

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2002
6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida was called to order by Mayor Steven L. Abrams at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Council Member Glass gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Steven L. Abrams
Deputy Mayor Carol G. Hanson
Council Member Dave Freudenberg
Council Member Bill Glass
Council Member Susan Haynie

Also attending the meeting were:

City Manager Leif J. Ahnell
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser
City Clerk Sharma Carannante

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Freudenberg, seconded by Council Member Haynie, to amend the agenda to add Resolution No. 34-2002 under Part VI – Resolutions and Other Business, as Item No. 11. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

Motion was made by Council Member Glass, seconded by Council Member Freudenberg, to amend the agenda to delete Item No. 7, Ordinance No. 4630, and add Ordinance No. 4633 under Part IV – Introduction of Ordinances, as Item No. 10. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

The proclamation declaring May 1, 2002, as Macular Degeneration Awareness Day was accepted by Theodore and Charlotte Isen.

The proclamation declaring February 17, 2002, as Wings of Freedom Day was accepted by Bruce Herman and Irwin Stouff.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Workshop Meeting of January 22, 2002
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2002

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hanson, seconded by Council Member Glass, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART I:

1. Appointments to the following boards:

- a. Builders' Board of Adjustment and Appeals – (1) vacancy, to complete the term of Lee Walker. Term expires 02/15/04.

There were no applicants.

- b. Citizens' Pedestrian & Bikeway Board – (1) vacancy due to resignation of Constance Scott. Term expires 01/12/04.

There were no applicants.

- c. Community Relations Board – (1) vacancy due to resignation of Matthew S. Nelles. Term expires 07/25/03.

Motion was made by Council Member Glass, seconded by Council Member Haynie, to appoint Barbara Fabricant. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

Ms. Fabricant was appointed.

- d. Telecommunications Advisory Board – (1) vacancy due to resignation of Jose F. Gonzalez-Heres. Term expires 09/08/02.

There were no applicants.

- e. Zoning Board of Adjustment – (1) vacancy due to resignation of George L. Sigalos. Term expires 04/10/04.

Motion was made by Council Member Haynie, seconded by Council Member Glass, to appoint Scott MacLaren. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

Mr. MacLaren was appointed.

2. Responses to Workshop Information Requests:

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.c.1 – Printing and Mailing of the Recreator) A memo was provided outlining the proposals received from several companies and the criteria used to select Sun Sentinel Direct.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.d.2. – Automobiles and Trucks) Undercover vehicles are leased and used by the Organized Crime Unit. The City does not own these cars; leases are renewed annually. Unmarked vehicles are purchased by the City and used by the Investigative Service Bureau, Tactical Patrol Unit, and Command Staff. Vehicles are assigned to personnel based upon assignment, seniority, and the normal replacement date of the vehicle, taking into account age and mileage. It was noted that 57 vehicles are being replaced; 38 new vehicles are being purchased.

(Regular Agenda Item Nos. 4 and 5, Resolution Nos. 20-2002 and 21-2002 / AMK Gas Station conditional use approval and VPC Center conditional use approval, respectively) The City Manager advised that responses to questions tendered at yesterday's workshop would be covered in the presentation.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.e. – Resolution No. 22-2002 / Uniform Traffic Enforcement for Woodfield Hunt Club) A handout was provided detailing private communities currently receiving traffic enforcement, which include Windwood, Boca Lake Estates, Seasons, five streets in Broken Sound, and five streets in Woodfield Country Club.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.n. – Resolution No. 31-2002 / Quit Claim Deed with FDOT over land located at West Palmetto Park Road and N.W. 9th Avenue) A total of 1.786 acres will be deeded over to the City by FDOT.

Responding to Council Member Glass, the City Manager explained the competitive sealed bid procedure and detailed the criteria used to award bids.

Deputy Mayor Hanson questioned why the City provides traffic enforcement for certain roads within some communities instead of servicing all the roads in the entire community. The City Attorney explained that the communities would need to change all of their signalization and traffic noticing procedures to include all State requirements. As this is a costly effort, many communities opt to obtain enforcement only on main thoroughfares. Police officers can only provide enforcement on those roadways in full compliance with State requirements.

Police Chief Andrew Scott explained that he would obtain additional clarification in response to Ms. Hanson's concerns. He confirmed that enforcement takes place on main thoroughfares, not side streets or cul-de-sacs, and then answered further questions from Council.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Council Member Glass, seconded by Council Member Freudenberg, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

a. Sealed Bids

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| 1) | Fairway Mower and Accessories (Replacement)
Requested by Recreation Services
Hector Turf | \$29,029 |
| 2) | Five Gang Rotary Mower (Replacement)
Requested by Recreation Services
Hector Turf | \$36,900 |
| 3) | Supply & Installation of a 50 HP Hot Water Boiler (Replacement)
Requested by Utility Services
Enviro-Mechanical, Inc. | \$37,200 |

b. Sealed Renewal

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| 1) | Water Treatment Plant Corrosion Control Product
Requested by Utility Services
CalciQuest Inc. | \$64,218 |
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c. Competitive Sealed Proposal

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| 1) | Printing and Mailing of the Recreator
Requested by Recreation Services
Sun Sentinel Direct | \$79,948 |
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d. Intergovernmental Agreements

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| 1) | IBM AS400 Operating System License
Requested by City Manager
Midrange Support & Services, Inc. | \$37,296 |
| 2) | Automobiles and Trucks
Requested by Municipal Services
Atlantic Truck Sales, Autoway Chevrolet,
Don Reid Ford, Duval Ford, Garber Chevrolet,
Maroone Chevrolet, Maroone Dodge
and Orville Beckford Ford | \$2,262,683 |
| 3) | Lightbars and Sirens
Requested by Municipal Services
Law Enforcement Supply Company | \$85,184 |

e. Resolution No. 22-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an agreement with Woodfield Hunt Club Homeowners Association, Inc., for the purpose of providing uniform traffic enforcement; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

f. Resolution No. 23-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton amending the rules of the Boca Raton Code Enforcement Board; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

g. Resolution No. 24-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton approving and accepting an Easement Deed from Vahan Varian & Nancy Varian, over certain lands located at 101 N.E. 20th Street for a water main; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

h. Resolution No. 25-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton approving and accepting an Easement Deed from Vahan Varian & Nancy Varian, over certain lands located at 101 N.E. 20th Street for a public sidewalk; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

i. Resolution No. 26-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton approving and accepting an Easement Deed from Genesis I Associates LLC, over certain lands located at 5600 NW Broken Sound Boulevard; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

j. Resolution No. 27-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton approving and accepting an Easement Deed from G. Robert Sheetz, over certain lands located at 1900 Royal Palm Way; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

k. Resolution No. 28-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton approving and accepting an Easement Deed from Boca Lodging, LLC, over certain lands located at 8201 Congress Avenue; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

l. Resolution No. 29-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease with Florida East Coast Railway Company for certain railway right of way areas for parking, sidewalk and beautification; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

m. Resolution No. 30-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease with Florida East Coast Railway Company for certain railway right of way for a southbound west right turn lane on Dixie Highway at Glades Road; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

n. Resolution No. 31-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton approving and accepting a quit claim deed for public purposes from the State of Florida Department of Transportation, over certain lands located at West Palmetto Park Road and NW 9th Avenue; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

o. Board Resignations

- 1) Resignation of Judy Myers Anderson from the Education Advisory Board
- 2) Resignation of Veronica Hart from the Boca Raton Housing Authority
- 3) Resignation of Mike Strasser from the General Employees' Pension Board

p. Receive and File Board Orders

- 1) Special Master
 - a) SM(G) Case No. 1-186
 - b) SM(G) Case No. 99-4081
 - c) SM(G) Case No. 1-4750
 - d) SM(G) Case No. 1-4808
 - e) SM(G) Case No. 1-5129
 - f) SM(G) Case No. 1-5194

q. Receive and File Board Minutes – February 12, 2002

- 1) Citizens' Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Board
December 13, 2001
- 2) Community Appearance Board
January 8, 2002
- 3) Education Advisory Board
December 3, 2001
December 17, 2001
- 4) Financial Advisory Board
December 3, 2001

- 5) General Employees Pension Board
November 14, 2001
December 12, 2001
- 6) Historic Preservation Board
December 18, 2001
- 7) Library Advisory Board
December 13, 2001
- 8) Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee
December 13, 2001
- 9) Planning and Zoning Board
December 6, 2001
- 10) Special Master
October 10, 2001
December 12, 2001

REGULAR BUSINESS – PART II – QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. Resolution No. 20-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton amending portions of Resolution No. 170-97 (Master Plan Approval), and modifying the conditional employee service node use approval for the AMK Gas Station, Convenience Store and Car Wash in the VPC Center located at 801 Yamato Road, as described more particularly herein; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date (CA-97-11R1)

5. Resolution No. 21-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton amending portions of Resolution No. 170-98 (Conditional Use Approval), and modifying the approval of conditional employee service node uses for the VPC Center Employee Service Node located at 5101 Congress Avenue, as described more particularly herein; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date (CA-97-02R5)

The City Attorney explained the quasi-judicial procedures that would govern the public hearings. The City Clerk administered the oath to those who intended to speak. Under ex-parte disclosures, Council Member Freudenberg explained that he had filed same with the City Clerk's office.

Development Services Senior Planner Diane Borchardt gave a concurrent presentation for both resolutions. She outlined the location of the subject property and identified surrounding properties/businesses. Ms. Borchardt stated that the petitioner was asking for: a) one additional car wash lane, b) a car repair area near the car wash, c) a car wash detailing area, and d) addition of one parallel parking space. It was noted that the car repair area was already operating. Ms. Borchardt then provided information relating to parking demand; 24 spaces are required and 27 are being supplied. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval of both resolutions. Attention was focused on changes to the titles of the resolutions to delineate a request for gas station conditional use approval via Resolution No. 20-2002 and a request for VPC Center conditional use approval through Resolution No. 21-2002.

Regarding the code violation history, Ms. Borchardt explained that the car repair area was built without permits and was not reflected on the approved site plan; copies of the violations were provided. A chronology of events was detailed from April 11, 2000 to present day. Ms. Borchardt stated that violations were also incurred for car lifts and vacuums, which were installed without electrical permits. Those violations have subsequently been resolved and the case is closed. Major and minor automobile repair was then defined, according to code, and two new conditions were presented for the above

resolutions relating to oil changes, minor automobile repairs and prohibited uses; these new conditions were identified as being more restrictive than the code.

A detailed environmental report was provided by the City's environmental officer and provided the status of the Preserve area, which is in need of maintenance. Water usage was then detailed. The bi-monthly average use is approximately 370,000 gallons; the total charges are approximately \$1,700 per month for the entire gas station. Ms. Borchardt then answered questions from Council.

Jeff Evans, the planning consultant representing Talbott Realty, provided additional information to Council and addressed the code violations and questions on water usage. He then voiced that the new conditions as presented were too restrictive. Additional discussion took place relating to the environmental land.

Sally Stewart spoke during the public hearing, voicing opposition to passing these resolutions, contending, among other objections, that the applicants had consistently violated the code and should not be allowed to do so with impunity.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Glass, seconded by Council Member Haynie, to adopt Resolution No. 20-2002, as revised.

Motion was made by Council Member Freudenberg, seconded by Council Member Glass, to amend Resolution No. 20-2002 to include a new Condition #11, (renumbering current Condition 11) using language generally consistent with the following: "The automobile repair area proposed in this amendment may include only those uses permitted within the Code of Ordinances, provided, however, the following uses shall not be permitted: vehicle body work, transmission repair and/or replacement, and differential repair and/or replacement." Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

The vote on the main motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-2002, as revised and amended, carried on a 4-1 vote; Mayor Abrams, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes. Deputy Mayor Hanson voted no.

Motion was made by Mayor Abrams, seconded by Council Member Haynie, to amend Resolution No. 21-2002, to include a new Condition #22, using language generally consistent with the following: "The automobile repair area proposed in this amendment may include only those uses permitted within the Code of Ordinances, provided, however, the following uses shall not be permitted: vehicle body work, transmission repair and/or replacement, and differential repair and/or replacement." Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Hanson, seconded by Council Member Glass, to amend Resolution No. 21-2002, to add a new Condition #23, (renumbering subsequent conditions) using language generally consistent with the following: "In addition to all conditions contained in Resolution. 170-98, the environmental preserve shall be appropriately maintained at all times, consistent with the approved management plan, including without limitation, the regular removal of all trash, the repair and continuous maintenance of all fence and curbing, and the on-going removal of all herbaceous and vining invasive species." Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

Motion was made by Council Member Glass, seconded by Council Member Haynie, to adopt Resolution No. 21-2002, as revised and amended. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote; Mayor Abrams, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes. Deputy Mayor Hanson voted no.

REGULAR BUSINESS – PART III – REGULAR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. Ordinance No. 4627

An ordinance of the City of Boca Raton amending Section 28-237 Code of Ordinances by amending the standards applicable to certificates of appropriateness and adopting the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings, sites or structures within a district; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing for codification; providing an effective date (AM-01-05)

Development Services Director Jorge Camejo referred to the extensive presentation given by Professor Ralph Johnson at yesterday's workshop and offered to answer any questions Council might have. He also mentioned that the City had recently secured a \$23,000 grant from the State; staff hoped to use the money for historic districts, such as Old Floresta and Pearl City. Mr. Camejo then provided additional information to Council as requested.

Cynthia Brown, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Board, spoke during the public hearing, thanked everyone involved with obtaining the grant and voiced support for the ordinance.

Motion was made by Council Member Glass, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hanson, to adopt Ordinance No. 4627. Motion carried unanimously; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

8. Ordinance No. 4631

An ordinance of the City of Boca Raton amending Chapter 24-2 Definitions, Code of Ordinances, Signs; amending the definition of window sign, permanent; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing for codification; providing an effective date

Development Services Director Jorge Camejo provided a brief presentation. Using two zelars, he explained that, currently, code provides that any element may be allowed in a structure, providing that it is 15 feet back from a window. This proposed amendment would provide an exemption from that code section, which defines what constitutes a sign. Consequently, this ordinance would provide that an element 4½ feet away from the window and 7 square feet or less would not constitute a sign; a neon sign would be allowed. Mr. Camejo stated that this ordinance was created at Council's request; staff does not recommend approval. He then answered questions from Council.

A number of people spoke during the public hearing. Miriam Brown, of Brown's Bountiful Baskets, spoke in support of the ordinance. Jonathan Levy, Terry Watkins, Rita Hobbs, Christopher Barrett, Donna Schneider, Anastasia Schneider, Sue Ellen Kaplan, and Morgan Kapneck spoke in support of Miriam Brown.

Larry Cellon, a 14-year member of the Community Appearance Board, stated that the Board has never approved a neon sign. He opposed the ordinance, voicing that it would set an unfavorable precedent.

Grant Thornbrough, Chairman of the Community Appearance Board, suggested that sign issues should be resolved on an individual basis. He opposed the ordinance, entreating Council not to open the door for neon signs in Boca Raton.

Motion was made by Council Member Freudenberg, seconded by Council Member Haynie, to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 4631 indefinitely. Motion carried unanimously; Mayor Abrams, Deputy Mayor Hanson, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes.

On a related matter, Miriam Brown of Brown's Bountiful Baskets, submitted photographs and news articles regarding her neon sign. It was suggested that Ms. Brown might wish to resubmit an application for her sign.

REGULAR BUSINESS – PART IV - INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

9. Ordinance No. 4632

An ordinance of the City of Boca Raton amending Section 2-68, Code of Ordinances, to specify that decisions of the Civil Service Board shall require majority vote, provided that in the case of a tie vote the appeal will be denied and the action of the City will be upheld, and to delete the requirement for scheduling appeals at a specific time; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing for codification; providing an effective date

The ordinance was introduced by Council Member Freudenberg.

10. Ordinance No. 4633

An ordinance of the City of Boca Raton amending the Procurement Code to provide a local preference for contracts of at least \$3,000 but not more than \$24,999, to be awarded pursuant to small purchase procedures; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing for codification; providing an effective date

The ordinance was introduced by Council Member Glass.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART V - PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Linda Proud-Jackson advised that the Pioneer Club would, tomorrow, ask the Palm Beach County School Board to deed the Boca Elementary Gymnatorium over to the Boca Elementary Gym Foundation. The School Board had indicated in prior conversations that they would consider doing so. She requested the City Council lend its political support and also commit to assuming responsibility for its maintenance and operation, once restoration is complete.

Bonnie Dearborn commented on why the gymnatorium should be preserved.

David and Susan O'Connor came forward with a complaint about their neighbor's fence, saying it was built on their property. They contended that the City was responsible, since the fence was approved by the City, and asked for \$275 in cost compensation. Mr. Ahnell explained that this problem had already been addressed by staff. The survey provided to the City by the O'Connors' neighbors when the fence was built was apparently incorrect. As a dispute now exists between the property owners, this is a civil matter. The City Attorney also explained that the City inspector is only responsible for inspecting the fence, not the survey. Mayor Abrams confirmed with the City Manager that, although the City has no legal responsibility or obligation in this matter, an offer of \$200 was tendered to the O'Connors. While Mr. O'Connor acknowledged receipt of this offer, no resolution was forthcoming at this time. Mayor Abrams stated the matter would be taken under advisement.

Marta Batmasian referenced the calls she has received following the Planning and Zoning Board meeting of February 7, 2002. Ms. Batmasian was cautioned to keep her comments general in nature and refrain from speaking to a specific, pending quasi-judicial petition that will be coming forward to the Community Redevelopment Agency. She voiced the need for downtown revitalization and asked that advisory board opinions not take precedence over the general public's opinion, and that potential legal repercussions be kept in mind.

Neil Haynie spoke to the issue of membership on the Airport Authority and House Bill 1185. He stressed the need for the City to maintain control of the Authority and thanked Council members for their support.

JoAnn Landon requested the status of the County's intended purchase of environmental land at the City's Boca Tech site. Mr. Ahnell stated that a letter had been sent to Commissioner McCarty approximately three weeks ago. In addition, pertinent paperwork has been forwarded to the County, and the City has been in constant contact with the Commission's staff. At this point, the City is awaiting documents from the County.

REGULAR BUSINESS - PART VI - RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

11. Resolution No. 34-2002

A resolution of the City of Boca Raton authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Tri-County Humane Society, Inc. for the purpose of providing turnkey operations and maintenance services for the Lullis M. Ritter Animal Shelter; providing for severability; providing for repealer; providing an effective date

Council Member Freudenberg mentioned that he had been asked to serve on one of Tri-County Humane Society's advisory boards and indicated that Section 8 of the Agreement, entitled, "Political Campaigns," might preclude him from doing so, due to a reference to associates of the humane society. He then asked that the clause be deleted, stating that Tri-County Humane Society is a non-profit organization and saves the City a substantial amount of money. Much discussion followed regarding the definition of, "associate."

Motion was made by Council Member Freudenberg, seconded by Mayor Abrams, to adopt Resolution No. 34-2002.

Motion was made by Mayor Abrams, seconded by Council Member Glass, to amend Resolution No. 34-2002, to not delete Section 8. POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS from the agreement, only "or associate," found in the second and fourth lines, and amend any provisions in Resolution No. 34-2002, referring to "associate(s)." Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The vote on the main motion to adopt Resolution No. 34-2002, as amended, carried on a 4-1 vote; Mayor Abrams, Council Members Freudenberg, Glass and Haynie voting yes. Deputy Mayor Hanson voted no.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS:

The City Manager reported that the Pinelands project is proceeding on schedule and should be completed by mid-March. He also noted that City employees are doing the work; it has not been contracted out.

Mr. Ahnell explained that downtown parking problems should be alleviated now that a temporary permitting agreement has made available over 400 spaces in the new parking garage, the upper levels of which are still under construction. Re-striping along S.W. 1st Avenue has also resulted in extra parking.

The City Manager stated that the building permit for the property at 5910 Federal Highway (a/k/a the Amber Restaurant) has been cancelled. The City will take all necessary steps to bring the location into compliance.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Attorney responded to a question raised by a resident at yesterday's workshop, explaining that there is no requirement in the City's Charter to perform a periodic review of the Charter.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Deputy Mayor Hanson requested background information on the Boca Raton Resort & Club, due to upcoming proposals related to the Beach Club.

Deputy Mayor Hanson commented on the shortage of community space for meetings and suggested that the now-defunct International Museum of Cartoon Art might be utilized for this purpose. The City Attorney explained that its use could not be an option unless there is a declared default. If that occurs, there are default remedies the City can pursue.

Deputy Mayor Hanson mentioned a problem in the Harbour Homes community on U.S. 1 relating to an incomplete dock, which does not include appropriate signage. Mr. Ahnell stated that the City is working to resolve the issue.

Council Member Glass referenced the damaged wall at the intersection at N.W. 13th Street and Glades Road. The City Manager stated that he is unsure of the timeline, but the wall would be repaired.

In response to Council Member Haynie, Mr. Ahnell explained that the City has hired a Code Administration Manager and a Building Official. He then provided additional details as to their respective qualifications.

Council Member Haynie referred to the enhancement project to beautify the median and the north side of Glades Road between N.W. 4th Avenue and the FEC railroad. She questioned whether the City might provide landscaping on the south side of Glades Road between N.W. 2nd and N.W. 4th, even though this area is under the jurisdiction of the DOT. Mr. Ahnell explained that there is no irrigation on the south side of the road and no dollars currently available to fund the construction of same. Ms. Haynie suggested that enhancement funds may be available from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Council Member Freudenberg provided an update of his trip to Tallahassee, saying that relief is expected on the issues of halfway houses and the airport bill.

Council Member Freudenberg voiced support of a petition regarding a constitutional amendment for smoke-free health and cautioned the public to be certain what they were signing because opponents were also circulating a petition.

Council Member Freudenberg asked the City Manager to provide the following information: a) the number of daily police calls received from the Town Center mall, b) the total assessed value of the City that taxes would be derived from, and c) the total value in/of the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2002.

Steven L. Abrams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharma Carannante, City Clerk