

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007  
1:30 PM

The 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 L. Abrams  
Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel  
Council Member M. J. Mike Arts  
Council Member Peter R. Baronoff  
Council Member Bill Hager

Also attending the meeting were:

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

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

There were no positions advertised.

**2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Poppi Mercier, representing Singing Pines Children's Museum, referred to the \$3 million in cultural bond money that County Commissioner Mary McCarty would be disbursing to various cultural entities and advised that Singing Pines submitted a proposal to purchase the Raulerson House, built in 1912. She advised that the Raulerson House is a "sister" to Singing Pines and is located on Second Avenue, south of Boca Raton Elementary School.

**3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

a. Questions relating to the agenda.

Council had no questions.

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

There were no items for consideration.

**5. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager had nothing to report at this time.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

The City Attorney had nothing to report at this time.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS AND REPORTS:**

Deputy Mayor Whelchel asked for an update on the iguana issue. Mr. Ahnell explained that staff had previously provided information to Council; however, no direction had yet been received in regard to same. Mayor Abrams suggested that staff reissue the information, noting that Council may provide direction at tomorrow night's meeting.

Council Member Hager stated that he supported the Airport Authority's efforts, as they relate to the FAA, in moving noisy Stage 2 aircraft out of the Boca Raton Airport.

Council Member Baronoff referred to an email he received regarding the music being played at Crawford Park, a/k/a the skateboard park, advising that he was in agreement that radio stations playing songs advocating gang violence should not be played. Mr. Ahnell is to follow up. Mr. Baronoff then advised that the Branding Workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center.

Mayor Abrams reported that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has scheduled a public hearing tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. to discuss resurfacing and other improvements to Federal Highway, north of the Broward County line. He indicated that the area of Federal Highway, north of Glades Road, was in much greater need of resurfacing. Mayor Abrams suggested that, since the regular City Council meeting would be held concurrently with the DOT meeting, staff attend the DOT meeting and explain what the local needs are at this time. Mr. Ahnell stated that DOT was previously contacted to request paving of Federal Highway, north of Glades Road; staff would again make them aware of this request at the meeting tomorrow. He then voiced a concern that DOT might take the money elsewhere. Mr. Ahnell is to follow up and report back to Council.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007.

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Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk