

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

July 9, 2007

Room 519 – 10:13 a.m.

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

5.	<u>Gateway Park Public Art Competition</u> - City Commons and Waterfront Project Manager Goldberg stated that September 27th, 2007 will be the date for the final Gateway Park Public Art Competition selection.
19.	<u>Other</u> – City Attorney McKenna [a] asked the Commissioners if they would support a release of residential requirement for Parking Lot B between Datura and Clematis Street which was previously owned by the City but was sold with an RFP that required the developers to only build residential; and [b] stated that the developers would like to build a hotel on the site, and for that to go forth the Planning and Zoning department needs to issue a site plan approval letter that is conditioned upon approval from the Commissioners for the release of residential requirement. Commissioners Douglas, Moss and Muoio stated that they supported the change. Commissioner Robinson agreed to support the change but with reservations and Commissioner Mitchell abstained and asked City Attorney McKenna for the documentation showing where the City released the owners of the property from building something that would benefit the public.
1.	<u>West Palm Beach Marina</u> - City Attorney McKenna [a] informed the Commissioners that the cabinet meeting has been moved to July 31st, 2007; and [b] explained the three automatic renewal 25 year lease for the Palm Harbor Marina land. The Mayor spoke of [a] her meeting with Diana Sawyer-Crane from the Office of Governor Charlie Crist and iterated the arrangement to protect the public access to the water; [b] the implications for future Commissions if the current

	<p>Commissioners go forth with the proposal; [c] other financial options that are available; [d] the necessity for a public hearing. It was the consensus of the Commission to have a public meeting.</p>
2.	<p><u>Water Plan of Action</u> – The Mayor stated that Public Utilities Director Craig is working on an update for the Commissioners regarding the revamping of the water system. Public Utilities Director Craig indicated that short term enhancements are on track and that she will provide a presentation in the near future.</p>
15.	<p><u>Discussion: Request to Have a Workshop on the Current Status of City Water</u> – Commissioner Mitchell stated [a] that she would like the public to be notified of any changes to the water system; [b] the importance of having a workshop to allow the public to have an understanding of the current status of the City water; and [c] that it would be beneficial to have people from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District attend the meeting. Commissioner Moss questioned how not having water from Lake Okeechobee would effect the City’s water levels. It was the consensus of the Commission to move the meeting forward. The Mayor [a] stated that she would arrange a workshop; and [b] asked the Commissioners to get briefings individually before the workshop.</p>
3.	<p><u>Photo Center</u> – Carol Roberts and Roy Warren from the Palm Beach Photographic Center stated that the Center would like to set a consumer price index with a 3% yearly cap. Commissioner Mitchell stated that the insurance of the Center should be examined so that an adjustment could be made in the future if the insurance cost should fluctuate. The Commissioners agreed on a fixed cap based on a consumer priced index with a 3% cap, with the exception of the insurance number which staff will investigate to come up with a formula for adjustment.</p>

4.	<u>ECD Plan</u> – This item was not discussed.
6.	<u>Group Homes</u> – Planning Director Wu spoke of [a] a new GIS map showing the group homes in each district; and [b] Construction Services, Code Enforcement and the Fire Departments working together to initiate annual requirements for a business license for group homes. Commissioner Moss spoke of his concern that group homes in residential areas should have no signage and should be indistinguishable from surrounding homes.
7.	<u>Discussion of Single Family Home Infill RFP</u> – CRA Project Manager Bowers gave a slide show presentation and responded to Commissioners questions regarding the single family home infill project. The Mayor directed staff to come up with a proposal for deed restrictions.
8.	<u>Historic Designation of Horticultural Society Building</u> – Historic Preservation Planner Mittner asked the Commissioners for their feedback on designating two buildings owned by the City on the Corner of Fern Street and Quadrille Boulevard into historic buildings. It was the consensus of the Commission to make repairs on the buildings and then preserve them.
9.	<u>Discussion of Curfew</u> – Commissioner Moss proposed bringing an expansion of the downtown curfew to include City Place to the July 16 th , 2007 City Commission Meeting. Chief of Police Bush asked that the proposal include an ordinance similar to Jacksonville’s Curfew where there is a parental component which would fine parents. The Mayor and Commissioner Mitchell raised concerns over people who are not guardians, parents or grandparents not being allowed to accompany under 17 year olds under the proposed ordinance. City Attorney McKenna stated she would address the Mayor and Commissioner Mitchell’s concerns.

10.	<u>Discussion: Scheduling of Workshop for 1 Year Action Plan</u> – Commissioner Robinson spoke of his concern with committed funds of 15%. Deputy City Administrator Miller [a] explained how the City can proceed; and [b] stated the agenda should be amended for the 15%. The Mayor and Commissioner Mitchell stated that the City should get a small group of experts to advise the Commission.
11. & 12.	<u>Immigration Community Outreach Project on Broadway and Temporary Employment Ordinance</u> – Commissioner Douglas Stated that there was a Community Outreach Center going to be built and would like the current City’s Day Labor Ordinance to be reviewed. City Attorney McKenna explained how an updated ordinance could work. Commissioner Mitchell asked that the ordinance be worded so it discourages people from ignoring the ordinance.
13.	<u>Discussion of Solar Panels for City Center Project</u> – Commissioner Mitchell [a] inquired into the solar panels for the City Center Project; and [b] asked that staff get to come back with a report in two weeks. Steve Berg and Viva Gorfine made public comments.
14.	<u>Revisit Issue of Master Plan in the Business District Okeechobee Boulevard to Belvedere Road</u> – Commissioner Mitchell directed staff to look at creating a Master Plan on Dixie Highway between Okeechobee Boulevard and Belvedere Road. The Mayor directed staff to come back with cost estimates.
16.	<u>Stub Canal – Closing off Truck Traffic into Neighborhoods</u> – Commissioner Mitchell asked that a barrier be put up to deter trucks driving in neighborhoods. Traffic Engineer Collins stated that he would research it.
17.	<u>Library Summer Hours</u> – Commissioner Mitchell inquired about extending the library hours on Friday and Saturday.

	The Mayor suggested bringing it up to a library committee. Assistant Library Director Murray explained the reasoning behind the current library hours to the Commissioners.
19.	<u>Other Continued</u> – Commissioner Mitchell inquired about the news racks on Dixie Highway. City Attorney McKenna stated the new news racks will be coming in August.
18.	<u>Mayor’s Matters</u> – This item was not discussed
20.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 12:36 p.m.