

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006
1:30 PM

The Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida was called to order by Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel
Council Member M. J. Mike Arts
Council Member Peter R. Baronoff
Council Member Bill Hager

Mayor Steven L. Abrams was absent. (Excused)

Also attending the meeting were:

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

PROCLAMATION: Florida Water, Wastewater and Systems Operators Week
August 7 through August 11, 2006

Deputy Mayor Whelchel presented the proclamation to Utility Services Director Chris Helfrich, who accepted it on behalf of his staff.

AWARD: FICE Grand Award – Utility Services

Dave Collins from Camp, Dresser & McKee presented the FICE (Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers) award to Deputy Mayor Whelchel, who accepted it on behalf of the City.

1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:

There were no positions advertised.

2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Richard Kruse tendered questions to Council regarding traffic near Boca Raton Middle School and asked who controls the intersection at NW 12 Avenue and NW 8th Street; who he should contact with traffic concerns; and whether Council would have anything to do with the proposed ballfield for the high school, which may include a press box and a concession stand among other things. Mr. Kruse also questioned who would enforce the 10:00 p.m. curfew on ballfield lighting.

The City Manager advised that Police Services would assign crossing guards or officers as necessary and appropriate to assist with traffic near the school and explained that a completion date for the intersection was unknown at this time. Regarding the ballfield, no final decision had been made as to where Boca Raton High School would play, particularly since a question still exists as to who would build the field; depending on what is proposed, Council may or may not be required to review same. Last of all, Mr. Ahnell stated that the park rangers would take care of the curfew requirement. It was noted that staff would follow up with Mr. Kruse in writing with regard to the above.

Sid Moskin, representing Boca Raton Animal Lovers, opined that the Tri-County Humane Society had violated many rules of their lease with the City and was engaging in, among other things, misappropriation of funds, hoarding of animals, illegal employment procedures, and discriminatory adoption practices. He provided Council Members with a booklet containing statements from past Board members and former volunteers substantiating the above and indicated that Boca Raton Animal Lovers advocated the removal of the current director of the

facility, Jeanette Christos, and the current Board of Directors. Mr. Moskin also advised that the group's attorney, Barry Silver, would be at tomorrow night's meeting to address Council on this matter.

3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.1. – Street Resurfacing Program) Council Member Baronoff questioned where this program would be implemented and whether this item constituted regularly scheduled maintenance. Mr. Ahnell listed the subdivisions and areas within the City where the resurfacing program would be applied, advising that the streets were on a regular 30-year repaving program. He added that the price had more than doubled from last year due to the cost of asphalt.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.d.1. – Diesel and Unleaded Fuel) Council Member Baronoff asked whether the cost was based on current pricing. Mr. Ahnell stated that the cost is priced to market. Responding to Council Member Hager, he clarified that the item was priced to market as delivered to the ports.

Council Member Hager extended compliments to the City Manager and City staff for efforts expended on hurricane preparation and cited the purchase of emergency generators and rehabilitation of one of the lift stations as listed on the agenda.

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 Members Arts and Hager referred to Council's workforce housing meeting, which was held last Friday, and asked the City Manager to return to Council with any deficiencies wherein Council had not provided adequate direction and to provide any additional materials and information that would assist Council members in reaching decisions on this matter.

Deputy Mayor Whelchel concurred with the above and then asked Mr. Ahnell to comment on a letter sent to Council regarding the recent water quality report. The City Manager advised that Utility Services was preparing a response to Mr. Jacobs' letter, which would be copied to Council, and then briefly touched on two issues referred to in the letter regarding coliform bacteria and the use of chlorine to flush out the water lines.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006.

Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk