

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
September 1, 2009**

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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:33 P.M. SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Present: Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler
Vice Mayor Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioners Bobby B. DuBose,
Romney Rogers, and Charlotte E. 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 – Pat Hart

Mayor Seiler inquired whether it would be possible recess after the first meeting in July and reconvene for the second meeting in August that would be more convenient for people with school children. Commissioner Rodstrom and Vice Mayor Roberts were supportive. The City Attorney will look into whether there is anything on record that would prevent it.

I-A – OPERATING COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES ON PUBLIC WATERWAYS

Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises, reviewed the history of this item, including the Marine Advisory Board's position arrived at their July 2, 2009 meeting as well as staff recommendation, both outlined in the Commission Agenda Report 09-1141.

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Attorney indicated an ordinance would have to be written. One item not considered is the change in Florida Statutes 209-86 with regard to regulated vessels that will be effective October 1 of this year. It will be considered when the regulations are drafted. There are limitations on local regulations regarding the anchoring of vessels in the waterway, their safety equipment and so forth. The new regulation would apply to the City regulating safety equipment on the vessel itself. According to the regulation, one may spud down wherever they wish, but cannot open a business. The City's position is that this does not prohibit the municipality from regulating the business activity, but rather the anchoring.

Ms. McCaffrey advised that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has indicated there may be some issues with regard to the submerged land lease, but has not yet made a final determination.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, John Terrill, Marina Advisory Board Chair, indicated that the board has not looked at the most recent recommendations.

Vice Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Rodstrom did not wish to act hastily. Commissioner DuBose agreed. Vice Mayor Roberts noted this is a ten year plus ongoing business that has not had issues until the past year or so. He suggested another extension until these matters including DEP are settled. With respect to the inspection process, he understood there are existing rigorous Coast Guard inspection, therefore he felt the City could simply make sure that inspection was current. Mayor

Seiler agreed. Commissioner Rogers asked about the potential of multiple businesses in close proximity. He needed more information. Mayor Seiler agreed with some of the staff's recommendations. He agreed the playing field needs to be kept level. There is the issue of no longer having the need for a marina.

Commissioner Rogers did not think it is fair to park in someone's backyard.

Mayor Seiler commented that there are mixed viewpoints about the effect on the marine industry.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted the Marine Advisory Board to review staff's recommendation.

There was consensus approval to consider a walk-on motion at the evening regular meeting to extend authorization for Peterson Fuel barge to continue to operate at the previously specified location for an additional ninety days.

I-B – ANNIE BECK HOUSE – BROWARD TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COST OF UTILITIES

Diana Smart, representing Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, displayed photographs of the house. This request concerns the Annie Beck Education Center. The Trust has agreed to provide a public restroom. This is a request for assistance for the utility lines. Tamara Peacock, also representing the Trust, anticipated the move-in date to be the end of this year. They are ready to paint this Saturday. The location of the utility line was shifted slightly due to existing trees. She outlined the cost. (sketch provided for the record)

In response to Mayor Seiler, Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, advised that the sewer connection is \$3,500 and setting/connecting the water meter is \$966. Then there is \$7,100 for a plumber to bring it to the house.

In response to Vice Mayor Roberts, Ms. Smart explained that they did not get as much grant funding as anticipated because the legislature eliminated all funding for the arts. Ms. Peacock indicated they do not anticipate making any more funding requests as they plan to be operational in three months.

Mayor Seiler wanted to know when the restroom would be available to the public. Ms. Smart indicated it would be whenever the house is open. Depending on staffing, the intention is Monday through Friday; regular office hours. The revenue stream will be public events. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised the City's agreement with the Trust requires the restroom to be open daily during normal working hours. Commissioner Rodstrom explained the intention was to provide the restroom as well as more eyes on the park. She explained that this had not come to the Commission because the grants were coming in readily at the time. Ms. Smart concurred and went on to comment on community use of the facility.

Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was not mentioned in previous discussions, but it is reflected in this agenda item today. If CDBG funds could be used, she felt it would be a win all around. Vice Mayor was agreeable to the request.

With the understanding that this item would have to come back to the Commission to allocate the funds, Mayor Seiler thought CDBG funding should be used. There was consensus approval to place the item for a vote on the September 15, 2009 regular meeting.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Jonathan Brown, Housing and Community Development Manager, indicated there are CDBG funds available this year.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to make sure all not-for-profits are treated equally. In response to Commissioner Rogers, Ms. Smart indicated that they are fundraising. She went on to announce their upcoming painting event.

I-C – PROPOSED LIEN SETTLEMENTS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE AND CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

In response to Vice Mayor Roberts, Valerie Bohlander, Director of Building Services, explained why the settlement agreements for Items 4 and 5 are different even though the violations are the same.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mike Maloney, Code Enforcement Manager, explained the circumstances and facts considered to decide upon the recommended settlement amount (Item 6).

There was consensus approval.

II-A – FRANCHISE RENEWAL – FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

The City Attorney provided a status report. He believed there is agreement that the franchise fee will remain at 6% and there will be a deletion of what was in effect a credit for ad valorem taxes paid, which means the City will bring in close to \$500,000 more. In reviewing other franchise agreements, there are none under thirty years. The City's agreement is proposed at thirty years. There is no buy-out provision negotiated in any of the franchise agreements reviewed for the last twenty some years. The City's agreement calls for a buy-out provision that is similar to the provision in the current franchise. The scope addresses and applies only to electric services.

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Attorney advised that the buy-out provision negotiated tracks the state statute, makes it contractual that the buy-out option is available. It also provides that both sides pay their own attorney fees and costs, although the statute provides for the purchaser to pay their own attorney fees and costs. It is a contractual right at the expiration or termination of the contract. He provided some insight on this point as to the negotiation discussions.

Commissioner Rogers asked what happens if the statute is amended. The City Attorney indicated if the statute is amended and gives the City the authority, the City would have that authority outside of the four corners of the franchise agreement. The City would not have to rely on the contractual right in the contract, but could exercise the authority given in the statute.

The City Attorney referred to the boxes placed around the city by AT&T and indicated the franchise agreement provides for FPL to comply with reasonable regulations, which staff will develop once the franchise is finalized. There is a non-exclusive franchise for this area, however, the City reserves the right to generate its own power but not for others. However, the City could generate power and sell it to FPL. With respect to undergrounding, FPL and the City will make best efforts. FPL has undergrounding programs and there is a provision that the City could take advantage of. There is a provision for energy conservation. FPL has smart grid technology. The City has asked that Fort Lauderdale be first in line for it if it comes to Broward County. If another entity gets a better deal on the franchise fee, Fort Lauderdale would get it automatically also. There will be a provision with respect to infrastructure hardening; it is being worked on and will be distributed to the Commission.

The City Attorney indicated he anticipated providing the agreement to the Utility Advisory Committee around September 10; their meeting is September 24. First reading of the ordinance would be on September 15 and second reading on October 6. As the franchise expires on October 29, there would be the October 20 meeting in case there is a glitch.

Vice Mayor Roberts prefaced his comment by saying he has confidence in the City Attorney as a negotiator in the best interests of the City. However, the City was placed in a position of forced negotiations with respect to hardening and municipalization of delivery of energy. Mayor Seiler felt it is a concern of the full Commission but the problem is that the process started late. If the City considered municipalization, he questioned where the City would find the financing in this market. Vice Mayor Roberts emphasized that hardening and undergrounding are the most important in his opinion. Commissioner Rodstrom thought had it been the will of the previous Commission, it would have been expedited. She was also concerned about undergrounding. She believed an assessment concept for those neighborhood willing to pay individually will be on the agenda in the near future, although it should always be the Commission's goal for underground citywide. She felt FPL has always been onboard with this. Commissioner DuBose indicated that he also hears a lot from constituents about undergrounding.

Commissioner Rogers thought it would be good to not let the next agreement expire when there is a new Commission. The timeline is unfortunate.

