

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING
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CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE MEETING 1:39 P.M. April 17, 2012

Present: Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler
 Commissioners Bruce G. Roberts, Charlotte E. Rodstrom, Bobby B.
 DuBose 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 Sergeant Joel Winfrey
 Sergeant Derek Joseph

I-A – Broward County Community-Wide Energy and Sustainability Survey

Jill Horwitz, Broward County Natural Resources, reviewed slides on this topic provided as Exhibit 1 to Commission Agenda Report 12-0777. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Horwitz responded to Commissioner Rogers' question of how the \$1.2 million was spent. Commissioner DuBose was interested to know more about the B-Cycle Bike Share Program and that there be bikes made available at Fort Lauderdale City Hall. Ms. Horwitz offered to provide more information to City staff. Mayor Seiler was also interested in knowing the program's status.

I-B – Estimated Federal Housing and Community Development Funding and Proposed U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan of Consolidated Plan – Fiscal Year

Jonathan Brown, Housing and Community Development Manager, reviewed Commission Agenda Report 12-0714.

Vice Mayor Rodstrom requested break-outs of Public Works' projects that would be covered under Community Redevelopment Block Grant (CDGB) activities and what types of projects could be included. The City Manager advised that he had intended this to be part of the Community Investment Program (CIP) discussions. Mr. Brown responded to her questions about allocation changes to the CDBG funding and noted that there is a fifteen percent cap on Public Services. In response to Commissioner Roberts, he noted that the CDBG items are already over and Public Works projects have not been included in the total. In response to Commissioner Rogers, he indicated that there are significantly more funds proposed for the Homeless Assistance Center. Vice Mayor Rodstrom asked about implementing the use of benchmarks and outcomes that was previously decided upon. Mr. Brown advised that the Commission approved performance indicators that were recommended by the Community Services Board. The previous discussion related to Public Services. Vice Mayor Rodstrom indicated that she was under the impression it related to everything. Commissioner Roberts recalled discussion about the homeless program; it was further than Public Services. Commissioner Rogers felt it would be helpful to know what was allocated last year in order to make a decision on this year. Commissioner DuBose elaborated upon his understanding of the Commission's previous discussion. He thought staff was to work with the board and bring a recommendation back to the Commission. He went on to express concern about entertaining an RFP for a program to be administered because it takes dollars away from the program itself in order to cover administration. He observed that there appears to be a shift in thinking by the

federal government as there are more dollars for homeless assistance. He did not want to take any funding away from the Homeless Assistance Center (HAC). Commissioner Rogers was not convinced that continuing with the same approach is the best utilization. Vice Mayor DuBose emphasized that Broward County does a great job in this category (Emergency Solutions Grant ESG). Commissioner Rogers pointed out that the Commission has no reasoning or comparison data for the recommendation. Mayor Seiler thought over the next year, staff should provide more information, make a presentation to the Commission and allow for a full evaluation. He wanted to see what more can be done in conjunction with the County. The City should be working more in partnership with the County on social and other issues. Moving forward, Commissioner DuBose thought the City should request that of everybody. Commissioner Roberts pointed out that there is an additional \$71,000 in this year's program. The question is whether it should be devoted to the HAC or homeless prevention. He has asked for years without a response of how effective is the homeless prevention program. As to effectiveness, he does not know about the homeless prevention program. No data has ever been furnished.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Pat West, Director of Broward County Family Success Administration Division, explained the makeup of the Broward County Human Services Department that includes Family Success. The main goal of Family Success is to prevent homelessness. She noted statistics of Fort Lauderdale customers and the resources available to them. The new direction of the government is only thirty days in a shelter and then permanent housing. Discussion ensued as to the types of data being collected. In response to Mayor Seiler, Mr. Brown advised that the year-end report provided to the Commission has a recap of all of the federal programs. Mayor Seiler requested a copy. Ms. West indicated that there have been ongoing discussions between City staff and staff of Broward County Family Success. She also expanded on the shift in the federal governing's thinking about shelters. Vice Mayor Rodstrom noted that there will still be people in need of the HAC. Mayor Seiler asked how much the federal government provides in funding for this issue. Ms. West indicated it is in the millions, but there have been reductions.

Mayor Seiler explained that with the closing of jails, homeless who are incarcerated overnight are released in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale is bearing a disproportionate brunt of homeless because they are only being released from one facility in downtown Fort Lauderdale. No adjustments have been made by Broward County to address this problem. The funding formula needs to be reevaluated. Ms. West indicated that she could pass this concern along and she will be back in contact. She commented that some homeless have mental illness and do not wish to be in a shelter. There have been cuts in the area of mental illness but there is funding available with Henderson Mental Health Clinic and she will be attempting to re-gain this funding. In response to Commissioner Rogers, Ms. West concurred that Fort Lauderdale has about 1/5 of the customers being served. She went on to discuss Family Success' maximum assistance amount of \$1,500 per case and explain that in some cases a family may need more, but with doing so, they can then make it. Also, the family could receive funding from other programs that might be as high as \$5,000. The need comes from all walks of life. In response to Commissioner Rogers, Ms. West indicated they have instituted a three-time in a lifetime rule as well as an every twenty-four month rule, but it essentially depends on the situation. People must have had loss of income through no fault of their own. She went on to explain their assessment of applicants. There are offices throughout the county.

Concerning CDBG, the City Auditor advised that the \$220,000 anticipated CDBG Program income is not included in the \$1,548,187 proposed activities for 2012-13 budget. Therefore, these funds are available for the Commission to allocate. Mr. Brown advised previously the City has been using these funds for the post office debt coverage.

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Manager advised that as of yesterday, he designated Cate McCaffrey of Parks and Recreation as the homeless coordinator. One of her charges is to rebuild the bridge with Broward County concerning a collaborative effort and explore best practices of other cities. Mayor Seiler was interested in joining the County in grant applications. The City Manager indicated that Ms. McCaffrey understands that funding is the driver as well as assuring the available funding is properly allocated. It is not a one-person job, but a pulling together of resources. There was consensus for Commissioner Rogers to take the lead on behalf of the Commission on this issue.

Steve Werthman, Director of Program Development, Hope South Florida (formerly Shepherd's Way), indicated he is also the former homeless initiative partnership administrator for Broward County. At the City's community development public meeting of January 10, he requested a portion of the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) funds targeted to rapid re-housing be allocated through a competitive bid process. Rapid re-housing is a new emphasis of homeless programs nationwide and a shift in the law. There has been impressive results with this model. Over 200 families have been housed and served annually for the past several years. For those that could be contacted twelve months after assistance ended, over ninety percent remain stably housed. He provided a copy of Hope South Florida's outcomes that was made a part of the record. If awarded through a competitive process, Hope South Florida would not request any administrative fees. Also, he hoped the Commission will favorably consider City staff's recommendation of CDBG funding to Hope South Florida.

Steve Busch, advised that he represents Angela Dawson who has applied for funding to expand her law office on Sistrunk Boulevard. He believed that the law office will result in economic enhancement and civic empowerment. Nova University has expressed an interest in buttressing her effort to provide low-cost legal aid to citizens. Ms. Dawson has been presented with an opportunity to negotiate for the purchase of property with six bays and a bank has expressed an interest in locating a satellite office in one of the bays.

In response to questions raised by the Commission, Mr. Brown advised that \$90,000 was initially awarded in CDBG recovery stimulus funding. Carl Perkins, contractor for this project, explained that Mr. Dawson purchased the property. With funding from the City, she has 720 square feet of space. Nova University would like her to conduct training, but there is not enough space. Mr. Brown explained this has to do with a for-profit loan. The requirement is job creation. This was competitively bid and awarded to Ms. Dawson. The program sunsets this year and the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of June. Jobs will be created after the building is completed. This request is for regular CDBG funding, separate from the recovery stimulus funding. Mr. Perkins estimated it will cost \$130,000 to complete the project and he will be donating about \$20,000-\$30,000 in labor and time. Phase II proposal is to expand the building by another 800-900 square feet in order to house a training program. Mr. Perkins did not know the answers to Mayor Seiler's questions about the original contractor. Commissioner DuBose calculated there is a need for an additional \$60,000 to finish. He was concerned that Phase I has not yet been completed. Mayor Seiler agreed that he questions considering an expansion when the original project is not completed. Mr. Perkins estimated construction will be completed by June-July. The City Manager advised that if the project is not completed by the end of June, there will be problems with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Mayor Seiler asked if all of Ms. Dawson's work is pro-bono. He also asked if this is being recommended by City staff. Mr. Brown explained in the annual action plan process any agency interested in CDBG dollars may submit a request for funding and this is the process of bringing those requests forward to the Commission. It has not been recommended.

Birch Willey, 818 SE 4th Street, indicated that he is the chair of Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership Advisory Board (HIP), urged the Commission to designate one of its members to this effort and that there be a cooperative effort with Broward County to solve this problem.

In response to Vice Mayor Rodstrom's question about payment of debt service on the post office, the City Auditor indicated that he is not familiar with this.

In response to Commissioner DuBose, Mr. Brown clarified that the \$184,480 (Equal Housing Fund of Florida, Corp., Other CDBG Activities) is in addition to the \$305,243 (Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement, Proposed Activities 2012-2013 HOME budget). He went on to provide more detail about Equal Housing Fund of Florida, Corp. Commissioner DuBose asked in the future more detail about the requesting agency be provided as well as the particular category. In response to additional questions of the Commission, Mr. Brown indicated that the Commission could elect to roll their request into the HOME budget. The request will have a developer fee included. Commissioner Roberts requested a comparison with the previous year's funding. Vice Mayor Rodstrom was cautious about reaching a consensus on items when the other CDBG activities such as Public Works Department projects have not yet been decided upon. Commissioner DuBose asked if the Commission does not entertain the requests, is there an additional \$384,000 for allocation. Mr. Brown advised it is approximately \$350,000 because the total request is above the actual CDBG allocation. It is not necessary to make those allocation decisions now. Commissioner DuBose wanted to accept staff's recommendation, but not the individual requests. Commissioner Rogers wanted more background on the legal restrictions with respect to allocating. Mr. Brown advised that a final decision is not needed until July, therefore it may be desirable to meet with the Commission individually. Commissioner DuBose thought perhaps a quarterly memorandum might make this easier to follow. Commissioner Rogers wanted to look at trends. He expressed interest in utilizing a competitive bidding approach.

I-C – City Attorney Selection Process – Executive Search Services

The City Manager highlighted information in Commission Agenda Report 12-0807. In response to Commissioner DuBose, the City Attorney explained that in this matter the Commission serves as the selection committee. Oral presentations would have to be in a closed door session. Commissioner Rogers was interested to know what the cost had been for the recent city manager selection process. Mayor Seiler requested that information. Discussion followed on desirable publications in which to advertise and travel expenses that were reimbursed to the candidates and to Renee Narloch of Bob Murray & Associates during the city manager selection process. In response to Commissioner DuBose, the City Manager advised that there is local representation from Colin Baenziger and The Mercer Group. Commissioner Rogers suggested the fee be an hourly rate.

As to appointments to the City Attorney Search Committee, Mayor Seiler asked the Commission to be prepared to make nominations at the May 1 meeting.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Doug Sterner, President of the Fort Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations, indicated he served on the City Manager Search Committee and thought Bob Murray & Associates did an excellent job. He referred to his email to the Commission on this topic. He believed that the city attorney has an impact on neighborhoods and this is why the Council is asking to have a voice. Mayor Seiler explained that the city attorney is not supposed to be subject to political pressure

and the outside elements whereas the city manager must work with all stakeholders. He should be independent. Commissioner Rodstrom agreed. The auditor and clerk as well as the attorney work directly for the Commission whereas the manager is involved with the constituency similar to the Commission. Commissioner Roberts agreed with Mayor Seiler and Commissioner Rodstrom. Commissioner Rogers pointed out if the neighborhoods were added, the question would be where to draw the line with other groups. Moreover candidates will in neighborhoods and will bring that perspective to the job. Commissioner DuBose had nothing in the contrary to add. Mayor Seiler responded to Mr. Sterner's question of how he envisions this committee's role. Mayor Seiler recommended the Council submit a name for the Commission to consider in the existing appointment structure. Mr. Sterner believed the neighborhoods count in this process. He agreed with Commissioner Rogers and urged the Commission to look favorably on the name that the Council submits; and if not, that selected candidates have neighborhood perspective.

Mayor Seiler recalled there was an unresolved issue as to whether appointments can or cannot lobby the City. He felt registered lobbyists should not serve on the committee. There was consensus.

In response to the Commission's earlier question, the City Manager advised that Bob Murray's previous fee was roughly \$27,000 that included \$2,000 for advertising.

There was consensus that city residency would be a requirement. As to salary, Mayor Seiler thought it should be at or below that of the City Manager. After some discussion on how it was addressed in the case of the current Manager. The City Attorney explained that the search firm will develop a profile and provide it to the Commission for their approval. A salary range could be included in the profile. Mayor Seiler concluded that the Commission will vote on the firm and make appointments to the committee on May 1. He announced that the public should submit committee appointment suggestions to the City Clerk for this timeline. If there is no consensus on the firm selection, there will be ranking. There was consensus approval of the City Clerk's suggestion that appointment nominees be submitted to her office so as to avoid duplication.

I-D – Reapportionment of City Commission Districts in Relation to U.S. Census Bureau 2010 Report

The City Attorney recommended a consultant be retained. Mayor Seiler wanted to create a committee to work with the consultant and include representation from the neighborhood associations, to be broad enough to include some of the interested stakeholders. The composition would be a nominee from each member of the Commission and two at-large represented by the neighborhoods. He commented on the potential for annexations in Districts III and IV. Commissioner Rogers asked whether the district would legally need to have been created if Commissioner Rodstrom decides to resign. The City Attorney advised would only need to be accomplished as reasonably practicable. Mayor Seiler asked how much would need to be budgeted. The City Manager advised that based on other cities that have recently redistricted, the range is \$10,000-\$25,000. He noted firms that have locally handled redistricting for Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, Southwest Ranches, Pompano Beach and Parkland. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, he indicated that he is not aware of any litigation in those cities. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted the consultant to keep the committee on-track with redistricting criteria. There was consensus on creation of a committee. Commissioner Rodstrom wanted assurance that the committee is given needed information in order to make a correct decision. Mayor Seiler suggested a committee composition of one nominee from each commission district and three consensus appointments; one from the Council of Civic Associations, one from the business community and one at-large. Mayor Seiler confirmed for

Commissioner DuBose that others from outside of the committee could submit a suggested map. Commissioner DuBose wanted to be certain that the committee is diverse and represents the city. There was consensus for the City Manager to submit consultant names by June 5 and the Commission to make committee appointments by June 19. There was consensus to modify the Mayor's suggestion for a membership of nine, with a nominee from each member of the Commission and two at-large members. There was also consensus agreement with Commissioner Rodstrom's suggestion that the membership be city residents.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Bob Huebner noted the presence of Wendy Walker of Riverview, Birch Willey of Riverside and that Tony Abbate had been present but had to leave. They are all in agreement with this procedure. He suggested the City speak with Mr. Abbate with respect to potential retention of Florida Atlantic University.

Charles King, 105 North Victoria Park Road, asked whether some or all of the districts would be considered. Mayor Seiler indicated that would be the responsibility of the committee. Commissioner Rodstrom explained that District II is short and District IV is over. It may require adjustments citywide.

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

There was no objection.

Commissioner Rodstrom referred to the first case involving green, stagnant water in the pool and commented this may be caused by a new type of White Fly that she went on to describe.

The City Manager introduced recently hired Economic Development Division Manager and Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator, Steve Anderson. In response to questions raised by the Commission, Mr. Anderson elaborated on his experience and credentials and his perspective of the local business climate.

Note: The City Commission recessed at 3:59p.m. and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors and then returned to the conference at 4:40 p.m. addressing Item III-B and then 9:59 p.m. for Commission Reports in the City Commission meeting room on the first floor of City Hall.

City Commission Reports

Ordinance Requiring Contractors to Provide Equal Benefits for Domestic Partners

Commissioner Rodstrom previously sent information to the Commission concerning amending the City's ordinance to coincide with the County's ordinance on contractors providing equal benefits for domestic partners. Mayor Seiler requested this item be scheduled on a conference agenda.

Utility Cabinets

Commissioner Rodstrom wanted to explore partnering with those entities that own the utility cabinets to wrap them with artwork similar to what was done recently in the downtown, especially the major corridors.

Commissioner Rodstrom left the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Southside School

Commissioner Rogers wanted to instruct City staff to move forward posthaste with determining whether Nova University is still interested according to the guidelines set forth in the Commission's vote. Mayor Seiler advised that Nova has indicated they are still interested, but before making a commitment, wish to see the condition of the building. The City Manager advised that Nova is still very interested in moving forward. The only item of uncertainty is whether they can secure a permit for what is commonly called the wet building where clay work is done. In order to do so, they must proceed through a permit process. This would be the only contingency. Nova will take care of the architecture and construction of this. He agreed to get this moved forward. Commissioner Rogers emphasized that the City be hands-on with both the building and the end-use programming. Each of these aspects need a project manager. The City Manager advised that project management is a concentration as part of the reorganization.

Shady Banks; Water Main

Commissioner Rogers referred to the City Manager's memorandum on this topic (Memorandum No. 12-115, Shady Banks Small Water Main Improvements) and noted it is included in the CIP (Community Investment Program) listed as Shady Banks Small Water Improvements, estimated 2012. Mayor Seiler thought the Director of Public Works had advised it was slated for completion in 2014-2015. The City Manager explained there are limited capacity issues in terms of getting projects done. Commissioner Rogers thought this would be a contractor versus in-house staff project. He wanted to proceed with bidding. Mayor Seiler recapped his conversation with the Director of Public Works concerning water quality testing and that there are other higher priority projects with water quality and pressure issues. As to contracting the work, the City Manager explained that it is not only an issue of the crews, but also project management and inspectors. He wanted to look into it and report back whether staff has the capacity if it is contracted. Commissioner Rogers noted that the City's website shows this as a 2012 project and he wanted to know what the residents were promised. The City Manager explained that this is an issue with the CIP in that funding has been put in place long before there is capacity to do the project. This will be corrected so that the proposed CIP will be tied to when the work can actually be done.

Bass Park and Mills Pond Park

Commissioner DuBose requested an update concerning these topics.

Outstanding Liens; Amnesty

Commissioner Roberts asked the City Manager to look into an amnesty program to resolve outstanding liens and mentioned such an initiative was done by Pompano Beach. He asked the City Manager to provide a memorandum on a possible procedure. Mayor Seiler raised the situation of an owner ready to sell the property, requesting a lien reduction yet taking money out of the sale transaction. Commissioner Rogers liked the amnesty idea.

Events and Matters of Interest including Downtown Development Authority and Special Workshop on Goals

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest including Commissioner Rogers comments about the Downtown Development Authority changing their vision to address residing in the downtown and related information concerning The WAVE. Mayor Seiler announced the Commission's upcoming goals workshop on Friday, 2 p.m. at the Executive Airport.

III-B – Board and Committee Vacancies

In response to questions about updates to the applicant list, the City Clerk indicated that the list is updated every two weeks. She suggested applications be sent to the Commission electronically.

With respect to the Education Advisory Board, Mayor Seiler asked the City Clerk to contact Vincent Cella to determine if he is interested in appointment. Commissioner DuBose asked the City Clerk to check on his appointment Heather Brinkworth to the Education Advisory Board.

Budget Advisory Board	Bryson Michael Ridgway (Commissioner DuBose – New)
Charter Revision Board	E. Clay Shaw (Commissioner Rogers – Reappointment) Rochelle Golub (Commissioner Roberts – Reappointment)
Community Appearance Board	Brock Matthew Slater (Mayor Seiler – New)
Education Advisory Board	Austin Edward Scott (Commissioner Roberts – Reappointment)
Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee	Bryson Michael Ridgway (Commissioner DuBose – New)
Northwest-Progress-Flagler Heights Redevelopment Board	Ella Phillips
Nuisance Abatement Board	Adriane P. Reese (Consensus – Alternate – New)

III-A – Communication to City Commission and Minutes Circulated for Period ending April 12, 2012

Historic Preservation Board

Motion made by Mr. DeFelice, seconded by Ms. Graff, to state the HPB is proud of the work done on the Design Guidelines and recommend they be adopted, with the stipulation that portions of the glossary definitions need to be revised once the new ordinance is adopted. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

The City Clerk believed that these guidelines are coming forward to the Commission on May 1.

