

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

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

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. Frank Sousa

I – A – Applicants For Interim Position, City Commissioner District III – Service On A City Board Or Committee

The City Manager indicated this issue was raised by a commissioner. Commissioner Moore indicated the issue is whether they can be on boards if they apply to be on the interim position. The City Clerk did not clearly understand the validity. He felt it would not impair them from continuing to serve on the board.

Commissioner Hutchinson indicated if they get chosen, they would have to bail out.

As a strict constructionist, Mayor Naugle indicated if one reads the charter, they have to resign, but the Commission could agree to leave anyone that had to resign, to leave the openings open. If they are not selected, they could be put back on. This would be on advisory boards, an employee. Commissioner Hutchinson asked about committees as committees are different than boards. The City Attorney indicated Section 3.03 of the Charter says, serving in any capacity of city government. To be eligible to hold office for the City Commission or to qualify for nomination, that they shall hold no public elective office or otherwise be qualified, shall not be an officer, employee or serving in any capacity of the city government.

Commissioner Teel agreed with what the City Attorney read, it seems clear they should not be on committees or boards during this time. They are a candidate in waiting. She felt the Commission could hold the position open for them, whichever board they are not able to serve on. Of course, they could go to the meetings of the committee or board as a member of the public. The only problem is trouble with making a quorum. If the position is kept open and not filled, they may have a problem making a quorum.

Mayor Naugle did not see any reason why the Commission could not fill the position on November 4th and at that same time reappoint anyone who had to get off a board.

Commissioner Moore indicated his only concern is that the Commission may get late applicants. A committee has been formed by the district who is attempting to solicit applicants at this moment. He was concerned if they are removed from an advisory board, they may hold back their application to the committee and that is why he was raising the issue. If the methodology that is going to be used is if a person shows interest, then he will ask them not to place their application to the City, but to the committee, so that they will not be removed simply because they are going to be considering getting approval from the committee prior to bringing it to the Commission.

Mayor Naugle commented that the Commission could have a deadline of October for applications also. He felt they should. He suggested October 1st. Commissioner Moore felt the 1st would be too early, again it would keep them from participating with an advisory board due to the fact that it is going to be a recommendation by the district anyway that the Commission will also consider and they are going to put a deadline to theirs. They are making their report on the third Wednesday of September.

Mayor Naugle felt if the Commission is going to be making a selection on November 4th, both the Commission and the public have to have a month to be able to scrutinize the individuals, their backgrounds. He felt they should have a deadline; any application that is not in by October 1st will not be considered. Commissioner Teel agreed. She felt any member sitting on a board or committee at this time that would be coming off in order to apply should be encouraged to go as a member of the public so that they would not have a break in the discussions and all, but of course, they could not vote.

Mayor Naugle suggested a process where October 1st the applications are in and then the second meeting in October, the Commission hears from individuals that wish to seek the office and that way the Commission could ask them questions and give them three minutes to make a presentation on why they want to serve. Then the Commission could be prepared to make the vote on November 4th, so that the district would not be without representation.

Commissioner Moore had concern with the October 1st date. Again, if it could be extended to the date of that meeting or the day before or the 10th, anything that would extend the time so that individuals could continue to serve on the advisory boards.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked the date of the first meeting in October.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked if staff has to have time to put all of the applications together. The deadline cannot be on Monday and then Tuesday expect staff. Commissioner Hutchinson indicated they usually have to have it the Thursday before. Mayor Naugle asked when the agenda has to be put together. The City Clerk indicated that October 2nd is a Thursday. Assistant City Manager Gunn indicated that is the day the agenda goes out; you need it the week before.

In response to Commissioner Hutchinson, the City Clerk indicated the first meeting in October is October 7th. The agenda is actually published on October 2nd. Mayor Naugle indicated that would be the deadline and then there would be presentations on the 15th. He wanted two weeks to look over the applicants before they make their presentations because how else would you know what questions to ask. The City Clerk indicated the second meeting in October is the 21st. Commissioner Moore indicated that if you took it on the 15th and you have a meeting on the 21st, you have an opportunity to do just that. If there is no consensus, no problem. Commissioner Teel felt it is too close. Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated they would only be missing one advisory board meeting. Mayor Naugle indicated they could go to the meeting. Vice Mayor Rodstrom felt they should be concentrating on watching City Commission meetings not necessarily their advisory board.

Commissioner Moore asked if they are agreeing on the 6th. Mayor Naugle indicated an October 1st deadline and presentations on 21st and be prepared to make a decision on the 4th.

The City Clerk understood that members will be coming off of the boards. Mayor Naugle indicated they would have to submit their resignation October 1st for a board. The Commission is agreeing to keep those positions open so that they could be reappointed if they are not selected to the Commission. The City Clerk asked if it is the understanding that they would be reappointed. Commissioner Hutchinson indicated if they are not chosen, yes.

Action: Applicants will be removed from any City board or committee on which they are serving with the understanding that they will be reappointed if not selected. A deadline of October 1, 2008 for applications was established. Applicants will be interviewed by the Commission on October 21, 2008. The Commission will make an appointment on November 4, 2008.

I-B – Sidewalk Repair Policy

Mayor Naugle commended staff; it is a good compromise from original discussions.

Commissioner Hutchinson thought in the past, it was possible for neighborhoods to pursue sidewalks on their own if they wished to do so and there was some sort of cost sharing. Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, thought that could be a possibility, but there would have to be a prioritization as to what sidewalks would be installed. Based on the July 15th meeting, several items need to be considered. He noted some information contained in the background material. Damaged sidewalks are estimated at \$800,000 annually. About \$10 million is needed to repair existing damaged sidewalks. Staff estimates sidewalks to have a life expectancy of about forty years. If nothing is done, the amount would be \$10.8 million next year. He listed some options of how to proceed contained in the background material.

The City Manager was concerned about creating an expectation that the City is taking ownership of the repairs, residents will expect the service to be provided. Some repairs may be 7-8 years down the line. People will be unhappy.

Mayor Naugle noted the background information indicates 50/50 cost share for residential and 100% for commercial property. Mr. Carbon added it would be 100% for non-homesteaded property. He noted the variables that would occur in any given neighborhood with respect to homesteaded and non-homesteaded properties.

Commissioner Teel asked about condominiums. Mr. Carbon indicated that is the type of thing that would have to be worked out when the ordinance is written; perhaps zoning could be a criteria.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked about the funding source. Mr. Carbon indicated funding would come from the General Fund. Mayor Naugle noted gas tax which is deposited in the General Fund. Mr. Carbon pointed out that the City is falling behind on resurfacing.

The City Manager drew attention to repair of seawalls, dredging and bridge repair. This is a huge responsibility at a time when the City has projects in excess of \$100 million. It is great in concept, but it comes down to implementation and money. A piecemeal approach would mean that it could be 5-7 years before some sidewalks are repaired.

Mayor Naugle pointed out that people could pay 100% and not have to wait.

Commissioner Moore did not like the idea of hiring an employee at \$80,000 to do this; there should be enough staff onboard now. He does not believe there is a difference between commercial and non-homesteaded properties. He was concerned with commercial paying 100% if it is a sidewalk used for children going to and from school. Commercial properties near schools would be impacted more quickly. As to the Manager's concern about people having to wait for their sidewalk to be repaired, he did not think it is any different than bridges for example. The community is aware that bridges need to be repaired and one day the City will address it in the process. Sidewalks are not treated that way. This is why the City should take a position. He felt the public's expectations of the City delivering them a safe walkway should be heightened. He understands it will cost money. There are other municipalities that do not assess the property owner. Fort Lauderdale seems to be somewhat antiquated in its methodology. He felt there should be consideration to commercial property if it is on-route to a school and there should be a clear distinction of homesteaded property from residential. The City should make an effort in attaining that type of service.

Commissioner Moore asked how many claims are paid annually due to someone slipping or falling on a sidewalk. He pointed out that no commercial properties appear to be in those claims and the City fixes the sidewalk. Mayor Naugle believed in five years there have been 3-4 claims. The City Attorney noted that the Risk Management department has reported trip and fall claims in 2007 and 2008 totaled 35; 8 were paid and 27 closed without pay. Legal risks amounted to \$233,000. Mayor Naugle noted that most of those did not involve sidewalks. Commissioner Moore asked for the ones not paid, how many required legal counsel in an attempt to prevent payment. The City Attorney did not have that information. Commissioner Moore explained this is why he is suggesting the City address this.

Mayor Naugle recalled that such information was previously provided to the Commission. Most of them involved missing meter covers, parking meter posts that were sawed off or signs sawed off and missing tree grates; in other words things that had nothing to do with sidewalks.

In response to Commissioner Moore, the City Attorney said the money paid out that he reported included attorney fees for trip and fall for eight cases paid out in 2007/2008. There were 27 cases out of the 35 that were settled without payment by Risk Management. He does not have information as to the participation of his office or outside counsel in connection with the 27 cases. His office participated to some degree, not very much with outside counsel. Commissioner Moore believed that over the last two years, the City has spent \$250,000 on sidewalk cases and staff is suggesting a budget of \$250,000 for this.

Mayor Naugle indicated he examined the claims; very few were sidewalk cases.

The City Auditor suggested establishing a grant program to assist low to moderate income homeowners in affording their share of the repair. It could be a needs basis program, which would not obligate the City to appropriate any particular amount in any given year. It could be done on as available funding needed basis. The City could still maintain private contractors. It would only fund those who met an income criteria

established by the City. It would be similar to the substantial rehab programs with HUD funds. There is a structure in place.

Commissioner Moore noted that would not address damaged sidewalks along commercial properties who have been negligent. The City has no method of requiring the repair. Nothing is done unless there is a complaint or someone trips and falls. He does not object to that idea being an addition to a methodology, but not to be the only methodology. Also, in some cases trees placed by the City are damaging the sidewalks. This provides some rules on maintaining sidewalks.

Commissioner Teel felt the information provided today is good, but it brings up many other questions. Her first thought was to take 6-12 months and aggressively pursue with the existing policy. Inspections are not being done. With a diligent effort, the City might have a better picture of what they are trying to replace. With respect to commercial properties, the majority of damage is by delivery trucks. She questioned the definition of a pathway to a school. These issues need to be answered. She felt the City would be opening Pandora's box. Her first desire would be more aggressive policing and examination of sidewalks and go after the worst ones and those around schools. Another idea would be for the School Board to install some sidewalks, although she was not optimistic.

Mayor Naugle believed an employee would be needed in order to do the enforcement. Commissioner Teel offered the idea of reassignment, but agreed aggressive enforcement would required an employee dedicated to the assignment.

Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Teel thought an employee in the Code Enforcement area would be appropriate opposed to an engineer.

The City Manager pointed out with this route more individuals would be on notice that the sidewalks will need to be repaired, and therefore, perhaps there should be some sort of subsidy for those who cannot afford it. Commissioner Teel agreed and noted a look at those on the brink of foreclosure would also be necessary. She concluded the proposal needs more time.

Commissioner Hutchinson did not favor aggressive enforcement until there is a program in place, considering the foreclosure frequency. It is important to have a partnership. Commercial entities should pay 100%. She was interested in fixing existing sidewalks including those along school routes, and not new sidewalks unless they are for school safety. There is some grant funding available for school routes. Perhaps it is a little of both; a grant program for those who cannot afford it.

Mayor Naugle asked if there is a consensus to move forward with a program where the City would be responsible for 50% cost on residential properties. Individuals who could not pay the 50%, could apply for Community Development Block Grant funding or some other program using a means test.

In response to Commissioner Teel, Mayor Naugle defined residential as residentially zoned regardless of homestead status. Condominiums would be included.

The City Manager asked if the idea is for the City to notify residential property owners that they are responsible for 50% of the cost. Mayor Naugle said the City would budget \$400,000 per year.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom believed this is a Commission priority. The City is a service business. There is \$900,000 for seawall repairs in the CIP this year, for example. Perhaps there is something in the CIP from which some money could be taken to direct to this priority.

Mayor Naugle objected to City seawalls not being repaired as there would be erosion. Vice Mayor Rodstrom questioned whether \$900,000 is a dead certain number. Perhaps there are other CIP projects where a little could be taken and applied to sidewalks.

Mayor Naugle believed there is consensus to move forward with 50% for residential and approximately \$400,000 budgeted for participation. Plus a look at the school routes and those being eligible for public participation if they are residential.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted to send a letter to the School Board, requesting assistance.

In response to Commissioner Moore, discussion followed that in the case of City seawalls, there is not public participation for the cost.

Mayor Naugle believed an employee is needed. Vice Mayor Rodstrom disagreed. Mr. Carbon agreed to find a way to manage.

If a neighborhood wants their sidewalks repaired sooner rather than later could, Commissioner Teel asked if they could work through the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program and secure their 50% match that way. Mayor Naugle indicated replacement of sidewalks has been eligible in the past. Mr. Carbon indicated it could be considered when the ordinance is formulated.

In response to Mr. Carbon, Commissioner Hutchinson did not want to consider new sidewalks. Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted to think about new sidewalks in the future.

Mayor Naugle added there should be CDBG funds budgeted for those who cannot afford their 50%.

Commissioner Teel asked what would be the definition of a pathway to a school. Mr. Carbon indicated Broward County has a definition in a document entitled Safe Routes to Schools. Commissioner Teel also wanted to send a letter to the School Board requesting the school route sidewalks should be repaired. In response to Mayor Naugle, Vice Mayor Rodstrom felt the principals of the private schools should also be notified. Commissioner Moore noted there is one area enroute to Dillard High School where there is no sidewalk.

Action: There was consensus to: 1) budget \$400,000 annually; 2) 50% City participation on repairs to sidewalks associated with residentially zoned properties including condominiums; 3) individuals who meet criteria concerning their financial status may qualify for financial assistance through a newly developed or existing CDBG grant

program; 4) staff to look at school routes and to request assistance from the School Board.

I-C – Code Amendment – Demolition Requirements – Existing Buildings Within A New Development Project.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted a mechanism to improve the appearance of sites awaiting redevelopment where there are buildings.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Greg Brewton, Director of Planning and Zoning, explained for various reasons some approved projects are not built. If there is an existing building on the site that could be used, most developers want to take advantage of that and demolish the building at time of permit. As to a solution, several things come into play. He believed it will require more study. He showed photographs of approved project sites (photographs used in presentation only; not provided for record purposes). Demolition of a building could take away some revenue to the City.

There was Commission consensus voiced that the focus should be on abandoned, vacant buildings. Mr. Brewton indicated two options would be to strengthen existing code in terms of maintenance or a new demolition provision.

Mayor Naugle pointed out very difficult sites will be those approved, but tied up in the court system.

Discussion turned to a specific time frame for demolition. Mr. Brewton believed there would be need for an extension process.

Commissioner Moore commented that a number of meetings were held in District III and recommendations were made about boarded up and abandoned buildings, but the City Attorney's Office had concerns.. He suggested the City's proposed course of action with foreclosures be considered in these cases also. There are a number of buildings boarded up and abandoned for well over five years. He felt a period of only six to nine months could not be upheld if challenged.

Continuing to discuss other examples, Mr. Brewton noted if a building is demolished, something will be necessary so that the site is not just a dirt field. Mayor Naugle suggested demolition ninety days after approval and that the site be sodded.

Commissioner Teel did not think that extensions should be granted to irresponsible property owners. There should be good faith in terms of maintenance.

Mike Maloney, Code Enforcement Manager, pointed out that each case is unique. Safety is the first issue considered.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Valerie Bohlander, Director of Building Services offered to look into the Orion property.

Even though buildings may be safe, both Commissioner Teel and Vice Mayor Rodstrom wanted the overall appearance improved. Mayor Naugle indicated the building needs to be brought back into operation or demolished with a sign about the new development, for example. Vice Mayor Rodstrom pointed out in Venice, Italy, there is a screen

dropped in front of the construction that displays a rendering of the proposed construction. She wanted a higher standard.

Mayor Naugle pointed out other buildings are those not related to development approval mentioned by Commissioner Moore. He asked the City Attorney to report back on a reasonable timeline. The City Attorney noted that in Gainesville, a board-up permit is required. After a period of time, the permit must be renewed and in order to do so one must fix the building or demolish it.

Commissioner Moore felt the community would appreciate such a process.

Mr. Maloney noted currently after a period of a year, the property owner may request an extension before the Special Magistrate, but demolition is not addressed.

The City Auditor pointed out that change of ownership would need to be considered.

Action: There was consensus for staff to present information with regard to a new development project, requiring the property owner to return existing buildings to operation; demolishing them or maintaining them at a standard acceptable to the City and that the standard be raised. Commissioner Teel felt extensions should not be granted if the property owner is not acting in good faith. Mayor Naugle requested information from the City Attorney on a reasonable period of time within which the City could require action on a vacant building that is not associated with a development project.

