

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007
1:30 PM

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

Also attending the meeting were:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Supporting the Achievements of Florida Atlantic University Athletics (Added to the agenda.)

Coach Howard Schnellenberger accepted the proclamation on behalf of Florida Atlantic University (FAU), providing information as to the football team and upcoming games. Craig Angelos, FAU Athletic Director, responded to questions from Council regarding the proposed stadium and the existing basketball arena; Coach Schnellenberger also answered questions regarding artificial turf.

Arbor Day – May 11, 2007

Environmental Officer Nora Fosman accepted the proclamation and provided details regarding the upcoming Arbor Day event that is to be held at J.C. Mitchell Elementary School.

1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:

- a. Airport Authority – two vacancies (vacancy for a resident living East of I-95 and vacancy for a resident living West of I-95)

Bruce Benefield and Kristen Hughes expressed interest in retaining their positions on the Authority.

- b. Citizens' Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Board – one vacancy

There were no applicants.

- c. Elder Affairs Advisory Board – two vacancies

There were no applicants.

- d. Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee – one vacancy (must be a resident of Dixie Manor, Pearl City, or Lincoln Court)

There were no applicants.

2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:

John Stetz again advocated construction of windfarms and a desalinization plant, opining that money is available to build same. He also advocated conversion of the City's reverse osmosis plant to desalinization.

3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.1. – Bleachers at Sugar Sand Park & Florida Atlantic University) Council Member Arts asked for an explanation as to the funding source. Mr. Ahnell stated that the funding is from the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District. He then explained the codes listed on the bid documents, which identify the funding sources.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.b.1. – Progressive Cavity Pumps) Council Member Arts questioned why sole source was used. The City Manager referred to the memorandum that had been provided justifying same, explaining that these pumps are part of an overall larger system. If the City were to use pumps not designed specifically for this system, then the system, itself, would need to be replaced. He added that there's only one representative in this area that sells the type of pump replacement needed.

(Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3.c. and 3.g. – Resolution No. 52-2007 and Resolution No. 58-2007 / Agreement with Mock, Roos & Associates for surface water management and Work Order No. 1 with Mock, Roos & Associates, respectively) Council Member Arts stated that these resolutions related to the same company and questioned why the first item reflected no expenditures but the second item reflected a cost of \$36,000. Mr. Ahnell explained that the first item is the overall contract for professional services for which there is no charge. The second item is a work order, which represents the first job that the City is requiring Mock, Roos & Associates to complete. Mr. Arts then asked for an explanation of the funding source. The City Manager stated that the dollars come from the Stormwater Utility Fund; this charge is found on the water bill and is used to pay for unfunded mandates issued by the federal government. Additional details were provided.

Council Member Hager asked Mr. Ahnell to explain how the City accrues liabilities against incoming claims. The City Manager explained that staff reviews past history and the potential going forward. Based on that analysis, a certain amount of money is set aside. He noted that in addition to staff's review, the City's auditors also perform a separate analysis.

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:

Mayor Abrams advised that on Sunday both he and Mr. Ahnell visited Officer Tadeo, who was involved in a car accident while responding to a call for backup. Despite his injuries, Officer Tadeo was in good spirits and is expected to make a full recovery.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 2:09 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007.

Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk