

**JOINT MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF BOCA RATON**  
**and**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH AND PARK DISTRICT**  
  
**Boca Raton Community Center**  
**Royal Palm Room**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009, 4:00 PM.**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Susan Whelchel called the meeting to order at approximately 4:06 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

(Boca Raton) Mayor Susan Whelchel  
Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie  
Council Member Anthony Majhess  
Council Member Michael Mullaugh  
Council Member Constance Scott  
City Manager Leif J. Ahnell  
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser

(Beach and Park District) Chairman Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
Commissioner Elaine W. Kleinman  
Commissioner Dennis Frisch  
Commissioner Dirk S. Smith  
Commissioner Earl L. Starkoff  
Executive Director Robert Langford  
Beach and Park District Attorney Art Koski

**OPENING REMARKS:**

Mayor Whelchel and Chairman Rollins exchanged opening remarks, commenting positively on the open communication between the two bodies and expressing pleasure at working in partnership on projects of importance to all constituents.

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Countess deHoernle Park**

Chairman Rollins indicated that preliminary plans for the ball fields included four diamonds and four rectangles and added that much money also needed to be spent for underground infrastructure. He advised that maintaining existing facilities had been a struggle for the District over the last few years and, in fact, the Commissioners had looked at alternatives to the de Hoernle property but ultimately concluded that they wished to obtain a lease from the City for the de Hoernle property and move forward with construction of the ball fields. Responding to commentary from the City Manager, Leif Ahnell, Chairman Rollins clarified that without a written lease agreement, the District could not proceed and that the Beach and Park District now had the funding for the ball fields; he then asked for the City's position on this matter. Mr. Ahnell advised that the City was ready to move forward.

At this time, the size of the land involved was confirmed at 60 acres. Mr. Ahnell reported that the District's attorney, Mr. Koski, was working on a draft agreement and that the architectural design work for the ball fields had been completed. Deputy Mayor Haynie referred to the underground infrastructure, suggesting that they be sized to benefit the rest of the acreage, as it would open up the area for other development; Chairman Rollins indicated that it would make sense to do so and that the District would consider same.

## **2. Beach Renourishment**

Chairman Rollins advised that the District intended to assist the City with beach renourishment, noting that beaches are a focal point of the District's mission; however, he did not have an actual dollar figure at this time. He indicated that the Commissioners had a number of items to discuss at their next meeting, including projects and revenue; however, the District's position is that it would be of great help to the City. Responding to queries, Mr. Koski indicated that financial information could be presented at the District's second November meeting and would include specific sums; following that meeting, the District could come back to the City with the dollars. Chairman Rollins added that financial assistance might be forthcoming in phases with another installment made at a later date. Mayor Whelchel voiced appreciation of the District's efforts.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Robert DuKate extended compliments to the City Council and the Beach and Park District Commissioners for their efforts on behalf of the citizens and urged them to keep other facilities in mind.

Gene Folden distributed a handout and spoke to utilizing cell towers as a revenue source for the City; details were provided. There followed discussion as to what the revised telecommunications ordinance provides and those sites currently in use in the City of Boca Raton.

Gordon Gilbert commended the City Council and the Beach and Park District Commissioners on their working relationship, noting that it was good to see them come together.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Majhess suggested that the Beach & Park District might consider purchasing the 57-acre Hidden Valley Golf Course, noting that the land would fall within the criteria for the North Federal Highway Master Plan. Chairman Rollins indicated that if the District completed the projects currently on its agenda, which would probably take a minimum of two years, the Commissioners would continue discussions with the City on these types of issues, adding that he liked the North Federal Highway Master Plan.

Chairman Rollins provided closing comments related to partnering with the City to attract businesses etc.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Frisch, seconded by Commissioner Starkoff, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.*

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Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk