

**FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

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**CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING      1:37 P.M.      November 2, 2010**

Present: Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler  
Vice Mayor Romney Rogers, Commissioners Bruce G. Roberts,  
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 Tim McCarthy

**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 1:37 P.M.**

**The City Commission shall meet privately pursuant to Florida Statutes 447.605, regarding the following:**

**Collective Bargaining**

**CLOSED DOOR SESSION ENDED AT 2:40 P.M.**

Note: The City Commission reconvened at 2:43 p.m. and addressed City Commission Reports in the City Commission meeting room on the first floor of City Hall.

**I-A – Urban Oasis Initiative – Public/Private Partnership – Downtown Development Authority, Las Olas River House Association, Simmons Vedder Partners**

Chris Wren, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), explained this is an way to improve the downtown on a temporary basis while some construction sites are awaiting for the economy to turn. He noted the two subject sites, their general locations and the vision: Simmons Vedder (Las Olas Boulevard between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) and Jeff Ostrow (northwest corner of Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue). He displayed renderings of the improvements, including fencing art wrap, sod, oak trees in containers. Once the site is constructed, if the developer does not wish to purchase the trees, they will be moved to another downtown site. There will be additional landscape material on the corners. In the evening, there will be lighting. The Ostrow site will be made into a pocket park, working in conjunction with Nova University. Both are anticipated to be completed in about two months for a cost of approximately \$100,000. There are discussions about expanding the concept to unopened stores on a temporary basis.

Mayor Seiler loved the concept, but wanted proper control of signage. Mr. Wren agreed to act as the City's guardian in that respect in dealing with the property owners.

It was noted that the City does not waive permit fees and as such Mr. Wren advised the request would then be for a cost off-set not to exceed \$6,500. Mayor Seiler indicated that it should be clear the City is not making any donation to a private entity or property. The purpose is creation of a public space on a temporary basis. The City Attorney explained that they would purchase insurance as the City will not indemnify them. Mr. Wren confirmed for Mayor Seiler that the fencing is completely on private property. The City Attorney further explained if this is approved, a budget amendment would be

presented and the particular wording of the donation could be sorted out at that time. Mr. Wren added that it would be a partnership between the City and the DDA.

Mr. Wren responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question of why the City is being asked to contribute financially whatsoever. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Wren anticipated the improvements would be in place for five years, but it is actually in place until the property owners want to begin construction. In response to Commissioner DuBose, Mr. Wren indicated that the DDA will be responsible for liability and maintenance. He added that the intention is to refresh the artwork in a year and a half or so. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Wren indicated that the art institute could use the space to advertise an upcoming exhibit, but nothing is planned. The City Attorney pointed out that the Simmons Vedder site does not seem to have public access. Mr. Wren indicated that the fencing will be placed twenty feet back from the sidewalk, so the public realm is expanded in a linear configuration.

There was consensus approval.

### **I-B – Public Transit System – South Florida East Coast Corridor Study – Phase 3**

Scott Seeburger, Florida Department of Transportation Project Manager, advised the process is very close to having the metropolitan planning organizations and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority approving a preferred system plan or vision for the corridor. The U.S. Coast Guard has suggested discussion be initiated about the New River and the implications for the project. He reviewed slides on this topic. Copies of the slides are attached to these minutes. There are four proposed commuter stations in Fort Lauderdale.

In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, Mr. Seeburger advised that the commuter station locations were based on where it made sense with respect to access and to encourage redevelopment. Vice Mayor Rogers recalled at the public workshop there were many locations south of Broward Boulevard selected by attendees. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Seeburger indicated there is a station at the airport that would serve Interstate 595. Mayor Seiler that that station would serve the need to the south.

Mayor Seiler was concerned about Sistrunk Boulevard and the northwest. He questioned the station location at NE 3 Avenue and Andrews Avenue. Renee Cross, Planning and Zoning, explained that one station was originally planned at Sunrise Boulevard and instead it was split so there is a station to the north and south. It was clarified that one station is near Sistrunk Boulevard (two blocks). Commissioner Rodstrom noted that property will be needed nearby for parking garages.

Mayor Seiler indicated that clearly a fixed bridge for the New River is not an option. Commissioner Roberts advised that he went on record at the last Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on this point, however, other cities do not want Fort Lauderdale's stance on a tunnel to kill the project. Mr. Seeburger indicated shortening the tunnel length would reduce the cost, but it will probably require closing some cross streets. Vice Mayor Rogers referred to the incline and asked if a train could use a tunnel such as the existing Kinney tunnel. Mr. Seeburger advised that due to the depth of the Kinney tunnel; the top of the tunnel is at the bottom of the river. In this case, it is assumed that it would be necessary to go at least sixty-five feet deep. At a five percent grade, it would be about half a mile in each direction. Geological studies and so forth will be going forward early next year.

Mayor Seiler mentioned a bridge design example between Connecticut and New York by Amtrak that might be a solution. Mr. Seeburger offered to look at it.

Mr. Seeburger responded to Mayor Seiler's question of design modifications to the Broward commuter station based on whether a bridge or tunnel is built. He went on to mention that the 65 foot high-level fixed bridge (Alternative 1) would not require any street crossings. It would come down just south of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and north of Davie Boulevard. The cost is assumed to be about the same as that of a tunnel.

### **I-C – City Manager Recruitment – Executive Search Firm Interviews**

#### **Alliance Resource Consulting, LLC**

Eric Middleton, managing partner, made introductory remarks about the firm, experience in placement of city managers in Florida as well as other areas of the United States and in community outreach. He responded to the Commission's questions as follows:

Alliance placed the city manager of Daytona Beach about 6-7 years ago and he is still there in Daytona Beach. He mentioned their previous experience with Daytona Beach for a police chief.

Alliance was formed in 2004 as a result of downsizing of MAXIMUS. He and his partner, Sherrill Uyeda, were hired at MAXIMUS in 1999 and 1998 respectively.

He and Ms. Uyeda would handle the work for Fort Lauderdale. He explained how Alliance goes about conducting research and the size of their database. He also noted his current recruitment involvement and open engagements of the firm in total.

He provided more detail on community outreach skills and experience of Alliance staff with online surveying.

He explained how Alliance would approach the recruitment in Fort Lauderdale and elaborated upon their experience in other communities with a large tourism draw.

Alliance has placed individuals with strategic planning background and he mentioned some examples.

He indicated the listed recruitments were handled by them at Alliance or when they were associated with MAXIMUS.

He elaborated upon his experience in working with a citizens search committee and indicated he did not think it would change the projected timeline. It would be important to decide upon deliverables with a timeline from the onset.

He responded to the question of what he believed sets Alliance apart from the other applicants.

He would be open to discussing pricing and offered closing remarks.

Bob Murray & Associates

Renee Narloch, vice president, made introductory remarks about the firm, noting their offices in Sacramento, California, and Tallahassee, Florida, and strictly public sector experience. Bob Murray & Associates was the recruitment practice for MAXIMUS as well as David M. Griffith and Associates. She outlined their recruitment process and projected timeline. She mentioned her background in Florida and that she would be handling this recruitment. She noted current and recent engagements. She highlighted reasons why Bob Murray & Associates should be selected. She responded to the Commission's questions as follows:

Bob Murray most recently placed a city manager in Phoenix and in Florida for the City of Miami Beach, Ocala and Palm Beach, Bay County, Jupiter, Fulton County and Broward County now. Mayor Seiler noted that the Miami Beach manager just celebrated a ten-year anniversary. She mentioned recruitments Bob Murray & Associates has done on the west coast of the United States. She elaborated upon the community input that was part of their process and generally how Bob Murray & Associates includes community outreach. She also discussed how effort is made to match strengths to a city's needs and that strategic planning is almost a requirement today. She noted currently she has no open engagements for city manager.

She and Mr. Murray are the only principals.

She explained her recruitment experience being approximately twenty-five over a two-year period separate from the firm's clients on the west coast. She noted her current open engagements, adding that it averages about five at a time and fifteen annually. She estimated about 120 hours with 80 hours of her own for this recruitment. She explained how she goes about conducting research. She elaborated upon her involvement in professional organizations that would be useful and the firm's knowledge of individuals in the field.

She elaborated upon her familiarity with Fort Lauderdale and Florida. She thought there would be a great turn-out of candidates.

She noted her involvement with the recruitment for the City of Pasadena. She went on to describe a recruitment from the private sector for Los Angeles Housing Authority and an ongoing endeavor in Houston. She delineated her time allotment currently and previously in Broward County. She noted the finalist in her part in the recruitment for the Florida Association of Counties and elaborated upon the process. She has experience working with a search committee composed of non-elected officials and cited a committee of ten used in Miami Beach. She began working in this field in 1993 in Tallahassee. She went on to note her private sector Fortune 500 experience. She elaborated upon the firm's approach to background checks and her involvement.

The Mercer Group, Inc.

John Maxwell, senior vice president, made introductory remarks about the firm, noting they are the largest public sector executive search firm in the United States. He noted their experience overall and in Florida for Orlando, Gainesville, South Miami and Pompano Beach. He outlined their recruitment process, projected timeline and fee. He gave reasons why The Mercer Group should be selected and went on to note the size of their database and how it is used. Over ninety percent of their clients are still in the

positions during the last five years. The Mercer Group will work with the City until the commitment is met. The firm will not recruit away an individual placed with the City. If the selected candidate leaves the City's employ within two years, the firm will replace that candidate and only ask for expenses. He and Mr. Mercer will work together on this recruitment which will prevent any gap in continuity. He responded to the Commission's questions as follows:

He elaborated upon their community outreach skills and their approach in working with a citizen search committee of seven individuals.

The Mercer Group has done recruitments for Fort Lauderdale in the past, two of which were city managers. He noted that The Mercer Group has selected individuals outside of the database and went on to elaborate upon an example for Fayetteville, North Carolina. He currently has two engagements and Mr. Mercer has just completed two major searches and has one open engagement, leaving the firm well positioned to devote the time necessary to Fort Lauderdale. He noted his personal background in city management.

He estimated about 120 to 135 hours along with Mr. Mercer. He could not comment on the number of hours that Mr. Mercer would devote, but noted projects are usually divided pretty evenly. He also elaborated upon their advertising and networking approach, including an announcement on their website, various professional organizations and former city managers or range riders. He explained how they are able to recruit individuals who are not looking for a job. It will be a national process.

He responded to the question of what he believed sets The Mercer Group apart from the other applicants, emphasizing experience, professional staff, guarantee system and proven record of client satisfaction.

Responding to a followup question, he clarified that their guarantee system would apply also to an individual who was placed and then forced to leave within two years.

He provided specific examples of their community outreach experience in Greenville, North Carolina and another in Virginia. Their last Florida city manager recruitment was South Miami. He noted The Mercer Group's recruitment for Pompano Beach and Lake Worth in 2009, Gainesville in 2005, and Orlando just recently.

He offered closing remarks.

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The Commission ranked the firms as follows:

Commissioner Roberts: 1) Alliance Resource Consulting; 2) Bob Murray & Associates and 3) The Mercer Group

Commissioner Rodstrom: 1) Bob Murray & Associates; 2) The Mercer Group and 3) Alliance Resource Consulting

Commissioner DuBose: 1) Bob Murray & Associates; 2) Alliance Resource Consulting and 3) The Mercer Group

Vice Mayor Rogers: 1) The Mercer Group; 2) Bob Murray & Associates and 3) Alliance Resource Consulting

Mayor Seiler: 1) Bob Murray & Associates; 2) The Mercer Group and 3) Alliance Resource Consulting

Mayor Seiler announced consensus for staff to negotiate first with Bob Murray & Associates and if an agreement is not reached, The Mercer Group. The City Attorney agreed to have the contract completed for consideration on November 16.

### **I-D – Commission Input on Released Requests for Proposals**

Kirk Buffington, Director of Procurement Services, noted as a result of a performance review by the City Auditor, staff began providing copies of RFP's exceeding \$100,000 to the Commission on the day of their release. Commissioner Rodstrom has requested discussion on how comments by a commissioner on an RFP might be handled.

Commissioner Rodstrom believed this topic was raised before the audit and recalled at the June 2 regular meeting when the construction management services contract was discussed this topic also was raised. There was discussion about commissioners being able to look at RFPs before their release and provide input. Then when the audit was discussed, it was decided that the RFPs would be provided at the time of release. She had not objected because she felt the addendum phase would provide a window of opportunity. There was some concern about delay, but she had noted to staff that there has not been a problem since the time that the Commission was being provided copies.

