

**TOWN COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 8, 1996
9:00 A.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Present were Mayor Venis, Vice-Mayor Cox and Councilmembers Bush, Kiar and Santini. Also present were Town Administrator Flatley, Town Attorney Webber and Town Clerk Reinfeld recording the meeting.

Mr. Flatley discussed information regarding the Davie Road development. He explained the displays provided and answered questions about landscaping. He addressed improvements in communication to better serve public comments and complaints.

Mr. Flatley said the series of goals that had been set six months earlier to effectively allocate scarce resources would be reviewed. He said a Council needed to staff provide staff with its direction. Mr. Flatley added that a plan of operation which would provide more cost-effective service was also being reviewed and reiterated the need for a commitment to working diligently.

1. Bergeron Rodeo Grounds and Arena - John Nicholson, Facility Consulting Associates

Mr. Flatley introduced John Nicholson and explained Mr. Nicholson's role in the Rodeo grounds and arena project.

Mr. Nicholson described the history of the area, the organizations involved and project specifics. He explained the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

2. Mid-Year Review of Goals, Capital and Finance

Mr. Webber stated that Flamingo Gardens had been discussed as an agenda item at the Central Broward Drainage District (CBDD) meeting the evening before. He said the District's attorney had advised the Board not to take a legal position regarding right and wrong. Mr. Webber continued that the attorney recommended that no affirmative action be taken by the Board; however, that several statements were made which provided some comfort. He indicated that the District's attorney had acknowledged that the use of the property as a trail would not interfere with CBDD's maintenance of the canal. Mr. Webber added that the attorney had also discussed some benefits as to the dual purpose of the property.

Mr. Webber concluded that the position of the District was to do nothing. He said he had expressed the Town's appreciation and explained the plans to utilize the area for a trail system. He said, unless Flamingo Gardens filed some legal action, there should be no other challenges.

Discussion continued regarding legal notifications and future challenges and requirements in dealing with Flamingo Gardens. Mr. Webber reiterated the action taken by the CBDD should eliminate most challenges. Vice-Mayor Cox estimated completion of the trail system by the following fall.

Mr. Flatley described the annexations of Silver Oaks and Everglades Lakes as the second goal. Vice-Mayor Cox inquired about Sunshine Ranches. Mr. Flatley recommended that the subject be deferred until the following year's budget. Vice-Mayor Cox suggested that Sunshine Ranches be hooked into the trail system as a show of cooperation from Davie and indicated that the residents were feeling some pressure

regarding annexation.

Councilmember Kiar stated that these residents should be given some assurance of the maintenance of their lifestyle of large homes and acreage. Mayor Venis mentioned pursuing areas in the western region including Ivanhoe Estates. Mr. Flatley stated that Ivanhoe Estates had already contacted the Town.

Vice-Mayor Cox said that residents in the west were encouraged to remain in Broward County because of the tax structure. She suggested that the Town include those areas in the planning process. Councilmember Bush suggested the Davie Update be sent to some unincorporated areas.

The third goal mentioned was Education, Research and Training Authority and the expansion of Roseolli. Mr. Flatley provided a description of the progress.

The western acreage lifestyle goal was described. It was stated that the estate zoning district was dropped and an equestrian district was in the formation process.

The development of the commercial properties was explained by Mr. Flatley. He indicated that David M. Griffith and Associates (DMG) had been hired to provide an Economic Development Strategy Plan which would be completed within two to three months.

Regarding the Administrative Variance Procedure, Mr. Flatley stated that four variances had been successfully processed thus far. Vice-Mayor Cox inquired about the public perception of the process. Development Services Director Michele Mellgren responded that the residents seemed to appreciate the new process. Vice-Mayor Cox recommended a fact sheet explaining the process and procedures be provided for the public.

No action had been taken regarding the Site Plan Committee, Mr. Flatley said. Vice-Mayor Cox praised the existing Committee and stated there was little support for abolishing it. She suggested that the residents be queried before Council received any recommendations.

Ms. Mellgren said she would like to consider sending plats to the Site Plan Committee for review. Vice-Mayor Cox responded that this would not be a problem as long as the Committee was not overwhelmed.

Mr. Flatley furnished an explanation of the Rolling Hills Hotel site. Details were provided and the process was said to be progressing.

Mr. Flatley stated the Special Zoning District explanation would be provided later by Ms. Mellgren.

Ms. Mellgren provided an update on the progress of the dumpster enclosure issue. Vice-Mayor Cox inquired if an Administrative Variance could be given for East Davie to make it fair and inexpensive to install dumpster enclosures. She said that this would ensure aesthetics and improve property values.

Mayor Venis asked about the cost of the structures and whether it would be affordable. Vice-Mayor Cox explained that a chain link with metal slats fronted by greenery would be cost-effective. Budget and Finance Director Christopher Wallace remarked on some possible problems and presented the possibility of dumpsters being shared by businesses which would incur fewer bins. Discussion followed.

Mr. Flatley addressed the challenge of the garbage in the Potter Park and Driftwood areas. He indicated that although the Driftwood problems were not all addressed, remarkable improvement had been noted. Councilmember Santini requested that a

letter be sent to South Sanitation instructing their drivers to close the gates.

Mr. Flatley related that two "Welcome to Davie" signs would be completed within two weeks and would be placed at the north and south entrances to the Town off the Turnpike. He added that the area would be landscaped. Councilmember Bush asked if a sign would be installed on the

south side. Mr. Flatley responded that a small sign would be placed at that location.

Councilmember Santini inquired about the progress of the sign and flags for the Robbins Property. An update was provided with Mr. Rawls responding that the usage of a temporary banner was being researched.

Vice-Mayor Cox mentioned the sign for the WestRidge Property. Councilmember Santini remarked on signage for Hiatus Road. Mr. Flatley described the signs developed for election days which would be located at key intersections. Voter turnout was reviewed.

Mr. Flatley continued with a description and update on the progress of the bike path system. He said it would supply a link between the university system and downtown Davie.

Mr. Flatley advised that the Traffic Management Association had been experiencing ups and downs. He said the operating budget had been approved and the funds were available. Mr. Rawls stated that the programs were established and implementation was awaiting installation of a full-time director. Advertising and interviews were on-going, he said.

Mr. Flatley addressed the new impact fees. Mr. Wallace related that DMG had met with the police and fire departments and the results were expected by the end of the month. He explained the fees would be needed to help build new police and fire facilities and other capital items. Mr. Wallace said that assistance would also be provided with marketing the bond issue.

Councilmember Santini questioned the use of new charter schools. Vice-Mayor Cox asked for more information on that issue.

Regarding the agreement between the police department and Broward Community College (BCC), Mr. Flatley said the relationship was being cultivated. Police Chief Jack Mackie stated that the first meeting had been held and a contract similar to the one with Student Resource Officer was being debated. He said that he had informed BCC that it would probably be required to incur the full cost of a police officer. As BCC was the main campus, Chief Mackie advised that BCC would be funding security for FIU, FAU and themselves, along with the south and north campuses.

Mr. Flatley asked for an update on the false alarm ordinance. Chief Mackie explained that the ordinance was basically written, however, an agreement on the fine scheduling was

still required, along with the tracking issue and development of an appeal process. Vice-Mayor Cox asked if the hearing process could be done with a special master. Chief Mackie stated they were open to suggestions.

Councilmember Kiar inquired about the number of calls allowed before a fine was incurred. Chief Mackie responded four calls were allowed and advised that there were 11,000 false alarms the previous year and 500 false fire incidents were reported.

Mr. Flatley discussed expanding the Crime Watch Program and described the participating areas. It was stated that the organizations involved would spearhead the bond issue.

Mr. Flatley indicated that in May, Council had instructed staff to approach the homeowner's groups on the new police/fire facility. He advised that it was unknown whether the ballot would be placed on the September ballot. Councilmember Santini related that she had spoken with the Supervisor of Election's Office and nothing would be known until after July 19th. She indicated that the Supervisor of Election's Office had recommended that a postponement of the bond issue until November.

Mr. Flatley advised that currently, the Fire Department only had one fire inspector, but active recruitment to fill another position was proceeding. He related that the annual inspection program via the fire engines would address safety issues and project an improved image. Fire Chief Michael Donati provided an explanation of the recruitment in progress.

Updates were provided on backlog of occupational licenses, requirements for single detached homes, bid acceptance for the new informational signs, the Town's newsletter, the Town's Home Page availability, and recreational programs.

Councilmember Kiar inquired about parent involvement in the concession stands. Community Services Director Sharon Pierce-Kent replied that some research had been done and would continue. Councilmember Kiar suggested parental participation be mandatory. Mayor Venis recalled the issue had been mentioned at a parent meeting. He inquired about parent participation at those meetings. Ms. Pierce-Kent indicated that participation was down, but many parental concerns had been addressed.

3. Fiscal Year 1995-96 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

This item was discussed later in the meeting.

4. Florida League Of Cities - Property and Liability Report

Town Reinfeld provided an introduction. Kurt Heyman, Director of Marketing, commented on the history of the organization and the Town. He described the savings of 50% since the fall of 1994. Mr. Heyman said two key factors were administrative and defense costs and reviewed the handout provided detailing savings. Mr. Heyman discussed claims and their impact. Councilmember Kiar commended Mr. Heyman, staff and Council for their efforts.

Vice-Mayor Cox asked for clarification on the charts. Mr. Heyman provided the information. Brad Clark, Executive Director, explained the activity analysis.

Councilmember Santini inquired about the budget procedures. Mr. Wallace explained the past and projected strategy. Mr. Heyman remarked on the stop-loss provision in the plan and indicated that no major rate increases were anticipated in the coming year. Dialogue followed and questions were addressed.

3. Mr. Wallace furnished a brief overview of the report including ball fields, EMS and union contracts. He mentioned property taxes would not be increased and strongly recommended that the report be thoroughly read. Mr. Wallace continued detailing the Report and answering questions and concerns.

5. **Suggested Department Goals and Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 1996-97**

6. **Comprehensive Plan**

7. **Proposed Landscape Ordinance**

In the interest of time, Mr. Flatley suggested another workshop be scheduled to continue discussion of the remaining items on the agenda. He recommended that Item 8 conclude the current meeting and no objections were noted.

8. **Charter Questions for September Referendum**

Mr. Webber explained the existing Charter and he indicated that it would be appropriate to develop an entirely new Charter. If Council did not wish to create a new Charter, he recommended that specific issues be targeted and addressed. Another option was to accomplish both suggestions, he said. He described other matters in the Charter which should be changed, abolished or superseded by Florida State Statutes.

Vice-Mayor Cox stated that the cleanest approach would be to create a new Charter. She asked about inclusion on the November ballot. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Bush inquired about the issue on page 10 addressing a Council vacancy if a Councilmember qualified for election to another public office. He asked if a provision could be added in the Charter that would allow Councilmembers to continue in office until elections were held. Mr. Webber responded that the Charter could not be more liberal than the Florida State Statutes; however, the Charter could be made more restrictive.

Councilmember Kiar questioned Item I (Council Journal) and J (Compensation for Council and Mayor) on page 12 could be deleted or changed by ordinance. Mr. Webber replied that he would have to research this issue. Discussion followed on financial compensation for Councilmembers.

Mayor Venis mentioned the Charter regarding the filling of vacancies and indicated that other municipalities required an appointee to run for office at the next election. Vice-Mayor Cox felt that appointments scheduled to last longer than six months should be required to run in the next election. Several members concurred.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk