

MAYOR/COMMISSION WORK SESSION

April 27, 2009

Commission Chambers – 10:07 a.m.

Present: Mayor Frankel (arrived at 10:17 a.m.), Commissioners Douglas, Mitchell (arrived at 10:17 a.m.), Moss, Muoio, Robinson Jr., City Administrator Mitchell, City Attorney McKenna and City Clerk Kauthen.

1.	<u>Flagler Memorial Bridge Reconstruction Presentation by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)</u> – City Urban Designer Aponte stated that [a] staff has been working with FDOT and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., since 2005 on this project; [b] the bridge reconstruction is currently in the design phase; and [c] the construction of the bridge is scheduled to start in December 2010. Mr. Cherry, Principle at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. [a] stated that the new location for the bridge has been signed off on; [b] stated that the bridge would have a twenty-one foot vertical clearance; [c] stated that the current bridge could be eligible to be listed as historic; [d] gave a brief history of the current bridge; [e] presented the findings of the Aesthetics Committee; [f] stated that the existing pylons and the lanterns will be incorporated into the new bridge design; and [g] presented the different architecture styles that are currently being considered. The Mayor [a] stated that a Worksession was not the appropriate format to discuss the issue; [b] suggested having the discussion in the Mayor’s Conference Room or the Flagler Gallery, and [c] stated she would like citizens to be included on the committee reviewing the bridge design.
2.	<u>Buy Local Presentation</u> – Purchasing and Contracts Manager Lauder milk [a] presented a summary of how much the City spends locally with procurement dollars; [b] stated that 47% of the six million non-exempt dollars available are spent in Palm

	<p>Beach County; [c] stated that currently local is defined by a companies mailing address; [d] stated that currently the City operates with a preference to buy from local businesses; [e] presented the purchases that the City makes by zip code in the Palm Beach County area; and [f] spoke about the amount of dollars spent using procurement cards at local businesses. Commissioner Moss stated he would like [a] to avoid giving business to companies that open offices in the City and minimally staff them in order to get a contract with the City; and [b] further discussions on defining local businesses. Commissioner Mitchell [a] stated that the State uses business domicile status to distinguish if a company is local; [b] suggested looking at the legal language that the State uses to define local businesses; and [c] stated that the City should encourage staff to buy from local stores as opposed to buying off of the internet. City Attorney McKenna suggested looking at St. Lucie County's Buy Local Program. The Mayor stated she would get a working group to look at the issue.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Skateboarding in the Downtown</u> – The issue is to be deferred for two weeks.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Western Northlake Boulevard Corridor</u> – City Comprehensive Planner Crompt-Malone [a] provided an update on the Northlake Corridor study; [b] stated that the study showed that there will be a surplus of office and commercial land use in the future; [c] stated that the County changed the criteria of the study which showed that there was a deficit of office and commercial land; [d] stated that the City and the City of Palm Beach Gardens disagreed with the County's findings; [e] explained the differences between the Country results and the City's results; and [f] stated that Indian Trail Improvement District is aware of the study but have not taken a stance on the issue. Commissioner Moss [a] stated that at the last Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting County Commissioner Marcus was pushing the developers of Ibis to</p>

	<p>give up their reservation on their commercial track land; and [b] expressed his opinion that Indian Trail Improvement District and the Village of Royal Palm Beach would not work with the City on this issue. Mr. Faso, Chairman of the Government and Community Relations Committee at Ibis [a] expressed his opinion that there is enough commercial land space in the Western Northlake Boulevard corridor; and [b] stated he would like the City to host a workshop with the County, FDOT and the western communities, to come up with a plan for the western portion of Northlake Boulevard. Commissioner Mitchell suggested [a] that the City join forces with Royal Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens to fight the expansion of the western communities; and [b] having a meeting with Indian Trail Improvement District and the Village of Royal Palm Beach to discuss the issue. The Mayor directed staff to explore which cities would be willing to meet with the City to discuss the issue.</p>
6.	<p><u>Dock Supervision</u> - City Commons and Waterfront Project Manager Goldberg [a] spoke about her personal observations on the usage of the new city docks; and [b] stated that there will be signage informing boats that they can dock their boats on the docks for Sunfest. The Mayor expressed her opinion that more people need to know about the docks. Commissioner Moss stated he would like better security for all of the docks.</p>
5.	<p><u>Discussion of Zoning in Progress</u> – City Urban Designer Aponte [a] stated that the City has received an application for retail space in the downtown area which would include selling handguns; [b] stated the lessor has agreed to some provisions which would: [1] prohibit the sale of any assault weapons, [2] prohibit the purchase of hand guns over the counter, [3] state that hand guns would only be sold by special order, [4] restrict any traditional gun sales, and [5] include some restrictions on the display of the fire arms; and [c] stated that the Zoning in Progress (ZIP) incorporating the provisions would be</p>

	<p>presented to the Commission on May 18th, 2009. Commissioner Moss expressed his opinion that no signage should be allowed outside of the retail space advertising the sale of hand guns. Commissioner Robinson stated he would like to review the proposal. Commissioner Mitchell stated she would like a memo from the Law Department explaining how ZIP can be used for common law. It was the consensus of the commission to codify the ZIP.</p>
7.	<p><u>Southern Dixie Development Plan</u> – Commissioner Mitchell stated that she would like the Planning Department to look into the Southern Dixie Development Plan. Planning and Zoning Administrator Jones-Vann stated that [a] currently the Planning Department is doing preliminary reviews on the area; [b] the survey should be completed by May 1, 2009; and [c] staff would hold neighborhood meetings on May 14th, 2009 for the Okeechobee Boulevard to Southern Boulevard section of Dixie Highway and May 21st, 2009 for the Southern Boulevard to the city limits section of Dixie Highway. Ms. Pullum from the El Cid neighborhood stated that Dixie Highway needs to have a vision to attract businesses to move into the area. Commissioner Moss stated he would like South End Concerned Citizens Committee to be invited to the meetings.</p>
8.	<p><u>Site for African American Museum</u> – Commissioner Robinson [a] suggested using City buildings in the North West area of the City for an African American museum; and [b] stated he would like staff to identify a building for the museum.</p>
9.	<p><u>Property Liens – 712 5th Street</u> – CRA Project Manager Stelly stated that [a] the property had been sold; and [b] the current owner has not requested a lien reduction. Ms. Ross, previous owner of the property, stated that she would like the liens reduced. City Attorney McKenna, stated that Ms. Ross is no longer responsible for the liens. The Mayor directed CRA Project Manager Stelly to meet with Ms. Ross.</p>

10.	<u>Mayor's Matters</u> – This item was not discussed.
11.	<p><u>Other</u> – Commissioner Mitchell [a] stated that the First Baptist Church and Palm Beach Atlantic University have been using a piece of land as a parking lot for the last fifteen years; [b] stated that Code Enforcement has recently started citing the property owners for not having it asphalted; [c] expressed her opinion that the University and church should not be cited due to the current financial times. Planning and Zoning Administrator Jones-Vann stated there is a code hearing on April 29th, 2009 to try to resolve the issue.</p> <p>Commissioner Robinson stated that [a] he received three e-mails from Ms. Grant, President of Echo Lakes Neighborhood Association concerning BAK Middle School of the Arts school buses traffic patterns; and [b] the Palm Beach County School Boards need to address the issue. The Mayor stated that [a] the School Board is aware of the issue; and [b] Neighborhood Services needs to follow up and make sure that the buses are using the correct route.</p> <p>Commissioner Moss stated that [a] other parts of the country are using red light cameras to catch speeder; and [b] he would like staff to look into the issue.</p> <p>Commissioner Douglas stated Island Rhythm Grill has still been unable to find a new location. Mr. Johnson, from Island Rhythm Grill [a] provided an update on his moving progress; [b] stated he would like an extension to allow his business to stay at his current location; [c] stated he couldn't afford the prices of the downtown area; and [d] would like the DDA to buy him out. Commissioner Mitchell suggested Mr. Johnson look at Housing and Community Development's Small Business Program. The Mayor [a] suggested Mr. Johnson look for areas that are underserved where he can drive his truck; [b] stated she would have a member of staff convene with Mr. Johnson to</p>

	<p>find an agency who could help him find an area in the country that is underserved; and [c] suggested Mr. Johnson look at areas outside of the downtown area. City Urban Designer Aponte stated that if Mr. Jonson wishes to lease space underneath the City's Clematis Street garage he would have to submit a business plan.</p>
13.	<u>Adjournment</u> – 12:25 p.m.