

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
MARCH 13, 2008

The City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach met in workshop session on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 4:07 p.m. at City Hall with the following persons present:

Mayor Lois J. Frankel, President of the Commission William Moss [left at 5:17 p.m.], Commissioner Molly Douglas, Commissioner Geraldine Muoio, Deputy City Administrator Dorritt Miller, Senior Assistant City Attorney Samuel Thomas, Deputy City Clerk Jennifer McDonald; Absent: Commissioners Kimberly Mitchell and Commissioner Isaac Robinson, Jr.

AGENDA:

Presentation and discussion of the South Florida East Coast Corridor Transit Analysis Study – Senior Urban Designer Mathew Flis introduced Dr. Kim Delaney from Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council. Dr. Kim Delaney [a] made a presentation on the South Florida East Coast Corridor (SFECC) Transit Analysis Study; and [b] responded to Commission questions. Scott Seaburger, Project Manager for the FDOT, provided information on [a] the SFECC transit analysis study; [b] tiered alternatives analysis; [c] north-south mobility issues; [d] exploring different alternatives for the downtown area; [e] the ridership and projections figures; and [f] responded to Commission questions. Sue Gibbons, lead consultant for FDOT, made a presentation on the [a] SFECC service concepts; and [b] northern connection options; [c] West Palm Beach connections; [d] relation to land uses; [e] Evernia Street option design concept; [f] Evernia Street cross sections; and [g] responded to Commission questions. Public Comment: Tim Harris, President of The Downtown Neighborhood Association and President of Esplanade Grande; Joseph Schober, President of The Tower Condominium Association and board member of The Downtown Neighborhood Association; Mike Masanoff, Manager of the TOD advisors; Howard Pinkas, Vice President of the Downtown Neighborhood Association; Scott Osborne; Rebecca Sheppard; and Lyn

Harris, attorney for City Place. Commissioner Moss [a] stated that he liked the idea of having a connecting train but does not feel that the proposed site is the right location for such a project; and [b] stated he would need more information to make a decision on this issue. Commissioner Muoio expressed her concern over having a train track going down the middle of the downtown area. Commissioner Douglas expressed her [a] opinion that the City needs a user friendly station with a commuter trolley or bus system; and [b] concern that money is being spent on the (SFECC) Transit Analysis Study, when she does not support the project. The Mayor [a] expressed her concern over the impact an additional rail line would have on the people living in the Downtown area; [b] stated that the FEC has expressed interest in creating a commuter program; [c] stated that a trolley bus would alleviate the need for an additional rail lines; [d] stated that she would like to see more cars off the road; and [e] suggested that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council discontinue their study.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.