

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2010**

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**CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING      1:38 P.M.      October 5, 2010**

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

Also Present:              Acting City Manager              Allyson C. Love  
                                    City Auditor                      John Herbst  
                                    City Clerk                        Jonda K. Joseph  
                                    City Attorney                  Harry A. Stewart  
                                    Sergeant At Arms              Sergeant Harvey Jacques

Absent:                      Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts

**I-A – Centennial Celebration – Centennial Celebration Committee Recommendations Including Fundraising Strategy**

Congressman Clay Shaw, chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee, explained that instead of requesting funding, the committee has and will continue to try to raise funds. He mentioned the challenges that the Sunshine Law presents. He reviewed slides on this subject. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. Claire Crawford, vice chair of the committee, continued review of the slides.

Wil Shriner of Wil Shriner Productions, displayed a sample photo montage video, indicating it could be shown on walls of buildings, airport, port and so forth. It would celebrate different aspects of the city and how it has changed. There would be eight to ten photo montages, telling a story of how areas have changed. A copy of the video was made a part of the record.

Ms. Crawford responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question about collecting the history of Las Olas and Sistrunk boulevards and community outreach. Vice Mayor Rogers explained how he has pursued community outreach in District IV, asking neighborhoods to hold a centennial event. The historian could help each neighborhood that is interested with respect to collecting and organizing historical information. In response to Commissioner DuBose's question about the Sanctioned Events Through 2011 slide, both Mayor Seiler and Ms. Crawford confirmed that the Sistrunk Festival would assuredly be a centennial event. Congressman Clay Shaw, chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee, advised that a letter was sent to neighborhoods asking for their participation by bringing projects forward. Commissioner Rodstrom emphasized and Chairman Shaw confirmed this is the time for district commissioners to conduct neighborhood outreach.

Ms. Crawford responded to Commissioner DuBose's question of how events would be centennialized. Mayor Seiler viewed the slide on sanctioned events as a sampling and not complete and mentioned others that come to mind. There should be several events every month.

Commissioner DuBose pointed out that there was nothing from the northwest in the photo montage video, no one of color. When making a presentation to the Commission of which District III is a segment, he felt it should have included everyone. He likened it to the poster that did not (initially) reflect the northwest. However, he felt the committee is doing a phenomenal job. Mr. Shriner explained the idea is to celebrate the entire city

in all of the districts. He used his own personal photos, growing up around Las Olas, for this example. There are 35,000 photos from which the montages will be made. Commissioner DuBose reiterated his belief that the presentation should have included everyone although it may have been an innocent oversight. Presentations should reflect how far this city has come.

With respect to fundraising, Vice Mayor Rogers suggested a letter and Mayor Seiler agreed it should have the signatures of the full Commission.

Vice Mayor Rogers asked the City Attorney to proceed with whatever action is necessary concerning the sign ordinance. Kathleen Gunn, Assistant to the City Manager, Grants, Legislative Affairs and Compliance, indicated they would like this done early enough for the Beach Business Improvement District holiday lighting project. Ina Lee, chair of marketing, explained that part of the joint project of the Beach Business Improvement District and the Community Redevelopment Agency was to expand holiday lighting and include a large "100" at A-1-A and Las Olas Boulevard. An RFP is in the process of being released. Plans are for holiday lighting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Gunn indicated the time frame would be November 23 through March, after dark. At that time, because of turtle season, the "100" would be relocated.

With respect to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street lighting, Chairman Shaw explained that the Florida Department of Transportation would like the City to assume all maintenance including the electricity cost. He saw it as unreasonable. There would not be any additional electricity cost. The lighting would be computerized and would change for each holiday. Mayor Seiler agreed to discuss this with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) at another meeting planned later in the month (concerning rails). Ms. Gunn offered to follow-up on staff's work on design required for FDOT's consideration before Mayor Seiler's contemplated meeting with FDOT. Such plans will determine the true cost. The amount of \$145,000 is for materials only.

Ms. Gunn went on to explain that the committee wanted to make sure that the Commission supports the various ideas that the committee is working on. With consensus, the committee would proceed with fundraising, addressing non-capital items first. Chairman Shaw explained that it would be helpful to have exact project costs when working on fundraising. However, the committee does not have the ability to develop such numbers whereas city staff does. In order to ask for assistance, the information is needed.

The City Attorney responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question, advising that a commissioner could hold a fundraiser at his home that could be attended by other members of the Commission. Checks would be made payable to the City for this particular purpose.

Mayor Seiler wanted to hold an event when all of the historical markers are in-place. In response to his question about the park plaques, Donna Mergenhagen, chair of celebrate neighborhoods, explained the plans being made by individual neighborhood for the park plaques and the remaining markers at their cost. Concerning the centennial exhibits and history trunks, Mayor Seiler wanted a community celebration for the first of each one. He asked that the centennial exhibits be fully diversified. He wanted to reduce the birthday party budget. Ms. Gunn advised that amount is a worse case scenario that contemplates a very large event on both sides of the river. As to sanctioned events, he wanted to the slide information posted on the City's website so

that there is a centennial calendar. In this way organizations can add to it. Shannon Vezina, Public Information Office, listed the various centennial topics online at this time. Mayor Seiler thought the photo montage concept is brilliant; he envisioned them throughout the city. As to the (capital) projects, he asked that the cost estimates be firmed up. He thought the time capsule could be accomplished for much less than \$85,000; along the lines of \$1,000, as well as a monument for Sistrunk. He did not support the gator bridge, expending funds on a downtown bridge at this time. In response to Mayor Seiler, Ms. Crawford advised that the contributing partner categories are distinguished based on the benefits of each. Mayor Seiler noted adjustments to the contemplated capital projects and questioned the contributing partner categories. Jan Idelman, City Fundraiser, advised that some discussion has taken place about lowering the amounts in view of time constraint. Mayor Seiler suggested a title partner at \$100,000. He thought it might be difficult to find contributors in categories above \$25,000. He went on to suggest dollar levels. He felt there should be accommodation for individuals who want to contribute. He had no objection to an ordinance, similar to what adopted for the Superbowl, to permit a photo montage light show and BID (Beach Business Improvement District) holiday light display.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Wingate Payne, chair of legacy, indicated the committee plans to look at the larger city parks named after people and provide a plaque, identifying the particular honoree. The committee hopes this would continue to be done as parks are named in honor of people in the future. Commissioner Rodstrom thought that park impact fees could be used for this purpose.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Mayor Seiler responded to a suggestion by Fred Carlson, 625 Orton Avenue, about tapping into the organization that planned the Saint Patrick's Day parade for this event.

### **I-B – Cost Evaluation – Inline Check Valves for Reduction of Tidal Flooding**

Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works, noted Commission Agenda Report 10-1443 provides cost estimates for each of the eighteen outfalls, totaling almost \$237,000.

The following information was furnished in response to questions posed by the Commission. Mr. Carbon advised that staff met with the neighborhoods on cost sharing and outfall locations. The contractor's original estimate was \$416,000. Since that time, the contractor has walked the neighborhood to determine exact locations. There may be such things as relocating a light pole, for example.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to get the cost into a \$200,000 range and not wait for the stormwater master plan implementation. Mayor Seiler recalled previous discussion was about deciding upon a couple locations as a test. He confirmed for Commissioner DuBose that it would be considered a pilot program.

Tamara Tennant, president of Riviera Isles Homeowners Association, advised that she received the information on Friday. She explained that they (neighborhood representatives) met with the contractor and an engineer on the City's staff to look at the outfalls. Outfall 2 does not exist, so there are actually seventeen. She understood that cameras would be placed inside of the pipes by City staff this week during low tide. She asked about the hydraulic analysis shown in the previous cost estimate. Mr. Carbon advised it is included in the contingency for each area. Ms. Tennant noted there is a

balance of \$19,000 from the study conducted last year. Mr. Carbon advised in the 2009-2010 Capital Improvement Program, \$75,000 was identified for a Riviera Isles drainage analysis study. From that study, two alternatives were presented and deliberations have come to inline valves.

In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Carbon advised if the streets are raised, the yards will flood. He also confirmed for Commissioner Rodstrom that the pipes have been cleaned. She emphasized the need for a regular cleaning schedule.

In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Carbon advised that Solar Plaza 1 outfall was not included previously. He explained that the homeowner installed a concrete plug on the inlet side of Flamingo 3, however, this will need to be verify to determine there is no discharge from that outfall. Discussion turned to how to decide upon a pilot and partnership. Mayor Seiler suggested that three locations be chosen and the City would pay the previously mentioned \$19,000 and the neighborhood would match it. Bill Jayner of Riviera Isles, asked if there would be a refund if the pilot is successful. Mayor Seiler explained the challenge that has arisen is that other neighborhoods have come forward and shown that they have worse flooding. He felt a policy needs to be developed that would be fair throughout the city. Moreover some flooding is not as a result of the tides, but rather City issues. He questioned that it would be fair for residents not living near the water to pay for tidal problems. Mr. Jayner thought that everyone paying is part of being in a city. Mayor Seiler did not think the neighborhood should pay the full cost and that is why he would like to proceed with a test case. Mr. Jayner elaborated upon the history of this problem on his particular property dating back to 1977. Discussion ensued on why the property began to flood with saltwater instead of freshwater in the street and how inline valve technology has improved. Mayor Seiler felt if the problem was in fact created by the City, then it is the City's responsibility. Mr. Carbon pointed out the lack of history for the street. Mr. Jayner felt that drains were installed after the initial construction. He commented about the problem being never-ending because the street continues to sink.

In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Carbon advised that Riviera Isles is twenty-third on the project list (Exhibit 2 to Commission Agenda Report 10-1443) in terms of life, safety. He could not respond as to whether they are more life, safety than others. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Carbon reviewed the commission agenda report detail of the procedure for adding a project to the project list.

In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, Mr. Carbon recommended one street be completed for a proper test area. As to all of the other projects shown on the project list, Commissioner DuBose pointed out that this is only a snapshot of the entire issue that needs to be addressed. Discussion returned to history on attempts to address this.

Commissioner Rodstrom emphasized the merits of providing a solution in this case. Mayor Seiler was concerned about neighborhoods ahead of Riviera Isles on the project list. With a pilot project, the City could reconcile why Riviera Isles was addressed before the others. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Carbon provided more detail as to criteria for areas to be added to the list. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted more information about the number of complaints registered before an area has been placed on the project list. Mr. Carbon offered to provide more information. Mayor Seiler requested copies of the project list in years before this Commission was seated. Commissioner DuBose concluded that prioritizing in general for this work needs to be visited by the Commission. Mayor Seiler concurred and added if a mistake was made by the City which resulted in an area needing attention, he believed it is the City's obligation

to do the repair. Discussion ensued as to cost-sharing and the history around this particular area.

Joe Holland, 1919 NE 32 Avenue, pointed out that the valves are maintenance intensive and a pilot program does not provide information over a twenty-year life cycle. Perhaps other adjustments could be made in conjunction with the utility undergrounding. He suggested the Commission provide some direction as to the special assessment aspect. The neighborhoods should be responsible for the maintenance and operational costs and the City bear the capital cost. Commissioner Rodstrom felt the neighborhood's taxes are sufficient.

Mr. Jayner was opposed to the scenario set forth by Mr. Holland. He wanted to be assessed more for this need, but not \$30,000 for each residence. Mayor Seiler thought the City should bear the entire cost according to the project list, however, he did not know how the list was compiled. Riviera Isles is not slated until 2014-2015. Perhaps the funding could be refunded in 2014-2015, the proper cycle. Mr. Jayner pointed out that if only one street is done, all of the other neighbors will be upset. He did not want it on his street. Mayor Seiler did not think it makes sense to complete all three streets (in Riviera Isles) without knowing it will work. Mr. Jayner contended the valves work, otherwise the manufacturer would not be in business.

Mayor Seiler wanted more information on maintenance cost. Mr. Carbon elaborated upon volume and staffing challenges and indicated he could not respond at this time as to the cost. The new installation method requires a lot less maintenance.

Commissioner Rodstrom stressed the crux of the problem is prioritization of the project list. She wanted to know, for example, when Sunrise Key first registered a complaint. She was not satisfied with the project list. Mr. Carbon indicated that research would be necessary for that information, however, it is basically first come, first served. If a complaint is registered and the criteria are not met, the area is not added to the project list. Commissioner Rodstrom felt the Commission should establish the priority based on when the complaint was registered.

Mayor Seiler suggested the residents pay for the installations now because this area is being moved forward on the list and they would be reimbursed at the time their area was slated to be completed according to the project list. This would be considered a pilot project. Ms. Tennant indicated the residents want to know if they will be reimbursed and whether the City would maintain the valves. Mayor Seiler assured that the City would maintain the valves. Discussion ensued on funding and the number of valves wherein Mayor Seiler confirmed for Mr. Jayner that if the Commission decided to approach the problem citywide, Riviera Isles might be reimbursed sooner. The City Attorney explained that it would essentially be borrowing money and the City is prohibited from borrowing money for more than twelve months without taxpayer approval, a referendum. However, it may be possible in the case of an enterprise fund.

Ms. Tennant pointed out that she has been working on this matter since 2006. She also wanted to know about the prioritization of the project list. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Carbon clarified that the project list was not created by the Commission. Commissioner Rodstrom requested the Acting City Manager to provide information as to the dates that projects 1-31 (Planning Stage Category of Exhibit 2) came in.

In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Carbon estimated the pilot project construction could start about ten weeks after Commission approval of the contract change order. Construction would require four days per location, including all four streets noted for Riviera Isles. He suggested starting in January. He drew attention to the street raising of Flamingo Drive and Solar Drive shown as being on hold on the project list. He agreed to place the change order on the October 19 regular meeting, including a recommendation on locations. The City Auditor pointed out that a change order should not be authorized until the funding is appropriated which means a commitment from the neighborhood. Mayor Seiler noted the Commission has expressed agreement to the \$19,000 previously allocated toward a fifty percent cost-share that he thought would cover at least three valves.

The City Attorney responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question about the process for increasing the stormwater fee.

### **I-C – Citywide Boating Initiative**

Carlos Vidueira, executive director of Marine Industries Association of South Florida, noted that the marine industry experienced unprecedented growth in the last ten to fifteen years, but all businesses have been impacted by what has happened with the economy. He went on to review slides on this topic. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes.

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

No discussion.

### **II-A – August 2010 Monthly Financial Report**

Fred Carlson, 625 Orton Avenue, noted many of the fees are dramatically increasing. They are considered as cost of living and taxes. Mayor Seiler explained the goal is to recover costs for services from those who are specifically using the services. As a City, the tax and fire rates have not increased.

### **II-B – Follow-Up Review of Audits – Parking Services Enterprise Fund and Procurement Services**

A copy of the audit findings and comments is attached to these minutes. The City Auditor referred to the Procurement Services audit where most of the findings have been implemented. Some are still in process. He drew attention to Finding 8 – Code, Section 2-182, relating to purchases of supplies and contractual services requires that three competitive bids be obtained by mail or by telephone whenever the total cost does not exceed \$25,000. He knew that revisions to the procurement code are forthcoming and went on to note Auditor Comment 1 - Code, Section 2-175(d) currently separates procurement for Public Works from Procurement Services, and Auditor Comment 10 – purchasing dollar thresholds, bid solicitation process and staffing norms, which also has to do with revising the purchasing code. Auditor Comment 13 – Code, Section 2-181, absence of a formal contract is not in the best interest of the City.

Parking and Fleet Services

The City Auditor referred to the Parking and Fleet Services audit where most of the findings have been implemented, except Finding 3.1 – Human Resources Department performs criminal background checks only for initial hires and promotions and does not currently conduct credit checks for employees with cash handling responsibilities. This recommendation is citywide. Financial distress over time is a key fraud indicator over time. Ongoing credit checks for employees who handle cash as a daily part of their job would be an important mechanism for reducing fraud. Vice Mayor Rogers asked about other controls already in place that could override the concern. He noted by balancing daily, any issue would be found in 24-72 hours. The City Auditor indicated expense is minimal, \$20. The City would be alerted to individuals who may be under financial stress. It sends a strong message about the internal control and ethical environments. It is a preventative tool. A discussion followed as to what is done in other industries, the amount of cash the City handles and the number of affected employees. Commissioner Rodstrom supported the recommendation and suggested perhaps a one-year test implementation. Vice Mayor Rogers questioned what would be done with the information once it is produced. The City Auditor explained for those found to be in significant financial distress, there should be more oversight of their activities. He did not think the City would be obligated to provide credit counseling. Commissioner DuBose was concerned about the potential for subjectivity. He thought it could be abused. He had the same concerns as Vice Mayor Rogers. Multiple checks on one's credit affects the score. He felt the recommendation is too far-reaching. The City Auditor shared information on studies having to do with theft. Both Commissioner DuBose and Vice Mayor Rogers noted that other controls are already in place. He agreed with daily counts.

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Attorney indicated he discussed this matter with the Director of Human Resources and raised issues that have been discussed. The most important issue is what will be done with the information, once it is collected. Placing someone under more scrutiny because their credit score goes down will probably be problematic. If it could be attributed to a protective class, it would be serious trouble.

Averill Dorsett, Director of Human Resources, indicated that she has had this discussion for a number of years with the City Auditor. She vehemently disagrees with the recommendation. She did not think there is any study that shows that low credit scores of people show that they have a propensity to steal. The audit clearly shows that there are protective controls in place. The majority of cash handlers are women, which is a protective class. For those employees in a collective bargaining unit, this would have to be negotiated. She questioned what would be done with the information once it is collected. There are employees who can go into people's homes and those who deal with other valuables.

Diana Alarcon, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, responded to the question of whether there has been any instances, indicating there was one instance of theft in parking and fleet services over two years ago. Commissioner Rodstrom was aware of an instance in the parks and recreation department. The City Auditor indicated that there have been thefts and as a result changes were made which have led to a better control environment. This is only one tool. The Acting City Manager felt managers need preventative and detection controls. Credit reports would provide more information about employees that would make a manager speculate and she was not sure the City would want to do this. Controls are the most important. The goal should be to try to prevent and to detect as soon as possible. It is not fool-proof. With an occurrence, the controls



should be examined to see what allowed it to happen. If it was possible to identify a problem as early as possible, the controls would be working.

Mayor Seiler asked the Human Resources Director to consult her professional organization as to whether there are any governmental entities who have such a policy and any associated issues.

### Procurement Services

The City Auditor reiterated that most of the recommendations have been implemented or are in process, and asked the procurement services director to speak to updates to the code.

Kirk Buffington, Director of Procurement Services, indicated that he concurs with most of the suggestions. The ordinance has not been updated since before 1996. A protest ordinance will be brought forward on October 19 as requested by the Commission.

Mr. Buffington responded to Mayor Seiler's question about Finding 4 – Purchasing Code and noted that the procurement manual has been updated; changes to the ordinance are left to be done and he has not been directed to bring those forward to the Commission. In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, the City Auditor indicated that the City's ordinance conflicts with some sections of the Florida statutes and in some sections it conflicts within itself. Vice Mayor Rogers and Commissioner Rodstrom wanted this resolved at a minimum.

Mr. Buffington responded to Mayor Seiler's question about Finding 5 – Continuity of Operations Plan and advised that it is almost complete; he estimated October/November for completion.

Concerning Finding 8 – Code, Sections 2-182 and 2-180 conflicting on purchasing and contracting requirements for supplies and contractual services and in response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Buffington advised that this should be resolved. The City Attorney agreed to followup on this item.

Concerning Auditor Comment 1 – Code, Section 2-174(d) currently separates procurement for public works from procurement services and in response to Mayor Seiler, the City Auditor explained there is a separate track that does not go through procurement services, making it difficult to track and control. Mr. Buffington advised that this would be a tremendous organizational change. The Acting City Manager advised that the mechanics of accomplishing this have not yet been figured out. Mr. Buffington indicated it is not ready to come forward to the Commission and he recommended waiting until the city management transition is more settled. In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, Mr. Buffington explained his role in procurement; he does not have expertise in each field where goods and services are needed.

Concerning Auditor Comment 4 – Performance Measures and in response to Mayor Seiler, the City Auditor indicated this is a broad topic of discussion. The performance measurement system within the city, by and large, is inadequate in that it does not measure outcomes. Procurement services has been fairly proactive in adopting better measures. A general discussion on the topic ensued. Both Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Rodstrom thought such measurement would be a good idea (department by department). Mr. Buffington indicated his work on this is ongoing, two new measures

have been developed. Although it is not at the top of the priority list, he will continue to work on it.

Concerning Auditor Comment 10 – Purchasing Dollar Thresholds, Bid Solicitation Process and Staffing Norms, Mayor Seiler understood this is already set to come back to the Commission.

Concerning Auditor Comment 11 – Contract Term and Extensions and in response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Buffington advised that contracts now, with very few exceptions, are four years. Concerning Recommendation 3, it will be simple to add the language from Article 5.11 of the general terms and conditions document to the municipal code. This could be addressed with the code revision required for another finding discussed earlier (Finding 4). Recommendation 2, allow a contract term not to exceed five years for those contracts in which the vendor has to make an upfront investment of at least \$50,000, has been implemented.

Concerning Auditor Comment 13 – Absence of Formal Contract and in response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Buffington advised that formal contracts are done, but it is not in the code. It is part of the changes proposed to be made.

#### **I-D – Surplus City Owned Properties**

Commissioner DuBose suggested and there was consensus to defer this item until Commissioner Roberts could be present. Mayor Seiler asked it be placed on the October 19, 2010 conference agenda.

#### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 4:50 P.M.**

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

**Henry Bonner and Andrea Bonner vs. City of Fort Lauderdale Case 08-037302(05).**

#### **CLOSED DOOR ENDED AT 5:35 P.M.**

Note: The City Commission recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened the conference meeting beginning with Commission Reports at approximately 8:31 p.m. in the City Commission meeting room on the first floor of City Hall.

#### **City Commission Reports**

##### **Financial Advisor RFP; Utility Undergrounding Special Assessment**

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Lynda Flynn, Interim Director of Finance, outlined the timeline for this RFP. Commissioner Rodstrom noted bonding options for infrastructure, such as utility undergrounding, and hoped that the selected financial advisor could bring such products to the city. She asked that the Acting City Manager secure an approximate estimate from Florida Power and Light Company for neighborhood undergrounding so that this information could be furnished to the financial advisor. In this way an estimated cost could be furnished to people who are petitioning for undergrounding.

Community Services Board; Cultural Arts and Tourism

Commissioner Rodstrom recalled she had suggested creating a board for cultural arts and tourism. However, the previous Commission added those duties to the Community Services Board because there was reluctance to create new boards at the time. Because the two topics do not have much to do with each other, appointed members have not had much to do with cultural arts and tourism. She wanted to move those duties to the Economic Development Advisory Board. She felt it would be move thriving with that board. She requested this be placed on a conference agenda.

Barrier Island Town Hall Meeting

Commissioner Rodstrom announced the upcoming meeting on this topic.

Sign Ordinance

Vice Mayor Rogers noted problems of small businesses and emphasized the need to consider proposals from the Economic Development Advisory Board concerning amendments to the sign ordinance.

Discount Holiday Parking and Las Olas Boulevard Streetscape

Vice Mayor Rogers noted the discount holiday parking that was done last year and requested it be done again this year. He mentioned that Las Olas Boulevard, from Himmarshee to 15th, is hurting more than the east end. He believed part of the problem has to do with streetscape. He wanted something be added to the capital improvement program budget.

Centennial Celebration

Vice Mayor Rogers indicated he has asked District IV neighborhoods to develop an idea to mark the city's centennial. He suggested all district commissioners do the same.

Business Education Seminar

Vice Mayor Rogers announced an upcoming business education seminar.

NW 7<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector

Commissioner DuBose announced an upcoming public meeting on this item.

Centennial Celebration

Mayor Seiler encouraged the Commission to work on raising awareness and motivating their districts including the neighborhood associations.

Upcoming Events

Mayor Seiler announced upcoming events.

**III-A – Communications to City Commission and Minutes Circulated for Period Ending September 30, 2010**

**Short Term Residential Use Committee**

**Motion was made by Ms. Myers and seconded by Mr. Mastriana** to send a Communication to the City Commission to inform them that the Committee is putting together an interim report with all the information gathered to date, and that they would like to hold a public forum in the near future to gather additional public input. They would also like the City Commission to instruct the police department to provide additional information about nuisance complaints, relative to the location of enforcement actions.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler asked the Police Chief to furnish needed information on nuisance complaints.

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

Note: Please see regular meeting, Item R-03.

**City Manager Reports** - none

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.