

**MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

**June 23, 2008**

**Commission Chambers – 10:42 a.m.**

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

<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>Other</u></b> – Commissioner Moss expressed his opinion that the name of the Mayor/Commission Work Session should be changed to the Mayor/Commission Workshop. It was the consensus of the Commission to change the name of the Mayor/Commission Work Session.</p> <p>Commissioner Douglas reminded everyone to vote for the June 24, 2008 District Three City Commission Seat.</p>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Update on 39<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Calming Project</u></b> – Traffic Engineer Collins [a] stated that he had received a traffic calming application for 39<sup>th</sup> Street and the Northshore Corridor; [b] stated that he is in the process of collecting traffic, speed and accident data for 39<sup>th</sup> Street; [c] stated that the study for 39<sup>th</sup> Street should be completed by mid July 2008; [d] stated that there were some concerns over the Northshore Corridor traffic calming proposal from the Fire and Police Departments; [e] stated that data is being collected to investigate the Northshore Corridor issues; [f] provided an update on traffic calming applications for Alhambra Place, Parker Avenue and Highland Drive, Broadway and Flagler Drive, Broadway and 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Booker Avenue between Australian Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Olive Avenue intersection North of Belvedere Road; and [g] stated that there are some other cases that have ACMs being prepared and will be brought to the Commission in the next month or two. Commissioner Moss inquired into the status of additional projects.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>One Day Per Week Trash Pick-up</u></b> – Commissioner Douglas stated that [a] there is a national trend to have one day trash pick-ups; [b] Finance Director Sherman had done a preliminary reviewed of the issue and stated that moving to one day trash pick-up could save the</p>

	<p>City \$100,000; and [c] she would not recommend lowering the fees if trash is picked-up one day instead of two due to the escalating cost of maintaining the fleet garbage vehicles. Commissioner Moss suggested comparing the cost savings of one day trash pick-up to one arm trash pick-up. Assistant City Administrator Balbis [a] stated that he would get a cost analysis for one day and one arm trash pick-up as soon as possible; and [b] informed the Commissioners that the costliest portion of the rubbish collection are the disposal fees. Commissioner Muoio [a] expressed her opinion that one day trash pick-up should be investigated; and [b] inquired if fees would be reduces due to a reduction in cost to the City. The Mayor [a] suggested engaging the public on the issue; [b] expressed her concern over the odors that could be released due to the one day trash pick-up; and [c] stated that Neighborhood Services should contact the neighborhood associations to get their input.</p>
3.	<p><u>Cooling Towers</u> – Assistant City Administrator Balbis stated that [a] a law firm representing condominiums who use cooling towers, have contacted the City because they feel they are being charged for wastewater which they do not use; [b] currently the City does not meter waste water and [c] there are around 400 cooling towers in the City. The Mayor stated that [a] the City needs to be investing in the waste water systems infrastructure; [b] the City should not be looking into ways to reduce the water revenues; [c] there is a 30 year bond based on the current fees and any reductions in those fees would require a rate increase; and [d] the Sustainability Task Force should investigate the issue. Commissioner Douglas expressed her opinion that the issue should be included in the next water study that is conducted.</p>
5.	<p><u>Other</u> – Kevin Foley from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council [a] spoke of the Climate Change Sub-Committee who are looking at having FPL install heater water tubes to generate electricity on top of public and private properties; and [b] suggested that the City contact Dr. Peter Merrick.</p>

4.	<p><b><u>Mayor's Matters</u></b> – The Mayor [a] stated that FPL would like the Wastewater Agreement to be brought to the Commission before July 7, 2008 Commission Meeting; and [b] directed City Administrator Mitchell to set up a Special Meeting on June 30, 2008.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Other [Continued]</u></b> – Commissioner Moss [a] suggested having current CRA marketing staff work on the marketing the North West area instead of hiring an additional staff member; [b] stated that current CRA staff should also look at marketing the new Library to generate additional revenues; and [c] suggested hiring an assistant as opposed to a Marketing Director. Deputy Redevelopment Manager Kelley [a] stated that the position that is currently being advertised is for a North West area Project Manager; [b] stated that the Downtown Development Authority handles marketing of the North West area; and [c] stated that due to staff shortages the CRA has been unable to target the Tamarind and Rosemary corridors. The Mayor suggested hiring a Project Manager on a temporary basis for the North West area.</p> <p>Commissioner Robinson suggested that staff look at amending the City's Small Business Participation Program percentage from 10% to 15%. The Mayor stated that staff would review the issue and would bring back the issue for the next Work Session.</p> <p>Commissioner Douglas [a] inquired if the City had applied for any grants from the Quantum Foundation; and [b] expressed concern that the deadline for receiving grants may have passed. Deputy City Administrator Miller stated that the Parks and Recreation Department, Youth Empowerment Center and Youth and Family Services are looking at three projects for submittal. The Mayor stated that staff should come back with a list of grants that the City wishes to apply for at the next Work Session.</p> <p>Commissioner Moss announced that the final Nuisance Abatement hearing on the Royal Palm Motel will be on June 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b> - 11:18 a.m.</p>