

SPECIAL MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

APRIL 6, 2009

Commission Chambers – 2:09 p.m.

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

1. Stimulus Update – Assistant City Administrator Balbis stated that [a] staff would be presenting a summary of the projects that they had put together in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and [b] team leaders were assigned to review each component of the act. Ms. Holtz, from Holtz Consultants, spoke of the three different types of funding sources that the City could apply for; (1) appropriations, (2) competitive and (3) formula based.

Assistant to the City Administrator Melick [a] under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant the City would receive \$1,088,000; [b] the City could receive additional money from the State in the form of sub-grants; [c] the City could receive weatherization money from the Department of Energy; and [d] fifteen projects in total have been identified which could give the City \$13,000,000 in grants. The Mayor stated that the City's Green Task Force should review the fifteen projects for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant before they are submitted. Commissioner Mitchell stated that she would like to present an additional project to be considered for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant money to the City's Green Task Force.

Director of Engineering Services Bramley stated that [a] the City is focusing on three categories of grants; (1) above ground infrastructure for road ways, (2) underground structures, and

(3) other category for things such as WI-FI; [b] the County has received \$27,000,000 to distribute for above ground road way improvements; [c] the City was not chosen to receive money for highway improvements; [d] the City could receive \$750,000 in transportation enhancement fund moneys for the Quadrille Boulevard Project; [e] the City has submitted the North Flagler Drive, Spencer Avenue and 33rd Street Projects for consideration for State and Federal money; [f] the Clematis Street Project would be submitted for the transportation enhancement funds from the Metropolitan Planning Organization; [g] the City has projects ready to submit to the U.S. Department of Transportation and will do so once they have established their selection criteria; and [h] the money received for the Parker Avenue Project would only be for improving the roadway. Commissioner Mitchell [a] stated she would like Parker Avenue to have more sidewalks; and [b] suggested restriping the pavement on Southern Boulevard and Summit Boulevard to accommodate pedestrians. Commissioner Muoio stated she would like the lighting project on Jog Road to be included to receive money. Commissioner Moss [a] stated that if the City were to go into partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation it could facilitate the City to receive money; and [b] expressed his opinion that projects which deal with safety infrastructure should be given priority.

Director of Public Utilities Hanks stated that [a] he has identified twenty-five different water and wastewater projects with a combined price of \$130,000,000; and [b] the money would be allocated through the State Revolving Fund. Assistant City Administrator Balbis stated that [a] the State's Revolving Fund favors less affluent rural communities; and [b] the City is applying for all the water and wastewater projects in case the State should change the application criteria.

Director of Support Services Swisher stated that [a] two broadband projects are ready for competitive consideration; [b] one of the projects is the Pleasant City Digital Inclusion Project; [c] the Pleasant City Digital Inclusion Project has actually commenced due to the City receiving a grant from Quantum Foundation of \$100,000; and [d] the total cost for the Pleasant City Digital Inclusion Project would be \$2,000,000. Commissioner Moss stated he would like to be assured in writing that another agency would be responsible for maintaining the WI-FI network and the customer service calls for the Pleasant City Digital Inclusion Project. The Mayor stated that she would like a distance learning program to be included in the proposal.

Community Resources Manager Jordan stated that [a] she has \$53,000,000 worth of projects up for consideration; [b] most of the projects are formula based; [c] she would like the City's legislators to look over the projects to see which would have the best chance of receiving money; and [d] the Housing and Community Development Department has been allocated \$294,000 from the Community Development Block Grant. Commissioner Robinson stated that the City should apply for money from the Second Chance Act Grant.

Chief of Police Bush spoke of the different grants the Police Department is considering applying for. The Mayor stated she would like the Law Enforcement and Private Security Partnership Program to be included for consideration for stimulus money. Commissioner Robinson stated that the Police Department should put together some programs for funding in time for the June 2009 Steering Committee meeting. Commissioner Mitchell inquired into the funding of the County's Community Court.

Fire Chief Webb stated that [a] the only grant the Fire Department can apply for is the Assistance to Firefighters

	<p>Grant; [b] the grant is specifically for the building of non-federal fire stations; and [c] the most the City could receive would be \$15,000,000.</p> <p>Commissioner Mitchell [a] iterated the importance of the City hiring local people; and [b] suggested seeing if local vendors would be willing to work with the City in order to make them the most competitive bidders for the project. The Mayor stated that forty-seven percent of bids are going to local vendors.</p> <p>Redevelopment Manager Briesemeister stated that the City has applied for money for two projects under the Brownfield Program.</p>
2.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 3:31 p.m.