

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

October 29, 2007

Room 519 – 10:04 a.m.

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

1.	<u>Roebuck Road</u> – Commissioner Muoio stated [a] that Palm Beach County has a five year road plan which includes a design and right of way acquisition for Roebuck Road; [b] the importance of having a meeting with the Western Communities representatives to discuss the issue; [c] that Baywinds Community and the wildlife in the City’s water catchment area would be negatively impacted should the expansion go forth; and [d] that there is a group which is currently working against the expansion of State Road 7 and suggested working with them. Assistant City Administrator Rearden stated [a] the City has challenged Palm Beach County’s preliminary environmental impact study; [b] that the City has requested a comprehensive environmental impact study; and [c] the importance of monitoring the permits being issued on this issue. The Mayor [a] stated the City should try to stop the expansion; [b] stated the City should have buffers as an alternative to stopping the expansion; [c] asked that a plan of action be adopted; and [d] directed Neighborhood Liaison Smith to work on the issue. Phillip Masa and Alex Tsacharis spoke of the Baywind Community concerns on the issue.
2.	<u>Downtown Master Plan Zoning in Progress</u> – Planning Director Wu updated the Commissioners on the City Commission joint workshop with the Downtown Master Plan Update Advisory Board meeting regarding the zoning and land development regulations for the Downtown Master Plan Update. It was the consensus of the Commission to go forth with the Downtown Master Plan Zoning In Progress.
3.	<u>Infill Affordable Housing Program Development Strategy</u> – Director of Housing and Community Development Johnson [a] brought forth an infill affordable housing program development strategy in advance of a housing policy; [b] stated that she has a housing policy ready to be reviewed; [c]

	<p>explained how the policy would be implemented; and [d] stated that the policy is on the next City Commission meeting agenda to be passed. The Mayor [a] iterated the need for restrictions on the properties; [b] stated that people who invest in their homes should be rewarded; and [c] asked Director of Housing and Community Development Johnson to come up with a strategy for preferential treatment for those on the waiting list. Commissioner Douglas stated that preferential treatment should not be limited to first time home owners. Commissioner Robinson [a] stated that he would like the properties to be single family homes preferably in Coleman Park and North West Pleasant City areas; and [b] requested confirmation on the status of the affordable housing resolution.</p>
4.	<p><u>Presentation of the Landing Area of the Waterfront Project</u> – City Commons and Waterfront Project Manager Joan Goldberg [a] made a presentation on the landing area of the Waterfront Project; [b] spoke of the different options of seawalls available; and [c] stated that Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program (F.I.N.D) has given the City a one million Dollar grant towards the project. Commissioner Robinson iterated his concerns of the lack of restroom facilities in the waterfront project, and asked that the issue be revisited. The Mayor requested [a] that the Planning and Zoning Department look into the code for restrooms in public areas; and [b] a sample of the fence be shown to the Commissioners. Urban Designer Stelly stated that the design team [a] favored cutting down the sea wall and installing a fence; and [b] will look into the railing design for the fence. Commissioner Douglas suggested leaving the seawall and spending money on other aspects of the project. Commissioner Muoio stated she preferred the fence option. Raphael Clemente of the Downtown Development Authority stated that [a] cutting the seawall down will bring people closer to the water; [b] if no fence was present people would be less likely to get close to the water; and [c] adding a fence will increase the capacity of the area. Assistant City Administrator Rearden stated that a sample of the fence should be attainable within sixty days. Alex Saylor a member of the public stated that there should be an artistic focus on the design elements of the fences. It was the consensus of the Commission to [a] move forward with the design; and [b] view in the next sixty days a sample of the fence.</p>

5.	<p><u>Consultant Services for PBIA Expansion</u> – Senior Planner Hansen [a] explained the need for hiring a consultant company for the PBIA expansion; [b] suggested aeronautical consultant firm Morton, Beyer & Agnew for the project to review and possibly do an independent study on the aviation activities forecast and noise studies; [c] stated that the consultation fees would be around thirty to forty thousand Dollars; and [d] stated that the MPO has approved two hundred million Dollars for the expansion of the airport. The Mayor stated that Donald Trump has agreed to pay for half of the consultation fees. City Administrator Mitchell stated he would bring an F-Resolution forward.</p>
6.	<p><u>Street Name Change</u> – Planning Director Wu stated that the Planning and Zoning Department is working on a policy for renaming streets. The Mayor stated [a] she was against renaming streets except under rare circumstances; and [b] that the policy should be that if someone wishes to have something named after them that the City should find alternatives structures for them. Jim Dunbarn, a member of the public, stated that he wants a policy in place so that Reverent Parsons can be honored.</p>
7.	<p><u>Mayor Commission Work Session of November 13, 2007</u> – It was the consensus of the Commission to cancel the Mayor Commission Work Session of November 13, 2007.</p>
8.	<p><u>December 31, 2007 Commission Meeting</u> – It was the consensus of the Commission to cancel the December 31, 2007 Commission Meeting.</p>
9.	<p><u>Northend Curfew</u> – Commissioner Douglas stated that [a] residents in the Northend of the City have seen a migration of youths from Riviera Beach and Downtown West Palm Beach since the enactment of the curfews; and [b] any increase in juvenile crime needs to be address immediately. Assistant Chief of Police Crispo stated that [a] an expansion on the curfew would deplete the Police Departments resources; [b] he was not sure if a Northend curfew could be justified; [c] crime overall has being going down in the Northend in the last couple of months; and [d] the Police Department is working on an Civil Gang Injunction for the Northend that should have an impact on the area. The Mayor stated that [a] the Police Department should continue to monitor the crime rates in the Northend</p>

	<p>and make monthly reports; and [b] since the curfew was enacted there has been a decrease in crime in the City Place. Commissioner Robinson [a] expressed his concern of a curfew in the Northend impacting his district; and [b] expressed a preference for a City wide curfew.</p>
15.	<p><u>Other</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] inquired as to when additional bike patrols would be seen in the Tamarind Avenue corridor between Banyan Boulevard and 25th Street; and [b] stated that an allocation of one hundred and eighteen thousand Dollars had been given to the Police Department for overtime for night patrol. Assistant Chief of Police Crispo stated that a lot of resources are currently in the Tamarind Avenue area.</p>
10.	<p><u>Green Market Vendor Diversity Update</u> – Marketing and Community Events Manager Pinak stated that the minority rate is around twenty percent, with a breakdown of five Hispanic, two African American and one Asian booths. Commissioner Robinson stated the greater the diversity the more people the Green Market will attract. The Mayor stated the need for continued outreach for more diverse vendors.</p>
11.	<p><u>Update on Temporary Closure on Winter Street</u> – Traffic Engineer Collins stated that the Palm Beach County School Board agreed with the closing of Winter Street. The Mayor stated that the issue should be brought back at the next City Commission Meeting.</p>
12.	<p><u>Update on Take Home Cars</u> – Budget Manager Brown gave an update on the City’s take home vehicle policy. Assistant Chief of Police Crispo explained the need for some police officers to take home cars. City Administrator Mitchell [a] provided the Commission with the numbers of police officers living in and out of the City limits; and [b] stated that charging police officers to take their cars home would require negotiations with their union. The Mayor stated that the Commissioners would review the policy and discuss it at the next Mayor/Commission Work Session.</p>
13.	<p><u>Permitting Commercial Uses North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] stated that there are some viable businesses north of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard that are currently unable to open due to being unable to obtain an occupational license; and [b] requested</p>

	that staff look at the issue so as to allow businesses in the area. Planning Director Wu explained the Ordinance and stated that staff would look into the issue.
15.	<u>Other – Continued</u> – Commissioner Robinson requested to know if a date for the groundbreaking of the multi facility building in Gaines Park had been set yet. Assistant City Administrator Rearden stated it would be in the next six to eight months.
14.	<u>Mayor’s Matters</u> – This item was not discussed.
16.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 11:36 a.m.