

**MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

**MAY 1, 2006**

**Room 519 – 10:34 a.m.**

**Present: Mayor Frankel, Commissioners Exline, Mitchell, Moss, and Robinson, Jr., City Administrator Mitchell, City Attorney McKenna, and Deputy Clerk Kauthen; Absent: Commissioner Liberti.**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Neighborhood Organizations</u> – Commissioner Robinson requested to know the policy on how to become a neighborhood association. City Administrator Mitchell stated they need to follow the 5013C process. Commissioner Exline suggested the Neighborhood Services Department put together a start-up package.</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>Other</u> – Commissioner Robinson requested the liens for citizens that participate in the Residential Rehabilitation Program that are 65 years and older to be reduced from 10 years to 5 years. The Mayor directed Paula Ryan to research this and report back to the Commission.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Parker Avenue Traffic Study</u> – Traffic Engineer Brian Collins introduced Andrea Gronhoff, Director of Transportation and Planning, Keith and Schnars, P.A. Mr. Gronhoff made a presentation regarding the captioned item and responded to Commission questions. Commissioner Moss suggested making Parker Avenue three lanes from Summit to Southern Boulevard. The Mayor suggested holding a public meeting for the citizens in the area. It was the consensus of the Commission to hold a neighborhood meeting and notify citizens from Belvedere Road south to Forest Hill Boulevard and from I-95 to Dixie Highway.</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>New Trolleys</u> – Commissioner Moss [a] spoke about the trolley RFP; and [b] expressed his concern regarding the extensive route to the north opposed to the route to the South. Parking Systems Administrator Sue Olley [a] stated the respondents for the trolley RFP will be evaluated by a committee and the</b>

	<p>top three respondents will be brought to the Commission for final selection for the type of trolley; [b] the routes will be reviewed; and [c] stated that the routes will be looked at and a determination will be made whether to decrease headways or increase headways. The Mayor directed Sue Olley to make sure the Commission views the trolley's before the top three are selected. Commissioner Mitchell suggested looking at other City's that use trolley that are enclosed.</p>
4.	<p><u>Leeds Certifications</u> – Commissioner Moss requested to know what more the City can do regarding the Leeds Certifications. City Administrator Ed Mitchell stated he will have a written report by the end of the week.</p>
5.	<p><u>North Flagler Drive Traffic Study</u> – Traffic Engineer Brian Collins made a presentation on a traffic study that was done on Flagler Drive between 59<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to address impacts of new developments and responded to Commission questions. The Mayor directed staff to communicate to the consultants that the City does not have any future plans to widen the road. Planning Director Charles Wu stated that the project can be denied on level of service. The Mayor directed Charles Wu to do some research on what the City's level of service is and report back to the Commission.</p>
6.	<p><u>Update on News Racks</u> – Historic Preservation Planner Friederike Mittner [a] stated she met with paid and unpaid publications; [b] among the paid publishers the Palm Beach Post, USA Today and the Sun Sentinel are in agreement with the program; [c] stated the neighborhood is in support of the program; [d] noted it is not necessary to go out for a RFP; and</p>

	<p>[e] noted a <b>First Reading</b> will go to the City Commission on June 5, 2006. Commissioner Mitchell stated she would like to see more designs. The Mayor directed staff to bring forward more designs and an ordinance mandating where the racks are to be placed.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Urban League/sickle cell</u></b> – Senior Planner John Roach made a presentation and responded to Commission questions. Mr. Roach stated that [a] the school district has prepared a draft agreement; [b] there are some documents that do not appear to be signed or recorded in the Public Record; [c] the School district is asking the City to do legal descriptions, title work, and surveys for City-owned property [City Administrator Ed Mitchell stated he will review how much staff time it requires to prepare these tasks]; [d] the City’s Comprehensive Plan would have to be amended to remove park designations.</p>
10.	<p><b><u>Other continued</u></b> – Commissioner Moss presented bill board designs that the Police Department had designed to advertise the West Palm Beach Tips line and Crime Stoppers and requested City approval to move forward. Commissioner Robinson requested a change to one of the bill boards. It was the consensus of the Commission to make that change and move forward with the advertisements.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>McMansions</u></b> – Planning Director Charles Wu requested that if the City regulates McMansions to do so in the Historic Districts. Historic Preservation Planner Friederike Mittner made a presentation and responded to Commission questions. A three month moratorium/Zoning in Progress was issued and the City Attorney stated it will prohibit planning from receiving new applications and allow time for staff to</p>

	<b>prepare an ordinance with guidelines for the large homes. Commissioner Mitchell suggested regulating the McMansions city wide. Public comment: Robert Honshaw and Lori Volk.</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>Adjournment</u> – 12:21 p.m.</b>