

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2004
1:30 PM

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida was called to order by Mayor Abrams at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

Mayor Steven Abrams
Deputy Mayor Bill Hager (arrived at 1:52 p.m.)
Council Member Dave Freudenberg
Council Member Susan Haynie
Council Member Susan Whelchel

Also attending the meeting were:

City Manager Leif J. Ahnell
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser
City Clerk Sharma Carannante

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

Paramedic of the Year

Mayor Abrams and Fire Chief Bruce Silk presented the award to Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Ross.

Distinguished Service Award (Fire Rescue Services)

Mayor Abrams and Fire Chief Bruce Silk presented the award to Firefighter/Paramedic Jamie Smith.

1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:

- a. Airport Authority – three (3) vacancies due to term expirations of Lawrence Rayman (resident east of I-95), Philip Modder (resident east of I-95), and Harold Ingraham, Jr. (resident at-large), whose terms expire 06/01/04.

Harold Ingraham, Jr., Robert Koch, Frank Feiler, Gary Nash, and Joseph Bilotti, expressed interest in the positions. It was noted that Mr. Feiler had also applied for the Aviation Advisory Committee vacancy.

- b. Aviation Advisory Committee of the Boca Raton Airport Authority – one (1) vacancy, due to the term expiration of Robert DuKate, whose term expires 06/01/04. (The appointment will be confirmed by resolution.)

2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Patricia McKay spoke on behalf of residents in East Boca Village in regard to planned landscaping and beautification improvements between 20th and 32nd Streets along Dixie Highway. The Mayor and City Manager confirmed that it is a pending project and the homeowners' association will be solicited for input regarding the design.

3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.1.) In response to Deputy Mayor Hager's query, the City Manager advised that the different kinds of mulch are purchased from the vendor providing the lowest price for each particular item; individual purchases provide a savings for the City.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.d., Resolution No. 74-2004) Council Member Haynie commented positively on this bid award for beautification of the median on Camino Real from SW 7th Avenue to SW 3rd Avenue, stating it was long-awaited and thanking Commissioner McCarty for providing the "seed" money.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.h., Resolution No. 79-2004) Council Member Freudenberg noted that Commissioner McCarty also provided the "seed" money for this project - Yamato Road beautification for approximately one-half mile, west of Jog Road.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.e., Resolution No. 75-2004) Council Member Freudenberg inquired if these oak trees were part of the original site plan. The City Manager will follow up.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.d., Resolution No. 74-2004 and Item No. 3.h., Resolution No. 79-2004) In response to a question from Council Member Whelchel, Mr. Ahnell stated that the City is responsible for the maintenance of the proposed beautification, in perpetuity.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.i., Resolution No. 80-2004) – Council Member Whelchel asked for confirmation that the monetary contributions made by residents in Royal Oak Hills for maintenance of the trees remained voluntary. She also asked if the revocable license agreement identifies the level of maintenance that is acceptable, and if found unacceptable, what period of time do they have to come into compliance. In response, the City Manager stated that contributions are voluntary; the pruning has to meet arborists' standards; and the agreement requires that the City give 15-day notice to the Committee to rectify non-compliance. He added that it is a revocable agreement that the City can revoke at any time.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.b.1.) – In response to a question from Deputy Mayor Hager, Mr. Ahnell stated that the software enables wireless meter reading. He added that while wireless reading is not practicable in all instances, primarily due to signal obstructions, there would be further implementation in the future. However, it is not anticipated to reduce the workforce as meter readers have additional responsibilities, including meter replacement.

Mayor Abrams noted that an additional sealed bid for Pearl City Infrastructure Improvements has been added to the procurements to be considered tomorrow night. The City Manager provided further details on the scope of the project.

b. Resolution No. 73-2004 (*Regular Agenda Item No.4*), which would grant modification of the conditional use approval for a clubhouse for Broken Sound Club, Inc.

Development Services Senior Planner Alejandro Zurita gave the PowerPoint presentation. Location, acreage, zoning, and land use designation were provided. The proposed site plan was reviewed. The modification provides for an increase in gross building area and, consequently, the total number of required parking spaces. Approval is recommended by both the Development Services Department and the Planning and Zoning Board.

c. Ordinance Nos. 4771 and 4772 (*Regular Agenda Item Nos. 5 & 6*), regarding a Future Land Use Map Amendment and a rezoning for a parcel of land located at 1099 NW 2nd Avenue.

Development Services Senior Planner Alejandro Zurita gave the PowerPoint presentation. Location, acreage, and details regarding the proposed site plan were provided. A change in the Future Land Use designation from RL (Residential Low) to C (Commercial) and a rezoning from R-1-D (Single-Family Residential) to B-1 (Local Business) is being requested. Staff review found the proposed project meets

concurrency standards, but does not meet consistency and compatibility standards; Staff has recommended denial. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval on a 3-2 vote.

4. FUTURE AGENDA MATTERS/ITEMS OF COUNCIL/PUBLIC CONCERN:

There was no business to discuss.

5. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager had no reports.

6. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Attorney had no reports.

7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS AND REPORTS:

Council Member Haynie reminded members of the meeting tonight at the Caldwell Theatre at which the citizens' master plan for North Federal Highway would be presented and discussed.

Council Member Haynie shared an article from a newspaper from the Florida Keys in which the City had been mentioned.

Council Member Whelchel stated that she met a former City resident during her trip to Washington, D.C. who has written a screenplay about Boca Raton that he plans to produce in the City at a future date.

Council Member Freudenberg distributed a handout showing monument signs of five different Palm Beach County Fire Stations. He noted that the sign for Fire Station 53, which is located in west Boca outside the City limits, could be perceived as being a City fire station because the name, "Boca Raton," appears on the sign.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 2:23 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2004.

Sharma Carannante, City Clerk