

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005  
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  
Council Member Susan Haynie

Council Members Dave Freudenberg and Susan Whelchel were absent (excused).

Also attending the meeting were:

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

**PROCLAMATION:** Love Your Library Month – February 2005

The proclamation was not read, as no one was present to accept it.

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

There were no positions advertised.

**2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

John Stetz spoke to the topic of unemployment compensation available through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), advising that he had been denied same. He then opined that the State was denying compensation to all self-employed individuals in southern Palm Beach County and asked that the City investigate this issue. Mayor Abrams suggested that he should contact his Congressional representatives on this matter.

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

- a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.c.1. - Marine Hull Insurance) Deputy Mayor Hager questioned why this was a sole source bid as opposed to a competitive bid. The City Manager is to follow up.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.d.1. - North Jetty Repairs) Council Member Haynie questioned when repairs would commence and whether a navigational hazard existed. Mr. Ahnell advised that repairs would be initiated once the contract was signed and then advised that the jetty could present a navigational hazard; however, the boating community was aware of the problem. Ms. Haynie asked whether FEMA funds were being used; Mr. Ahnell stated that the City would seek reimbursement from FEMA.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.e. - Resolution No. 12-2005 / Interlocal Agreement with the School Board of Palm Beach County regarding roadway improvements for Don Estridge Middle School) Council Member Haynie requested clarification as to what the City was committing to and what the School Board would construct. Mayor Abrams questioned whether attention would be given to access between the new library and the school. The City Manager provided details as to the responsibilities of both the City and the School Board. Mayor Abrams requested a diagram of the plans as they are developed; Ms. Haynie asked for a pictorial delineating the construction to be financed by the School Board.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.h. – Resolution No. 17-2005 / First Amendment to an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County regarding reimbursable funding for construction of bus user shelters) Council Member Haynie complimented staff for the work involved and for bringing this item before Council. She also confirmed with Mr. Ahnell that no advertising of any kind would be allowed at these shelters.

(Consent Agenda Item 3.b.2. – Vehicles) Mayor Abrams noted that this was the first time the City would purchase hybrid vehicles. The City Manager cited the rising cost of gasoline and environmental concerns. Responding to the Mayor, Mr. Ahnell explained that the vehicles would be used by the Police Services Department, specifically, the assistant chiefs and one administrative captain.

- b. Ordinance No. 4843 (*Regular Agenda No. 5*), which would amend Chapter 14, Code of Ordinances, related to construction and demolition debris.

Municipal Services Director Bob DiChristopher gave the PowerPoint presentation. He explained that this ordinance would provide for a non-exclusive franchise for construction and demolition debris roll-off container service. However, in order to implement the franchise, the City Code had to be amended. Mr. DiChristopher outlined the proposed amendments to Chapters 14 and 2, in detail, and reviewed the fees associated with the roll-off ordinance. Mr. DiChristopher advised that the City surveyed other communities when creating this legislation and the fees associated with regulatory activity. He then concluded his presentation and answered questions from Council regarding whether feedback had been obtained from those who would be paying the fees and whether maintenance of containers could be enforced. Additional questions resulted in a request to have the City Attorney add language specifying that a roll-off container may remain on a property only as long as the building permit is active.

Information was then requested in regard to PODS (Portable On Demand Storage). Mr. DiChristopher noted that PODS were typically used for storage of personal property, whereas the roll-off containers were used for construction demolition. Development Services Director Jorge Camejo stated that if an active permit exists, for example, for renovation of a single-family home that is occupied, the City would work with the homeowner to allow the POD to remain in place for storage while there's an active permit. If there is no active permit and a POD appears, the City would site the property owner and have the POD removed.

**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:**

Council Member Haynie mentioned that she received an e-mail from Mr. Dennis West in regard to the traffic signals on Yamato Road and provided a copy of same to the City Manager. Mr. Ahnell advised that he was aware of the problem and it has been addressed. Ms. Haynie then asked for the status on the code enforcement action related to the property located at 600 West Palmetto Park Road. Mr. Ahnell is to follow up.

Deputy Mayor Hager commented on the timing of the traffic signals on Yamato Road, as one travels west to east, saying the drive was long and tedious. Mr. Ahnell advised that the City's engineers are reviewing the signals at Yamato Road and Palmetto Park Road.

Mayor Abrams stated that there was no DOT funding available for beautification of Glades Road at the I-95 interchange and suggested that the City contact its legislators to determine whether funds might be made

available. The City Manager confirmed with Mayor Abrams that a letter in regard to the above is to be prepared for signature.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:52 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2005.

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Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk