

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008  
1:30 PM

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

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

Mayor Susan Whelchel  
Deputy Mayor Peter R. Baronoff (absent – excused)  
Council Member M. J. Mike Arts  
Council Member Bill Hager  
Council Member Susan Haynie

Also attending the meeting were:

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

**RECOGNITIONS:**

Solid Waste Authority of PBC – Outstanding Recycling Participation

John Archambo of the Solid Waste Authority thanked the City for its outstanding teamwork and partnership in making the recycling program a success; Mayor Whelchel accepted the (recycled glass) award on behalf of the City of Boca Raton.

ClinCon BLS Competition (1<sup>st</sup> Place) – Ocean Rescue

Fire Chief Tom Woods recognized each member of the Ocean Rescue team, advising that the City's team won first place in the national competition for the third year in a row; details were provided.

ClinCon ALS Competition (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) – Fire Rescue

Fire Chief Tom Woods recognized each member of the Fire Rescue team, advising that the City's team won third place in the national competition, missing second place by a half a point; details were provided.

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

- a. Citizens' Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Board – one (1) vacancy.

There were no applicants.

- b. Elder Affairs Advisory Board – one (1) vacancy.

Roy Nyren, Nancy Nyren, Elinor Benton, Mil-Jean Bennet, and Howard Schubert interviewed for a position on the Board.

- c. Financial Advisory Board – three (3) vacancies.

Arnold Straus expressed interest in reappointment. Mayor Whelchel advised that John Cappelletti was unable to interview but wished to be considered for reappointment.

- d. Historic Preservation Board – one (1) vacancy.

Merle Haber interviewed for the position.

- e. Library Advisory Board – two (2) vacancies.

Florence Mangus expressed interest in reappointment. Mayor Whelchel advised that Kathleen Murdoch was unable to interview but wished to be considered for reappointment.

- f. Parks and Recreation Board – four (4) vacancies.

P. Benjamin Zuckerman, Gordon Gilbert, Brian Clinton, Luke Sherlock, Peter Boylan, Lori Berman, Roy Nyren, and Joseph Good interviewed for the positions.

- g. Pearl City Blue Ribbon Committee – two (2) vacancies.

Roy Nyren voiced interest in serving on the Committee.

## **2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Lenore Wachtel requested an update on the downtown library. She then suggested that legislation be passed to require a minimum of four parking spaces be installed in all of the City's parks, along with a special feature, unique to each park that would serve to attract more people.

Anthony Majhess distributed a handout to Council (a revised draft of Ordinance No. 5040) and advised that his group (Golden Triangle Association) was offered the opportunity to make suggestions regarding same. He asked that Council review the proposed text amendments prior to tomorrow night's meeting.

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

- a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.1. – Annual Traffic Calming, Bus Shelter, Sidewalks and Minor Road Construction) Council Member Haynie requested an update as to what neighborhoods are currently awaiting traffic calming installation; Mr. Ahnell advised that a list would be provided tomorrow night. In response to another query, Mr. Ahnell explained that the City still participates in funding bus shelters; however, no advertising on same is allowed. It was noted that some funding does come from the County.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.2. – Street Resurfacing {Asphalt}) Council Member Haynie requested a list of those neighborhoods in line to have their streets resurfaced.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.3. – Pipeline Extension {Broken Sound East Golf Course, Phase I}) Council Member Haynie questioned whether passage of this item would extend IRIS water to the Broken Sound golf course and whether the entire neighborhood would also benefit from IRIS water. Mr. Ahnell explained that, at this time, IRIS would be extended to the old eastern golf course only. Ms. Haynie confirmed with Mr. Ahnell that the plan was to extend IRIS west to Patch Reef Park and Woodfield Country Club Golf Course. However, he indicated that the City is having difficulty in obtaining authorization from Lake Worth Drainage District to use their easements to lay the pipes that would extend IRIS water to those sites. Mr. Ahnell reiterated that this item related only to the golf course at Broken Sound and provided additional details.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.b.3. – Lift Station Repairs 17 & 68) Council Member Haynie requested the locations of Lift Stations 17 and 68.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.b.4. – Underground Fuel Storage Tank Upgrades) Council Member Haynie questioned whether this replacement was a preventive measure and whether any environmental issues existed. Mr. Ahnell explained that this change was being made in order to comply with new laws that come into effect next year. Council Member Hager confirmed with Mr. Ahnell that the City does not receive any exemptions, as a municipality, for meeting those requirements.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.3. – Pipeline Extension {Broken Sound East Golf Course, Phase I}) Council Member Hager advised that this item would cost City taxpayers approximately \$1 million. Since Broken Sound is a private golf course, he asked that the City Manager provide reconciliation from the taxpayers' standpoint. Mr. Ahnell stated that the City has one of the largest reclaimed water systems in the State and has spent millions to extend reclaimed water to both the east and west, in the interest of conservation. The larger users, such as golf courses, draw down the water in the wellfields. By having the largest users on reclaimed water, potable water is conserved and everyone benefits. In addition, large users agree to enter into an agreement to guarantee purchase of reclaimed water. Therefore, over time, they are repaying the cost to extend reclaimed water to those areas. Mr. Ahnell provided additional information as requested.

b. Ordinance No. 5042 (*Regular Agenda Item No. 8*), relating to the regulation of nightclubs.

Police Chief Dan Alexander gave the PowerPoint presentation. He defined the problems associated with nightclubs, including large crowds, underage drinking, disturbances such as fighting and noise, vandalism, trash, and people relieving themselves and regurgitating on private property. The ensuing demands, primarily at the expense of the City, on Police Services, Fire-Rescue, Code Enforcement, and the State of Florida Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco agency were also noted. Chief Alexander then compared the increase in arrests (from 3 to 30, with 80% of arrestees living outside the City), calls for service (50% increase), and pro-active police response (120% increase) from 2006/2007 to 2007/2008. Two gang-related shootings also took place at nightclubs in the first quarter of this year; details were provided.

Upon reviewing best practices put into effect by other municipalities such as New York City and the City of West Palm Beach, Chief Alexander recommended the following amendments to Chapter 4 of the City Code: 1) define "nightclub," 2) require security personnel, 3) install security cameras, 4) require that outside areas be clean and free from trash and debris, and 5) restrict admission of people under the age of 21 - with three exceptions: a) the nightclub does not serve alcohol where beverages are secured from access, b) members of the armed services with appropriate identification, and c) persons legitimately working at the nightclub; details were provided on all the above. Chief Alexander concluded his presentation by advising that staff recommended approval of the ordinance. At this point, both he and the City Attorney answered questions from Council and provided clarification, as requested.

**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 any reports at this time.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 2:55 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2008.

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Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk