

**TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 12, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Mayor Bush. Present were Mayor Bush, Vice-Mayor Venis, Councilmembers Cox, Kiar and Santini, Town Administrator Flatley, Town Attorney Webber and Town Clerk Reinfeld recording the meeting.

1. Review of Town's Charter

Mr. Flatley introduced Alice Whitson from Municipal Code, who had provided assistance with the Charter review. Ms. Whitson discussed the Town's Charter and indicated that most of the changes would have to be done by referendum.

Mr. Flatley said there were approximately 33 significant items which could be converted into ordinance form and removed from the Charter. He cautioned that if not performed correctly, the different items could become a very volatile issue. Mr. Flatley said that staff would present the changes to Council and hold public hearings over the summer to ascertain any challenges. He added that whatever was removed from the Charter could be simultaneously approved by ordinance to be placed into the Code. Mr. Flatley anticipated that the improved concept could be prepared and presented for referendum by September 1996.

Mr. Webber stated that a working document would be available within a few weeks. Councilmember Cox inquired if the advantage to place issues in an ordinance form was to make it easier to change. Mr. Flatley replied affirmatively and mentioned compensation. He added boundaries should be expressed in ordinance form.

Mr. Webber stated that he would ensure preparation of the appropriate documents.

2. Referendum for Public Safety and Recreation Bonds

Mr. Flatley explained that there were two bond questions and staff needed Council's direction as to how proceed.

Police Chief Jack Mackie said that the Department was obtaining a needs assessment and a first draft had been received. He stated that a second draft should be available within ten days. Chief Mackie advised that there was a need to lock up the property and indicated that the cost was approximately one-fifth of the current market price.

Chief Mackie inquired if it was appropriate for Council to become involved in relaying the information to the public. Mr. Webber responded affirmatively. Chief Mackie stated that the approximate cost was \$6 million for a police facility or \$7 million with a fire and emergency medical service (EMS) facility added. Mr. Flatley added that the site was ideal because of its location to I-595. Chief Mackie agreed.

Councilmember Santini asked if it would be advertised as being tied into the schools being built nearby. Chief Mackie responded that the matter was being discussed at community meetings and added that he was in negotiations with the Broward County School Board for magnet programs. He said that originally, fire and EMS facilities were not a part of the discussion because of the concern for rapidly moving emergency vehicles around the schools. Chief Mackie continued to explain that the necessary reality of an EMS facility was becoming apparent. He said that the

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School Board and neighborhood residents were not yet aware of that.

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Vice-Mayor Venis recalled the concern of the residents regarding a fire station and siren noise.

Chief Mackie said that after ensuring there was enough funding available, the land should be purchased. He added that the land would be purchased with forfeiture funds.

Vice-Mayor Venis inquired if Council had previously voted to acquire land. Chief Mackie replied affirmatively and indicated that between seven and nine acres were needed. Councilmember Kiar stated that a facility was needed. Chief Mackie indicated that forfeiture funds had never been used to purchase land and a request had to be made of the Justice Department who liked the concept.

Councilmember Cox indicated that for previous referendums, fact sheets were provided to the residents. Vice-Mayor Venis suggested that information be provided in the Davie Update.

Councilmember Santini said Broward County was impressed with the Town's ability to obtain the six modular buildings that Councilmember Cox was able to negotiate. She added that the County was changing its policy to require this of all cities to obtain from developers for concurrency.

Regarding recreation bonds, Mr. Flatley explained that the public would be asked to support \$5 million for renovation of existing parks and for a new park on the east side. He referred to the list which had been distributed outlining the renovations and requested changes or additions be recommended as soon as possible.

Sharon Pierce Kent, Director of Community Services, indicated that a lot of the money would be utilized to complete some parks. She advised that the Town may receive a grant for Shenandoah Park and she would know sometime in June.

Councilmember Kiar questioned if there was to be an organized basketball program. Ms. Kent responded affirmatively. Councilmember Kiar mentioned the challenges with the shortage of courts.

Vice-Mayor Venis asked if the residents wanted tennis courts and basketball courts at Shenandoah Park. He was aware that rollerblade courts were wanted. Ms. Kent suggested that discussions be held with the residents. Mr. Flatley stated that asking residents their opinions of recreation bonds was an effective way to introduce the public safety referendum.

Ms. Kent discussed Veteran's Park and the development of Delwood Park. Vice-Mayor Venis inquired about the Potter Park renovations. Ms. Kent related that money had been allocated in the Capital Budget for renovation of playground equipment and general maintenance.

Ms. Kent indicated that the Town may want to look at refurbishing A.D. Griffin Park as it appeared the Town would be able to extend its lease. She stated that she hoped the extension would be for five years with three years at the minimum.

Councilmember Kiar stated that he was pleased with the programs that the Town was establishing.

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Councilmember Santini said there was a need to market the Pine Island Community Center and more group activities held at the Center. Ms. Kent advised that signage would be installed and indicated that some of the group sports were being moved from A.D. Griffin to the Pine Island Community Center.

Councilmember Cox suggested that signage be installed indicating that the site would be the future home of ballfields.

Councilmember Kiar asked that the signs to the Pine Island Community Center be made larger as the existing signs were very small. Ms. Kent indicated that she would look into this suggestion.

There being no objections or further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk