

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

November 13, 2006

Room 519 – 10:34 a.m.

Present: Mayor Frankel, Commissioners Exline, Mitchell, Moss [left at 11:45 a.m.], Muoio and Robinson, Jr., City Administrator Mitchell, City Attorney McKenna, City Clerk Kauthen.

10.	<u>Other</u> – Police Chief Bush [a] thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the addition of twenty-five police officers in the City; [b] explained the training process for police officers; [c] announced that all twenty-five police officers will not be on the street until November 2007; [d] described where the twenty-five new officers will be deployed; and [e] responded to Commission questions regarding the police officers that were hired last year.
2.	<u>Status of Gas Station at Australian Avenue and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard</u> – Commissioner Robinson asked for an update on the demolition of the gas station. Assistant City Attorney Conforti noted that she is working with the property owner on this matter. City Attorney McKenna explained the process of having the structure demolished.
3.	<u>NLC Youth Delegation Sponsorship</u> – Commissioner Robinson announced that [a] two Youth Delegations will be representing Palm Beach County at the National League of Cities; and [b] the West Palm Beach Youth Delegation is still accepting sponsorships to pay for the remaining costs of attending the National League of Cities in December.
4.	<u>Group Homes Permitting</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] asked what Code requirements are placed on group homes; and [b] noted that 65 complaints were made to the Police Department regarding a single group home in District Two. Deputy Planning Director Angela Jones-Vann stated that the City will [a] work in conjunction with State agencies regarding group home permitting; and [b] map-out all the group homes that are located in the City.

5.	<p><u>Performance Measures</u> – Commissioner Moss asked to schedule a Workshop in order to present on this issue. The Mayor concurred with his request.</p>
6.	<p><u>WCI North Flagler Drive Alley Abandonment</u> – Commissioner Mitchell requested an update. City Attorney McKenna [a] stated that there have not yet been discussions regarding the conditions that will be required for abandonment; and [b] suggested the Commission, rather than Staff, do the negotiating. The Commission agreed to allow the project to move forward.</p>
1.	<p><u>Presentation of Design of Clematis Street Parking Garage</u> – Deputy Redevelopment Manager Kelley [a] made a presentation regarding the parking garage’s design; and [b] announced that more details will be provided on the project at a later date. Tom Kelsey of Song and Associates, Inc. presented visuals of the parking garage’s design.</p>
10.	<p><u>Other [continued]</u> – Commissioner Mitchell [a] expressed her concern regarding the lack of a drop-off area at One City Plaza; and [b] suggested that Olive Street be reverted back to being a one-way, northbound street, so that the southbound lane can be turned into a drop-off area. Assistant City Administrator Rearden [a] noted that the City does not yet own the road, but that it will in about a month; and [b] stated that Staff will review the issue.</p> <p>Historic Preservation Planner Mittner [a] made a presentation regarding the cost of hiring a consultant for finding discrepancies between Zoning Codes and Historic Preservation Board regulations; and [b] recommended that the Zoning In Progress not be extended.</p>
7.	<p><u>Affordable Housing</u> – Economic and Community Development Director Ryan [a] made a presentation regarding the Planning</p>

	Board's undertaking of a statutory requirement called the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR); and [b] stated that she is working with the Downtown Master Planner and an economist to evaluate what affordable housing incentives can be incorporated as part of the Downtown Masterplan.
8.	<u>Discussion of whether Commission wants to hold meeting of January 2, 2007</u> – It was the consensus of the Commission to cancel the meeting of January 2, 2007.
9.	<u>Mayor's Matters</u> – No items were discussed.
10.	<u>Other [Continued]</u> – Parking Administrator Olley [a] announced that four trolley companies have responded to the trolley RFP and have been ranked; and [b] asked which of the four the Commission would like to see presentations of. City Attorney McKenna stated that she would ask Deputy City Attorney Urcheck to verify whether the RFP specified how many of the four would be allowed to present.
11.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 11:53 a.m.