

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room

4501 Ocean Drive

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR OLIVER PARKER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Parker at 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Parker, Vice Mayor Kennedy, Mayor Pro Tem Clark, Commissioner Wessels, and Commissioner Yanni. Town Manager Baldwin, Town Attorney Cherof, and Town Clerk Medina were also in attendance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. INVOCATION, TOWN CHAPLAIN

Father Handrahan delivered the invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Employee(s) of the Month, Broward Sheriff's Office, District 13 (*Chief Scott Gooding*)

Chief Gooding announced that Deputy Edward Eason was the deputy of the month for December, but was unable to attend as he was currently working a case. He explained that Deputy Eason was being recognized for several arrests he had made and his assistance with the repeat offender program.

The Commission congratulated Deputy Eason for his efforts and dedication.

- B. Proclamation: Mr. David Gadsby

Mayor Parker read the proclamation into the record and proclaimed December 14, 2004 as Dave Gadsby Day.

Mr. Gadsby stated that he enjoyed working with the community and looked forward to continued efforts with the Commission.

- C. Proclamation: Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Parker read the proclamation into the record and proclaimed December 15, 2004 as Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce Day.

5. REPORTS

A. Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce

Judy Swaggerty, representing the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the new officers had been elected during the Chamber's last meeting. She announced the newly elected officers as follows: Bill Davis, Paul Novak, Bob Terrien, James Fletcher, Ray Kooser, Guy Contrada, and Andy McConnell. Ms. Swaggerty advised that these members would be joining the existing members who consisted of: Diane Boutin, Uli Brandt, Ken Brenner, Dave Gadsby, Cindy Geesey, Lenore Nolan-Ryan, Lorene Parker, Peter Watson, and Ray Cooser.

Ms. Swaggerty advised that the 2005 Visitor's Guide had been received today and distributed copies for the Commission's review.

B. Budget Report for Period Ending November 30, 2004

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wessels, accepting the budget report for the period ending November 30, 2004. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. November 23, 2004, Agenda Conference
- B. November 23, 2004, Regular Meeting

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yanni, to approve both sets of minutes for November 23, 2004. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

7. ORDINANCES (2nd Reading) "Public Hearings"

- A. **Ordinance No. 2004-18**; an ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, amending (second amendment) the 2003/2004 fiscal year budget; appropriating said amounts to specific designated accounts in accordance with the attached Exhibit "A" to the specific funds; authorizing expenditure of those amounts in accordance with the budget as amended; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

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Mayor Parker opened the public hearing. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-18. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- B. **Ordinance No. 2004-15**; an Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida; approving the franchise agreement with Comcast to utilize the Town's public ways to provide cable service over the cable system; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing an effective date (*tabled from October 26, 2004*)

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yanni, to adopt ordinance 2004-15. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- C. **Ordinance No. 2004-19**; an ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article I, to add a new section 6-10, regarding demolition site maintenance; providing for codification, conflict, severability, and an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

Dianne Boutin, Windjammer Resort, asked if the ordinance provided for the notification of proposed demolition to neighboring properties. Attorney Cherof replied that the ordinance did not specifically require notification to neighboring properties; however, he explained that the ordinance did require that applicants request approval, in writing, from the Town Manager.

Ms. Boutin asked if neighboring property owners would be notified if blocking of any roadways would be necessary for the demolition to take place. Attorney Cherof advised that the Town Manager could, as part of his approval for demolition, include conditions to have neighboring property owners notified of any proposed work that would adversely affect another property.

Bob Karley, 242 Bombay Avenue, asked if the new ordinance would ensure that properties undergoing demolition would be maintained in a clean and orderly fashion. He expressed concern that recent demolition sites were not always properly maintained.

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Attorney Cherof stated that the ordinance had been written in a manner that would allow the Town to address any impacts that would affect adjacent properties.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yanni, to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-19. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- D. **Ordinance No. 2004-20**; an ordinance of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida amending Chapter 20, Utilities to create a new Article IV titled "Stormwater Utilities"; establishing a stormwater management utility; providing for definitions; providing that the Town Commission shall serve as directors of the utility; establishing charges and rates; establishing a utility trust fund; providing procedures for appeal of assigned charges; providing for cost avoidance credits; providing for enforcement and collection of delinquent charges; adopting and accepting the findings contained in the Hartman & Associates Stormwater Utility Plan Study; and providing for conflict, severability and an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

John Thompson, 4900 North Ocean Boulevard, felt that that the language in this ordinance was better than the language previously proposed. He questioned, however, if the proposed fees were distributed equitably and how certain issues, such as the use of pavers, would be taken into consideration.

Attorney Cherof explained that the ordinance was drafted in a manner that would allow property owners to appeal charges they felt were not accurate. He added that the ordinance required the administration to prepare a handbook that provided instructions for the procedures to the appeals process.

Gretel McClousand asked what was the proposed fee for a single family home. Mayor Parker replied that the proposed fee was \$3.50.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Mike Rocca made a presentation explaining the Stormwater Utility Study, how the charges had been determined, and how the revenues would be used for necessary improvements.

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wessels, to adopt Ordinance No. 2004-20. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Parker advised that Item 13A was to be removed from the agenda pursuant to discussions held during the agenda conference.

Kim Hayes, 4525 West Tradewinds Avenue, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Reverend James Pollock stated that the Community Church would be holding its annual holiday food bank drive and invited all to attend. He indicated that all proceeds would be provided to the Community Church, with a cover charge of one or two cans of food that would be provided to charity.

Cindy Geesey, 256 Imperial Lane, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Angela Aldahwi, 4309 Bougainvillea Drive, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Lawrence Wick, 2000 South Ocean Boulevard, reminded residents that toys were still being collected for Kids in Distress and provided a listing of the drop-off points. He indicated that collections would be made through

Tom Carr, 245 Miramar, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Cristie Furth, 4525 El Mar Drive, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Uli Brandt, 4537 West Tradewinds Avenue, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Gretel McClausland, 251 Oceanic Drive, was pleased at how successful Christmas-by-the-Sea had been for the downtown area and the Town in general. She provided a letter with regards to the beach access at Washingtonia Avenue for the Commission's consideration. Ms. McClausland thanked the Commission for removing Item 13A from the agenda.

Bob Karley, President of the Citizen Action Committee, stated that the Committee was holding a meeting on December 16th and invited Chief Frank Buchert and Town Manager Baldwin to attend. He asked that the Commission consider providing the Committee with permission to televise the meeting on the government channel.

Joe Padden, 159 Southeast 3rd Avenue, Pompano Beach, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

Diane Boutin, 4244 El Mar Drive, asked if the streetscape plan for El Mar Drive would affect properties under construction or existing properties. Attorney Cherof explained that the ordinance could affect existing properties if redevelopment encompassed 25 percent of the appraised value threshold. Ms. Boutin was in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Boutin asked if there were further need to continue the existing moratorium. She also addressed security concerns and believed that business owners all had to constantly reevaluate circumstances to find equitable solutions.

John Thompson, 4900 North Ocean Boulevard, was opposed to proposed Item 13A.

9. ORDINANCES (1ST Reading)

- A. **Ordinance No. 2005-01**; an ordinance of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea providing for the issuance of Town permits for work within the public right-of-way and/or utility easements and establishing a fee schedule for engineering and municipal services inspection, permit review and administrative costs; providing for codification as Article IV of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, severability, and an effective date.

This ordinance was removed from the agenda during the Agenda Conference.

- B. **Ordinance No. 2005-02**; an ordinance of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, amending Chapter 24, Land Development Code to create a new Article IX to be titled: Seagrape Drive Sidewalk Plan; adopting sidewalk design requirements for East Seagrape Drive from Commercial Boulevard to Hibiscus Avenue; requiring conformity to the sidewalk plan as a condition of site development or re-development for properties fronting on Seagrape Drive; providing for a fee in lieu of construction of sidewalk improvements; providing for conflict, severability and an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Kennedy, to approve Ordinance No. 2005-02 on first reading.

Commissioner Wessels noted that unlike the ordinance addressing a streetscape plan for El Mar Drive which referenced sidewalks and other improvements, this ordinance did not provide for additional improvements. He felt that additional improvements should be included in this ordinance as well.

Commissioner Yanni agreed, but felt that all of Sea Grape Drive should be included in the ordinance. Some discussion followed, with Mr. Hart indicating that he could prepare the layout by February's meeting.

In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Parker advised that the second reading would be held on January 11, 2005.

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Commissioner Yanni made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to prepare a proposal for sidewalks on the eastern portion of Sea Grape Drive. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- C. **Ordinance No. 2005-03**; an ordinance of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, amending Section 2-143 of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Code of Ordinance entitled "Normal Retirement Benefit" to amend the pension plan for Volunteer Firefighters and provide that the minimum of 2% per year benefit accrual shall be effective for retirements after March 1, 2003; providing for codification; providing for conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Commissioner Yanni made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wessels, to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-03 on first reading.

Mayor Parker explained the proposed ordinance and how it would affect the retirement plan as it related to the benefits enjoyed by the Volunteer Firefighters.

In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Parker advised that the second reading would be held on January 11, 2005.

- D. **Ordinance No. 2005-04**; an ordinance of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, rescinding Ordinance 81 and adopting a new ordinance to honor the Freidt Family and other citizens; renaming Friedt Park and Recreation Center to Municipal Park; naming the playground area "Friedt Family Playground"; naming the soccer field "Firefighters' Field"; naming the tennis courts "Sylvia Neely Tennis Courts"; naming the bocce courts "Spicola Courts"; providing for conflict, severability, and an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-04 on first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Parker advised that the second reading would be held on January 11, 2005.

- E. **Ordinance No. 2005-05**; an ordinance of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida, amending Chapter 24, Land Development Code to create a new Article VIII to be titled: El Mar Drive Streetscape Plan; adopting a Streetscape Plan for the redevelopment of El Mar Drive from Pine Avenue to Palm Avenue;

requiring conformity to the Streetscape Plan as a condition of site plan approval for properties fronting on El Mar Drive; providing for conflict, severability, and an effective date.

Attorney Cherof read the ordinance by title only.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to adopt Ordinance 2005-05 on first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Parker advised that the second reading would be held on January 11, 2005.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: **Poulos** (Birthday party), Sunday, January 2 **or** 9, 2005; 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- B. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: **Community Church** (Health and Wellness Fair and Walk-a-thon), Saturday, January 8, 2004; 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- C. RESOLUTION: Community Block Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2005-06, in an amount not to exceed \$22,000
- D. AGREEMENT: Between the Town and the Supervisor of Elections Office for the hiring/placement of pollworkers in the March 2005 election

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to adopt the Consent Agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

11. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions to be considered by the Commission.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and/or action concerning the scheduling of a workshop in January 2005, to further discuss the proposal made by the Historical Preservation Board (*Commissioner Yanni*) (*continued from October 12, 2004*)

The Commission briefly discussed Broward County's regulations for historical preservation. It was determined that the Town should adopt an ordinance assigning the Commission as the Board that would make decisions concerning the assignment of properties as historical. There was full consensus that the proposed ordinance should include language that would require the property owner's consent before a designation could be issued.

The Commission further agreed that if a property was to be designated as a historical property, the County's regulations and provisions would be followed.

The Commission requested that Attorney Cherof prepare an ordinance for consideration at the second meeting in February. Based on the instructions provided, a workshop meeting was not scheduled.

- B. Discussion and/or action concerning the existing moratorium (*continued from September 21, 2004*)

Manager Baldwin recommended that the moratorium be extended until after the second reading of the El Mar Drive ordinance.

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to extend the moratorium until the end of January 2005. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Wessels and Yanni dissenting.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and/or action concerning request for removal of Jim Silverstone from Volunteer Fire Department due to recent actions taken and questions concerning his good faith effort in implementing present contract with Broward Sheriff's Office (*Vice Mayor Kennedy*)

This item was removed from the agenda during the agenda conference.

- B. Discussion and/or action concerning request made by Jan's Homemade Candies Inc. regarding the use of neon signs (*Mayor Parker*) (**request tabling to January 11, 2005**)

Mayor Pro Tem Clark made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yanni, to table this item to January 11, 2005. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- C. Discussion and/or action to consider the amendment to the agenda format to include new section providing for discussion and/or action regarding Commission correspondence (**request tabling to January 11, 2005**)

This item was removed from the agenda during the agenda conference.

- D. Discussion and/or action regarding the consideration to have the Master Plan Steering Committee review the desirability of rezoning or redevelopment between the south alleyway and Datura Avenue, between A1A and El Mar Drive; together with the consideration of a moratorium for the area while the rezoning and redevelopment is being considered (*Mayor Parker*)

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Mayor Parker stated that there were proposed plans to construct additional townhomes within the downtown area. He expressed his belief that the Town needed to protect the tourist industry by ensuring the viability of the downtown area. Mayor Parker asked if the Commission wished to consider a moratorium to allow the Master Plan Steering Committee to review the rezoning and redevelopment of the downtown area.

Commissioner Yanni made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to refer this issue to the Master Plan Steering Committee for consideration and recommendations and placing a moratorium for six months.

Attorney Cherof stated that he would prepare a resolution, with a six month time schedule, for the Commission's consideration at the January 11th meeting. He provided a brief description of the process to be followed while initiating the new moratorium.

In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Parker stated that the Town had two existing zoning categories B1 and B1A and requested a clarification as to the differences in uses. Town Planner Walter Keller stated that there was a slight difference between the two zoning districts with regards to permitting gas stations. He indicated, however, that the difference was minor. Mayor Parker stated that the ordinance governing the B1 zoning was not clear as to the fact that residences were not permitted on the ground floor. Commissioner Wessels stated that this issue was addressed in the Master Plan. Mayor Parker asked that Attorney Cherof review the ordinance and prepare a clarification for this particular zoning district so that it could be considered while the moratorium was in affect.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, directing the Town Attorney to review the ordinance governing the B1 zoning district to ensure clarity as to the prohibition of having residences on the first floor. It was requested that a proposed amendment be prepared for consideration at the first meeting in February. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- E. Discussion and/or action concerning Town refund for the cost of extra coverage by Broward Sheriff's Office and barricades totaling \$525, from account number 001-572-000-500-495, Special Events, for Christmas by the Sea (*Mayor Parker*)

Municipal Services Director William Mason explained that Mayor Parker had requested that the Commission consider refunding Mr. David Gadsby for the cost of barricades and extra police coverage needed during the Christmas-by-the-Sea festivities. He added that the original application had not included the request for the Town to pay for these expenses and, therefore, the additional approval was required.

Commissioner Yanni made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to approve the expenditures from the Special Events funds. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

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- F. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: Athena's Restaurant; New Year's Eve Celebration, Friday, December 31, 2004; 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. (*Vice Mayor Kennedy*)

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wessels, to approve the special event permit.

Commissioner Yanni asked if the roadway would be closed in any manner. Mr. Mason replied negatively.

In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

- G. Discussion and/or action concerning request made by Citizens Action Committee for meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. (*Manager Baldwin*)

Manager Baldwin stated that Bob Karley had, as a member of the Citizens Action Committee, invited him, Chief Buchert, and members of the Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire-Rescue to attend a round-table discussion on fire service and taxes. He indicated that the Committee was also requesting the Town's permission to air the discussions on the government access channel.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, granting the Town Manager permission to attend the round-table discussions concerning fire services. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Manager Baldwin asked for confirmation that the Commission had no objections to airing the discussions on the government access channel. He emphasized his concern that permitting a private entity to use the government access channel did, in some way, make it appear that he or the Town was legitimizing a specific entity or its speakers.

Commissioner Wessels made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to allow the round-table discussions to be televised on the government access channel.

Attorney Cherof stated that there was currently an initiative petition in process concerning this issue and that this particular issue was not scheduled for consideration until January. He recommended against having Town staff debate this issue until such time as the Commission could consider the petition and provide staff with clear direction in this matter. Brief discussion followed, with Manager Baldwin advising that he would not attend the round-table discussions based on the advice of the Town's counsel. Attorney Cherof questioned why the Citizens Action Committee was holding discussion before the Commission had the opportunity to direct staff. Some discussion followed, with the Commission agreeing that in order to hold a true discussion on the matter, the Committee might consider holding the meeting after the Commission had an opportunity to consider the petition.

