

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

January 22, 2008

Commission Chambers – 10:10 a.m.

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

1.	<p><u>Requiring Cameras at Twenty Four Hour/Late Night Businesses</u> – Commissioner Moss [a] stated that the City currently has an ordinance requiring twenty-four hour convenience stores to have security cameras; and [b] inquired if there is an ordinance requiring other types of businesses which are open for twenty-four hours a day to have added security. Police Chief Bush stated that [a] the only ordinance dealing with additional cameras for twenty-four hour establishments are for convenience stores; and [b] she would work with the Law Department to come up with an ordinance which would address the Commissioner’s concerns. Commissioner Mitchell [a] spoke of the need for added security for people using twenty-four hour pharmacies; [b] requested a list of establishments that currently have cameras installed due to the City’s current ordinance; and [c] stated that this issue could be a good issue to have a legislator working on.</p>
7.	<p><u>Scrap Metal and Identification Ordinance</u> – Commissioner Douglas [a] stated that there is an establishment in the City which is not adhering to regulations regarding the buying of scrap metal; and [b] asked that a Police Officer go to locations that are not complying. Police Chief Bush [a] stated that there is a Police Officer who is dedicated to these types of issues; [b] stated that the Law and Police Department are looking into an ordinance which would address the issue. City Attorney McKenna stated she would find out the status of the ordinance.</p>

3.	<p><u>Class B Special Use Permit – 1117 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] stated that the business at 1117 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard has not been adhering to a waiver which states that they cannot sell alcoholic beverages during school hours; and [b] asked that the Code Compliance Division investigate the issue. Deputy Planning Director Jones-Vann stated that [a] alcoholic beverages were purchased during school hours; [b] the Police Department is aware of the issue; and [c] the owner has been given a warning.</p>
2.	<p><u>New Solid Waste Authority Site Resolution</u> – Commissioner Mitchell [a] spoke of Geoplasma, LLC. a company that turns waste into energy; [b] stated that Lee County is selling its garbage as a business to companies that turn waste into energy; [c] iterated the importance of the City showing that it wants to be environmentally friendly; [d] stated the need for apartments and condominiums to be more proactive with recycling; and [e] spoke of having a single user friendly recycle bin. Commissioner Robinson stated he wished to hear more on this issue at the League of Cities meeting. Commissioner Moss stated that the [a] Solid Waste Authority is currently considering having a mandatory program; and [b] City should follow Palm Beach County on this issue. Commissioner Douglas [a] stated that there are too many businesses and apartment building that are not recycling; [b] expressed her opinion that when new recycle bins are issued the old recycle bins should be recycled; and [c] noted that Dunbar Village appears to have no recycle programs. Rafael Clemente spoke of [a] other communities charging residents on the amount of waste they have; and [b] an initiative based on the principle of the more people recycle the less fees they would pay. Commissioner Muoio stated that recycling of office paper should be looked into. It was the consensus of the Commission to have the resolution state that the City wishes for an environmentally friendly alternative method of disposing of waste.</p>

4.	<p><u>Immigration Center/Community Link</u> – Commissioner Douglas [a] stated that the proposed ordinance for the immigration center needs to state that the immigration center has found a temporarily location on Broadway; and [b] stated the need to call the center a non-profit community center and not a temporary employment center. Commissioner Robinson [a] expressed his concern over the centers intrusion into the surrounding neighborhoods; [b] stated he would like to see what the responses are from the neighborhoods regarding the center; [c] suggested looking into having temporary center in the north end of Rosemarie Avenue; and [d] asked that any meeting with the neighborhoods be expedited. Commissioner Muoio stated that the City should do what it can to make sure the center opens. Keith Miller Chairman of Broadway Re-Investment Coalition stated that the center would help with the economic community development of Broadway. Planning Director Wu [a] stated he would coordinate a meeting for the residents; [b] spoke of the zoning of the area; and [c] stated that the hiring component of the center is not allowed in the proposed area. Aileen Josephs an immigration attorney, stated that the center will not be used as a hiring center, but a place where people can meet employers. Commissioner Mitchell [a] expressed concern of the perception that the City would be sanctioning the hiring of illegal immigrants; and [b] suggested Ms. Josephs plan a trip for the Commissioners to see the El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center in Jupiter.</p>
5.	<p><u>Evergreen Cemetery</u> – Historic Preservation Planner Mittner spoke of having relatives of people who are interred in Evergreen Cemetery come to the cemetery on February 9, 2008 to clean up the tombs. Commissioner Robinson stated that there are people in the community who know the names of those persons buried in the cemetery that should be contacted.</p>
6.	<p><u>Lake Irrigation Cost</u> – Commissioner Robinson inquired into a fee reduction for persons living in the North Mangonia corridor. Commissioner Muoio inquired as to how the water restrictions</p>

	<p>would apply to those persons who get their water from lake water, water retention ponds or well water. Fiscal Services Manager Williams spoke of [a] the different types of metering systems; and [b] how the restrictions are enforced.</p>
8.	<p><u>Construction Services Task Force Report</u> – This item was not discussed.</p>
9.	<p><u>Other</u> – Commissioner Moss [a] stated that Two City Plaza has been starting construction at 5 a.m. which goes against their allowed permit times; and [b] requested that Deputy City Administrator Miller look into the issue.</p> <p>Commissioner Mitchell requested an update on the drop off zone for One City Plaza. Deputy City Administrator Miller stated she would have an update by the end of the week.</p> <p>Commissioner Robinson expressed concern over the panhandlers selling confectionary on Congress Avenue and 45th Street, Australian Avenue and Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, and Australian Avenue and 45th Street.</p> <p>Commissioner Muoio asked City Attorney McKenna for the status on the litigation report. City Attorney McKenna stated that the Law Department [a] is in the process of compiling an electronic report which will be ready for next month; and [b] will have a manual report ready for this month.</p> <p>Commissioner Muoio spoke of setting up a summit on public safety. Commissioner Mitchell stated that the Milwaukee group should be included in the summit.</p> <p>Commissioner Mitchell [a] requested an update on the water copper pipe problem; [b] iterated the importance of having an insurance adjuster come and look at the issue; [c] asked that the Administration Department look into bringing a plan of action to make Parker Avenue a safer road; and [d] stated that now</p>

	<p>would be a good time to approach Palm Beach County on this issue.</p> <p>Commissioner Douglas inquired as to why 20th Street was torn up without notifying the residents. Deputy City Administrator Miller stated she would look into the issue.</p> <p>Commissioner Mitchell spoke on the proposed exterior color of Merry Place. Commissioner Robinson stated the issue could be addressed at the January 29, 2008 meeting with the Housing Authority.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u> – 11:48 a.m.</p>