

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING**1:38 P.M.****August 23, 2011**

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

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman
City Auditor John Herbst
City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph
City Attorney Harry A. Stewart
Sergeant At Arms Sergeants Joyce Fleming and
Monica Ferrer

Absent: Vice Mayor Bobby B. DuBose

Mayor Seiler pointed out that a flag from the U.S.S. Cole is flying at City Hall. Mary Anne Gray, Chair of Broward Navy Days, recalled that she was given this flag with the caveat to share it with all of the community organizations that support the Navy and Broward Navy Days; as such, it will be flown in approximately 20 locations. She presented the City with the flag's certification from the U.S.S. Cole's Commanding Officer. Mayor Seiler noted some of the U.S.S. Cole's history. He believed that five vessels have been commissioned in Port Everglades, and announced that he will meet with the Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America in September to request that he commission the next vessel, the U.S.S. Fort Lauderdale. He received consensus approval to move forward with this endeavor.

I-A – Sea Level and Its Future Effects on Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale

Nancy Gassman, Ph.D., Natural Resources Administrator of Energy and Sustainability Program and Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division, reviewed slides that provided an overview on some of the impacts of climate change on Fort Lauderdale. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. She hoped this would be the beginning of a conversation on how to address some of these issues while working collaboratively to evolve the community into a climate resilient one.

Commissioner Rogers asked about the term, climate instability. Dr. Gassman provided more insight on the issue of global warming since 1970. She went on to explain how the term, climate instability, came to be used. For example, she noted there has been a destabilization of the jet stream. In essence global warming is too confining to describe everything that is occurring in the atmosphere. Commissioner Rogers questioned how this compares to Y2K. Dr. Gassman referred to one of the slides that shows if nothing changed, there would be a five to six inch change by the middle of the century. The water management district has suggested no regret strategies be chosen with respect to building infrastructure. Consideration should be given to how long the infrastructure will be in place and the potential possibilities during that period of time; a balancing. Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that the City approved the Sunrise bridge over the Middle River with a maximum height. It is about building for the future. Dr. Gassman suggested adding climate change to the City's checklist for construction projects or land use changes. Commissioner Roberts commented about the need to plan for the future and went on to call attention to other areas throughout the world whose strategies could

be borrowed. Commissioner Rodstrom noted that planning for development that will occur on City property, such as Bahia Mar, needs to be done with this in mind. Dr. Gassman advised that Broward County is adding a climate change element within the comprehensive plan and making changes to the land use plan to include climate change issues and starting to address vulnerable areas.

The City Manager advised that the City has been invited by the Department of Community Affairs to work with Broward County to become a pilot community for a climate adaptation element to the City's comprehensive land use plan. If there is no objection, staff will proceed to work with the Department of Community Affairs on this.

I-B – Partnership with Broward County Historical Commission on 39th Annual Pioneer Day Event

Chaz Adams, Public Information Office, highlighted information in Commission Agenda Report 11-1207, noting the event has been held annually since 1973; its location typically moves from one community to another. By hosting it, the City could nominate five pioneers to honor. At Commissioner Rogers' request, Mr. Adams agreed to work with the Historical Commission to select a location in the City's historical district. He noted that October 22 is the targeted date and if that date is not suitable, it could be held in November.

There was consensus approval.

I-C – Affordable Housing Advisory Committee – Affordable Housing Strategic Implementation Plan, Recommendations and Strategies

Jonathan Brown, Housing and Community Development Manager, reviewed information in Commission Agenda Report 11-0775, outlining the committee's role and priorities discussed at the joint workshop between the Commission and the committee on March 2, 2010.

Bradley Deckelbaum, member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, reviewed five policies that the committee recommends the Commission adopt. A copy of the policies, which is Exhibit 2 to the commission agenda report, is attached to these minutes. The committee would like the staff to be allowed to work with the committee to generate specific proposals based on these policies.

Mr. Brown responded to Mayor Seiler's question as to what Broward County and other local entities do with respect to dedicating funds for affordable housing. Commissioner Rogers offered additional information on the question. He also recalled that there is a problem with donating City-owned property. The Commission had intended to pose a question to the electors to rectify the problem that exists in the charter. However, it was too costly to have it put on the ballot. Previously it has been achieved through the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), which is limited by those boundaries.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to concentrate on a mixed-income concept because he felt it is sustainable and creates a better community. The City could participate in this concept in a number of ways. The City Attorney advised that when the City knows the election dates, the charter amendment will be brought back to the Commission. He estimated October or November.

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted assurance that the committee looks into the full cost to reside in a home, that is, utilities, insurance and so forth and not simply the cost of the home itself. Mr. Deckelbaum advised that the committee has not done any first-hand analysis, however the guidelines generally take those costs into account however he did not know how perfectly that is done.

Commissioner Roberts thought there are examples of successful projects; he was interested in looking to expand on those successes. Mr. Brown indicated that they are looking at previous programs to see if they would be right today. The City is already participating with the housing authority and other agencies on projects by providing funding.

Mr. Brown responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question, indicating that income levels are reviewed annually.

Commissioner Roberts referred to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's efforts and wanted the City to get more involved with transportation projects. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars available for studying low-income and mixed-income housing next to transportation centers. In response to his question about inclusionary zoning, Peter Henn, a member of the committee, believed Tallahassee and Davie have this approach. In Chapel Hill, fifteen percent must be set aside initially and it seems to work. It is one fee among many in the development process. He elaborated upon two approaches. He emphasized that it must be studied. Mayor Seiler was concerned if other communities do not implement something, Fort Lauderdale could essentially driving development away. He wanted to know what other major cities have done this. Commissioner Rogers agreed with Commissioner Roberts concerning housing on transportation corridors associated with the upcoming WAVE; he thought the City could offer incentives. He wanted to encourage a better relationship with the housing authority. Mr. Henn agreed and went on to comment that the committee was looking for general guidance today, the goal is workforce and very low-income more specifically than the term of affordable housing. For example, hotel housekeeping staff will not benefit from foreclosures. Commissioner Rogers noted that the City could participate by providing a parking garage so as to discourage people from driving downtown. Mr. Deckelbaum raised the idea of inexpensive housing on top of a parking garage such as the proposed courthouse parking garage. Commissioner Rodstrom agreed, noting that is the reason for no height restrictions in the downtown. Mayor Seiler noted his agreement also with Policy 2 of locating new housing near transit corridors and employment centers as well as the listed subcategories. He thought anywhere downtown would be considered an employment center. He also wanted to better coordinate with the MPO and Transportation Management Association (TMA). He agreed with Policy 3 and the last three subcategories. He did not think the housing authority should have to do everything, but rather there should be involvement of the private and not for profit sectors. He agreed with Policy 4 in its entirety. Perhaps Broward County comes forward with funding and the City adds other things. He was concerned with the City to create a separate dedicated source of funding. With respect to Policy 5, he supported the inclusionary concept, but has real concerns about the linkage fee program as previously articulated. Commissioner Rogers agreed. Moreover he wanted the City to target City-owned surplus project and move forward with a project that meets the criteria by an incentive for example. There is a lot of property not in the CRA. Discussion turned to potential sites and interested developers wherein Commissioner Roberts reiterated his desire to make use of the ample funding available for such projects. He wanted a group with whom he has had discussions on such a project to be invited to make a

presentation to the Commission. There are others in this market. Commissioner Rodstrom felt the transportation element must be a part of it. Commissioner Roberts was comfortable with Mayor Seiler's conclusions along with discussions with the group he mentioned and staff working with the MPO.

Mayor Seiler summarized for the committee that they should pursue Policies 2, 3, 4 and the second subcategory of Policy 5.

Mr. Henn advised that Broward County studied a linkage fee program and was going to go forward with it, but the crash then happened. Mayor Seiler thought it would need to be done county-wide. Commissioner Rodstrom thought there are other alternatives.

In response to Mr. Deckelbaum, Mayor Seiler thought the committee could work with City real estate staff to identify surplus properties, however, he preferred to discount versus donate. It then returns to the tax roll. Roosevelt Walters, a member of the committee, wanted funds received from sale of surplus properties that are not suitable for housing projects to be dedicated toward affordable housing. Commissioner Rogers brought forward the idea of using an incremental amount of the tax achieved from returning surplus property to the tax roll through an affordable housing development. In the alternative, the decision could be made to budget an amount because of it. As to revenue generation from surplus City properties, the City Manager suggested a case by case look and not a blanket approach.

I-D – Relocation of Judge Shippey House to Cooley's Landing

Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that Florida Power and Light Company has a concern about access to the river to reach a major overhead transmission line that passes over the river. The City Attorney's Office is looking into any obstacles with respect to previously awarded county and state grants.

