

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1: 43 P.M. March 2, 2010

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

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

IV - City Commission Reports

Short Term Residential Use Committee

Vice Mayor Roberts indicated the issue of daily rental of homes was raised at recent homeowner association meetings he attended. He asked the status of the Short Term Residential Use Committee. Greg Brewton, Director of Planning and Zoning, indicated that Planning and Zoning is looking from their perspective along with Building Services, Code Enforcement and the City Attorney's Office. Vice Mayor Roberts noted that the issue is expanding. He wanted more attention given to this and a status report.

Noise; Executive Airport

Vice Mayor Roberts had received concerns from The Landings and Bay Colony about noise from takeoffs at the executive airport. He wanted to meet with the Airport.

Life-Safety Code Retrofit; extend relief to community associations

Vice Mayor Roberts referred to a bill (HB561 and SB1222) in the Florida Legislature to extend relief to condominiums on the life-safety code retrofit requirements (sprinkler fire safety) and requested the Commission consider adopting a resolution in support of the bill. There are huge related economic issues. He noted other localities that have adopted resolutions. He anticipated that Broward County will be adopting a resolution also. There has been a grassroots reaction to word that the governor intends to veto the bill. The City of Naples' resolution states that there is no documentation proving that such a retrofit has saved any lives. The idea is to take control as to when the retrofit will be done.

The following information was furnished to other questions raised to understand the issue. It would apply to high-rise condominiums and co-ops. Kathleen Gunn, Grants and Legislative Affairs, understood that the bill filed by Representative Bogdanoff sp) is for an extension from 2014 to 2019.

Mayor Seiler commented that the word in Tallahassee is that it is a life safety issue, but if people want to delay the work, they should be permitted to do so. It was vetoed by the governor last year.

Vice Mayor Roberts wanted to support Representative Bogdanoff's bill.

Jeff Justinak, Acting Fire Rescue Chief, believed it is a policy decision. The economics were a consideration when it was originally enacted in 2001.

There was consensus approval to prepare a resolution in support of House Bill 561 and Senate Bill 1222 for consideration at the regular meeting this evening. Mayor Seiler requested the language specify support in those bills' form as they stand today.

Citizen Volunteer Corps Event

Commissioner DuBose announced April 10, 8 a.m., Northwest Gardens area.

Sistrunk Festival

Commissioner DuBose noted the success of the Sistrunk Festival.

Frankie Thomas

At Commissioner DuBose's request, a moment of silence was observed for Frankie Thomas who recently passed away. An expression of sympathy will be prepared for her family.

Pain Clinics

Commissioner Rogers noted some statistics on pain clinics. He wanted to adopt a resolution to express the City's opposition and seek the legislature's action. Vice Mayor Roberts discussed the lack of regulatory agency capability.

Mayor Seiler asked that a resolution be drafted, requesting the state legislature to take action. Vice Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Rogers wanted to look for bills that are most in concert with the grand jury recommendations. Mayor Seiler asked Kathleen Gunn, Grants and Legislative Affairs, to organize a list of the proposed bills and provide the grand jury recommendations to the Commission, so that a resolution could be drafted.

Upcoming Events

Commissioner Rogers announced upcoming events.

Expenditure of Funds; Agenda Back-up

Commissioner Rogers wanted a more useful way of seeing funding information when the Commission is asked to make a decision on an expenditure; perhaps a snapshot of the FAMIS screen.

A-1-A Greenway

Commissioner Rodstrom indicated in reviewing the meeting recording she understood there was agreement by the Commission for her to be involved with the A-1-A greenway and the Director of Public Works, however, this is yet to happen. Mayor Seiler thought the direction was for Mr. Carbon to speak with the three districts where A-1-A is contained. Vice Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Rogers indicated that Mr. Carbon

had spoken with them. Mayor Seiler asked that a meeting be set. Mr. Carbon indicated that he had also spoken with Commissioner Rodstrom a couple weeks ago. Commissioner Rodstrom requested another update. She was not informed of a study with the University of Florida that she understood staff is pursuing. Mr. Carbon advised that staff has spoken with the University of Florida over the past year. However, he must first bring forward a priority in the 2009-2010 CIP (Capital Improvement Program) for design of Oakland Park Boulevard to Flamingo Avenue before addressing funding.

April 21, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Rodstrom noted in her review of the tape recording for the A-1-A greenway she noticed a comment by Commissioner DuBose was not included in the minutes. The City Clerk explained the minutes are a summary. Every comment is not included. In response to Commissioner DuBose, the City Clerk explained her office makes the decisions to summarize the discussion and the Commission approves the minutes. She went on to indicate that she listens to every word that is said from the audio recording. She offered to check again.

A-1-A Greenway – see full discussion above

Community Redevelopment Agency Expansion or New

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to clarify that the City is interested in a non-TIF (tax increment financing) structure in discussions with Broward County whether it be a new CRA or expansion of the existing. It was not included in the letter to Cynthia Chambers, Director, Broward County Planning and Redevelopment Division. Mayor Seiler recalled that was the intention. Alfred Battle, Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency (Northwest), indicated that in reviewing the discussion in the minutes, this point is not mentioned. However, he has clarified to Broward County staff that the City's request has been revised to a new CRA; that it is predicated upon the fact that the County approved an expansion without any County funds and that should be kept in the context. He believed the County understands. In further response, Mr. Battle understood if a new CRA is not approved, the City will seek an expansion of the existing CRA. There has been some talk of vacating the old resolution in the absence of getting a new CRA formed and process in general.

International Swimming Hall of Fame Audit

Commissioner Rodstrom advised that Bruce Wigo, Executive Director of the Swimming Hall of Fame, would like to address the Commission on the Hall of Fame audit results. The City Auditor indicated he has been requested to look at the audit conducted by the Internal Audit Department and intends to conduct a peer review that will speak to whether the conclusions drawn are valid and supported by the data. Mayor Seiler asked that this be scheduled for April 6.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Commissioner Rodstrom, Mayor Seiler and Commissioner DuBose wanted to make sure this program is on track. Greg Brewton, Director of Planning and Zoning, advised that the City is current. He provided a verbal status report. For those vendors who are not proceeding fast enough, staff will come back to the Commission to consider moving

funding to the other vendors onboard. They estimate eight or nine homes per vendor. With the staff meeting with the vendors weekly, Commissioner DuBose asked that the Commission also be updated.

Financial Advisor

Commissioner Rodstrom noted some of the history around selection of a prime financial advisor of Davenport and Fidelity as a sub or minority firm. Three-year contracts were approved in October of 2007. She was not happy with the recent bond discussion. The previous Commission approved a prime and a sub to do the City's bond issues. The biggest issue that has been done was for \$155 million that came about six months after the financial advisors were selected. However only Fidelity is shown on the official statement for that issue. It also does not appear that they were paid to work on the issue. She felt the City might have gotten a better deal had Davenport been used. She asked why they were not used. Lynda Flynn, Acting Finance Director, indicated that from the documentation, it appears that Davenport was not going to work on the issue, but agreed to work on the next issue which is happening at this time. Commissioner Rodstrom asked who made the decision to use the sub only. Ms. Flynn believed there was a termination resolution and another resolution to bring on Davenport with Fidelity. There is documentation that Fidelity would be the only financial advisor associated with the \$155 million bond issue. Mayor Seiler questioned why Davenport would withdraw. The City Manager advised that the explanation he obtained from Frank Hall (Fidelity) was that his firm had done the majority of the work before everything had been consummated with the new firm. He has not seen any references to sub or prime in the documentation. He was sure there was any expectation on the Commission's part that one firm would do all of the work and the other would not. He understood from Mr. Hall that because Fidelity had done all of the work, they did not feel it was fair for the other firm to generate revenue from that piece, but they agreed moving forward they would share in the work. Commissioner Rodstrom indicated that in every deal that Fidelity has worked on, they have served as the sub. The Commission had an expectation that both firms would work on the deal, but someone made a decision for only Fidelity. The City Manager thought that apparently a firm was terminated by the Commission and the other firm was doing the work in the interim. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that Davenport responded and joined with Fidelity to be on the deal. If Davenport withdrew, she felt the Commission should have made a decision. The City Manager reiterated his understanding according to Mr. Hall and that letters were drawn up between the two firms. There is no evidence that one firm was superior to the other. Commissioner Rodstrom noted language in the RFP speaks of minority and women business enterprises. Kirk Buffington, Director of Procurement Services, advised that the contract was joint; there was not a sub, prime relationship between these two parties. Evidently there were conversations between the firms after the contracts were signed. Mayor Seiler asked if the City had involvement in that decision. Mr. Buffington advised there was no involvement of Procurement Services. Ms. Flynn indicated that she has no seen any documentation from the City asking Davenport not to participate, but the City was notified that the two firms had agreed that Davenport would not participate.

Commissioner Rodstrom thought that the rate payers may not have gotten the best possible representation because both firms were not on the bond deal. Ms. Flynn confirmed that they will both be on the next deal. The City Manager disagreed that the rate payers may not have gotten the best possible representation. It was a competitive process. They secured a very good rate and the bond rating was preserved. He felt the

City did very well. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that Mr. Hall indicated his knowledge of Build America bonds for a year. She questioned whether Davenport was involved in the conversation with Build America bonds came out and could have brought that to the table for the \$90 million bond issuance just approved, and could the City have gotten a better rate with these bonds and a negotiated approach. The City Manager referred to discussion at the February 16 meeting where bond counsel noted an obstacle with the City's covenants on existing water and sewer bonds. Commissioner Rodstrom did not believe that Fidelity has proven that they can deliver a product because they have never gone solo. Fidelity has been aware of things on two occasions over the past year and has not brought them to the Commission. She felt the Fidelity, working with Davenport, should have been pursuing Build America bonds and a negotiated approach in 2008 and 2009. She was concerned that money has been lost. The City Manager expressed concern that statements are made about professionals without any evidence. He was concerned about damaging reputations. Commissioner Rodstrom clarified it was not said that Build America bonds would not be possible but rather that the bondholders could not be found in order to get approval. If there was a year to work with, she questioned why it was not pursued.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted Davenport to handle the \$90 million issuance alone. She wanted them to start looking into Build America bonds now. The City should have a team in place for negotiated sales.

Mayor Seiler understood that staff had no involvement in one financial advisor not participating. If that is not correct, he would be concerned. In the finance world, members are brought to a team because of what they bring to the table. This bond issue had no involvement from one of the top ten firms in the country. The City Manager offered to look into whether Davenport did any consulting work. Mayor Seiler wanted confirmation that the City was not involved in the decision and that the decision was made between Davenport and Fidelity.

Upcoming and Past Events

Mayor Seiler announced upcoming events and mentioned the success of previous events.

Dillard High School Girls Basketball Team: State Champions

Commissioner DuBose announced that Dillard High School girls basketball team is now the state champions. Recognition of the team will be scheduled for March 16 regular meeting.

Red Light Camera Traffic Enforcement Systems

Michael McAllister of LSN Partners, representing American Traffic Solutions, noted a recent bench order by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judge Jerald Bagley in Miami-Dade County that invalidated a single ticket issued in Aventura with respect to red light cameras. He found that cities have the authority to regulate roads, but his issue had to do with whether a fine could be issued, using an unmanned camera. This particular issue will go on appeal. The City Attorney added that it was based on an attorney general's opinion that said it had to be observed by a police officer. Mr. McAllister provided a copy of the hearing transcript that was entered into the record. While the

case is on appeal, the judge has not issued any types of injunctions, such as, requesting Aventura to stop issuing tickets. The judge's opinion is not binding on any other judge. There have been no requests to suspend any programs in Florida due to this ruling. He elaborated upon protective language in the City's contract. American Traffic Solutions is confident that upcoming legislation will be successful, making this all moot. He went on to point out that the average citizen overwhelmingly supports red light cameras and noted a recent Florida survey.

The following information was furnished in response to the Commission's questions. Mr. McAllister advised that typically the municipality and the camera vendor are responsible for defense of court challenges. He outlined the time frame with respect to the appeal. Aventura's program has been operational for over a year. The City Attorney advised that the City has not expended any money at this point, although it may be obligated for some to the contractor. The contract calls for the cameras to be installed. If the City backs out of the contract for other than legislative action or a court of competent jurisdiction finds it illegal, the City is responsible for up to \$100,000 per camera installed, which could include some of the work done thus far. There was no written order; it relies on an attorney general's opinion. He was not aware of any cameras having been installed. Terminology in the contract is installation, not operating costs. The City Attorney's Office recommends proceeding, although not full-speed, until there is a court of competent jurisdiction. He did not believe this circuit court in Miami-Dade County is such. However, the Third District Court of Appeals will be a court of competent jurisdiction because it will apply statewide. By the time the cameras are installed, the City will have a good idea of the legislature's standing. The City's ordinance could easily be modified to accommodate legislation in two pending bills. The third pending bill would not allow red light cameras. The proposed legislation will have a significant financial impact on the City. It will have to be worked out with the vendor. It may not be worthwhile for either the City or the vendor to go forward with it. The City would be responsible for defending its ordinance. When the City embarked upon this, there was litigation all over the state. It was anticipated that litigation would be well in-hand before the City was involved in a lawsuit.

The City Auditor strongly recommended escrowing these funds. From an accounting perspective, revenue may be budgeted if the City can reasonably anticipate there is a legal right to those revenues. He did not believe the City has assurance that it can collect and utilize these funds within the short-term. The City Manager noted that the decision was made during the budget process that there was a reasonable chance. The Police Department is relying upon the \$1.8 million. In order to escrow the funds, there would need to be \$1.8 million in cuts in that departmental budget. He preferred to move forward and if the money has to be returned, there are adequate reserves in order to accomplish this. It is unknown whether one court ruling in another jurisdiction has had an impact. The City Auditor recalled at the time it was thought that the court would rule in favor of Aventura, but has now ruled against Aventura. The City Attorney pointed out that there is sixty days before any money would be collected. During that time the legislative session will have started and the City will be able to hopefully figure out the tendency and make a decision then. The City Auditor noted that as it is general fund revenue, it should not come from the Police Department's budget. The City Manager disagreed and explained the money was relied upon during the budget process so that the Police Department would not have to make additional cuts. Commissioner Rodstrom questioned how such cuts could be made to the Police Department when the original

philosophy was to exempt public safety. Mayor Seiler asked this discussion be held until May.

Commissioner Rogers thought that funding from tickets should be escrowed at the minimum.

There was consensus approval not to take any action at this time. Mayor Seiler requested the matter be brought back to the Commission on May 4, 2010.

I-C – Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Calendar

Shonda Singleton-Taylor, Acting Director of Management and Budget, indicated at the February 16 meeting staff was requested to provide a budget calendar, an estimate of the ad valorem loss based on information from the Broward County Property Appraiser and for a representative of the Budget Advisory Board to attend this meeting.

Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that the calendar does not show any meeting dates for exclusive discussion of the budget by the Commission. The City Manager explained the proposed approach is to schedule budget discussion on the Commission's agenda each month and for the Budget Advisory Board each month to highlight one of the four major departments that represent eighty percent of the budget. The departments have been asked to consider the budget from a program perspective so that there can be real discussion on services. He elaborated upon understanding the challenge in reducing staff and minimum requirements. There may be things that the City offers that people are no longer interested in funding.

Keith Cobb, chair of the Budget Advisory Board, explained they will provide recommendations. They believe the process is better organized if it begins with guidance from the Commission, then the City Manager and down to the departments. Starting at the bottom does not necessarily bring one to a rational answer. The board recognizes that is tough for the Commission. He was not certain the budget could be balanced with the same guidance the Commission offered last year. However, the board believes the Commission did the right thing by providing guidance last year and should do the same thing this year. It will be easier to do this today than four months from now.

Mr. Cobb agreed with Mayor Seiler of having the Commission's guidance in place by April. The administrative process begins on March 15. It would be appropriate to have guidance from the Commission and the City Manager before the administrative process is too far along. Mayor Seiler suggested the Commission target April 6 to develop their guidelines. There was consensus approval to hold a joint workshop with the Budget Advisory Board on April 6, 12 noon, and the conference at 2 p.m. Mr. Cobb suggested the recommendations embrace tax policy and expenditure policy. Expenditures should be examined from a level of service point of view.

Commissioner DuBose wanted public input to help the Commission shape the guidelines. He felt by drawing people into the equation early, there will be a better understanding. It was pointed out that there are other Florida communities taking this approach. Mr. Cobb felt the City could provide the public with broad parameters of the critical issues, such as the proposed tax revenue shortfall and natural escalation in the

budget. After a discussion on approaches, there was consensus approval to call a budget public hearing on May 11, 2010, 7 p.m., in the chambers at City Hall.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Cobb advised that the idea of meeting with the slated departments was the board's idea. He anticipated the board arriving at recommendations for the Commission at their meeting tomorrow. The board will be looking at the non-recurring revenues.

The City Auditor felt that the board's calendar of meetings with the departments should be vigorously publicized. Mayor Seiler asked a mass email be sent out.

I-A – State Road A-1-A – Oakland Park Boulevard to Flamingo Avenue – Florida Department of Transportation 3R Project – Options for Use of Lane Reduction Right of Way and Streetscape Improvements

Peter Partington, City Engineer, highlighted information in Commission Agenda Report 10-0340. There was consensus approval on Alternative 1.

A discussion ensued on whether to approve an upgrade that would include painting the five traffic signal mast arms or to leave the galvanized material unpainted. Jim Hughes, Florida Department of Transportation, stated that painting them in the future does not work because of the fabrication. There was no consensus for any of the upgrades shown in the commission agenda report.

I-B – Bridge Replacement – Isle of Venice, Fiesta Way, Nurmi Drive and Royal Palm Drive

Ray Holzweiss, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), noted these bridges are owned and maintained by the City. The project is federally funded. The study process includes environmental and engineering issues and public involvement. Odalys Delgado of HNTB Corporation, Florida Department of Transportation consultant, reviewed slides on this matter. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. Additionally, she noted that the sufficiency rating is 1-100. Both fire and garbage trucks and tractor trailers would typically weigh more than the current 9 ton limit; none of these vehicles should cross these bridges on a regular basis.

Craig Toth of HNTB Corporation, Florida Department of Transportation consultant, highlighted the slide containing deficiencies noted in the latest inspection reports. Because of their sufficiency ratings, these bridges are inspected annually.

Ms. Delgado noted during the August public meetings, there was a lot of support for keeping the symmetry between the bridge and the roadway. Because FDOT is sensitive to these being unique bridges, there has been a lot of public outreach. FDOT has agreed to all of the community requests shown on the slide titled "Comments and Recommendations" except keeping decorative bridge lighting. The bridges do not meet current FDOT standards, therefore in order to do what the community would like will require FDOT deviating from its standards.

Continuing review of the slides, Mr. Toth noted deficiencies with the safety curbs and walls. Ms. Delgado advised that standard variations must be approved by the City as well as FDOT.

In response to Mayor Seiler, Ms. Delgado noted the locations of previously held public meetings on this project and that six-foot sidewalks are proposed.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

James Musters, Nurmi Isles Homeowners Association, indicated this association would include three of the four bridges. The association has been convinced that the bridges need to be replaced. The residents want to maintain their character, look and feel. By keeping them narrow, it will demarcate the neighborhoods from Las Olas Boulevard and discourage highway intensity. There was some conflict on the height of the barrier wall, but that has mostly been worked out. A remaining decision has to do with the side railings, whether to include sidewalks.

Mr. Toth indicated that the decorative lighting might be possible to incorporate when they move into the design/build phase. He indicated that FDOT is set on providing some sort of sidewalk. There is no place for someone to go if there is a vehicle on the bridge. Mr. Musters indicated the residents can live with minimal sidewalks on both sides.

Mr. Toth referred to the Cultural Resources Committee and concern about preservation of the barrier wall from a historic standpoint. He noted it has not been crash-tested, FDOT has no plans to know about the structural steel. FDOT is proposing bringing this to current minimum residential standards for pedestrians by replacing it with either a 42-inch high wall or a 32-inch high wall with a handrail. Mr. Musters explained that FDOT has not been willing to discuss the sides of the bridges and wanted to focus on footprint and lane width. He elaborated why the residents want to keep the wall height down. Mr. Toth explained it is not possible to deviate on these issues and use federal funding. Mr. Musters indicated beyond the urns is the Las Olas Boulevard barrier wall and railing which is distinctly much lower. There was a special variation for the Las Olas wall. Mr. Toth explained that Mr. Musters is only one voice on the committee.

Commissioner Rodstrom commented on the improvements made during the public input process.

Ken Hardin of Janus Research, FDOT consultant, explained that in order to get federal funding, these bridges have already been determined to be national registry (historic) eligible, therefore, it is important to minimize harm to them. There will be an agreement on the mitigation executed by the Florida Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Highway Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation. The only way to maintain the walls is to continue with repairs. Mr. Holzweiss commented that there has been lengthy discussion about the walls. The only way to maintain the walls is not replace the bridges and continue with repairs. The weight limit would continue to decrease. A new bridge would not look exactly the same, but it could be white, flared, decorative treatment on the outside. The change in the wall appearance would be minimized as much as possible. Commissioner Rodstrom emphasized that the safety issue be stressed to the neighborhood.

Ms. Delgado explained that FDOT needs a clarification from the Commission that it will support the replacement option.

Mr. Musters indicated that the association is convinced that the bridges need to be replaced. He recapped his thinking about the historic aspect being that it is not so much the structural elements as the flavor or how they fit into the neighborhood as an entranceway. They were also informed during previous discussions that if a major repair is done and a certain threshold percentage is reached, it is then considered a new structure and all of the historical elements go away anyway. He reiterated support in replacement. As to suggestions to keep pieces of the structure, he believed they came from people outside of the community.

There was consensus approval to replace the bridges.

I-D – Public Notices and Advertisements – Senate Bill 376 - Not addressed

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

No objection.

II-A – Lohmeyer Wastewater Treatment Plant – Motor for Injection Wells – Emergency Repair

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, explained policy on emergency purchases.

III-A – Communications to City Commission and Minutes Circulated for Period ending February 25, 2010

Citizens Sustainability 'Green' Committee

By unanimous consensus, the Committee requested the City Commission replace the vacancy left by David Waring.

By unanimous voice vote, the Committee agreed to forward the proposed Farm to Energy Bill resolution as amended to the City Commission.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to see the bill. Vice Mayor Roberts asked about how it relates to the City's agreement with Florida Power and Light Company.

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, noted the bill was just filed on February 24 and offered to provide it to the Commission. In response to Mayor Seiler, Kathleen Gunn, Grants and Legislative Affairs, was not aware of any deadline, but offered to find out.

Mayor Seiler asked this item be scheduled for March 16, 2010.

In response to Commissioner Rogers, the City Clerk noted there was some confusion on the item, but agreed the process is to funnel requests to the Committee.

Mayor Seiler asked that Ms. Gunn also determine whether the issue is related to a federal resolution or memorial and has some deadline in that respect.

III-B – Board and Committee Vacancies**Audit Advisory Board**

The City Clerk advised that at the last meeting Cindy Probeck was offered as an appointment to the Audit Advisory Board. This would not be a consensus appointment. Vice Mayor Roberts and Commissioners Rodstrom and DuBose currently have vacancies. Arleen Gross, City Clerk's Office, advised Ms. Probeck resides in Commissioner Rogers' district. Vice Mayor Roberts offered to fill his vacancy with Ms. Probeck.

Code Enforcement Board

Mayor Seiler asked the City Clerk to contact Michael Madfis and determine if he would serve on the Code Enforcement Board.

Budget Advisory Board

Commissioner Rogers recommended Ray Williams be reinstated.

Community Services Board

Vice Mayor Roberts recommended Suzanne Higgins.

Marine Advisory Board

Commissioner Rogers confirmed his recommendation to reappoint Randolph Adams.

V – City Manager Reports - None

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:32 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONFERENCE MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

**Walter Hinton, et al. vs. City of Fort Lauderdale
(Lincoln Park/Durrs Neighborhood)
Case No. 07-30358.04**