

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the purpose for the proposed cost recovery ordinance, adding that there was a specific reason why it was not tied to the ordinance.

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Councilmember Starkey explained that an RFP would be sent to various firms that would submit their hourly rate charges for various services.

Chair Arnold expressed the opinion that the work should initially be farmed out instead of having employees attempting to interpret the Code. This would enable the work to be completed in a professional manner and with speed. Ms. Osborne added that many business people were turned away from the Town due to the western theme restrictions.

Ms. Moore made a motion that the Committee pass a resolution against the cost recovery ordinance the way it was written. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Wachtstetter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moore, that the Committee review the new print of the resolution and given an opinion when the Committee could see what was in the document. In a voice vote, with Vice-Chair Bonfiglio being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Agrarian Committee

Mr. Wachtstetter referenced comments that had been made by Councilmember Truex regarding the Agricultural Committee's position concerning the Town's Building Code and State laws on agricultural exemptions. He clarified the Committee's position and substantiated it with a memorandum which was distributed to the Committee.

4.2 Community Redevelopment Agency - Wayne Arnold

Chair Arnold referred to a recent CRA meeting at which discussions included cost recovery and new signage. He commended Central Broward Water Control District Commissioner Switzer and the Open Space Advisory Committee on the design. Chair Arnold referred to the Dockery Bill and indicated that Senator Dockery had not been pleased with how some CRA funds were used. He added that there was lobbyist representation in Tallahassee and the bill passed. One concession was that existing CRA's with 30 year sunset provision would be protected; however, there were limitations on other issues. Chair Arnold advised that Broward County was trying to dilute the structural power and autonomy of local CRA's; however, Senator Campbell withdrew his activity on that issue.

4.3 Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce - Chuck Bonfiglio

As there was no representative present, no report was made.

4.4 Davie Economic Development Council (EDC) - Bob Legg

Mr. Legg advised that the EDC held its annual meeting with Broward County Commissioner Lori Parrish being the speaker. He expressed the opinion that some of her comments were very insightful concerning how things were done in Davie and changes that needed to be made. Mr. Legg commented that the changes would enable the consolidation of more land for a business park within the Town. He added that the Town had the most strategic

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location for businesses of any municipality in Broward County, but was not getting its share. Mr. Legg expressed the hope that next year, Council would concentrate on the issues to enable the EDC to move forward with some of its plans.

4.5 Davie Merchants and Industrial Association - Wayne Arnold

Chair Arnold advised that he missed the meeting because he was in Tallahassee. He added that Councilmember Paul had been the speaker and he had been informed that her speech had been well received. Chair Arnold commented that the upcoming meeting would be held on March 26th at the Davie Women's Club, and Town Administrator Thomas Willi would be the speaker. He added that Mr. Willi would be accompanied by Development Services Director Mark Kutney, as well as other department directors.

4.6 Planning and Zoning Board - Edna Moore

Ms. Moore discussed the Zoning in Progress and expressed the opinion that this was another set of restrictions by the Town against developers.

4.7 South Florida Education Center (SFEC) - Lynn Goldman

Ms. Goldman advised that Commissioner Parrish had attended the last meeting and addressed some TMA issues. She added that Commissioner Parrish had followed-up on all the issues surrounding the SFEC. Ms. Goldman referred to the need for a temporary signal at the exit on Nova Drive from McFatter which was dangerous when students were attempting to make the left hand turn. She added that this was one of the main issues undertaken by Commissioner Parrish and she would inform the Committee on the progress.

4.8 Town Council - Councilmembers Starkey and Truex

Councilmember Truex explained that the Zoning in Progress was A-1 and applications for land use changes were exempted. He added that businesses were not involved, the Zoning in Progress would expire in July and another Council workshop would be held in April. Councilmember Truex advised everyone to attend the workshop, adding that there were positive things involved and only large residential developers would be affected.

Councilmember Truex discussed the issue concerning pressure treated lumber and mentioned that groups who were in opposition to this should forward suggestions to the Town.

Councilmember Starkey indicated that Mayor Venis had proposed that a law firm be hired to move forward with a class action suit for the pressure treated lumber. She commented that she was cautious about the lawsuit; however, she felt that the soil should be tested. A lengthy discussion followed regarding soil contamination when it rained due to runoff from overhanging wood. Councilmember Starkey indicated her support for the legislation relating to playground equipment, which presented similar problems for children. She expressed the opinion that Public Works and maintenance workers could also be affected. Councilmember Starkey added that the Town would be remiss if soil testing was not done in the event that

employees become ill. She also advised that the law firm that was initiating the lawsuit was the

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same firm doing the testing and she had been contacted by other firms that were also willing to do the soil testing. Some firms indicated they would charge a nominal fee and others would not charge a fee. Councilmember Starkey indicated that there was extensive data involved regarding this issue and believed that the Town should move slower regarding the lawsuit.

Councilmember Starkey referred to her attendance at a recent EDC meeting and commented that she was impressed at the enthusiasm expressed by members to form a collaborative effort in attempting to build a business park in the Town. She informed the Committee of the ribbon cutting ceremony of Rick Case Honda and of Mr. Case's praise for the Town's support.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Wachstetter informed the Committee that there was a new Purchase of Development Rights and the County was willing to pay as much as \$60,000 an acre. He added that there was \$4,000,000 available for the entire County which he believed would be utilized quickly and indicated that applications would have to be submitted by May.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being on further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Committee Member

