

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

August 20, 2007

Room 519 – 10:04 a.m.

Present: Mayor Frankel [left at 10:35 a.m.], Commissioners Douglas, Mitchell, Moss [left at 10:35 a.m.], Muoio and Robinson Jr. [left at 10:35 a.m.], City Administrator Mitchell, City Attorney McKenna and City Clerk Kauthen.

1.	<u>House Bill 537 – Moving the General Election to the New Primary Date</u> – The Mayor stated [a] that due to the change in the Presidential Primary Election date, municipalities have been given the option to choose between January 29, 2007 and March 11, 2007 for their elections; and [b] that this item should be discussed at the next City Commission Meeting. Commissioner Moss stated that moving the election date would [a] be an opportunity to have a larger turnout; [b] save the City money; and [c] be disadvantageous for current and prospective candidates due to the earlier date.
9.	<u>Other</u> – City Administrator Mitchell gave a presentation on possible budget cuts and responded to Commissioners questions. The Mayor and Commissioner Robinson expressed their concerns regarding the eliminating of overtime from Street Maintenance, Parks Maintenance and Sanitation Divisions. Commissioner Douglas asked that the water irrigation fees for Riverwalk be reviewed.
2.	<u>Engineering Services Municipal User and Permit Fee Schedule</u> – Director of Engineering Services Bramley gave a presentation on engineering fees and responded to the Commissioners questions. Commissioner Mitchell stated that [a] an increase in fees should come with an increase in services; and [b] lowering the millage rate and increasing the fees for users of these services should be addressed. Commissioner Moss stated that fees need to increase to become comparable to other Cities' fees before there can be an increase in productivity. The Mayor directed the Engineering Services

	Department to present this issue to every relevant organization.
3.	<u>Feasibility of Citywide Curfew</u> – This item was not discussed.
4.	<u>Saratoga Dog Park</u> – This item was not discussed.
5.	<u>Commission Meeting Time</u> – The Mayor suggested moving the City Commission Meeting time to 2:00 p.m. and placing Public Comment at the end of the meeting. Commissioner Douglas stated that [a] this item should be discussed with the public present; and [b] she has been getting a lot of requests for the Budget Workshop to be moved to 6:00 p.m. and would like that to be looked into. Commissioner Moss stated that he had no problem moving the meeting time. Commissioner Muoio suggested changing the time on a trial basis to see what the response would be. Commissioner Mitchell stated that a break should be incorporated into the meetings. The Mayor [a] directed staff to put the issue on the agenda for the next City Commission Meeting; and [b] stated that due to the 30 day notice period, the time change will not be able to commence until October 2007.
7.	<u>Cage-Free Egg Resolution</u> – Commissioner Mitchell asked that a resolution be made stating that the City would like to see an elimination of the inhumane treatment of chickens and hens in the production of eggs. City Attorney McKenna stated that she would have the resolution ready in two weeks time.
6.	<u>One City Plaza Study</u> – Trent Ebersole from McMahon Associates gave a presentation of the results of the study they conducted regarding every development in the downtown area and the projected effects to traffic volumes. Traffic Engineer Collins [a] spoke of changing the entrance and exit of the building; and [b] stated that the light sequences would have to be changed if the road is made one way. Commissioner Muoio raised concerns over the unintended consequences.

	Commissioner Douglas stated that she would support the one way road change. It was the consensus of the Commission to move forward with changing the road and directed staff to send the study to the State. Public comment: Victor Rocco and Wendy Divone.
8.	<u>Mayor's Matters</u> – This item was not discussed.
10.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 11:10 a.m.