

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:32 P.M. February 1, 2011

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 Frank Sousa

City Commission Reports

Hiring Freeze

Commissioner Rodstrom noted that she recently confirmed Commission direction was for a hiring freeze in 2010. Commissioner Roberts as well as Vice Mayor Rogers thought it was to also be in place this year. Vice Mayor Rogers thought the Commission would be informed by memorandum if there was a critical need. The Acting City Manager advised that only positions with a critical need are being filled and making the Commission aware of those being filled. There are many positions not being filled. Mayor Seiler concluded the City is still operating under a freeze, but for critical need. There was consensus for this arrangement to continue until further action by the Commission. If a member of the Commission has a question as to the critical need, he asked that he or she bring it forward.

City Commission Agenda Back-Up Information Provided to Sun Sentinel

Commissioner Rodstrom confirmed that staff will be routinely providing a CD of City Commission agenda back-up to the Sun Sentinel reporter covering the City Commission meetings.

Community Gardens; South Middle River Civic Association

Commissioner Rodstrom provided information to the Acting City Manager about SMRCA (South Middle River Civic Association) desire to pursue the First Lady's (Let's Move) initiative concerning community gardens. Mayor Seiler indicated that he has already spoken with staff concerning development of a pilot project on this point and mentioned other neighborhoods that are interested. The City Auditor noted that there are models in community redevelopment agencies throughout the country with respect to community gardens. Commissioner DuBose wanted staff to explore possible funding under this federal initiative.

Birch State Park

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to pursue partnering with the State and Metropolitan Planning Organization to provide a recreational path through the park that could be used as an alternative to the A-1-A Greenway and a linkage to 33rd and through Sunrise Boulevard. She has requested this be scheduled on the February 15, 2011 conference agenda.

Employee Suggestion Program

Commissioner Roberts reiterated his request for feedback on employee suggestions that have been acted upon. He wanted a presentation made to the Commission as to feasibility, pros and cons. He mentioned the concept of a reward system that was in place in the past.

Schlitterbahn Waterpark Fort Lauderdale

Commissioner Roberts noted another project of this nature moving forward in Miami and wanted to finalize and resolve impediments relating to the Schlitterbahn waterpark project in the vicinity of the executive airport. Mayor Seiler indicated that he has requested the City Attorney work with staff on this matter. Also, he has ascertained some federal regulations that may be of assistance.

First Fort Lauderdale Police Detective Doug Evans, moment of silence

At Commissioner DuBose's request, there was a moment of silence observed for the family of the first Fort Lauderdale police detective, Doug Evans.

Principal of the Year, State of Florida: James Griffin

Commissioner DuBose noted the previous recognition of James Griffin, principal of Rock Island Elementary School, for Broward County. While Mr. Griffin has moved to a middle school in Lauderdale Lakes, he was awarded the distinction of principal of the year for the State of Florida while serving at Rock Island Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale.

Rivermont House site

Vice Mayor Rogers noted this two acre parcel sits directly on the river. Efforts are underway to acquire the property for a park with the City pursuing grant funding. Mayor Seiler also expanded upon the attributes of the structure and the site's potential. Vice Mayor Rogers and Mayor Seiler commented that it could be adopted as a centennial project.

Southside School

Vice Mayor Rogers advised that work is progressing concerning Southside School.

Noise Ordinance, Downtown

Vice Mayor Rogers advised that the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association has a concern about noise. He felt the ordinance needs to be amended to address the concern and be enforceable. Commissioner Rodstrom noted there are multiple factors in the City's code and Unified Land Development Regulations that apply. She thought an agenda item to discuss the topic would be helpful to properly inform people. Mayor Seiler asked each member of the Commission to meet with staff on this matter in advance.

New Businesses and Events

Other event announcements were made including mention of groundbreaking

ceremonies and new businesses opening.