Commissioner Wessels withdrew his motion. Mayor Pro Tem Clark withdrew his second.

Mayor Parker made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to reconsider the direction to have the Town Manager attend the round-table discussion. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Clark, to table the issue of having Manager Baldwin attend a round-table discussion concerning fire services. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

14. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Manager Baldwin referenced the 15 minute warnings for expired meter violations, together with the back-up information which depicted the warning citation and the envelope used for its distribution. Mr. Mason stated that the Parking Division had begun issuing warnings on December 1st and would provide an update on the statistics some time in January. Manager Baldwin stated that some businesses were advertising free parking and that some individuals had actually written the parking enforcement officers notes to call them when they had a grace period. The Commission discussed the fact that only one warning was issued per vehicle. Mr. Mason explained that the new program kept track of the vehicles being cited. Mayor Parker felt that the envelopes should be modified to show the exact number of minutes being provided for free.

Manager Baldwin stated that in the past, the Commission had allowed the Manager to work on property acquisition matters at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. He asked that the Commission reaffirm its wishes to continue conducting business in this fashion.

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wessels, to continue working on property acquisition issues and investigations at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. In a roll call vote, all voted in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Manager Baldwin wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

15. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Cherof advised that he no issues for the Commission to consider. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that he had been disappointed that three Commissioners had voted to remove proposed Item 13A from the agenda. He indicated that as expected, this action subjected him to abusive, one way dialog without an opportunity to

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rebut. Vice Mayor Kennedy emphasized that it was his goal to have the Town run smoothly and that it had not been his intent to give the appearance of a personal attack on any one individual.

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that he did not criticize Mr. Jim Silverstone's efforts within the community and, in fact, acknowledged that he was a good resident. However, he indicated that his criticism was in the context of his position as a Volunteer Firefighter who was attending meetings and providing erroneous information that was misleading and left an unflattering and derogatory light on the Commission and Town staff. As an example, Vice Mayor Kennedy indicated that Mr. Silverstone had intimated that the Town had lost signatures from the petition so that the petition could not move forward. Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that the information listed on the flyers issued by the Citizens Action Committee contained misleading information as it was incomplete and enticed residents to vote without the correct information.

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that the Town had a contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office to provide fire services, with the stipulation that the Volunteer Fire Department personnel were used for that same purpose. He indicated that this was a unique situation wherein career fire personnel were working together with volunteers. Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that this unique situation provided the Town with the ability to ensure first class fire suppression in a cost effective manner. He explained that the existing program had been negotiated by the Commission as being in the best interest of the Town and its citizens. Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that since this was a unique situation, it would take extra efforts on both sides to ensure its success. He felt that it was the responsibility of both departments to ensure that the program was a complete success.

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that there were several volunteers who did not approve of the Commission's decision and were involved in petition activities to change the existing operations of the Town. He emphasized his belief that it was their right to express their feelings except when actively appearing before a group as a representative of the Town and making derogatory or false statements. Vice Mayor Kennedy believed that it was not proper to hold these kinds of activities when the intent was not based on a good faith effort to adhere to contractual obligations ensuring the success of the Town's fire suppression. He emphasized the importance of eliminating the divisiveness within the organization.

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that he had no intentions to eliminate the Volunteer Fire Department, but believed that its personnel had to begin to take the necessary steps to ensure that they upheld their contractual obligations in the same manner in which the Town was protecting them.

Commissioner Wessels wished residents and staff a great holiday season. He indicated that he was looking forward to working with the Commission in the coming year.

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Commissioner Yanni wished everyone a happy holiday and prosperous new year. He referenced the stop sign issue on Bougainvillea, stating that Broward County had indicated that a stop sign could be erected on Bougainvillea and Hibiscus. Commissioner Yanni asked that staff look into this matter so that this project could get on its way.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark wished residents and staff a wonderful holiday season and prosperous new year. He was looking forward to the upcoming new year.

Mayor Parker wished everyone a happy holiday season and safe and prosperous new year. He thanked the Commission and staff for a wonderful year and was looking forward to the upcoming year.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. As there was no further business to discuss, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Oliver Parker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Alina Medina, Town Clerk

Date Accepted: _____