

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008
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

1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:

- a. Builders' Board of Adjustment & Appeals – five (5) vacancies; one architect, one professional engineer, one general contractor, and two at-large members.

Matt Spence expressed interest in reappointment.

- b. Citizens' Pedestrian & Bikeway Advisory Board – two (2) vacancies.

There were no applicants.

- c. Code Enforcement Board – two (2) vacancies.

Angelo Gasparri interviewed for a position on the Board.

- d. Elder Affairs Advisory Board – two (2) vacancies.

David Levy expressed interest in reappointment.

- e. Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee – one (1) vacancy; must be a resident of Dixie Manor, Pearl City, or Lincoln Court.

There were no applicants.

2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:

No one came forward to speak.

3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a. – Automobiles and Light Trucks) Council Member Hager requested clarification as to how the City determines the schedule for the optimum period of time that vehicles are kept and then disposed of at the conclusion of that time. The City Manager explained that all City vehicles, and annual maintenance costs for each of those vehicles, are tracked. A typical "life" is then assigned to each car, truck, van, and heavy-duty vehicle; details were provided. He stated that there are different tracking cycles for each of the different vehicles. Regarding disposal, if a trade-in is available,

the City will review that option or the vehicle might be auctioned off. Responding to Mr. Hager, the City Manager explained that once the City initiates the purchase of a vehicle, that vehicle could not be put into use until it is first tagged with an asset tag and entered into the system to be tracked. For budgetary purposes, staff determines the replacement cycle of a vehicle and then sets aside money in a reserve fund so when it's time to replace that vehicle in the future, the City has the money to do so.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.c. – Resolution No. 13-2008 / Submittal of three applications on behalf of the Boca Raton Community Hospital for a grant from the Florida Division of Emergency Management for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program) Deputy Mayor Welchel asked for clarification as to the process involved and how soon the hospital would know whether they had received the grant. Mr. Ahnell explained that only cities and counties are allowed to apply for the grants. Consequently, the City is applying for same on behalf of the hospital for additional hardening of the new hospital. The City Manager is to follow up on the application and award deadlines and report back to Council.

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:

Neither the Mayor nor Council had anything to report at this time.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk