

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009  
1:30 PM

The Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida was called to order by Mayor Susan Whelchel at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

Mayor Susan Whelchel  
Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie  
Council Member Anthony Majhess  
Council Member Michael Mullaugh  
Council Member Constance Scott

Also attending the meeting were:

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

**PROCLAMATION:**

Clean Air Challenge Week – May 18 through 22, 2009

Sabrina Glenn, Transportation Management Initiative Administrator with South Florida Commuter Services, accepted the proclamation.

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

- a. Airport Authority – two (2) vacancies; (1) resident residing west of I-95 and (1) resident residing east of I-95.

Bruce Benefield expressed interest in reappointment.

- b. Builders' Board of Adjustment & Appeals – one (1) vacancy for an architect.

Steve Torp, an architect, interviewed for the position.

**2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Lenore Wachtel complimented the City on its annual financial report and then commented on the money spent to retain Ray Gindroz and Urban Design Associates, indicating that it was too much. She suggested that, in these economic times, the City should determine what projects are worthwhile and what projects are not. In regard to CRA meetings, Ms. Wachtel voiced support for a definite "start time" and then opined that the annual downtown study, which she reviewed, was very good.

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

- a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.1. - Fire Support Training Facility Site Improvement) Deputy Mayor Haynie questioned whether any revenue-producing opportunities existed for this facility. Mr. Ahnell advised that this issue was being reviewed. Staff contacted various cities that have engaged in this type of endeavor and, apparently, there are trade-offs in terms of facility time and instruction time. He advised it did not appear that a lot of revenue would be produced.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.c. – Resolution No. 67-2009 / Conveying City-owned property to Palm Beach County to allow roadway improvements to Boca Rio Road adjacent to Boca Raton Humane Society Animal Care Center and Pet Cemetery) Deputy Mayor Haynie questioned where the \$178,000 cost came from. The City Manager explained that the County did the appraisal; the City's own property appraiser then reviewed it and was in agreement with same. Details were provided.

**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 Haynie referred to the recent goal setting session and the possibility of extending the downtown eastward. She advised that she had a plan for the East Palmetto Corridor and distributed same to the City Manager, along with the request that staff review and comment on same. Responding to Mr. Ahnell, Ms. Haynie indicated that in addition to the drawings, there was a narrative, which she would email to him.

Mayor Whelchel referred to a bill that would alter concurrency in the downtown, if signed by the Governor, and asked the City Manager to discuss the possible impacts. Mr. Ahnell advised that Senate Bill 360 had passed but the Governor had not yet signed it and stated that every engineer, architect, and land attorney in the State was looking at the bill to determine what it means. He noted that the bill is very broad in scope and would significantly alter concurrency and development rules. However, it would probably be months before any actual determinations came forward. Staff is monitoring the bill and is in communication with the County's traffic staff to get their take on it. Once information is forthcoming, staff will report back to Council.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:49 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009.

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Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk