

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 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

\*Deputy Mayor Whelchel and Council Member Arts attended the meeting telephonically.

Also attending the meeting were:

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

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

There were no board interviews.

**2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

John Stetz asked how water restrictions had affected revenue from water sales. He once again advocated wind farm generators and a desalinization plant as ways to reduce or eliminate the City's dependence on its current sources for electricity and water. Members briefly commented, noting that along with the obvious advantages, there are disadvantages to each of these emerging technologies.

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

a. Questions relating to the agenda.

There were no questions.

**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:**

Countywide Fire Rescue Dispatch System Litigation

In regard to this case, the City Attorney advised that Judge Stern has denied the County's request for re-hearing. The County now has approximately 30 days to file an appeal. In response to a query, Ms. Frieser confirmed that there are no monetary damages forthcoming to the City; however, she noted that there are prospective corrections to the budget due to monies that were collected from City taxpayers as part of their ad valorem taxes.

Sober House Litigation

Ms. Frieser referred to the second part of this litigation, specifically, the Department of Justice (DOJ) case pending before Judge Hurley, and advised that the Court, acting within its own power and authority, has moved the DOJ case in front of Judge Middlebrooks; the first part of the litigation, the private case, was heard by Judge Middlebrooks.

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

At the request of Council, the City Manager provided the schedule for the budget hearings. Mr. Ahnell advised that the budget is scheduled for release on August 9 and will be followed by a budget workshop on August 13. The tentative budget hearing is set for September 10; the final budget adoption hearing is scheduled for either September 17 or September 18.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007.

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Sharma Carannante, City Clerk