I-D – Proposed Lien Settlements – Special Magistrate and Code Enforcement Board Cases

No discussion.

II-A – Air Conditioning Units – Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant – Emergency Purchase

No discussion.

II-B – Radio and Telephone Communications Systems – Damages As A Result of Lightning – Emergency Repairs

Commissioner Teel asked if there is something to prevent the frequency of being hit by lightning. Tim Edkin, Information Technology Services Director, explained that the height is one contributing factor, that equipment is located close-by and from buildings added to the compound, there have been changes to grounding. A contractor will be studying the problem. Everyone has this problem and there will always be some degree of an issue with it. Mayor Naugle noted another reason is there is nothing else tall around this tower.

Action: Tim Edkin, Director of Information Technology, responded to Commissioner Teel's questions about preventing future lightning strikes.

II-C – June and July 2008 Monthly Financial Reports

No discussion.

II-D – Procedure – Purchase of Insurance and Related Services

No discussion.

II-E – Financing To Refund – Convert To Fixed Rate Existing Loans Totaling \$15,410,000 and Provide Up To \$10,000,000 For Current Year Capital Improvement Projects and Hortt School and Gore Nursery Properties

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked what is the anticipated rate.

Joanne Reese, Finance Department, said they estimating it to be 4.25% or 4.50%.

Action: Joanne Rizzi, Finance Department, responded to Mayor Naugle and Vice Mayor Rodstrom on the anticipated interest rate being 4.25% to 4.5%.

III-B – Board and Committee Vacancies

Audit Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Cemeteries Board of Trustees

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Centennial Celebration Committee

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Citizens Committee of Recognition

Action: No Formal Action Taken

Code Enforcement Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Community Appearance Board

Mayor Naugle recommended Randall Vitale to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken. At Regular Meeting

Community Services Board

Mayor Naugle recommended reappointing Emmett Kater and James Currier to the Community Services Board.

Commissioner Teel recommended reappointing David R. Maymon, William Goetz and Maureen J. Persi to the Community Services Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Economic Development Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken

Education Advisory Board

Action:: No Formal Action Taken.

Board of Commissioners, City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority

Mayor Naugle recommended Georgina R. Pozzuoli to the Board of Commissioners, City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority.

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

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Marine Advisory Board

Commissioner Moore recommended Herb Rassing to the Marine Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Parks, Recreation & Beaches Advisory Board

Commissioner Teel recommended Andrew Pickens to the Parks, Recreation & Beaches Advisory Board.

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

Utility Advisory Committee

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

IV – City Commission Reports

Tourist Development Council

Commissioner Hutchinson distributed a package of wildflower seeds that is being provided in the hotel rooms by the Business and Convention Bureau through the Tourist Development Council.

Commissioner Moore complimented the Tourist Development Council and asked that the City recognize them for their work on behalf of Fort Lauderdale.

Action: Commissioner Moore felt the Tourist Development Council (TDC) should be recognized for their exemplary work on behalf of the City.

Boards, reducing the number of members for a quorum

Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated the Utility Advisory Committee has inquired about the possibility of reducing the quorum requirement.

Mayor Naugle requested a list of appointees who are not attending so that they could be consulted as to whether they do not want to continue to serve.

Commissioner Teel pointed out that some boards have a large membership number and it is difficult maintaining a full membership due to the lack of appointments being made. She felt the quorum should be a majority of filled seats.

Commissioner Hutchinson indicated it is a challenge to find people who want to serve.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the City Clerk indicated that she encourages board liaisons to report attendance problems so that the Commission may be informed.

Mayor Naugle asked if an ordinance would be required to change the quorum requirement. The City Attorney suggested a provision added to the enabling legislation.

Mayor Naugle felt boards that take actions like waivers and actions taken by the Planning and Zoning Board or Code Enforcement Board should not be included

Action: In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, the Clerk will submit a list of boards that would accommodate reducing the number of members required for a quorum and the Attorney will determine the appropriate implementation mechanism. The Clerk will also request that staff liaisons inform the Clerk's Office when there are attendance concerns so that it may be brought to the Commission's attention.

Annie Beck House

Vice Mayor Rodstrom thanked staff for assistance in moving the Annie Beck House to Middle River Terrace Park.

