

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2005  
1:30 PM

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida was called to order by Mayor Abrams at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

Mayor Steven Abrams  
Deputy Mayor Bill Hager (absent – excused)  
Council Member Dave Freudenberg  
Council Member Susan Haynie  
Council Member Susan Whelchel

Also attending the meeting were:

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

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

- a. Citizens' Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Board – One (1) vacancy, due to resignation of Barbara Safranek, whose term expires 01/12/07.

No one came forward to interview.

- 2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:** (Public requests shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. No public comment may be made regarding any land use matter for which the City Council is required by law to conduct a quasi-judicial hearing.)

John Stetz submitted two newspaper articles to Council and spoke to three items, specifically, opposition to possible development at Silver Palm Park; rules regarding the dumping of wastewater and sewage/stormwater runoff into the ocean; and seawalls/breakwaters.

**3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.e.1. / Change Order-FY 03-04 {Fire Rescue Station #7}) Council Member Haynie requested clarification regarding the unforeseen changes that resulted in this change order. Mr. Ahnell provided specifics, such as \$10,000 to the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) for canal bank reinforcement; design errors, which were corrected and paid for by the architect, but resulted in additional electrical costs; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications; and other miscellaneous charges that ultimately added up to approximately \$55,000.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.m. / Resolution No. 8-2005 / Denying approval and acceptance of a County Deed from Palm Beach County, for certain lands known as Conference Lake, and authorizing a quit claim deed for said lands to Palm Beach County) Council Member Haynie questioned the consequences of rejection. The City Manager made two points: 1) the County is responsible for maintaining the lake, and 2) there's no access to the lake for maintenance. He recommended denial of this item and approval to deed said lands back to the County so the City would not be responsible for maintenance of the lake. Mr. Ahnell advised that this deed, along with seven others, was brought before the County Commission without the City's knowledge. The City Attorney added that the property in question was not vested in the City; she also recommended rejecting the parcel and recording the deed back to the County.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.j. – Resolution No. 5-2005 / Amending the names of streets in Boca Bay Colony, Morningside, Boca Harbour and Walker's Cay) Council Member Freudenberg questioned who chose the names. Mr. Ahnell explained that the homeowner associations chose the names and clarified that both the numbers and names would be on the street signs. Mr. Ahnell added that staff has determined that the proposed names present no conflict with existing street names.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.k. – Resolution No. 6-2005 / Interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County for reimbursable funding for dredging the Boca Raton Inlet) Council Member Freudenberg confirmed with the City Manager that Boca Raton would receive \$100,000 from the County to dredge out property that, in actuality, should be maintained by the County.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.h. – Resolution No. 3-2005 / An escrow agreement with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County related to payment of service charges, costs and fees incurred by the City in the Court Services Division) Mayor Abrams advised that the agreement should reflect the new Clerk of the Court.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA MATTERS/ITEMS OF COUNCIL/PUBLIC CONCERN:**

There were no items for consideration.

**5. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager had nothing to report at this time.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

The City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS AND REPORTS:**

Council Member Freudenberg commented on the need to coordinate the reconstruction of the intersection at Powerline Road and Glades Road with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), saying that several million dollars have been allocated in the MPO's budget for same. Mr. Freudenberg was advised that construction had begun; however, he had seen nothing happening at this time. Consequently, he was requesting a timeline for the entire project. In addition, Mr. Freudenberg mentioned three intersections - Palmetto and Glades, Palmetto and Powerline, and Palmetto and 18<sup>th</sup> Street - and asked that staff contact the County, saying that a number of traffic lights and traffic heads had been removed from the south end of the County. Specifically, he noted that 26 traffic lights and 12 traffic heads had been removed, apparently, for use in rebuilding the north end of the County. Citing safety concerns, Mr. Freudenberg believes the removal has created hazardous situations and asked that the City contact the County regarding their intention to replace same.

Mr. Freudenberg referred to St. Andrews Estates and voiced support for the creation of north and south voting precincts. It was determined that Mr. Freudenberg and the City Manager would follow up on this issue with the Supervisor of Elections.

Council Member Haynie advised that a community meeting would be held tonight at Caldwell Theater to discuss the Levitz plan in the North Federal Highway area. Ms. Haynie clarified that this was an informational meeting for residents and anyone else interested in the development of that area. The proposed plan is still subject to Council approval. She then referred to correspondence received from the City of Boynton Beach in regard to the Boynton Beach Inlet. Specifically, support was being solicited so that Boynton Beach might obtain State funding for a feasibility study; Ms. Haynie favored support, stating that the inlet was treacherous and boat traffic through Boca Raton would probably be reduced if the Boynton Beach Inlet were more accessible.

Council Member Whelchel referred to correspondence received from the Chalfonte condominium regarding a road construction project on A1A. Mr. Ahnell advised that staff is looking into the inquiry and will respond shortly.

Mayor Abrams stated that, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Federal Railroad Administration would allow cities to retain the train horn ban as long as the cities had set up safe intersections. He mentioned the quadrant gates that are used to prevent cars from going across the railroad tracks when a train is oncoming and then asked Mr. Ahnell for the status of the City's intersections and whether Boca Raton was in a position to take advantage of the ban. The City Manager advised that, to his knowledge, all the physical improvements had been made on the CSX Corridor; staff was currently working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on the paperwork and approval process. Discussion touched on whether this ban would apply to the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railroad. Ms. Haynie advised that the MPO had discussed coordinating this project on a Countywide basis, instead of municipalities working on it city by city.

Mayor Abrams referred to the case where a one-month-old infant died as an apparent result of parental neglect. It appeared that the State Attorney could not press charges in that case, due to deadlines involved. However, the State Attorney has reserved the right to charge anyone in this case in the future. He asked that Council be kept up to date on this issue; he also asked that Council be updated on the toxicology reports when they are available.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2005.

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Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk