

**MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2006**  
**Room 519 – 10:37 a.m.**

**Present: Mayor Frankel, Commissioners Exline, Mitchell [left at 11:36 a.m.], Moss, Muoio and Robinson, Jr., City Administrator Mitchell, City Attorney McKenna, City Clerk Kauthen.**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Northlake Rehabilitation of the Railroad Crossing</u> – Commissioner Muoio announced that Northlake Boulevard will be closed January 2, 2007 through January 8, 2007 for railroad crossing repairs. Deputy County Engineer McConnell explained the detours that will be set in place during that week. The Mayor stated she will sign a letter asking CSX Transportation, Inc. to postpone the repairs until the Summer season.</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Other</u> – Planning Director Wu discussed the Callery-Judge Project. Commissioner Mitchell recommended that Staff continue to attend meetings regarding the project.</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Discussion of Commissioner Koons' Letter</u> – Commissioner Moss stated that Commissioner Koons [a] offered to apply \$50,000 of discretionary gas tax dollars for the safety of two school crossings at Palmetto Elementary School; and [b] would like to be advised if the City would be interested in matching his allocation toward this effort. The Mayor suggested informing Commissioner Koons that [a] the City appreciates his offer; [b] City Traffic Engineering Staff is being directed to study the Parker Avenue Project; and [c] the Commission recommends that he reserve the money until the City reaches a conclusion in approximately 30 days.</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Directional Signs for Downtown</u> – Rafael Clemente of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) made a presentation regarding parking and trolley directional signs that the DDA will install downtown.</b>

4.	<p><b><u>Legislative Priorities</u></b> – The Mayor [a] announced that City Staff will be making an appearance before the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation on December 13, 2006; and [b] stated that she would like Staff to consider discussing tax reform for affordable housing at the hearing. Economic and Community Development Director Ryan discussed issues regarding property appraisals for affordable housing. The Mayor then announced that the following issues would be discussed at the hearing: [a] Stub Canal drainage improvements for the Pineapple Park Neighborhood; [b] money for the City Commons; [c] Lake Okeechobee’s water quality; [d] the Youth Empowerment Center; and [e] the Emergency Operating Center. City Attorney McKenna added that the following would also be discussed at the hearing: [a] proposed changes to Chapter 162 of the Code of Ordinances; [b] a proposed amendment to the Attorney-Client Session Statute; and [c] a proposition to discontinue the practice of having the City Clerk read Ordinances aloud at City Commission Meetings.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Mayor’s Matters</u></b> – There were no items discussed.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Other</u></b> – Commissioner Robinson requested an update of the funding regarding House Bill 1363, the Community Workforce Housing Initiative Program (CWHIP). Economic and Community Development Director Ryan stated that the Housing Authority currently has funding for the multi-family section of the project and are seeking \$5 million for single-family development.</p> <p>City Attorney McKenna gave a preview of what will be discussed during the City Commission Workshop regarding Code Enforcement that was scheduled for that evening.</p>

	<p><b>Commissioner Robinson [a] announced that the Youth Delegation will do a presentation at the December 18, 2006 City Commission Meeting regarding the National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities Conference they attended in Reno, Nevada; and [b] noted that the League of Cities' Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee suggested providing funding for tasers to be used during all of the Police Department's shifts.</b></p> <p><b>Bill Moss announced that [a] the Metropolitan Planning Organization approved the Department of Transportation work-plan on December 11, 2006; and [b] the Southern Boulevard and Flagler Drive bridge projects are now both fully funded.</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u> – 11:53 a.m.</b></p>