

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

October 30, 2006

Room 519 – 10:34 a.m.

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

1.	<u>Gaines Park New Building Design</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] stated that the \$2 million allocated from the County Commission in 2004 is not enough for the new building design; and [b] noted that an additional amount of approximately \$1.5 million in fiscal contributions is needed. The Mayor stated that she has already directed staff to look at the budget for money that may be used for improvements in Gaines Park.
2.	<u>36th Street/Sunset Park Ordinance Enforcement</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] expressed his concern that parties are being held on 36 th Street/Sunset Park, despite the lack of onsite bathrooms; and [b] suggested that police monitor partying in the park.
3.	<u>Charter School</u> – Commissioner Mitchell [a] stated that she is not ready to present on this issue; and [b] requested that Administration research whether it is possible to build a charter school in the city. Commissioner Robinson [a] noted the success of Pembroke Pines’ charter school; and [b] agreed that more research should be done on a charter school for the City. City Attorney McKenna asked that the Law Department also be included in this issue. The Mayor stated that she would speak with City Administrator Mitchell regarding this matter.
4.	<u>Not-for-Profit Programs in the City</u> – Commissioner Robinson requested that a plan to provide after-school activities for youths residing west of I-95 be included in the agenda for the November 6, 2006 Commission Meeting. Reverend Hobbs, representing Urban Youth Impact, answered questions regarding the organization’s activities. The Mayor stated that

	<p>issues regarding youth empowerment will be further discussed next week. Commissioner Mitchell requested a list of the non-profit organizations that receive donations from the city and whom the organizations are serving.</p>
5.	<p><u>Central Park Plaza Request for a Code Revision to the Downtown Master Plan</u> – City Attorney McKenna [a] requested to know whether the planning staff correctly interpreted a current definition containing dimension requirements in the Downtown Master Plan; [b] suggested amending the definition, if it was incorrectly interpreted, by removing the dimensional provisions in the definition and just making a reference to them in the code; and [c] stated that applications for dimension variances will need to be stopped if the definition was correctly interpreted. City Urban Designer Aponte presented examples of dimension variances. The Mayor and Commissioners agreed to amend the definition.</p>
6.	<p><u>Shopping Carts</u> – This topic was withdrawn by Staff.</p>
7.	<p><u>Replat of 6601-6611 S. Flagler Drive</u> – City Attorney McKenna [a] spoke about provisions on subdivisions; and [b] referenced Zoning Codes in Article II, Sec. 94-44, Chapter 94, Article XI of the Code of Ordinances, and Chapter 177, Part 1 of the Florida Statutes. Planning Director Wu stated that [a] staff is still conducting research on this matter; and [b] they hope to make a decision in the next couple of weeks. Jenny Brown, a property owner in the subdivision in question, asked to be able to speak with staff on this matter. The Mayor suggested that staff work with the property owners on this issue before a final decision is made.</p>
8.	<p><u>Mayor's Matters</u> – No items were discussed.</p>
9.	<p><u>Other</u> – Planning Director Wu suggested getting an appraisal</p>

	for the City-owned land that Palm Beach Motor Cars is attempting to acquire from the City.
10.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 11:53 a.m.