

**MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

**November 20, 2007**

**Room 519 – 11:09 a.m.**

**Present: Mayor Frankel, Commissioner Mitchell, Deputy City Administrator Miller, Senior Specialist Attorney Thomas and City Clerk Kauthen; Absent: Commissioners Douglas, Moss, Muoio and Robinson Jr.**

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Library/City Center</u></b> – Commissioner Mitchell [a] stated she would like to explore possible alternative usages for the land in the City Center Project; [b] suggested looking at the parking garage and either selling it to a private developer or having a private developer come in and build a hotel on top of the existing garage; [c] stated that there is a fresh market that could be interested in having a store in the City Center Project; [d] suggested sending out a request for proposal to see if there are developers who would be interested in being incorporated into the City Center Project; [e] stated that an alternative site for the library should be looked into, such as the current Meyer Amphitheatre site; and [f] spoke of the financial advantage for the City to utilize the City Center land more efficiently. Mr. Catalfumo from Catalfumo Construction and Development, Inc., explained the cost and structural changes that would have to occur in order to incorporate Commissioner Mitchell’s ideas into the project. Ms. Song from Song &amp; Associates, Inc. [a] explained the working space in the library plan; and [b] recommended having developers and marketers to gage the interest in Commissioner Mitchell’s ideas for the City Center Project. Rick Gonzales from REG Architects, Inc. spoke of the structural cost for the City and for a developer to turn a portion of the parking garage into a hotel. The Mayor [a] inquired as to the cost of fortifying the garage; [b] spoke of her concern over the City’s current vacancy rate with regards to retail and office space; [c] stated that moving the library to the Meyer Amphitheatre site could be controversial; and [d] stated that the project is to continue on course but that in the next couple of weeks Commissioner Mitchell and herself will inquire with developers to see if there is an interest in Commissioner Mitchell’s ideas and reconvene in a few weeks.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b> – 12:08 p.m.</p>

