

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008**

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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:30 P.M. DECEMBER 2, 2008

Present: Mayor Naugle
Commissioners Hutchinson, Teel, and Lewis, 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. Timothy McCarthy

I-A – Downtown Development Authority - Interviews

Gregory Durden and Dennis O’Shea provided background about themselves, their education, time in the city and interest in serving on this board.

Mayor Naugle noted requirements set forth in the enabling legislation and that a selection would be made at the regular meeting.

Action: See regular meeting.

I-B – Petition Requesting Street Light Wattage Upgrade – Progresso Village Civic Association

Alfred Battle, Director of Community Redevelopment Agency, noted Progresso Village has requested upgrading to their street light wattage. Historically, he noted that nine neighborhoods have received such upgrades, the most recent being in 2004. Currently the City pays approximately \$8,100 to Florida Power and Light Company to service this area. The upgrade could be to 100 or 150 watts. For 100 watts, the annual cost would be \$8,900 and a little over \$10,000 for 150 watts. As it would be considered a maintenance expense, it could not be charged to the CRA. The backup information provided to the Commission shows area vacant lots and where crime has taken place. Also, staff is interested in some guidance as to policy moving forward in time.

The City Manager explained staff’s concern is where to draw the line in terms of requests and increased cost. Mayor Naugle suggested this be done on a trial basis with a report from the Police Department in a year. This would be the only neighborhood in the trial for the one year period until the results are known and could be analyzed by a future Commission.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Doug Sterner of Progresso Village Indicated 100 watts with 150 watts at the Pantry (building) and perhaps some other spots. In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, Mayor Naugle noted a comparison of the 100 and 150 watts could be made by looking at the pantry.

Action: There was consensus approval for a one-year pilot program in this neighborhood only with a report from the Police Department at the conclusion so that a determination could be made as to effectiveness.

I-C – Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Draft Report

Peter Henn, Chair, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, commented about the composition of the committee and varying views. He believed the report is manageable and does not go too far based on today's budget constraints. The goal is to secure funds for Fort Lauderdale. This draft report will be considered for adoption by the committee in two weeks and two weeks thereafter the Commission will consider adopting it. The proposal empowers the City's Housing Authority instead of a new group. The committee rejected two of the eleven state criteria.

Mayor Naugle understood the committee will hold a public hearing on December 15 and make a recommendation to the Commission and after another hearing, the Commission will make a decision on each item.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked if the density bonus issues would come before the Commission each time. Mr. Brewton indicated the Commission could make that determination. In further response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom, Mr. Brewton indicated that parking buy-down decisions would be made by the Commission on a project by project basis. Mayor Naugle pointed out a transit oriented development or one focused to the elderly might not have as much need for parking.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom requested another copy of a chart previously provided on median income levels and affordable housing.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom felt it would be great for this committee to work on the foreclosure program as well. Mr. Henn indicated the report has to be completed by the committee this year, but they recommend that the committee continue to serve in order to address other issues such as foreclosures. Vice Mayor Rodstrom agreed.

Action: A public hearing will be held at the Dec 16, 2008 regular meeting.

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

No discussion.

II-A – October 2008 Monthly Financial Report

No discussion.

III-B – Board and Committee Vacancies**Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Audit Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Cemetery System Board of Trustees

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Victoria Mowrey to the Cemetery System Board of Trustees.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Citizen's Police Review Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Code Enforcement Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Community Appearance Board

Mayor Naugle recommended appointment of Charnette "Shon" Loraine Cash to the Community Appearance Board.

Commissioner Teel recommended reappointment Ron Fairchild, Jr. and Francie Bindler to the Community Appearance Board.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Greg Stuart to the Community Appearance Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Community Services Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Downtown Development Authority, City of Fort Lauderdale, FL

A consensus appointment to be made of Gregory Durden and Dennis F. O'Shea to the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Mark D. Krom to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Education Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee

Mayor Naugle recommended reappointment of Patrick McTigue to the Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Thornie Jarrett and Steve Kirsch to the Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Insurance Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

International Swimming Hall of Fame

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Marine Advisory Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Nuisance Abatement Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Matthew L. Weiss to the Parks, Recreation & Beaches Board.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

Police and Firefighters Retirement System Board of Trustees

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board

Action: No Formal Action Taken.

Utility Advisory Committee

Commissioner Teel recommended appointment of Chris Chiari to the Utility Advisory Committee.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Robert B. Caine and Raymond C. Parker to the Utility Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Lewis recommended appointment of Frances L. Smoot to the Utility Advisory Committee.

Action: Formal Action To Be Taken At Regular Meeting.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 1:53 P.M.

The City Commission shall meet privately pursuant to Florida Statutes 768.28(16) regarding evaluation of the following case:

Mark Nichols – GL05-490C

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:58 P.M.

IV – City Commission Reports

Marshall Bridge (4 Avenue – 7 Avenue); noise

Commissioner Hutchinson indicated that the Tarpon River neighborhood has asked if something could be done about the noise from Marshall Bridge. She understood there is new technology that quiets the surface. She asked if there is consensus to request that Engineering submit a formal request to Broward County and inform Broward County Commissioner Rodstrom.

In response to Mayor Naugle, Commissioner Hutchinson agreed it would be great for a letter to be sent from the Mayor.

Mayor Naugle remarked about material placed on the Sunrise Boulevard bridge.

Action: At Commissioner Hutchinson's request, there was consensus approval to direct the City Manager to submit a formal request, via a letter from the Mayor, to Broward County to look into quieting measures for vehicles using Marshall Bridge.

Police Visibility – District III

Commissioner Lewis requested additional police visibility in District III as there are increased break-ins including some occurring in the day. She mentioned Golden Heights in particular.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Vice Mayor Rodstrom thanked the Commission for appointing her to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. She recently attended her first meeting

Street Crime Unit

Vice Mayor Rodstrom thanked the Police Chief for speaking at her monthly crime meeting and introducing the new street crime unit.

Police Visibility – District I

Commissioner Teel indicated her neighborhoods are also concerned about break-ins; it is occurring in the day. She mentioned Coral Ridge and The Landings. She suggested

more outreach efforts, perhaps a traveling educational program to neighborhoods for continual reinforcement.

V – City Manager Reports

The City Manager reported optimistically on his meetings with the Florida Fish and Wildlife and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee.

In response to Mayor Naugle, the Director of Building Services reported on inspection of the courthouse. There is a fire watch. There will be extensive work needed. They are aware of all of the permits needed. Mayor Naugle reported on the upcoming hours.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:09 p. m.