South Middle River Civic Association (SMRCA) Crime Walk

Vice Mayor Rodstrom thanked staff for their work in regard to the Crime Walk.

A-1-A Scenic Highway Designation

Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated that she has asked Art Seitz, resident, to serve on the board (Broward County State Road A-1-A Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity) working on designating A-1-A as a scenic highway. She wanted a letter issued on behalf of the City. This designation will bring grant funds and enhancements.

Commissioner Teel requested further clarification. Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated this is not a greenway, but rather scenic highway designation.

Action: Vice Mayor Rodstrom noted that she asked Art Seitz to be on the Broward County State Road A-1-A Scenic Highway Corridor Management Entity. She asked the City Manager send a letter of support on behalf of the Commission.

Proposed Amendment 2 to Florida Constitution; Marriage Protection Amendment

Vice Mayor Rodstrom distributed proposed language concerning Amendment 2 to the Florida Constitution that she received from a resident. There are difficulties for unmarried people when their significant other is hospitalized, for example. She supported the proposed resolution.

Mayor Naugle indicated that he has heard that none of this is true; that it just defines marriage being between a man and a woman and it would not affect anyone else. He noted the Commission has not taken positions on issues that do not directly affect the City.

Commissioner Teel pointed out there are other mechanisms for medical situations.

Action: In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom's presentation of a sample resolution concerning Amendment 2 to the Florida Constitution, known as the Marriage Protection Amendment, there was no consensus to adopt it.

Coral Ridge Park; 24 Street and Bayview Drive

Commissioner Teel commented that the Broward County Land Preservation Board provided funding to purchase property at the corner of 24 Street and Bayview Drive for a neighborhood park. Now a member of the board believes a parking lot should be provided at this location. She quoted statistics on existing neighborhood parks and those with designated parking areas. They vary in size.

Commissioner Hutchinson said she disagrees with that board member. She explained the rationale, that it is County funding.

Commissioner Teel noted that the neighbors do not want parking spaces. Also it would be dangerous to encourage parking at this site due to its location. She introduced Betsy Dow, President, Coral Ridge Homeowner Association.

Ms. Dow said the Association has promised the neighbors near the park that it would remain as a passive park., who do not want even so much as a bench. She commented that 27 Terrace and 24 Street both enter Bayview Drive. It is somewhat of a blind corner and would not be safe for vehicles backing out. Neighbors would be quite upset.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Commissioner Teel indicated there are traffic barriers that prevent parking on the swale. On the corner there is property owned by the City that is used as a bus stop; it has a bench and trash can. Phil Thornburg, Parks and Recreation Director, said staff has to supply the County with a management plan within one year, and part of that plan is a concept of the park. When the plan was brought before the Land Preservation Board, parking was raised. It was passed with the stipulation that parking would be included. He went back to the Board and the item was tabled. The Board would like input from the Commission and neighborhood before making a decision.

Mayor Naugle concluded that eventually the matter would go before the County Commission. Commissioner Teel suggested a letter be sent on behalf of the City. She indicated that she will attend along with Ms. Dow. Letters could be provided to all the entities stating the neighborhood's desire.

Heidi Davis, resident, agreed that the neighbors are adamantly against any type of parking. There are houses directly across the street. There is only foot traffic. Barriers were installed because of a vehicle driving onto the grass.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom emphasized safety be emphasized in the letter.

Action: Commissioner Teel noted that a member of the Broward County Land Preservation Board would like a parking lot constructed at Coral Ridge Park. Neighbors are opposed. There was consensus for the City Manager to send a letter to Broward County on behalf of the Commission in opposition to a parking lot. Vice Mayor Rodstrom requested safety be emphasized.

Potential hurricanes striking Fort Lauderdale

Mayor Naugle referred to recent Tropical Storm Faye and that the airport is a great location for the Emergency Operations Center for hurricanes and other issues. He emphasized that people be prepared as there is a storm currently that could come from the east which would require evacuating the barrier island.

Amy Aiken, Emergency Manager, provided a status report on systems being monitored at this time.

Action: Amy Aiken, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a verbal status report on the City's preparedness.

V – City Manager Reports

New Finance Director

The City Manager introduced the new Finance Director, Michael Kinner.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:56 p. m.