I-A – Centennial Celebration Committee – Video Montage Show Locations; Centennial Children’s Activity Book; Speakers Bureau, Traveling Historic Exhibits and Historic Trunks; Birthday Party and Centennial Sanctioned Events

Video Montage Show Locations

Wil Shriner in cooperation with the Broward County Film Society presented the proposed video projection loops and themes, including four individual district loops and four pertaining to the overall city. A copy of the loops and themes is attached to these minutes. He anticipates a ninth loop of everything with original music that could be displayed at events, the airport, the port and hopefully in movie theatres. The overall tone is a city proud of its past; a city working on the present and a city looking to its future. He reviewed the locations proposed for projecting the loops contained in Commission Agenda Report 11-0167. Mayor Seiler hoped the videos could also announce centennial celebration dates. In response to Mayor Seiler’s question, Mr. Shriner indicated that there is no licensing to sell the DVD’s, but he will make copies available to high schools and or exhibition use in general. Ina Lee, chair of marketing, added that the committee has secured approval to display the loops at the airport. Mayor Seiler asked that Comcast be consulted about some broadcast time. Mr. Shriner noted that PBS Television has offered to broadcast a series of thirty-second centennial spots.

Kathleen Gunn, Grants, Legislative Affairs and Compliance, explained that the property owners of the locations where the loops are proposed to be displayed will be asked to execute a release. Commissioner Rodstrom indicated she has asked Ms. Gunn to pursue Fort Lauderdale High School as an additional location for District II. Commissioner Roberts hoped something could be found in the executive airport area and more pictures if possible.

Fundraising

Jan Idelman, City Fundraiser, listed the confirmed sponsors: Auto Nation, CH2MHill, Hazen & Sawyer, Comcast, Wheelabrator, Heineken, FPL and Nova Southeastern University. Currently, FPL, Nova and Lochrie and Chakas have not yet committed to an amount, and two other sponsors have only specified a sponsorship amount range. Therefore, at a minimum \$92,000 has been secured. If the two sponsors in question donate at the top of their range, \$103,500 will be secured. Additionally, the committee is speaking seriously with three banks. The Sun Sentinel will be helping with the pre-party.

Centennial Children’s Activity Book

Pat Hale, member of the Centennial Celebration Committee, noted this book is intended for children 5-7 years old. Zachary Saltzman, a senior, did all of the art work. He has been nominated for the Silver Knight Award. She elaborated upon plans for the book to be used by the public school system, the City’s after-school programs and child services at the African American Research Library.

Speakers Bureau, Traveling Historic Exhibits and Historic Trunks

Susan Gillis, Centennial's historian, noted there are two basic topics for the speakers bureau: 1) Fort Lauderdale, a brief history and 2) Fort Lauderdale 100 years ago. She described the two formats that will be available. A copy of the photographs for the presentations is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Gillis presented the traveling historic exhibits, including four subjects: 1) Forts of Fort Lauderdale; 2) Gateway to the Everglades; 3) Tropical Wonderland; and 4) Venice of America. A copy of the information and photographs for each is attached to these minutes. She also noted that one exhibit will be placed in each commission district and other high visibility areas. She also displayed the traveling historic trunks that can be used by teachers.

Ms. Gunn drew attention to the proposed locations for the exhibits in the commission agenda report. Commissioner Roberts reiterated his desire for a location in the executive airport area and asked for staff's assistance. He also requested the Galleria Mall be added. Commissioner Rodstrom thought that schools or any organization should be able to have access to these items after the centennial year has concluded. Mayor Seiler asked that City Hall be added to the locations list.

Birthday Party Update "Centennial Riverfest"

Sue Molnar, Outdoor Event Coordinator, provided an overview of the event as detailed in the commission agenda report.

Mayor Seiler requested all living former elected officials and the families of deceased former elected officials be notified of the party.

Centennial Sanctioned Events

Ms. Gunn drew attention to the list of events in the commission agenda report.

Mayor Seiler wanted to have t-shirts or hats for the event through local businesses. He suggested the logos for the City and centennial. He believed a local sponsorship could be achieved. In response to his question, Ms. Gunn advised that a centennial banner has been produced. Mayor Seiler suggested the banner be placed in various locations. Commissioner Rodstrom asked how the party date and related information is being disseminated. She suggested a flyer/poster format. She felt businesses would post such a flyer in the windows of their establishments.

I-B – Citizens Committee of Recognition – 2011 Recommendations – Distinguished Citizen, Citizen of the Year, Honored Founder, Exemplary Former City Employee

Genia Ellis, Citizens Committee of Recognition, on behalf of Jim Naugle, Chair, noted the recommendations contained in Commission Agenda Report 11-0143. There was no objection.

Ms. Ellis indicated the recognition ceremony is to take place on March 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Chambers.

I-C – Stormwater Rate Study

Andy Burnham of Burton & Associates, City's rate consultant, reviewed slides concerning a rate study that the Commission authorized in 2010. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Burnham responded to the Commission's questions concerning the study. He advised that varying stormwater fees in other cities could be based on level of service; the topography of the community (cost requirements might not be as large as another community); or cost recovery policy. Miami Beach has a very high level of service for all utility services. Dunedin uses a 1 cent optional sales tax allocation to fund stormwater projects. He was aware of only one area that has established separate rate districts within their service area to address varying demands while generally different rate classes are established.

Mr. Carbon indicated that staff is looking for direction today as to annual rate increases. There would be two advertised public hearings in late February and, or March. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that the City does not have to make any rate adjustments for five years with the current level of service. The Commission could wait for the budget process. Commissioner DuBose indicated that he receives a lot of complaints about level of service. He wanted to look at the level of service. In response to Vice Mayor Rogers and Commissioner Roberts, Mr. Carbon advised that the City has not scheduled maintenance; maintenance crews do visit known problem areas before storms to make sure the drains are clean. As system areas age to 15-20 years, there will be more problem areas. From an operational perspective, he wanted maintenance on some interval; at least once every ten years. The proposal shows maintenance intervals between 5 and 10 years over time. Commissioner DuBose thought there should be some focus on this now.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Joe Holland, 1919 NE 32 Avenue, wanted to draw attention to the need to address the pollution aspect and the first inch of runoff. He was happy to see the tidal problems were recognized in the study and wanted to see that the methodology is fair across the board. As such, he urged the Commission to reconsider the agreement with Riviera Isles.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

Commissioner DuBose supported a small increase (1st option of ten-year intervals) that would increase the level of service. A general discussion ensued concerning annual percentage increases for a regular maintenance program with some consideration of the capital need, considering the 5% increases in the last few years. Vice Mayor Rogers wanted to proceed with launching a regular maintenance plan for two years and monitor it. Mayor Seiler preferred a one-year plan, starting at less than 5%. He noted that water is on the same bill and there have been a lot of complaints about water. Commissioner DuBose wanted to do something, but did not think it is necessarily 5%.

Commissioner Roberts believed that there are a lot of issues associated with the water rate structure and he wanted to reexamine it. He questioned whether the City should delay implementing the stormwater with the thought that there may be a reduction on the other side. Mayor Seiler wanted to have another conference discussion on how to

proceed, but also wanted to see the water side. Vice Mayor Rogers also wanted to reexamine the water rate structure. Commissioner DuBose also wanted to look at both together. Mayor Seiler requested staff meet with the Commission individually. He thought the implementation should be for one year, but was uncertain about a 5% increase.

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City Manager Search Committee

The Committee is requesting City Commission approval of the attached advertisement and draft manager profile prepared by the search firm, Bob Murray & Associates, as amended by the Committee.

Keith Cobb, chair of the City Manager Search Committee, noted the advertisement has been revised based upon the Commission's recommendations. No objection

The Committee is also requesting the City Commission allocate a specific budget for candidate travel of \$6,000. The Committee plans to interview the finalists in March and the top candidates in April. During the 2004 city manager search, \$5,000 was allocated for candidate travel.

Mr. Cobb noted the recommendation of \$6,000. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Cobb advised there were four candidates in 2004 that traveled. No objection. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Auditor advised that the budget amendment will come from staff.

Renee Narloch of Bob Murray & Associates, City's executive search consultant, indicated there are about twenty-four candidates. In response to Mayor Seiler, Ms. Narloch was not aware of any other searches underway in the area.

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I-D – 2011 State and Federal Legislative Agenda

State Legislative Agenda

Kathleen Gunn, Grants, Legislative Affairs and Compliance, noted that the topic of pain clinics has been added to the agenda. Also, there is a bill to repeal the red light camera law and the Commission may wish to oppose it.

Justin Sayfie, Sayfie and Blosser, City's Lobbyist, indicated there is a \$3.6 billion state deficit. He noted some proposals of new Governor Scott pertaining to the Florida retirement system requiring individuals contribute five percent of their salaries; school property and business tax reductions; and consolidation of a number of state agencies. The state's community budget request system continues to be closed, therefore, the City will have to work on funding outside of that process. He noted a status report on **pill mills** was provided with the backup to this item (Commission Agenda Report 10-1859). Nothing has been proposed. The Attorney General has appointed special counsel on pill

mills, who has indicated a desire to crack down on them, however, there are impediments to implementing what was enacted last year. He elaborated upon the impediments in more specificity. There may also be new legislation this year. Senator Garcia just filed a bill to repeal the **red light camera** legislation; there is no House companion at this time. They are also working closely with the City Attorney on the Isham Claims Bill. The City Attorney indicated the City managed to get the House bill filed in accordance with the agreement. The Senate bill was filed which is not in accordance with the agreement. The challenge now is to get the two together. They have advised the special master, advising there is an agreement. Alain Jean, Sayfie and Blosser, City's Lobbyist, advised that the special master will be issuing a report on all claims bills in February at which time it will be assigned to committee in the Senate. He will then get it to conform to the House bill. No bill has been passed concerning **taxpayers bill of rights**, which would put a cap on municipalities and counties to raise revenue and spend. The League of Cities opposes it. He assumed the City is also opposed. There are some Las Vegas casinos that would support a bill if introduced to allow for **destination casino resorts** in Florida. Senator Jones has indicated he may file some legislation in this regard.

Mr. Sayfie confirmed for Mayor Seiler that the pension reform has to do with the state retirement system only. It was noted that the City's employees already contribute in excess of the percentage proposed. The League of Cities has something in their package that would provide some flexibility for cities and their own pension plans, but this is not part of the governor's proposal. There is nothing in the governor's proposal concerning Chapters 175 and 185.

Mayor Seiler stressed that the Commission be kept in the loop and fully briefed. It was noted that the Commission be copied on whatever is sent to Ms. Gunn.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mayor Seiler thought that the State Parks Department could address **Birch State Park paved shared-use trail conceptual plan** without a specific legislative line item. Mr. Sayfie indicated if he could be of help with the Department of Environmental Protection, he would be happy to do so.

Vice Mayor Rogers wanted the lobbyists to work on **pension reform**. Also he wanted to pass a resolution in opposition to **destination casino resorts** on Fort Lauderdale beach and noted this has been done by Miami Beach. Commissioner Rodstrom concurred. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Sayfie has not spoken with the City's legislators on this topic. He believed that Senator Bogdanoff when she was in the House last year had supported the concept. He did not think it is a concept of forcing them in communities where they are not wanted; a local option. Commissioner Rodstrom thought it could become a revenue grab for the state and the cities' home rule could be taken away. Mayor Seiler wanted a local option. Mr. Sayfie indicated once the bill is filed, he will provide that information to the Commission and the Commission could decide whether to provide additional direction at that time. Vice Mayor Rogers also asked that if there is any way to benefit in terms of the City **leveraging** any existing expenditures, he wanted to be informed. He noted examples of Sistrunk, A-1-A greenway or South Andrews Avenue.

Commissioner DuBose appreciated having a wish list and being proactive concerning pill mills and casinos, for example. He wanted to stop any potential unfunded mandates. In other words, he wanted to focus on the substance side instead of appropriations. Mayor Seiler agreed. Along those lines, Ms. Gunn indicated a resolution will be brought forward

encouraging the governor to make sure that the **pain clinic data base** can be implemented. Commissioner Roberts agreed with Mayor Seiler and Commissioner DuBose in terms of strategic issues instead of monetary. He thought the current law could be more strict. A registry like most states is needed. He agreed with Vice Mayor Rogers concerning **pension reform**. He did not want to lose existing funding under Chapters 175 and 185.

The City Auditor noted a reference in the backup about restoring funding for **SHIP (State Housing Improvement Program)** and noted that affordable housing advocates are supporting the concept of the Sadowski funding to stay locally and be administered locally. Mayor Seiler thought it will be swept and not funded.

Federal Legislative Agenda

Ms. Gunn indicated staff contacted Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's office and has been informed that no deadlines have been set yet for the appropriations process because the Republican House Majority has announced that there will be no earmarks for fiscal year 2012. Unless something changes, there will be federal appropriations process.

Mayor Seiler noted his meeting tomorrow with Congressman West and that he will raise pain clinics. Commissioner Roberts agreed there should be better regulatory handles from the federal level. Mayor Seiler indicated if any member of the Commission would like anything addressed with the congressman, he or she should email the entire Commission as well as the manager and attorney. Commissioner Roberts mentioned the Federal Aviation Administration and Schitterbahn.

I-E – Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3

Jonathan Brown, Housing and Development Manager, highlighted information in Commission Agenda Report 11-0168. He drew attention to proposed funding amounts for the proposed uses set forth in Exhibit 1.