Commissioner Rogers wanted a checklist compiled as to what is needed in order to move the house. The City Manager noted that there are challenges to work through with respect to previously awarded grants. Mayor Seiler asked about the Rivermont site as a potential site. Commissioner Rogers mentioned another possibility is between the Fort Lauderdale Inn and the Bryant House.

Mayor Seiler concluded by asking staff to continue identifying issues and to work on finding a suitable location.

Jacquelyn Scott, president of Colee Hammock Homeowners Association, pointed out that there is a user (Riverwalk Trust) for the Cooley's Landing site and she was not certain they want to be situated in Rivermont Park. Mayor Seiler believed the usage was cleared with the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Roberts drew attention to a conflict with the engineering study and the Unsafe Structures Board's ruling.

I-F – Proposed Lien Reduction Recommendations – Special Magistrate and Code Enforcement Board Cases

No objection.

I-E – Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Study Update

The City Manager advised that the proposed budget solution has been integrated with this rate study.

Andrew Burnham, senior vice president of Burton & Associates, City's utility financial consultant, reviewed slides on this topic. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Burnham responded to Mayor Seiler's inquiry about Slide 10, FY 11 Residential Water & Sewer Bill Comparison: 5,000 Gallons, advising the data was collected in July and August of this year. The City Manager noted that the Pembroke Pines' rate of \$45.77 does not include their proposed increase, therefore Fort Lauderdale may still continue to be the lowest. Mr. Burnham noted for Commissioner Rogers that it is standard to have a separate charge for water and one for sewer designed to recover the cost. Also, there are customers for water or sewer only. An analysis is performed annually to verify the split between water and sewer. There has never been rationale to support a differential increase. He went on to clarify the 5.75 percent CPI indexing adjustment is the water and sewer maintenance component of the overall CPI.

Mr. Burnham continued review of the slides. Albert Carbon, Director of Public Works responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question about the City benefiting with reduced maintenance expenses from infrastructure improvements made in the WaterWorks 2011 program. The City's sewer system expanded by thirty percent. Savings is reflected in the rates compared to other Broward agencies. Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that all of the change order costs have been incorporated into the overall debt that is in turn incorporated into the rate. Mr. Carbon commented how the reduced water usage equates to reduced wastewater flow and broadens the time line for expansion. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Carbon offered to furnish another copy of the final WaterWorks 2011 program cost. Mayor Seiler questioned the number of increases over the life of the program and Mr. Carbon provided a verbal chronology. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, he offered to furnish a list of those projects deferred and added to the program. He noted the purpose of the WaterWorks 2011 program. Discussion ensued about the noted CPI and local government's bread basket being different than that of an individual. Commissioner Roberts asked that care be taken with presentation of this information to the public. Mayor Seiler remarked that he has never seen a study showing Fort Lauderdale having the lowest water and sewer rates in the county. Ninety percent of the complaints he receives have to do with water and sewer rates, therefore it would be helpful to publicize this. Discussion ensued about the itemization of the bill itself and its comparison to other communities. The City Manager indicated one concept that will be presented on a conference is to place the sanitation and stormwater fees on the tax bill. With discussion turning to presentation of the information to the public, Commissioner Roberts wanted to know the number of customers at the 7,000-10,000 gallon usage, the associated rates and how the City compares at those levels. Mr. Burnham advised that previously the average consumption was 7,000 gallons. In 2008, Fort Lauderdale was fourth or fifth from the lowest. Since that time, the customer base has reduced their consumption. The average user is now at 5,000 gallons and has the lowest cost in the county. The rate structure that provided price incentives to higher volume users to conserve maintained affordability for low volume and average users.

Commissioner Rodstrom pointed out that regardless of conservation, the debt service continues to be an obligation however the City Manager noted that charge could be based on usage. Mr. Carbon provided a usage table according to neighborhood that was made a part of the record. Mr. Burnham added that the rate increases factor-in continued demand reductions in response to price and conservation. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Burnham advised that about one-third of the annual cost requirement or bill is for debt service. In response to her question about debt restructure, the City Manager advised that the City is not in a position at this time to do any refunding of water and sewer debt. Staff will continue to analyze this to see if the market ever supports a refunding. Commissioner Rodstrom clarified her point is reducing the debt service coverage ratio, bringing the rating to A. The City Manager indicated staff went through that exercise; reserve requirements have been trimmed. Mr. Burnham emphasized the 2.0 ratio is also needed to pay for the renewal and replacement investments needed for infrastructure. He elaborated upon what needs to be done as the reserves are used in order to have adequate revenue streams to fund the annual renewal and replacement requirements.

