

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

MAY 15, 2006

Room 519 – 10:30 a.m.

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

1.	<p><u>Northwood Day Care Center</u> – Small Business Program Manager Pam Morrison made a presentation on the construction of a Day Care Center at the intersection of 39th Street and Pinewood Road. Ms. Morrison stated the City has three options: [a] sell the land to the potential owner; [b] lease the land to the potential owner; or [c] donate the land to the prospective bidder. The Mayor directed Ms. Morrison to speak with a Day Care expert to find out if there is a real need for the project. Commissioner Mitchell suggested Ms. Morrison meet with Dr. Debbie Robinson and the School District to discuss sources of funding and to conduct a needs analysis of the neighborhood.</p>
2.	<p><u>Conversion of 29th Street</u> – Commissioner Exline [a] noted that 29th Street was converted to a one-way street under Mayor Joel Daves administration; and [b] questioned whether the City should convert it back to a two-way street. Traffic Engineer Brian Collins [a] noted some residents were notified it would become a two-way street and there was some opposition; and [b] stated according to the City Code the road should be a two-way street. City Administrator Mitchell stated staff will do a formal survey to determine the residents input. The Mayor directed staff to [a] hold a public hearing to discuss the issue; and [b] notify residents of the public hearing.</p>
3.	<p><u>Housing Rehab Lien Reduction</u> – Commissioner Robinson discussed the option of reducing liens from 10 years to 5 years for citizens that participate in the Housing Rehabilitation Program that are 65 years and older. Housing Consultant Paula Ryan [a] stated that there is a forgiveness factor of 25% from the 7th year to the 10th year; and [b] if a resident sells</p>

	<p>their home than the lien is completely repaid. The Mayor directed Paula Ryan to develop a program and bring it back to the Commission.</p>
4.	<p><u>Mayor/Commission Work Session Televised</u> – Commissioner Robinson asked what the possibility would be to televise these sessions. The Mayor noted it is up to the Commission and directed them to get back to her with their preference.</p>
5.	<p><u>Motorized Scooters</u> – Commissioner Moss discussed the state and local laws regarding motorized scooters. Commissioner Mitchell suggested waiting to see how the State votes on this issue. City Administrator Mitchell stated he will report back to the Commission with the State’s decision.</p>
6.	<p><u>Pedestrian Crosswalks</u> – Commissioner Moss suggested a pedestrian crosswalk [a] between City Hall and the Governmental Center building; and [b] between the County Building and the Courthouse. Traffic Engineer Brian Collins stated [a] that crosswalks are normally placed at mid block intersections not at signal intersections or stop signs; [b] a pedestrian crosswalk exists between the Governmental Center and the courthouse; and [c] approval from FDOT would be needed to place a crosswalk at Olive Avenue between City Hall and the Governmental Center. Commissioner Moss suggested implementing a crosswalk between City Hall and the Governmental Center on Olive Avenue first, and if it is successful the City can continue elsewhere.</p>
10.	<p><u>Other</u> – Commissioner Moss suggested the City draft an ordinance that regulates persons selling scrap metal. It was the consensus of the Commission to discuss this item at a later time.</p>
7.	<p><u>Update on street lighting issue for the western communities</u> –</p>

	<p>Commissioner Mitchell [a] stated that Mr. Liberti was working with the western communities to get a total number of street lights in each community which would allow FPL to estimate the cost to run the lights per year; and [b] suggested that City staff continue researching the number of light poles. The Mayor [a] suggested putting together a committee to work with staff to conduct the research; and [b] directed the President of City Watch to work with City Administrator Mitchell.</p>
8.	<p><u>Intergovernmental Planning Agencies Regional Clearinghouse (IPARC): Executive Committee Representatives and Issues</u> – Planning Director Charles Wu stated that IPARC requested an elected official or City staff to attend a meeting this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. regarding Affordable Housing and Home Rule. The Mayor directed that a staff member from the Planning, the Law Department and Paula Ryan attend the meeting.</p>
10.	<p><u>Other [Continued]</u>- Paula Ryan stated that [a] the legislative bill related to Affordable Housing (1363) was passed; [b] there were many changes and it affects every City department; [c] it will be implemented over the next six months; and [d] it takes effect July 1, 2006 and will be in place on January 1, 2007. The Mayor directed Ms. Ryan to keep City staff informed of the changes.</p>
11.	<p><u>Adjournment</u> – 11:40 p.m.</p>