Motion made by Mr. DeFelice, seconded by Mr. Schulze, to request that the City Commission direct staff to explore a solution for protecting resources from private digging in City-owned parks. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rodstrom requested a summary on this topic at a conference meeting. Mayor Seiler wanted a recommendation from staff so as to narrow the use of consultant time and expense. In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager believed findings are turned over to Broward County Archaeologist. Commissioner Rodstrom believed that Robert Carr (Archaeological and Historical Conservancy) has possession of the findings. She wanted the City Manager to followup in this regard and for this point as a matter of procedure to be discussed. There should be limits as to private digging.

Commissioner DuBose requested a status report on the Shippey House.

See additional discussion on page 10.

Marine Advisory Board

Motion made by Vice Chair Harrison, seconded by Mr. Rensing, to submit letters of support for the proposed Las Olas Marina redevelopment project from the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, along with other stakeholders, as a communication to the City Commission. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler felt decisions first need to be made on whether it is environmentally and financially feasible. A general discussion followed on the challenges. Mayor Seiler suggested perhaps staff look into whether anything similar has been accomplished in the state. Commissioner Roberts agreed that the basic question of whether to make the expenditure should first be considered. Commissioner Rogers wanted to retain a consultant to determine whether permits could be obtained. Mayor Seiler was opposed to expending funds for a consultant. The City Manager believed he could obtain a preliminary assessment from an individual in his network that has experience in permitting some of the largest marinas in South Florida.

Police and Firefighters Pension Board

The Board voted to terminate Franklin Portfolio Advisors and Atlanta Capital and transfer those assets to existing managers upon the recommendation of the CapTrust consultants.

After hearing a presentation on equal weighted indexing, the Board agreed by consensus to continue using the S&P 500 aggregate index rather than change to an S&P 500 equal weighted index.

In response to Commissioner Rodstrom, the City Manager believed there are three fund managers.

Sustainability Advisory Board

Motion made by Ms. Eckels, seconded by Ms. Walter to state: the Board feels the Urban Agriculture Ordinance, as currently written, does not accomplish what they thought it needed to from a sustainability standpoint and that it would be counterproductive to send the ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Board now. The Board requests that they hold a workshop with the Planning and Zoning Board to craft an ordinance that both boards could approve, for ultimate review by the Commission. In a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager explained that staff does not believe urban farms in residential areas are compatible. This is something that needs to be further vetted, but staff did not want to delay the remainder of the ordinance. The Board has taken exception to this position; they believe that provision of urban farms needs to be included now as part of the ordinance. Commissioner Rogers explained that the Board is concerned that the restrictions on community gardens will make it unusable. The City Manager understood that urban farming is integral to the Board and it is an all of nothing type of approach. He indicated that urban farms needs to be addressed separately from community gardens in the future as it is very complex from a zoning standpoint. Commissioner Rogers thought some resolve could be accomplished if the two boards meet. Commissioner Rodstrom stressed that community gardens be addressed separately so as not to delay it. With respect to a joint workshop, Mayor Seiler asked the City Manager to consult both staff board liaisons as to how to approach this and provide a recommendation at the evening regular meeting. Commissioner Roberts explained that the planting season is now. He also was reluctant to delay community gardening.

Historic Preservation Board

Motion made by Mr. DeFelice, seconded by Mr. Schulze, to request that the City Commission direct staff to explore a solution for protecting resources from private digging in City-owned parks. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Matthew DeFelice, Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Board, asked that the City take some measure to protect archaeological resources on City-owned properties. Mayor Seiler was concerned that the report was to the media before the Commission. Mr. DeFelice believed there is state law that provides some protection on how information about archaeological resources is disseminated to the public. Mayor Seiler understood that the City Manager will be providing

City Manager Reports - none

There being no other matters to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.