In response to Commissioners Roberts and Rodstrom, Mr. Brown advised that the recommended amounts are based on experience from Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP 1). An existing staff member would be used for NSP 3 subject to Commission approval. This salary is currently being funded by NSP 1, HOME, CDBG and or any grant programs relating to rehabilitation. In response to Commissioner DuBose, Mr. Brown provided more detail concerning the salary, including that the noted amount in Exhibit 1 would provide coverage for a three-year period. There will be some overlap between NSP 1 and NSP 3 because the two programs will run simultaneously. The proposed funding will help offset other funding sources, such as SHIP, and reduce some impact of Housing and Community Development on the general fund.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Mr. Brown advised that the public comment period was advertised in the Sun Sentinel and the City's website. There will be public meeting this Thursday for all 2011-2012 federal programs. Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Roberts thought all would neighborhood associations that qualify should be notified. Commissioner Rodstrom suggested the notice be sent to the pertinent association presidents. It was requested that the Commission be copied on the notice so that they might do additional outreach.

In response to Vice Mayor Rogers' questions concerning the demolition strategy, Mr. Brown advised that a separate process will have to be established. Commissioner DuBose noted the City has an order to demolish a large property in River Gardens. This would be a potential funding source that would remove the general fund burden. In response to Commissioner Roberts, Mr. Brown explained that the City could develop a definition of blighted. In order to demolish a structure, the City must own the structure or have an agreement with the owner. Further, HUD requires there must be a plan to develop housing on the site. Commissioner DuBose noted that areas in the CRA are already considered blighted so there would no separate action required of the Commission. Mr. Brown noted that HUD will want to approve the City's definition of blighted area. Commissioner DuBose noted that he does not yet have all of the answers with respect to River Gardens, but this is an opportunity.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Brown advised that the assigned staff's role in NSP 3 Rehabilitation Project Delivery will be the same as NSP 1. He anticipated something separate for demolition and perhaps securing of an agency. The \$60,000 is for inhouse staff already onboard.

The City Auditor emphasized that the time accounting for each program should be clear.

Mr. Brown noted there are other issues relating to demolition and redevelopment that will need to be addressed, such as environmentals. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Brown indicated that staff will first submit the proposal to HUD before seeking direction from the Commission on an RFP for the demolition component. Commissioner DuBose questioned whether a separate RFP is required for NSP 3. The City Attorney believed that is the case, but offered to check. Commissioner DuBose believed some cities have used the same vendors for continuity. Vice Mayor Rogers thought the City should issue an RFP for the environmentals since it is new. Mr. Brown agreed for demolition and such specialty services an RFP would be needed.

With respect to ranking by district, Mr. Brown drew attention to Exhibit 2 and the minimum HUD impact unit requirement of units (homes) and concluded with the proposed funding of \$1.6 million or so, the scope is about 10-11 homes.

Mayor Seiler suggested River Garden – Sweeting Estate, Durrs and Twin Lakes which would be eleven properties, using a 20 threshold. In order to make the most impact, Vice Mayor Rogers thought it should be targeted to a major neighborhood entryway. A general discussion ensued about neighborhood impact and connecting multiple districts as well as current improvement projects. There was consensus approval for five units in Durrs and five units in Twin Lakes North. There was also consensus on the remainder of this item as submitted.

Note: The Commission convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors from 5:09 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

II-A – December 2010 Monthly Financial Report

In response to Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Roberts, Shonda Singleton-Taylor, Deputy Director of Finance, indicated a reply to the City Auditor's email concerning the red light camera program could be furnished with the presentation on this topic at the next conference meeting (February 15).

Vice Mayor Rogers questioned franchise fee revenues. Ms. Singleton-Taylor advised that the City is on a one to two month lag in receipt of these fees. It is really a posting issue. Vice Mayor Rogers also asked about licenses and permits. Ms. Singleton-Taylor advised that building permits were in the general fund and now it is a separate fund. It will now only reflect occupational licenses and the timing is usually once a year in September. Commissioner Roberts questioned an increase in police overtime relating to staffing shortages. Police Chief Frank Adderley noted that almost all of the major holidays just hit the budget. Also, funding of about \$130,000 in task forces and grants needs to be transferred. There were people just transferred to FBI and DEA and they will reimburse the City for overtime. In essence it will be a wash by the end of the year. Commissioner Roberts suggested a notation be made to the document. In response to Vice Mayor Rogers, Chief Adderley indicated that the department has six vacancies and will have eight by next month due to two terminations. Assistant City Manager David Hebert indicated that there is only a 1-2 percent vacancy rate for police or fire-rescue. Mayor Seiler agreed the backup should be clearer.

The City Auditor advised when reimbursements are received, such as those mentioned, there should be a budget amendment, increasing the overtime budget so that it is not reduced for expenses that are being reimbursed.

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Sustainability Advisory Board

The Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) by unanimous consensus recommends the Mayor sign the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to reaffirm the City's commitment to its directives and to do so publicly with a corresponding proclamation.

The SAB also recommends on the topic of "Quality Management, Cost-effectiveness, and Budgeting for Outcomes to Sustainability Initiatives" that a review of the Quality Management (QM) and Budgeting for Outcomes (BFO) source material makes clear the connection between the use of these methods/procedures and the development of sustainable communities. QM and BFO are fundamental to the process of transforming Fort Lauderdale into a sustainable city. Therefore, the Sustainability Board strongly supports the immediate adoption by the City of QM and BFO, the creation of a work group to oversee a pilot project, one which will lead to a model that the City can use to systematically introduce these methods into budget planning by all departments.

In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

(Concerning 2nd Communication) Bill Goetz, Sustainability Advisory Board, explained the board feels in this climate of limited resources and money, the City cannot continue its

current manner in which programs are prioritized, implemented and assessed. For example, virtually all of the City's programs are evaluated based on process and not on outcomes that directly benefit the citizens. The board recommends the City adopt a quality management program with budgeting for objectives. The board also recommends creating a work group to usher this process through. All stakeholders should be involved. The idea is not to cut vital services, but to develop programs that deliver services in a more efficient and effective manner. It is not the intention to dismiss employees, but to use natural attrition along with other things for better savings.

(Concerning 1st Communication) In response to Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Rogers wanted more time to review the agreement. Mayor Seiler requested this item be placed on the next conference meeting.

(Concerning 2nd Communication) Commissioner Roberts believed the Commission previously committed to such a process. Mayor Seiler concurred.

(Concerning 1st Communication) Vice Mayor Rogers believed the City is already engaged in some of the enumerated items in the agreement. He wanted a report listing what is already being done and the cost impact. (Concerning 2nd Communication) Dr. Goetz indicated that the Sustainability Advisory Board's recommendations dovetails with five or six of the Budget Advisory Board's recommendations in terms of something more actionable in terms of sustainability. He wanted the Commission to formally commit to a quality management as a programmatic and budgetary policy that includes budgeting for outcomes so that more specific suggestions could come back to the Commission in about a month. The City Attorney recommended the Commission first receive the staff's input. The Acting City Manager wanted an opportunity to review the proposal and place it on the March 1 conference because there are already several items scheduled for February 15 depending on what it entails. Mayor Seiler wanted to schedule it for February 15. Dr. Goetz wanted to establish a work group. Mayor Seiler asked that this proposal be scheduled for February 15.

(Concerning 1st Communication) With respect to the Climate Protection Agreement, Mayor Seiler requested the Vice Mayor meet with the chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board to address his questions, so that this item could also be scheduled for February 15.

Budget Advisory Board

The Budget Advisory Board (BAB) recommends the City Commission enact the fiscal year 2009-2010 pay increases that should have been given to the non-union employees.

The BAB also recommends the City Commission develop a plan to ensure that this type of inequity does not occur in the future and the associated expenses for the 2009-2010 costs be offset by a corresponding reduction in expenses.

In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler requested the minutes of this meeting be provided to the Commission and that the item come back with that additional backup.

Police and Firefighter Retirement System Board of Trustees

Motion made by Vice Chair Rudominer, seconded by Mr. Burnam, to forward the results of the election of the officers and a copy of the compliance statement received from the Internal Revenue Service attached to these minutes. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler noted this is informational.

Economic Development Advisory Board

Motion made by Vice Chair Stewart, seconded by Ms. Dickey, requesting the Commission restore the Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP) funding to its previous level for purposes of being able to continue economic development expansions and community redevelopment expansion incentives. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Scott, Director of Economic Development, noted that a couple years ago a 10 percent reduction of \$10,000 was cut. This year there were more applicants than money to give and that was the impetus for this communication. Mayor Seiler felt this will be a budget decision the Commission will make.

III-B – Board and Committee Vacancies

Note: Please see regular meeting Agenda Item R-04.

City Manager Reports - None

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.