

**DAVIE WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY BOARD
AUGUST 20, 2002
5:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present were Chair Michael Crowley, Vice-Chair Tom Green, Wayne Arnold, Jeffrey Harrod (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Daniel Lavrich, Barry Mowell, Ronald Phillips and Gail Ling. Also present were Utilities Director Daniel Colabella and Board Secretary Jenevia Edwards recording the meeting. Gary Gaffney and Don Zane were absent.

2. SELECTION OF SECRETARY

Chair Crowley informed the Board that the issue of secretaries being appointed from within boards would be discussed at the upcoming Council meeting. He requested that this item be tabled until the outcome of that was known.

Mr. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that the selection of secretary be tabled until the next Board meeting. In a voice vote, with Messrs. Gaffney, Harrod and Zane being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

Mr. Lavrich noted that he was listed as being absent at the June Board meeting, but advised the Board that he had not been reappointed. Ms. Edwards indicated she would make the necessary correction.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 18, 2002

Mr. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2002. In a voice vote, with Messrs. Gaffney, Harrod and Zane being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Everglades Restoration Project Update

Mr. Harrod apologized to the Board as he did not have the necessary information available. Chair Crowley indicated that he would arrange to have a representative from the South Florida Water Management District to provide an update at the next Board meeting. Vice-Chair Green asked that the representative be able to update the Board on any legislation that affected the restoration project.

Chair Crowley suggested that this item be deferred until the next meeting. There was no objection from the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 Discussion Concerning Sunrise Utility Service to the Town - Dean E. Dickey,
Director of Utilities, City of Sunrise**

Mr. Dickey informed the Board of the City of Sunrise's approach to providing high quality water and proper disposal of wastewater while meeting or surpassing all federal, state, and local regulations and standards. He added that Sunrise had been proactive in its approach in improving and updating equipment and processes, implementing new systems and building

additional capacity in order to effectively and efficiently meet new and more stringent regulatory requirements as well as increased demands for utility growth in the future.

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The Board asked for clarification of certain items which was provided by Mr. Dickey. In an exchange of dialogue, some Boardmembers expressed satisfaction with the improvement of the water quality and pressure. Mr. Colabella added that there had been no recent complaints to that effect.

Chair Crowley asked if tours were given to the large plant in Sunrise. Mr. Dickey explained that although the plant was being operated, there was still some construction taking place which would render the area unsafe for tours.

5.2 Fort Lauderdale Airport Expansion Project

This item was deferred until the next Board meeting.

5.3 Mitigation Properties received through Funding Grant

Mr. Colabella indicated that he had no written information available. Councilmember Paul advised that the grant referred to a specific piece of property in Davie; however, there was other property that was being looked at. She referred to property located north of Northstar which was considered by Broward County as wetland which the Town was trying to have mitigated on site.

5.4 Space through Broward County

Ms. Ling referred to discussions she had with County representative Bob Harbin regarding issues involving parks within the Town. She provided an update to the Board regarding bond issue and the areas involved, such as highly sensitive conservation areas, green space with environmentally sensitive areas, and open space. Ms. Ling referred to the main areas that were considered open space in the Town and funds that were involved. She added that all ideas would be submitted to the County's Open Space Committee. Ms. Ling advised that Tree Tops Park and Pine Island Park were being renovated. Vice-Chair Green asked if funds would only be spent on renovations or whether additional properties would be acquired. Ms. Ling responded that funds would be spent only on renovation.

There was additional discussion regarding the costs, with Ms. Ling advising the Board that the cost for some properties were so high that the County had to "walk away." Ms. Ling provided the name and telephone number for the manager in charge of land acquisition at the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection. Councilmember Paul indicated that the Town had been trying to acquire property to fall into open space category, but the prices had become exorbitant.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding open space within a gated community and access to a trail system. It was the consensus of the Board that this be presented and discussed with the Open Space Advisory Committee.

5.5 Possible revision of the Town's Wildlife Ordinance

Mr. Harrod informed the Board of discussions he had with Councilmember Paul regarding the possible revision of the Town's wildlife ordinance. He explained that because the Town was losing space, it was necessary to develop a plan to protect wildlife and endangered species.

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He distributed copies of the existing ordinance with proposed changes. Mr. Harrod indicated that the present ordinance only required that certain developments complete an impact survey. He suggested that the proposed change should state that all properties throughout the Town be required to complete an impact survey.

Councilmember Paul briefly discussed the effect that the revision could have on the agricultural community, concluding that a way should be found to not only protect wildlife but to strengthen the existing ordinance. She added that a new ordinance should be created outside of the development code and protects wildlife.

Chair Crowley asked Mr. Harrod whether it was his suggestion to revise the existing ordinance. Mr. Harrod cited several reasons why he believed the ordinance should be revised adding that every property within the Town slated for development should have an impact survey completed.

Mr. Harrod suggested that by adding a clause to the present ordinance, it would provide time enabling Council and the Board to draft a new ordinance. A brief discussion followed with Mr. Arnold expressing concern for the agricultural community and possible ramifications of a new or revised ordinance.

Mr. Arnold make a motion, seconded by Mr. Mowell, that the Board recommend to the Town Council that they do a study on the different possibilities on how to be better able to protect wildlife. In a voice vote, with Messrs. Gaffney and Zane being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 8-0)**

Further discussion followed regarding clear definition of ownership of exotic species, with Mr. Harrod indicating that there should be Code verification as to the possession of exotic animals. Mr. Harrod explained the requirements for possessing exotic animals and added that a plan should be developed for the protection of both the animals and the public.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments and/or suggestions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gaffney made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Green, to adjourn. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member