Mayor Seiler also felt the hardening is important as well as renewable energy.

II-B – ROAD CLOSURE REMOVAL – SW 22 AVENUE BETWEEN SW 1 STREET AND SW 1 COURT

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, outlined the process and indicated that the majority of residents who responded are in favor of a permanent opening.

Commissioner DuBose agreed with the majority of the residents.

There was consensus approval to remove the road closure permanently.

II-C – JUNE AND JULY 2009 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Shonda Singleton-Taylor, Acting Director of Management and Budget, indicated any unexpended funds will be reflected in the Fund Balance.

General discussion ensued and observations were made about property tax receipts. Ms. Singleton-Taylor advised that more revenue was received as a result of tax certificate sales.

NOTE: The Commission recessed and convened at the Northwest Neighborhood Improvement District Board of Directors from 2:32 p.m. to 2:47 p.m.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 2:47 P.M.

The City Commission shall meet privately regarding the following:

Collective Bargaining (Florida Statute 447.605)

The Commission reconvened at 3:48 P.M.

III-A – COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION AND MINUTES CIRCULATED FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 27, 2009**Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board – July 20, 2009**

Mayor Seiler noted this board's request concerning the noise ordinance. This has to do with the Swiss Beach Holdings, Inc. property which is governed by an agreement with the City dating back to the 1990's. Valerie Bohlander, Director of Building Services, advised that staff is revisiting the noise ordinance. The City Manager explained the history on this is that the recommended standard was increased on the floor when this was addressed by the Commission. At that time, staff admitted to not knowing the practical impacts, but was to try it and come back likely with changes. The consultant is now looking at those practical realities and decide upon adjustments. With this particular property, no one contemplated residential housing. There have been complaints.

Mayor Seiler indicated he met with people in the area. There is one bad apple that is directing the noise inland. Mike Maloney, Code Enforcement Manager, indicated there was excessive noise at one time. It was not the Elbo Room but at Spazio and Exit 66. Discussion ensued as to how the noise reading is taken. The code needs to be adjusted. Mayor Seiler questioned the need to change the entire noise ordinance if it is one property. The City Manager agreed to look at the agreement.

Commissioner Rogers felt there has been enough input from the entertainment district residents to know there is still an issue. He wanted to have the expert figure out what to do.

Budget Advisory Board – July 23, 2009

Mayor Seiler was extremely pleased with the work of this board. He wanted to use the board on an annual basis from this point forward. He wanted a workshop in the fall with the board for direction and feedback.

Economic Development Advisory Board – July 8, 2009

Mayor Seiler noted the comments about a parking study.

Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee – May 21, 2009

In response to Mayor Seiler, Commissioner Rodstrom felt the committee was hoping for a more broad based feasibility study looking at twenty to fifty year needs. Commissioner Rogers thought these minutes are prior to when the Commission discussed this with the committee. An RFP has been completed.

In response to Mayor Seiler, Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, indicated the committee has met since May 21 and there are additional comments. He suggested waiting for the written comments on September 15.

Economic Development Advisory Board – July 8, 2009

Vice Mayor Roberts asked if the Commission is going to direct staff to conduct a parking study. Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Rogers agreed that the beach master plan needs a parking study. Commissioner Rodstrom suggested asking Sasaki Associates for a recommendation on parking contained in their plan. She did not want to delay the master plan.

Stephen Scott, Economic Development Director, explained the concern is that there are rules against shared parking and they believe it is preventing some businesses. They recommended the issue be made a part of the beach master plan. Mayor Seiler asked if this could be addressed by staff so as not to delay the beach master plan. Diana Alarcon, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, indicated there is a consultant on staff that conducted a study in 1999 and an update in 2003. They could be requested to do another update. She offered to determine the cost. At the Mayor's request, the City Manager offered to bring this item to the Commission on September 15 with a cost.

Vice Mayor Roberts felt this has to do with further development and parking restrictions on uses; it is a big issue.

In response to Commissioner DuBose, Ms. Alarcon believed the 2003 consultant study was furnished to the board, but she wanted to verify for certain.

Commissioner Rogers felt a comprehensive look at parking is needed. Ms. Alarcon indicated that was done by the consultant but the makeup of the beach has changed. The consultant could provide an update and look at the code as well.

Mayor Seiler requested a cost estimate at the September 15 meeting.

Commissioner Rogers had received feedback from people who could not find parking when they visited the area. He felt an inventory is needed.

Commissioner Rodstrom thought shared parking is a viable idea in terms of economic development. Ms. Alarcon agreed to have the consultant look at that.

Historic Preservation Board: demolition by neglect

Mayor Seiler referred to a letter sent to former Mayor Naugle (demolition by neglect) and the item recently before the Commission also involving the Unsafe Structure Board Case 9-H-05, 215 SW 7 Avenue). He felt there should be something on the books about the lender on historic property and what happens if there is foreclosure. Commissioner Rogers offered to work with the City Attorney on an ordinance. Mayor Seiler suggested the chairs and respective staff for the Historic Preservation Board and Unsafe Structures Board, the City Attorney and Commissioner Rogers develop something to reconcile the problem. There was consensus approval.

Bahia Mar

As a followup to the July 21 meeting, Greg Brewton, Director of Planning and Zoning, indicated the Bahia Mar item will be on the Planning and Zoning Board agenda for September 16. The PUD will eventually come back to the Commission. Mayor Seiler felt they should go forward, although it has been made clear it is at their (applicant) own risk. Mr. Brewton noted that staff has been instructed to meet with the applicant to work out some of the other issues.

Commissioner Rogers believed the dollars are driven by the residential units. He wanted to first have more numbers crunched by staff. He questioned how the Planning and Zoning Board could vote if they do not know if the plan will be possible because of the economics of it. Mayor Seiler did not see that as that board's role. He felt the numbers will be changing monthly because of the economy. He did not think the numbers mean anything if the project is not approved by the Planning and Zoning Board. As the economy turns around, the numbers will only get better for the City and that is true even if the project is scaled back. He wanted to see if the project could stand on its own as to design. Commissioner Rogers was uncomfortable with that course. He did not think the City has a traffic engineer to go before the board. Ella Parker, Planning and Zoning, advised that there will be supplemental information provided to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Rodstrom had issues with the process. She did not think it needs to rush to Planning and Zoning or the Commission. This is the largest project on City owned property that they will see in their lifetime. A key person on the board will not be present and has asked for a delay. Also, there is a grassroots effort starting on the part of the citizens. They want to weigh in. The idea is for the development to be a partnership with the developer and the citizens. She felt there is a good compromise to be made but she did not think it could be made in a hurry or without all of the information. She wanted to slow down the process to allow the citizens to get behind it.

Commissioner DuBose agreed with Mayor Seiler. He wanted the Planning and Zoning Board to be allowed to do their job because it will not exclude these suggestions. He did

not think it speeds up the process. The world generally views government moving in slow motion. He felt the developer should be given their day.

Vice Mayor Roberts felt it could all be moved forward at the same time. He wanted to have the Planning and Zoning Board's input as to the PUD. He agreed with a citizens committee and that input. He agreed more needs to be done with number crunching and the size of the buildings on the site. He did not want a delay. The applicant is proceeding at their own risk.

Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that regardless of what is done at the Planning and Zoning Board level, the Commission makes the ultimate decision on the zoning.

In response to Commissioner Rogers' question as to who from Keith and Schnars would be handling the traffic portion, Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, advised that their traffic manager has assumed this responsibility. Keith and Schnars was retained by the City and is not doing work for the developer in the county. Mr. Brewton advised if the Planning and Zoning Board wants more information on the traffic, for example, or any aspect of the project, they may request it.

III-B – CONSENSUS BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Mayor Seiler recommended reappointment of Peter J. Henn, representative of Fort Lauderdale employers category. Commissioner Rogers noted and there was no objection to reappointing Peter Henn, Fort Lauderdale employers category.

Commissioner Rogers recommended reappointment of Rebecca Jo Walter, not-for-profit category and Janet R. Riley, advocate for low-income persons category.

Aviation Advisory Board

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Michael S. Dunbar.

Commissioner Rogers recommended reappointment of Linda Iverson.

Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee

The City Clerk advised that recommendations from the Chamber of Commerce and the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board have been provided for consideration to the Beach Business Improvement District Committee.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to pursue additional interested people from the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board.

There was consensus approval to appoint Andreas Ioannou, recommended by the Chamber of Commerce.

Board of Adjustment

Commissioner Rodstrom believed that it was indicated to the alternate, Henry Sniezek, that he could move to a full position when it became available. Therefore, she wanted to appoint Henry Sniezek as a full member. Mayor Seiler pointed out that Jerry Jordan has never missed a meeting in twelve meetings and questioned moving him to the alternate position. Commissioner Rogers indicated that Mr. Jordan would like to be reappointed. With Don Larson reaching term limits, he suggested Henry Sniezek taking that position. There was consensus agreement for Henry Sniezek and Jerry Jordan as full members, leaving an alternate position open.

Budget Advisory Board

Mayor Seiler recommended reappointment of Marc Dickerman and Frederick H. Nesbitt.

Vice Mayor Roberts recommended reappointment of June D. Page and Anthony Timiraos.

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Bud Bentley and Alan A. Silva.

Commissioner Rogers recommended reappointment of D. Keith Cobb.

Centennial Celebration Committee

Mayor Seiler asked that E. Clay Shaw be reinstated. Vice Mayor Roberts suggested Lisa Scott Founds. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to reappoint Wingate Payne and noted she had perhaps previously suggested another individual.

Citizens Sustainability Green Committee

Mayor Seiler recommended appointment of Kristin Elaine Hink, environmental engineer category and Edward Strobel, electrical engineer category.

Vice Mayor Roberts recommended appointment of William Goetz, non-specified category and Jamie Castoro, LEED certification category.

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended appointment of Joe Holland, civil engineer category and John Lacz, non-specified category.

Commissioner DuBose recommended appointment of David Waring, non-specified category.

Commissioner Rogers recommended appointment of Anthony Abbate, architect and LEED certification categories and Vicki Eckels, non-specified category.

Code Enforcement Board

Commissioner Rogers suggested Howard Elfman, realtor category, be moved from alternate to a full position. Mayor Seiler suggested Don Larson as an alternate. (nomination was withdrawn under Unsafe Structures discussion below)

Community Services Board

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Avery A. Dial, P.J. Espinal, and Mike Kimmey.

Commissioner DuBose recommended reappointment of Margaret Haynie Birch, Helen Hinton and Christopher Priester.

Complete Count Committee

The City Clerk advised that the Complete Count Committee has set a meeting for September 16 in hopes of having a quorum.

Mayor Seiler wanted to get more people involved. He questioned how many people have applied.

Commissioner DuBose emphasized the importance of this committee and the timeliness.

The City Clerk noted Commissioner DuBose has nominated Nadine Hankerson, community-based organization category, and Jimmy Witherspoon, faith-based community category; and Commissioner Roger has nominated Myrna Loy Currie, faith-based community category and Wiley D. Thompson III, government organization category.. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Clerk listed the categories. Mayor Seiler suggested George Mihaiu, media category. Vice Mayor Roberts noted his nominations are Junia J. Robinson, government organization category, and Mark E. Ketcham, community-based organization category.

Downtown Development Authority

Commissioner Rodstrom suggested Bill Bodenhamer, Jr. Mayor Seiler noted there are ten applications on file at this time. He suggested that Bill Bodenhamer, Jr. complete an application and the Commission consider this appointment on September 15.

Commissioner DuBose questioned whether the applicant list is current.

Commissioner Rodstrom noted interviews have customarily been conducted. Mayor Seiler asked that the Authority's executive director be informed of the Commission's intention to move forward with this at the next meeting.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Vice Mayor Roberts suggested Christopher Nigel Pollock. Mayor Seiler wanted to reinstate Adam Sanders.

Historic Preservation Board

The City Clerk noted nomination of Robert Rojas, non-specified category for appointment submitted by Vice Mayor Roberts.

Insurance Advisory Board

In response to Mayor Seiler, Michael Kinneer, Director of Finance, advised that there are no attendance problems.

Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board

The City Clerk noted nomination of Jeffrey Cannon, Mark E. Hartman and Matthew L. Weiss for reappointment submitted by Commissioner Rodstrom.

Commissioner DuBose recommended reappointment of Robert Payne and Larry Mabson.

Commissioner Rogers recommended reappointment of Sean Fee, Jay Verkey and appointment of R. L. Landers and Joseph Bellavance.

Unsafe Structures and Housing Appeals Board

Mayor Seiler recommended reappointment of John Barranco, registered architect category and Michael C. Weymouth, real estate property manager category.

Commissioner Rodstrom recommended reappointment of Joe Holland, registered engineer category and Thornie Jarrett, electrical contractor category.

Mayor Seiler noticed that Hector Heguarburo has been absent for several meetings. In response to a suggestion by Mayor Seiler concerning Don Larson, Vice Mayor Roberts offered to check with Mr. Larson as to his interest and report on September 15.

IV - Commission Reports

Commissioner Rodstrom announced a project by the Art Institute.

South Beach Park; renaming

Commissioner Rodstrom indicated it has been suggested that South Beach Park be renamed. There was consensus approval for the City Manager to proceed with the necessary steps to rename it to Fort Lauderdale Beach Park.

Fire Station 49 construction; cleanup

Commissioner Rodstrom was concerned about the appearance in this area, including South Beach Park area where there is equipment being stored. She requested screening and cleanup.

Super Bowl signage; Yankee Clipper sky bridge

Commissioner Rodstrom suggested inquiry to the Yankee Clipper to determine if it would be agreeable to displaying a welcome sign from their sky bridge.

A-1-A Scenic Highway designation

Commissioner Rodstrom thanked all those involved in achieving the A-1-A scenic highway designation, including Art Seitz who assisted with photography.

Housing and Community Development grant programs

Commissioner Rodstrom recalled the previous request for a conference meeting presentation on the Planning and Zoning Department's Housing and Community Development Division grant programs.

Bahia Mar

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board to discuss the Bahia Mar project at each of their meetings.

Commission joint meetings with other entities

Commissioner Rodstrom suggested that joint meetings with other entities be scheduled at a Commission meeting, however, Mayor Seiler and the City Attorney indicated that date selection is permissible outside of a meeting.

Homeowner, neighborhood, business association meetings

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager agreed as best as possible to keep commissioners informed of dialogue at homeowner and neighborhood meetings by assistant city managers. Vice Mayor Roberts agreed that the Commissioner and especially the district commissioner should be informed if a presentation is made by the City Manager or an assistant city manager. Mayor Seiler agreed with respect to homeowner and neighborhood meetings, however, he noted there could be confusion as to whom to report with business meetings. Vice Mayor Robert indicated there is not exact formula but felt the Commission should be kept informed. The City Manager agreed to do the best possible to keep the Commission current.

Items to be placed on an upcoming Commission meeting agenda

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mayor Seiler recommended if a commissioner would like to schedule something on an upcoming agenda, he or she should raise it at a conference meeting and decide.

Police Undercover Operation, South Florida Stimulus Coalition at War Memorial Auditorium

Vice Mayor Roberts complimented the Police Department on the recent sting operation at War Memorial.

Small Business Grant Program; Upcoming Citizens Volunteer Corps Crime Walk Project

At the request of Vice Mayor Roberts, Genia Ellis indicated that the Council of Civic Associations has decided to partner with the business associations to allow them to earn

points like neighborhoods do in order to apply for matching grants. She went on to announce an upcoming CVC project.

Vice Mayor Roberts noted the staff contacts for the upcoming small business grant program.

Charter Revision Board

Vice Mayor Roberts wanted the Charter Revision Board to reconvene. He wanted the board to consider placement of items on the November 2010 general election ballot. He noted the one item recently raised by the City Auditor (five-year finance plan). Mayor Seiler requested and there was no objection that the board be reconvened.

False Alarm Ordinance

Vice Mayor Roberts wanted to revisit the false alarm ordinance. Mayor Seiler recalled it was decided to revisit it in the fall. The City Attorney agreed and indicated a full report will be provided.

Lincoln Park

Commissioner DuBose indicated questions have been raised about parking and the lack of a restroom at Lincoln Park. The One-Stop Shop building has a restroom that is used, but it is closed on the weekends. He thought that parking was not available also on the weekends. Valerie Bohlander, Director of Building Services, advised the parking lot is open during the park hours. Commissioner DuBose thought there may not be enough parking because it is so busy at that building. Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that the park design provides for parking along the west side of 19th Avenue. He offered to check about the east side. As to the restroom, he indicated when the park was built there was discussion and a decision to use the One-Stop Shop restroom. There are no facilities when the building is closed including weekends. A portable restroom could be situated. Commissioner DuBose wanted a portable restroom placed at the park for the short-term and for the City Manager to look into addressing it for the long-term.

Workshop on Available Grants

Commissioner DuBose complimented staff on the recent workshop on available grants.

September 11 Memorial Service

Commissioner Rogers announced an upcoming September 11 memorial service at the fire museum.

17th Street Causeway Association

Commissioner Rogers announced the inaugural 17th Street Causeway Association meeting on September 21 at the Bimini Boatyard.

Stranahan House Anniversary

Commissioner Rogers announced October 13 is the 108th anniversary of the Stranahan House.

Homeless

Commissioner Rogers commented about the homeless issue at Stranahan Park and its impact on the Women's Club. He mentioned individuals who have come forward to help and emphasized the need to prioritize addressing the problem. Commissioner Rodstrom felt the matter should be placed on a conference agenda.

Las Olas Boulevard Merchants

Commissioner Rogers suggested a coupon promotion for one-hour free parking for Las Olas Boulevard merchants. Commissioner DuBose wanted to know about the economic impact. Mayor Seiler suggested Commissioner Rogers discuss the idea with the Director of Parking and Fleet Services. Commissioner Rodstrom liked the idea of helping the merchants, but hesitated about this idea.

Shirley Small Community Park

Commissioner DuBose commented on the successful Shirley Small Community Park dedication event.

Homeless

Mayor Seiler indicated that he has asked Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises, to convene a task force on the homeless issue involving the churches and faith-based organizations. An area should be designated for feeding. He felt the County, Downtown Development Authority, downtown homeowner associations and business community need to be involved. Additional assistance besides food could be provided at this location as well.

Ms. McCaffrey indicated the goal was the October 20, 2009 meeting.

Vice Mayor Roberts asked about the South Beach Parking Lot area and suggested this may be another location.

Commissioner DuBose felt the issue needs to be examined citywide.

Commissioner Rodstrom was pleased to see a proactive approach.

Fort Lauderdale Stadium

In response to Mayor Seiler, Cate McCaffrey, Director of Business Enterprises, indicated that in October the options will be brought forward.

Mayor Seiler offered the idea of soccer.

Mayor Seiler wanted to keep the facility open for the next annual Joe DiMaggio Legends Game. Ms. McCaffrey indicated that the City has committed to two events after the Orioles leave, those being the Joe DiMaggio Legends Game and the Scottish Festival.

Downtown Parking

Mayor Seiler wanted to approach downtown businesses with the request of offering their parking on the weekends at a discounted price. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted it to be arranged far enough in advance so that the information can be disseminated timely. The City Manager indicated that he has assigned this to the Director of Parking and Fleet Services.

V - Manager Reports

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, announced an upcoming public meeting on Las Olas bridges being replaced. Commissioner Rodstrom requested more specifics.

The City Manager reminded the Commission about scheduling a date for the next City-County Summit.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:37 P.M.