Mr. Burnham continued review of the slides. The City Manager responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question about use of impact fees. In response to Commissioner Rogers, Mr. Burnham advised that system maintenance level of service options relating to stormwater are raw cost estimates; a most cost effective approach would need to be analyzed.

Commissioner Rogers thought there needs to be a sharpening of the pencil before proceeding. Mr. Burnham explained the rationale with respect to stormwater. The operating and maintenance figures on Slide 17, Level of Service Options – Citywide, are estimates by Camp Dresser and McKee. Perhaps the City could do better by outsourcing or other options. The City Manager assured that if staff determines it can be done for less that will be reported to the Commission. Commissioner Rogers commented that for ten years the rates were set below the CPI and now they are above the CPI. Perhaps the increase was too much. The City Manager believed it was a matter of dipping into the reserves for ten years; there was a true-up (adjustment) in 2009 and the City is still in a little bit of a catch-up mode. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, Mr. Burnham advised that the rate increase would be effective in October, 2012. The City Manager pointed out how this proposed rate increase is a part of the fiscal year 2012 budget.

Mr. Burnham responded to Mayor Seiler's challenge of the study's quoted average consumption of 5,000 gallons in looking at the usage table according to neighborhood. He explained there may be a few large users that are driving up the numbers. The City Manager cautioned against relying on percentages and suggested looking at the dollar impact. Mr. Carbon pointed out that 52 percent of the bills are for 5,000 gallons or less; the information does not say it is the average. The usage table according to neighborhood provides the average use by neighborhood; usage divided by the number of households. Mr. Burnham explained a few high users will drive up the numbers. Mr. Carbon explained for Commissioner Rodstrom that with the last study, rates were restructured, which is no longer necessary.

Mr. Burnham continued review of the slides. The City Manager elaborated upon his experience as to improving the community rating system score within NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) of FEMA and lowering the cost of flood insurance. He explained it depends on how much the City is willing to invest in stormwater system

maintenance, stormwater planning, some regulatory items and a number of factors. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager advised that the City could reduce its rating to six with relatively little effort; staff is evaluating what would have to be done to get to a five.

Mayor Seiler agreed with previous concerns expressed as to how the previous rate adjustments were presented to the public. With respect to stormwater, if there is a return on the investment that nets a savings to residents, he felt it should be looked into. Otherwise, he did not want to do more than the minimum. In response to Commissioner Roberts, Mr. Burnham advised that the return on investment for the recommendation is about \$15 million as it extends to the regional wastewater system and impacts those rates which is a key cost component of the enterprise funds.

Mayor Seiler requested a summary of the actual budget and the projected budget on WaterWorks be re-circulated to the Commission. Discussion ensued as to concern that there had not been rate increases and now this Commission is faced with an adjustment. Mr. Carbon advised that current policy is to provide a status report to the Commission every other year.

I-G – Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Message – Version 2.0

Reorganization; restructure

The City Manager noted his previous indication to the Commission that there are too many departments for an effective span of control. Departments will be reduced from fifteen to nine: finance, fire-rescue, human resources, information systems, parks and recreation, police, public works, sustainable development that was previously planning and zoning and will be expanded, and a new department of transportation and mobility. The budget function will move to the Manager's Office; the capital improvement program will be renamed community investment and move to the Manager's Office. The City will be undertaking performance measurement, process improvement and municipal benchmarking and this effort will be called structural innovation and housed in the Manager's Office. A new assistant to the city manager will be undertaking this effort. The neighborhood services division of Public Works will be moved under Assistant To The City Manager Richards. The Public Information Office will be absorbed into the Manager's Office. Chaz Adams will report directly to him. The film permitting function will be moved under Public Information. Central Services of Business Enterprises will move to Information Systems. The payroll, timekeeping function will be moved to Finance. Procurement will be absorbed into Finance and Kirk Buffington will become Assistant Finance Director. Occupational licensing will be moved to Finance. Professional Standards will be absorbed into Human Resources. Risk Management and Employee Benefits will be moved to Human Resources. Fleet will be moved to Public Works. The community rating system will be moved to Public Works. Permitting and inspections, Code Enforcement and Building Services will be moved to Sustainable Development. All of the planning and zoning functions with the exception of transportation planning will fall under Sustainable Development. All economic development activities with the exception of film permitting but including the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Northwest CRA will also fall under Sustainable Development. Facilities will be moved to Parks and Recreation. Real Estate will be moved also to Parks and Recreation. Cemeteries and War Memorial Auditorium, Aquatic Center, marinas and beach concessions will be moved to Parks and Recreation. The airport, parking and transportation planning will be moved to

Transportation and Mobility. The school crossing guard program will be moved to Police. Emergency management will be moved to Fire Rescue. Strategic action planning will be address across five core service areas of infrastructure, public places, neighborhood enhancement, business development and public safety. There will be coordinated inter-departmental team for each of those service areas in order to break down the organizational silos and concentrate on the mission of building community.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, the City Manager advised that Parking Enforcement will be moved to Transportation and Mobility. Assistant City Manager Stanley Hawthorne will take charge of support functions, those being finance, talent, GIS, information systems and facilities. Assistant City Manager Susanne Torriente will handle the operational side, those being capital programming, operation and maintenance and operational systems. From a functional standpoint, her responsibilities will include the neighborhood support, public works, sustainable development, parks and recreation and transportation and mobility. The two chiefs will be direct reports to him. Under this scheme, he will have five direct reports, those being two assistant city managers, two chiefs and public information. The Commission expressed their approval.

Budget Advisory Board and board and committee appointments

Mayor Seiler explained that the joint workshop with the Budget Advisory Board was canceled because the board would not have had a quorum. He was pleased to announce that the chair had strongly expressed a positive outlook as to working with the new administration. He believed the workshop would need to be rescheduled. He urged that the vacancies be filled. Also, as a matter of procedure, he requested that nominations be submitted by the Wednesday before the meeting. The City Clerk advised that the ordinance, with regard to the quorum issue, was adopted for most of the boards when the Budget Advisory Board was inactive. It would be a simple fix to include this board in that ordinance. There was consensus approval to amend the ordinance.

Budget

The City Manager advised that the biggest change with this version is no fire assessment (increase). There is a \$900,000 increase in revenue expectations. There is still \$1.5 million in unspecified funding reductions. In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Manager advised the net employee reduction is twenty-four with possibly more to come. The fleet replacement overhead pay-back has been increased \$1 million. The \$4 million total is a one-time revenue. The fire fleet reduction represents about \$1.3 million; it extends the life of the City's fire apparatus by a year. The ad valorem tax receipt rate has been increased from 95 to 96 percent. It has historically been above 97 percent. The housing and community development subsidy for personnel has been reduced to \$128,000. The general fund has been subsidizing grant programs in housing and community development by about \$600,000 annually. This elimination will probably mean a reduction in work force. There will also be reduction of the general fund's capital of \$400,000 because there are programs on the shelf and there is no need to add to that.

The City Manager responded to Mayor Seiler's question on page 43 concerning total actual expenditures and referred him to pages 34, Proposed All Funds Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2012, and 36, Adopted All Funds Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2011, for more clarity. The City Manager indicated he intends to provide a one-page fact sheet that the Commission can use in their discussions with citizens. Commissioner Roberts

thought it is important to illustrate that the general fund operating budget has been reduced for three consecutive years. The City Auditor responded to Commissioner Rogers' question on page 45, General Fund Expenditures Fiscal years 2012 and 2011, concerning the reason for a reduction in salaries and wages by indicated it is probably relating to the end of payments for close-out of the pension plan in the prior year. Commissioner Rogers thought it would be good to know the amount that the City is benefiting from that pension reform.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, the City Attorney advised that if the fire assessment fee is not going to be raised, the upcoming special meeting on this topic is no longer needed. Commissioner Roberts pointed out if the Commission is not agreeable to the water and sewer rate adjustment, the fire assessment fee needs to be considered. Discussion ensued on this topic including cost recovery percentage that the fire assessment fee achieves and that the water and sewer system is a business enterprise that is proprietary in nature. The City Manager responded to Commissioner Rodstrom's question concerning the City's bond covenants. Commissioner Rogers recognized the water and sewer rate needs to be addressed, but was not convinced that it needs to be 6.75 percent. He realized the bond covenant percentage needs to be fulfilled. Commissioner Roberts wanted to leave other options on the table. In these tough economic times, Commissioner Rogers wanted to not change the fire assessment fee and adjust the water and sewer rates. Mayor Seiler agreed and was also concerned about 6.75, but realized some adjustment must be made. He wanted a full Commission to be present before a decision is made. He requested the City Manager meet with the Commission individually before the next meeting relating to the budget.

The City Auditor advised that each year his office reviews the projected revenues and expenditures for reasonableness, accuracy and being materially correct. It has not yet been done this year because it has been a work in progress. Because of the compressed time frame and reorganization, he intends to focus on the revenue side.

Note: The City Commission recessed and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 5:05 p.m.; then returned to the conference for Commission Reports at 10:12 p.m.; the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors meeting again at 10:39 p.m. and the conference for board and committee communications at 11:11 p.m.

City Commission Reports

Walgreens; Beach Community Redevelopment Agency area

At Commissioner Rodstrom's request, George Morgan, representing Morgan Property Group, explained that Morgan Property has been trying to assemble property on Las Olas Boulevard between the bridge and southbound lane of A-1-A. He noted recent acquisitions. There is a parcel between an existing retail building and the southbound lane of A-1-A that is used as a landscaped area, which they would like to use a portion of it to bring Walgreens to the beach. The existing landscaping on the parcel would be preserved. The building would be no higher than forty feet. Others who have looked at this parcel are looking to build up. He wanted the City to declare the property as excess and follow an RFP process. Mr. Morgan elaborated upon what they would be willing to do with respect to landscaping and lighting. Mayor Seiler thought the proposal sounds favorable; he requested Mr. Morgan meet with the City Manager.

Hollywood Satellite Booking Facility

Commissioner Rogers referred to the Police Chief's memorandum with regard to closing of the Hollywood satellite booking facility and pointed out that this has impacted the longstanding problem at Stranahan Park (homelessness). There was consensus approval for Commissioner Rogers to draft and send a letter signed by all members of the Commission to the Broward Sheriff expressing the City's opposition to the facility being closed after review by the City Attorney.

New River Floating Docks

Commissioner Rogers requested signage be posted in the area of the New River floating docks. Perhaps it should be called downtown floating docks) indicating what sized boats are permissible and length of time allowed. Andrew Cuba, Marine Facilities Manager, provided a status report on what is in progress.

Code Enforcement

Commissioner Rogers indicated that citizens have reported that code enforcement staff are passing by violations and not reporting them. He asked the City Manager to look into reinitiating a previous self-reporting program.

Sand Dune; (Mayan Beach Club Condominium) and The Palms Condominium

In response to Commissioner Rogers, Phil Thornburg, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the City has agreed to present acceptance of the donation of \$7,500 to the Commission and use on property to the north. The City has also been requested to provide a letter, indicating what the condominium is doing is acceptable to the Department of Environmental Protection. However, because it is on private property, the City is not willing to comment. Commissioner Rogers asked that he follow-up with obtaining the check and scheduling the item on an agenda.

Code Enforcement; foreclosures

Commissioner Roberts reported on the swift action of Code Enforcement staff in responding to an issue concerning properties along NE 18 Avenue, between Commercial Boulevard and 62 Street. Generally, he wanted more aggressive code enforcement in neighborhoods. A brief exchange between Commissioners Roberts and Rogers followed concerning code enforcement and properties in foreclosure. The City Manager noted an upcoming conference agenda item of a mortgage foreclosure registration process that would shift some of the responsibilities to those who are foreclosing upon the property.

Sister Cities; flag and gifts

Commissioner Roberts requested the flag that the City presents at Sister Cities' ceremonies be improved upon. Consideration should be given to reevaluating the gifts the City presents to be more comparable to those received.

Events and Matters of Interest

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.

III-A – Communications to City Commission and Minutes Circulated for Period Ending August 18, 2011

Mayor Seiler wanted the communications to be rescheduled, but also wanted to make sure there were no time sensitive communications.

Community Services Board

Motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Ms. Hinton, that the City Commission meet with the Board regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program as soon as possible. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler asked the City Manager look into this request.

Budget Advisory Board

The City Auditor noted that the Budget Advisory Board would like the Commission to consider their recommendation concerning investment managers.

Motion made by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Silva:

The Board recommends to the City Commission that on an interim basis, until the revised investment policy is adopted, the number of investment managers be increased from two to three and the amount they each control be increased from \$50 million up to \$100 million. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager noted that the bulk of the City's portfolio currently resides in-house for management and staff would like to move it out to professionals. This is staff's suggestion. Mayor Seiler asked it be scheduled for September 7. The City Manager added that the board could not make a recommendation on the investment policy due to lack of a quorum, therefore he requested the policy be brought forward directly to the Commission. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager confirmed that selection of an investment manager would be done by RFP.

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 City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.