go out onto the waterway to enforce the regulations.

Action: Commissioner Teel asked that the Marine Advisory Board look at regulating parasailing until the State enacts legislation.

Air Traffic Control Tower; Executive Airport

Commissioner Teel said she observed the FAA's planning process for the new air traffic control tower for Executive Airport. She shared her experience. said it was fascinating and consisted of intense work.

Diversity

Commissioner Teel referred to statements made over the last couple months. She has not made any public comment. She felt there are times things are said that do not reflect her beliefs or values and to comment only exacerbates the situation. She appreciated the resolution that was brought forward. There have been other resolutions handed out. She preferred to make her own statement. She felt everyone would agree that any illegal act of any kind should not be tolerated. The Commission's goal should be to provide a safe, secure and welcoming community for all citizens and visitors. She does not like labeling people. Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. She felt the Commission should be held to a higher standard. They have to be mindful of what is said and not intentionally say anything hurtful or single out any person or group or any kind of stereotyping or gay bashing. She pointed out how the meaning of a family could be understood in a number of way. They need to move forward with City business and reaffirm that they want everyone treated with respect. She was not particularly interested in talking about the Convention and Visitors Bureau. She does not believe in any kind of discrimination or singling out any groups. She hoped everyone would be treated with respect.

Mayor Naugle said he has not engaged in gay bashing or any hate speech. Commissioner Teel indicated that the Mayor does not have to respond to her comments. It was not meant as an attack. People look at the Commission as a body.

Mayor Naugle said when he learned that two City parks were on a web site identified as a place for gay sexual activity, he was upset. The City is starting to take enforcement actions; followup to complaints and arrests. The City should do what it can to stop illegal activity no matter who is doing it, especially in the parks. Holiday Park is the main park for children. The two arrests made were filmed. It was not pretty and there are children present. He was offended by the advertisements. It is not just parks, but also many businesses. Other areas of the country including San Francisco have closed bathhouse facilities. San Francisco is no longer number one in the nation for AIDS in the classification of men having sex with each other. He felt the City should consider closing the bathhouses and sex clubs which opening in northwest Fort Lauderdale. He will be bringing some of these ideas forward in the future. Fort Lauderdale is now number one in AIDS in the classification of men having sex with each other. He hoped the Commission will work together to reduce these problems.

Florida Urban Partnership; Invitation to Police Chief

Mayor Naugle provided a letter from the Florida Urban Partnership, inviting the Police Chief to meet with other chiefs of big cities in Florida. They are working on a gun bounty program that offers rewards for reporting illegal weapons.

V – City Manager Reports

The City Manager introduced Mike Maloney, new Director of Code Enforcement. Mike Maloney commented on his background and looked forward to working here.

The City Manager said that any member of the Commission who would like to ride with Mr. Maloney and point out areas of concern would be welcome to do so.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.