

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 20, 2010**

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**11:30 A.M.**

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Present: Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Vice Mayor Romney Rogers  
Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts  
Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom.  
Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose arrived momentarily.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager George Gretsas  
City Auditor John Herbst  
City Attorney Harry A. Stewart  
City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph  
Sergeant At Arms None

Mayor Seiler expressed pleasure to recognize individuals who have provided exemplary community service. He emphasized the strong sense of volunteerism and service throughout the city. He acknowledged former honorees, members of the Citizen Recognition Award Committee, and other officials in the audience. He provided a brief history of the citizen recognition program.

**2010 Exemplary Former City Employee – John F. Hoelzle**

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Roberts recognized John F. Hoelzle as the 2010 Exemplary Former City Employee. He read the associated resolution outlining Mr. Hoelzle's background and accomplishments, as well as contributions to the City.

Mr. Hoelzle thanked the Commission. He recognized the current and prior Commission for their support of the Parking and Fleet Services Department. He thanked the City Manager and expressed gratitude to Bruce Larkin for hiring him. He thanked his family and the Parking and Fleet Services staff for their service to the City.

**2010 Honored Founder – Robert Paul Kelley**

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

Vice Mayor Rogers introduced the Kelley family. On behalf of the Commission, Vice Mayor Rogers recognized Robert Paul Kelley as the 2010 Honored Founder. He read the associated resolution outlining Mr. Kelley's background and accomplishments, as well as contributions to the City.

On behalf of his father and family, Mr. Kelley's son, Robert, thanked the Commission. He expressed gratitude to all in attendance for sharing in this event. He recalled his father's love for the community. He remembered a favorite quote of his father's, "Life is good and we live in paradise". He emphasized his father's love for the City and expressed hope that his children would continue the legacy of community service.

**2010 Distinguished Citizen Award – Peter Feldman**

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

Commissioner DuBose introduced the Feldman family. He recalled conversations with Mr. Feldman in which his passion for the City, specifically the northwest section, was apparent. On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner DuBose recognized Peter Feldman as the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award. He read the associated resolution outlining Mr. Feldman's background and accomplishments, as well as contributions to the City.

On behalf of Mr. Feldman and his family, Douglas P. Eagon, thanked the selection committee and the Commission. He recalled Mr. Feldman's life philosophy of not taking things too seriously. Mr. Feldman's brother, Ron, was pleased that Peter lived to see the Flagler Heights Progresso area evolve into a viable downtown neighborhood. He provided a history of Mr. Feldman's accomplishments as a builder and recalled multiple City projects in which he was involved. He elaborated upon Mr. Feldman's personal qualities which contributed to his success. On behalf of Mr. Feldman, his brother thanked the Commission and the selection committee. Mr. Feldman's mother, Cecille, also thanked the City and Mr. Feldman's friends for their love.

**2010 Citizen of the Year – James Theodore "Ted" Fling**

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Rodstrom recognized Ted Fling as the 2010 Citizen of the Year. She read the associated resolution outlining Mr. Fling's background and accomplishments, as well as contributions to the City.

Mr. Fling acknowledged Mr. Feldman's exemplary assistance to the Victoria Park Civic Association. He recognized his brother and sister-in-law for their attendance and members of the Victoria Park Civic Association. He mentioned the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations and their support to Victoria Park. Mr. Fling recalled his prior work as a police sergeant and was honored to be currently involved with the City's police department. He thanked the Commission and the selection committee.

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Mayor Seiler pointed out that the Commission's job is made easier because of citizens like those recognized today. He challenged the young people in the audience to lead meaningful lives. He mentioned the Mayor's Volunteer Challenge in honor of the Centennial Celebration and thanked everyone for attending. He offered special congratulations and thanks to the honorees and their families.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m. to take photos of the honorees and to view the Distinguished Citizen Plaque unveiling in the courtyard.

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John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Mayor

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Jonda K. Joseph  
City Clerk