

# **TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA**

## **TOWN COMMISSION**

### **AGENDA CONFERENCE MINUTES**

Town Commission Meeting Room

*4501 Ocean Drive*

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

*6:00 P.M.*

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR OLIVER PARKER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Parker at 6:05 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.

Mayor Parker advised that Attorney Cherof had had an emergency and might be unable to attend tonight's meeting. He stated that in the event that Attorney Cherof was not in attendance, the Commission might need to consider some agenda items for tabling.

#### **3. REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2005**

Mayor Parker asked that any future agenda reflect which fire department was to make a presentation for the firefighter of the month. There were no objections.

There was full consensus that the report for the Capital Improvements Plan be provided during the regular meeting.

The Commission briefly reviewed the minutes and advised that there were no objections to their approval as submitted.

- Item 10A, Interlocal Agreement

Manager Baldwin advised that approval of the agreement was needed in order for the Town to qualify for assistance in the event of an emergency.

- Item 11A, Resolution (Public Hearing)

In response to Mayor Parker's inquiry, Town Clerk Medina advised that the Notice of Intent had been properly published and was set for a public hearing during tonight's meeting.

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- Item 12A, Hibiscus Avenue Closure

Manager Baldwin advised that Assistant Manager Laura Ward and the Town's legislative consultant, Russ Klenet, had worked together on this issue to obtain permission from Broward County for the Town to erect stop signs as requested by the Commission. The Commission discussed the removal of the closure at Hibiscus Avenue, but expressed concern that the stop signs had to be erected to ensure safety. It was estimated that the closure could be removed with 60 to 90 days.

Commissioner Yanni felt that the closure should be removed as quickly as possible. Town Planner Walter Keller advised that the closure could be removed fairly quickly. He explained, however, that although Broward County had agreed to the barrier's removal, they had denied the Town's request for stop signs at this time. Mr. Keller stated that the County was willing to perform a study to determine if the stop signs were necessary, but only after the barrier was removed.

Vice Mayor Kennedy did not believe the closure should be removed until such time as the stop sign issue was resolved. He emphasized the need to ensure the public's safety. Commissioner Wessels agreed with Vice Mayor Kennedy. He stated that the Commission had agreed to slow traffic down on Seagrape Drive and felt that these two issues needed to be done concurrently. Mr. Keller explained that the County had agreed that there might be a possible justification for the use of some stop signs in the area; however, he stated that the County would not perform its study until after the closure was removed. Commissioner Yanni asked if it was possible to obtain a "yield" sign. Mr. Keller replied affirmatively, but explained that the same process would need to be followed with the County. Mayor Parker stated that he had been under the impression that if the barrier was removed, at least one stop sign would be erected. Mr. Keller reiterated that a stop sign would not be erected until after a study was completed. Mayor Pro Tem Clark stated that he wanted the barrier removed, but felt it was important to ensure that a stop sign was erected.

There was full consensus to have the Town take control of Seagrape Drive and Hibiscus Avenue traffic control in order to install stop signs.

Manager Baldwin stated that the Town had also requested a stop sign on Bougainvillea Drive, behind the fire station, and asked if this stop sign would be provided. Mr. Keller stated that the County had denied the request for a stop sign in that particular area.

- Item 12B, Moratorium

Manager Baldwin explained that the Town had needed to extend the moratorium through January in order to complete its review of the proposed improvement requirements to El Mar Drive. He asked for the Commission's direction in this matter.

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There was a majority consensus to lifting the moratorium, 4-1, with Vice Mayor Kennedy dissenting.

- Item 12C, development of a dock on Town property (Issacs)

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that he would like the opportunity to review a proposal by Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs. Mayor Pro Tem Clark agreed.

Manager Baldwin stated that the Isaacs had proposed two docks, one for exclusively private use, and the other for the public. Town Engineer Kevin Hart explained that the estimated cost for the necessary improvements was \$300,000. Manager Baldwin expressed his belief that it was not in the Town's best interest to give up public property for private use.

Mayor Parker did not like the idea of a long term commitment, believing that the Town should be prepared to provide improvements in that area within three to four years. It was agreed to hold further discussion regarding this issue during the regular meeting.

- Item 13D, Alternate Member of Planning and Zoning Board

The Commission briefly discussed Frank Minicozzi's request to be allowed to remain as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board while he served out of the country on a temporary duty assignment with the U.S. Department of Defense. The Commission agreed to allow Mr. Minicozzi to remain as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board unless there were extenuating circumstances.

- Item 13E, Traditional Neighborhood District

Vice Mayor Kennedy stated that there were several developers who had expressed an interest in redeveloping areas of the Town. He indicated that this was the time for the Town to set parameters for a traditional neighborhood district, as described in the Goodkin Report, to ensure that the Town was developed in a manner consistent with the Town's Master Plan.

The Commission briefly reviewed the map provided as an exhibit to the Goodkin Report and agreed that a workshop would be needed to further discuss this matter.

A workshop meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. The Commission asked that the Master Plan Steering Committee be made aware of the meeting so that they could make plans to attend and participate.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wessels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Oliver Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alina Medina, Town Clerk

Date Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_