

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

AUGUST 7, 2006

Room 519 – 10:35 a.m.

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

1.	<p><u>Update on Neighborhood Workshop – Berm Construction on North Side of Lake Mangonia</u> – Commissioner Robinson requested to know when the City is going to meet with the neighborhoods regarding the captioned item. Assistant City Administrator Rearden [a] noted there is a Commission workshop scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.; and [b] the Commission will decide at that time when to schedule a workshop with the neighborhoods.</p>
2.	<p><u>Update: Beginning and Completion on Renovations at 1010 10th Street – Neighborhood Police Substation</u> – Commissioner Robinson asked when renovations will begin. City Administrator Mitchell stated that the plans have been through the review process twice and failed. Construction Services Director Melick provided details on why it did not pass review. Commissioner Robinson suggested finding another contractor if the current one can not pass inspection.</p>
3.	<p><u>Commercial Storage Yard – 23rd Street and Tamarind Avenue</u> – Commissioner Robinson asked [a] if code enforcement looked at this property; [b] if there is anything they can do regarding the blight; and [c] when will it be cleaned up. Code Compliance Manager Hiteshew stated he is working with planning and zoning department to site violations and will have a report for the Commission by the end of August.</p>
4.	<p><u>Update on Landscape Buffer: Coleman Park, 23rd Street, Northside</u> – City Administrator Mitchell stated that the Face of the City Meeting will be held on August 28, 2006 providing details on this issue.</p>

5.	<p><u>City Assisted Neighborhood Cleanup – Coleman/Lincoln Park: August 12, 2006</u> – City Administrator Mitchell noted that [a] Neighborhood Liaison Smith is working with the neighborhoods for assistance; and [b] a roll-off container has been provided by the sanitation department. The Mayor [a] discussed the issue with landlords dumping tenants belongings on the street when they are evicted; [b] suggested the City pass an ordinance that makes the landlord responsible for cleaning up those belongings; and [c] she directed Mr. Clayton to work with staff on more solutions.</p>
6.	<p><u>TDR Funds to Assist Downtown Merchants/Business Owners with Façade Improvements</u> – Commissioner Moss suggested using a portion of the TDR money to help all business owners. The Mayor directed Commissioner Moss to work with Acting Director of Economic and Community Development Ryan on ideas for funds.</p>
7.	<p><u>Certificate of Use Program Update</u> – Commissioner Moss [a] noted that the program was implemented as an aid to monitor businesses; [b] requested to know if the program has been successful; and [c] suggested passing stricter ordinances. Code Compliance Manager Hiteshew provided details on how the program works. City Administrator Mitchell noted that Ordinances regulating gangs, 24-hour convenience stores and panhandling will be brought to the Commission in the next thirty days.</p>
8.	<p><u>Trees Along South Olive Avenue</u> – City Administrator Mitchell noted this item has been taken care of.</p>
9.	<p><u>Meyer Amphitheatre Events</u> – Commissioner Moss [a] suggested placing a marque on Flagler Drive advertising events that take place at the Meyer Amphitheatre; and [b] expressed his concern regarding the capacity of the theatre.</p>

	<p>The Mayor directed staff to look into the City code to see if there are any restrictions on the placement of the marque.</p>
10.	<p><u>Code Enforcement Discussion: 823 Kanuga/943 Upland</u> – Commissioner Mitchell noted that the above mentioned properties have not been attended to. Code Compliance Manager Hiteshew [a] noted that the property on Kanuga is homesteaded and currently has a recorded lien; [b] stated that he will coordinate with the ECD Department and Community Resources Coordinator Jordan to get it cleaned up; and [c] the City has the option to do an abatement on the property and incur the cost. The Mayor directed staff to set a date for a meeting to discuss the problem properties that were identified on the bus tour.</p>
11.	<p><u>Brief Update: City Initiated Charter School</u> – Commissioner Mitchell stated that [a] she has made two presentations to the City’s Education Advisory Committee and received unanimous endorsement to put together a proposal; [b] she is meeting next week with Florida Atlantic University; [c] a law was passed that created an Education Excellence Commission which sets money aside for higher education to fund these kind of projects; and [d] she will bring the proposal to the Commission for review.</p>
12.	<p><u>State New Essential Workforce Housing Initiative</u> – This item was moved to the next scheduled Mayor/Commission Work Session.</p>
13.	<p><u>Generators in Residential Districts</u> – Associate Planner Cruz stated that [a] many residents have purchased permanent generators; [b] the manufacturer requires a three feet side setback; [c] the City code allows a maximum of four feet encroachment into the required side setback; and [d] requested direction from the Commission. Planning Director</p>

	<p>Wu stated that staff is recommending a two foot minimum between the generator and the property line. Commissioner Exline suggested it be required to place the generator in the back yard if the property does not have a setback, otherwise a property owner should be required to buy a quieter generator.</p>
14.	<p><u>29th Street Survey</u> – Traffic Engineer Collins stated that [a] 29th Street is operating as a one-way street but not operating by code; [b] notices were sent to residents regarding changing the street to a two-way street; and [c] there was a poor response, however, the majority voted for a one-way street. It was the consensus of the Commission to pass an ordinance to maintain the street as a one-way street.</p>
15.	<p><u>3402 Floral Avenue Minor Subdivision</u> – Planning Director Wu removed this item from the agenda.</p>
16.	<p><u>PBC Plans to Widening of Australian Avenue – 45th Street to Banyan Boulevard</u> – Assistant City Administrator Rearden noted that the county is under a study to widen Australian Avenue. Staff expressed concerns regarding drainage, the effect on the neighborhood and schools, and the dangers at the Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard intersection. Commissioner Mitchell stated she would like to know what the alternatives are. The Mayor directed Mr. Rearden to draft a letter to the County Commission outlining the City’s concerns and objecting to the widening.</p>
17.	<p><u>Proposed Sale of TDR’s to Fern Street Holdings, LLC</u> – It was the consensus of the Commission to allow approval of the captioned item.</p>
18.	<p><u>Bike Rack on Clematis Street</u> – Raphael Clemente made a presentation and proposed bike racks to be placed in front of Starbucks on Clematis Street. It was the consensus of the</p>

	Commission to bring this proposal before the Commission for a vote.
19.	<u>Adjournment</u> - 11:56 a.m.