

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

JANUARY 11, 2007

Room 519 – 12:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Frankel, Commissioners Exline [arrived at 12:12 p.m.], Mitchell, Moss, Muoio and Robinson, Jr., City Administrator Mitchell, City Attorney McKenna, City Clerk Kauthen.

1.	<u>Flagler Memorial Bridge Redesign Presentation</u> – Assistant City Administrator Rearden noted that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. are creating a preliminary design for Flagler Memorial Bridge (also known as North Bridge). FDOT Project Manager Leidy introduced Project Manager Cherry of Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. Project Manager Cherry [a] announced that Kimley-Horn and Associates will hold a public workshop regarding the bridge’s redesign in March; [b] spoke about the status of the existing bridge; and [c] discussed the options of either rehabilitating the current bridge or building a new one.
2.	<u>Property Insurance Session and Contacting Our Legislators</u> – The Mayor [a] announced that the Florida Legislature will be holding a Property Insurance Session the following week; and [b] suggested sending a letter to residents urging them to contact their legislators in regards to property insurance.
3.	<u>Update on North Tamarind Commercial Façade-CDBG Allocation</u> – City Administrator Mitchell announced that [a] the individuals who would like to have façade improvements are in the process of having their permits approved; [b] those who were approved are in the process of hiring their own contractors; and [c] prospective contractors may obtain a list of pending façade improvement projects from Program and Compliance Manager Kelly.

4.	<p><u>Review of Sanitation Dumping Fine of \$100</u> – Commissioner Robinson suggested increasing dumping fines. Director of Public Works Spatara explained how Public Works handles illegal dumping on vacant lots. City Attorney McKenna explained the legal process of illegal dumping citations.</p>
5.	<p><u>Removal of Melaleuca Trees Near the Canal North of 36th Street</u> – Commissioner Robinson asked when all invasive trees would be removed from the canal. Director of Public Works Spatara stated that [a] the Melaleuca Trees have all been removed; [b] the invasive Australian Pines and Brazilian Pepper Trees have not yet been removed; and [c] all of the invasive trees are expected to be cleared by February 1, 2007.</p>
6.	<p><u>Update on the Gaines Park Addition</u> – Commissioner Robinson announced that Architect Haverson of Haverson Architecture met with the impacted neighborhood’s task force during the previous week; and [b] stated that the task force was in support of the design plans. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Co-chair Sned stated that PRAC is in full support of the design plans.</p>
7.	<p><u>Palm Beach Medical Care Commission</u> – Commissioner Mitchell spoke about [a] the Good Samaritan Hospital; and [b] appointing a group to represent the City at Palm Beach Medical Care Commission Meetings. Neighborhood Services Manager McMillan spoke about the City of Palm Beach’s stance on the Good Samaritan Hospital.</p>
8.	<p><u>Florida League of Cities’ Request for Resolution</u> – Commissioner Moss [a] announced that the Florida League of Cities has requested a Resolution urging members of the Florida Legislature to support certain issues; [b] noted that the</p>

	<p>Palm Beach County League of Cities has also requested a Resolution for the same purpose; and [c] requested that both Resolutions be on the agenda for the Tuesday, January 16, 2007 City Commission Meeting.</p>
9.	<p><u>CSX Quiet Zone</u> – Commissioner Muoio asked whether quiet zones for the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) could be imposed as they were for CSX’s railroads. City Attorney McKenna stated that [a] the City does not have jurisdiction over FEC railroad crossings; [b] the FEC has an emergency order in place that states that quiet zone legislation does not apply; [c] Federal Staff is currently researching the emergency order; [d] a conclusion regarding the emergency order’s viability will be drawn by late Spring; and [e] the City has hired lobbyists to work in favor of the quiet zones.</p>
10.	<p><u>Report from Chief Bush</u> – This item was not discussed.</p>
11.	<p><u>Homeless Assessment Center</u> – The Mayor [a] noted that Community Resources Coordinator Jordan performed a study on the homeless in the City; [b] stated that Community Resources Coordinator Jordan recommended converting the City’s offices on 45th Street into a Homeless Assessment Center after the new City Hall opens; and [c] asked whether it was an idea the City should consider. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow further exploration of the idea.</p>
12.	<p><u>Code Enforcement Liens/Tax Bills</u> – The Mayor stated that she does not support the practice of having tax liens placed on personal property. Commissioner Mitchell stated that she would ask Code Enforcement Expert Collins to speak at a future meeting regarding this issue.</p>

13.	<u>Mayor's Matters</u> – There were no items discussed.
14.	<u>Other</u> – Commissioner Moss discussed the possibility of providing incentives to attract vendors to participate in the GreenMarket. Marketing and Community Events Manager Pinak discussed possible incentives. Commissioner Robinson requested that Deputy City Administrator Miller provide an update at the January 16, 2007 City Commission Meeting regarding the City Center Expo and Job Fair that was held on January 9, 2007.
15.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 1:37 p.m.