Mayor Seiler recalled there were a couple RFPs that were not completely reflective of what the Commission thought was going out and that was the trigger of this. He raised the idea of a one-week window before release and any glaring questions would have to come to the Commission. The City Attorney advised that in many cities and Broward County the RFP is presented to the commission before it is released. There are policies in the RFP itself. Mr. Buffington indicated that staff surveyed sixteen municipalities and 75 percent do not require their commissions to review the RFPs. He noted that RFPs are provided to the commissions in Coconut Creek and Deerfield Beach but there is no approval step whereas there is an approval step for Pembroke Pines and Broward County. Mayor Seiler agreed with the City Attorney with respect to policy setting.

Mayor Seiler suggested a pilot of a one-week period before RFPs are released, that copies are provided to the Commission. If there are suggestions, commissioners should meet with Procurement Services. (Glaring questions would have to come to the Commission.)

Discussion turned to the RFP on financial advisor services and technical questions raised by Commissioner Rodstrom. In response to her questions about the minimum professional requirements, Lynda Flynn, Interim Finance Director, explained that the five hundred million dollar criteria is for all types of debt whereas the revenue is more specific because the City has a tendency to issue revenue bonds. Joint proposals would be accepted. As to criteria on page 19, looking at the national rankings for the top ten firms for the past nine months, only five do business in Florida, therefore she did not think that national rankings would be relevant. Florida rankings on the other hand would be relevant. Mayor Seiler requested an addendum be issued requesting rankings for Florida. Commissioner Rodstrom stressed the importance of having a trading desk. Ms. Flynn noted there are two types of financial advisors, one that is associated with underwriting or security firms and another whose sole purpose is financial advising. The

top financial advisor firm in the United States does not have a trading desk. Such a requirement would preclude several firms especially independent ones. Those without a trading desk use a variety of sources throughout the Internet. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to include the question in the RFP. Concerning criteria on page 22, regarding a new credit client, Ms. Flynn explained this requirement would be helpful in establishing a debt structure for the utility undergrounding project. Commissioner Rodstrom viewed much of the criteria is subjective rather than objective. Ms. Flynn indicated that the advisor must have a certain number of years doing work in Florida. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted the language to be more specific in order to know whether they have certain expertise as far as special assessment for undergrounding for example. Ms. Flynn explained the problem with ranking in this regard. For instance, the stimulus bond program, the number one financial advisor for the first nine months of this year issued 138 whereas the number ten financial advisor, Goldman Sachs, only did three. In competitive dollars, Davenport issued thirty-two for \$1.1 billion and PFM issued the most, 308 for \$9 billion. Stimulus bond programs would include Build America Bonds (BABs). The RFP would ask about how many and the types of revenue bonds they have done. Mayor Seiler asked another addendum be issued asking about experience in these areas.

With respect to Commissioner Rodstrom's request concerning a trading desk, Ms. Flynn indicated that the independent firms do not have trading desks; there is access through the Internet. Vice Mayor Rogers noted that the largest financial advising firm in the world does not have a trading desk.

Mayor Seiler asked that the two addendums be issued. Mr. Buffington believed it would be possible to issue them without interfering with the timeline.

As to Mr. Buffington's question, Mayor Seiler suggested the Commission be provided the RFP one week before its release.

### **I-E – Acting City Manager - Compensation**

Mayor Seiler recalled his previous consensus of a range between \$176,000 and \$199,000. He believed the previous city manager's base salary was in the \$230,000 range. He thought it should be less in this case. He believed that Ms. Love has done what the Commission has asked. He noted the previous consensus of the salary adjustment being retroactive to August 1. Commissioner Roberts referred to action items raised in the Commission's meeting with the Budget Advisory Board and indicated he would be agreeable to benchmarking and a quarterly review in addition to the concept set forth in the draft resolution. Mayor Seiler wanted to make sure it is understood that if she does not remain in this capacity, her salary would be adjusted to the former scale. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that any increase in the future would not be retroactive, only what is being set at this time.

Mayor Seiler suggested \$185,000 which would be a \$21,000 increase. Both Commissioners DuBose and Roberts indicated they were thinking of \$190,000. Commissioner Roberts was agreeable with \$185,000 provided there is an understanding about increasing it in four months. He felt this is important in view of where the City wants to go in the next six to nine months and to get feedback on all of the items that the Commission has asked be worked on. Commissioner DuBose preferred to set an amount now. Raising something in the future, somewhat adds a condition. Mayor Seiler agreed. Vice Mayor Rogers thought a better term is review; it is a unique position. He



liked the idea since quarterly meetings are planned. Mayor Seiler suggested the salary be set at \$185,000 with the agreement that within thirty days of the next joint quarterly meeting with the Budget Advisory Board, the Commission reviews her salary. Commissioner Roberts suggested a salary of \$190,000 and a quarterly review. He wanted a quarterly review. Commissioner Rodstrom suggested \$185,000 and then a review. Vice Mayor Rogers favored \$185,000 leaving an incentive.

The Acting City Manager was willing to serve. If it is contingent upon satisfying the Budget Advisory Board and their requirements within a three-month period, she was not certain there are sufficient resources to accomplish that magnitude. Many of the items are more long-term. She was not certain of the measurement.

Vice Mayor Rogers thought the review would be based on what the Commission has requested and what has been delivered, not a laundry list. He was not certain what it might be at this point in time. Commissioner Roberts could not imagine accomplishing everything that was set out at that meeting, but after a quarter has passed, he wanted to see the status. He used the example of knowing the progress on development of a five-year financial plan, but clarified he would not expect it to be completed within a quarter. He wanted to see progress and to know if the Commission should be providing more support. Commissioner Rodstrom felt it is a matter of knowing that she is going in the direction that the Commission supports.

In response to the City Attorney, Mayor Seiler clarified that the Acting City Manager's salary is not tied to the Budget Advisory Board; clearly she reports to the Commission. There was consensus that there would be a review at the February 15, 2011 meeting. A resolution setting the salary (\$185,000) would be considered as a walk-on item at the evening regular meeting.

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

Item 2, Case CE08071795 – 3512 Riverland Road, Property Marketing Team LLC, was removed from the recommendation detailed in Commission Agenda Report 10-1533. There was consensus approval on the remainder of the recommendation.

#### **III-A – Minutes Circulated for Period Ending October 28, 2010**

##### **Citizens Sustainability Green Committee**

**Motion made by Mr. Albee, seconded by Ms. Eckels, to recommend the City Commission adopt the proposed resolution for Open Streets/Ciclovia-Type Events in Fort Lauderdale submitted by Dr. Goetz. In a voice vote, Committee unanimously approved. (resolution attached)**

There was no objection.

**Motion made by Ms. Castoro, seconded by Ms. Eckels, to request that the City Commission be very cautious as they move forward regarding the tidal floodwater issue because it would set a precedent for spending revenue that may become unsustainable in the future and it is an**

issue that needs further study, closer attention and separation from storm water issues. The Committee requests the Commission delay any decisions on this topic until the Citizens Sustainability 'Green' Committee has the opportunity to delve into it. In a voice vote, Committee unanimously approved.

There was no objection.

**Motion made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Ms. Eckels, to recommend the City Commission adopt a policy that the St. Patrick's Day Parade be as carbon-neutral and Green as possible. In a voice vote, Committee unanimously approved.**

Mayor Seiler indicated that efforts will be made to adopt such a policy.

**Motion made by Mr. Albee, seconded by Mr. Madfis, to request that the City Commission sign the Environment Florida letter addressed to Senator Bill Nelson submitted by Ms. Eckels. In a voice vote, Committee unanimously approved. (letter attached)**

Vice Mayor Rogers preferred and there was consensus that the City should write its own letter although there is no letter pending at present. Mayor Seiler asked that the Office of Grants, Legislative Affairs and Compliance monitor the topic.

#### Community Services Board

**Motion made by Ms. Baer and seconded by Mr. Whipple that the City Commission proceed to fill the vacancies on the Community Services Board as soon as possible. Roll call showed: YEAS: Ms. Baer, Ms. Birch, Mr. Dial, Ms. Espinal, Mr. Karney, Ms. Locke, Ms. Richards, Mr. Tilbury, and Mr. Whipple. NAYS: Ms. Gonsher.**

There was a review of vacancies and members eligible for reappointment. Mayor Seiler encouraged the Commission to submit their nominees.

**Motion made by Mr. Tilbury and seconded by Ms. Espinal to request the City Commission to consider assisting Las Olas with funding their lighting display for the holidays. Roll call showed: YEAS: Ms. Birch, Mr. Dial, Ms. Espinal, Ms. Gonsher, Ms. Richards, Mr. Karney, and Mr. Tilbury. NAYS: Ms. Locke. Mr. Whipple abstained from voting.**

Mayor Seiler requested the details on this funding request.

**Motion made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Mr. Whipple that the City Commission consider decorating main thoroughfares throughout the City for the holidays,**

and this item to be considered in next year's budget planning process. Roll call showed: YEAS: Mr. Dial, Ms. Espinal, Ms. Gonsler, Ms. Locke, Ms. Richards, and Mr. Tilbury. NAYS: Ms. Birch, Mr. Karney, and Mr. Whipple.

Mayor Seiler suggested the Budget Advisory Board be consulted.

#### Police and Firefighters Retirement System Board of Trustees

**GTS presented their annual trading cost analysis and** overall, the plan's execution costs were below the industry average.

No discussion.

**The Board is still waiting for the City Commission to** approve an ordinance change officially implementing the 40 hours of overtime for police officers. Also, the Board is awaiting the implementation of the necessary changes to the pension ordinance as drafted to obtain an IRS determination letter.

The City Attorney advised that he is working on both topics.

#### Unsafe Structures Board

**Motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Barranto,** to present the attached [Sun Sentinel] news article and the suggestion to the City Commission to examine the need for a police officer to attend all meetings of the Unsafe Structures Board . In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberts indicated that customarily staff is alerted to the potential need for posting a police officer at a board meeting. It is handled on a case by case basis.

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

Note: Please see regular meeting, Item R-4.

#### City Commission Reports

Note: The City Commission recessed at 5:23 p.m. and reconvened at 10:20 p.m. in the Chambers on the first floor of City Hall with Commission Reports.

Financial Advisor Statements (Refunding 2008A and 2008B Special Obligation Bonds)

Commissioner Rodstrom referred to discussion of the financial advisor contract on October 19 as to the City's financial advisor checking with various banks as to rates. She contacted Bank of America and Suntrust and spoke with Coleman Cordell and Dara Smith, respectively. These are the individuals that the financial advisor would have contacted, but apparently did not. She felt the financial advisor was not truthful about checking the rates and gave false information to the City. She finds this unacceptable and intends to write to the Securities Exchange Commission. She wanted the Commission's input. Mayor Seiler suggested that Commissioner Rodstrom present the information to the financial advisor and ask that he respond and provide copies to the Commission.

Parking Meters; Museum of Art

Vice Mayor Rogers indicated that the Museum of Art is making improvements to their façade and has requested the parking meters on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, first be replaced with multi-space designs. Diana Alarcon, Director of Parking and Fleet Services, advised that two would have to be purchased for about \$22,000 including installation. Revenue in the area is about \$55,000 plus annually. She believed the basis for the request is aesthetics and an alternative form of payment being made available. Mayor Seiler asked this item be brought forward at the November 16, 2010 meeting.

Las Olas Boulevard

Vice Mayor Rogers announced he is planning a meeting of interested businesses and residents of the Las Olas Boulevard area on December 14. He invited anyone interested to attend.

Joseph C. Carter Park Legacy Circle Tree Planting

Commissioner DuBose noted the recent Carter Park Legacy Circle Tree Planting event that recognized pillars in the northwest.

Water Utility Billing Complaints

Commissioner Roberts noted recent water utility billing complaints and suggested one improvement of recording complaint calls and the recordings retained for 60-90 days. Commissioner DuBose agreed that at some point the Commission should discuss this.

City Events

Mayor Seiler announced upcoming and recent events.

Historic Preservation Board

Mayor Seiler referred to a recent email from the chair of the Historic Preservation Board expressing concern that objective standards are not being followed. He asked that the Commission consider speaking with individuals they nominated to this board.

Joint Workshop of Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors and Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board; November 9, 2010

Mayor Seiler announced this upcoming meeting at 7 p.m. at the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

**City Manager Reports** - none

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.