

**TOWN OF THE TOWN  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Paul, Councilmembers Crowley and Starkey. Also present were Interim Town Administrator Kovanes, Town Attorney Kiar and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting. Councilmember Hubert was absent.

Mr. Formosa, Broadview Park's Civic Association President, explained the format of the workshop and thanked Council and staff for their attendance.

Mayor Truex spoke about the Town and the annexation process. He advised that Broward County and State legislatures would likely insist that the community annex into the Town or the City of Plantation. Mayor Truex advised that this decision would be made by Broadview residents.

Mayor Truex advised that there were 80,000 people in the Town and outlined the geographical parameters of the Town. He indicated that with regard to the annexation of Broadview Park, the Town did not currently have an official policy. Mayor Truex explained that while the Town would welcome the community, they would receive no different treatment than the Town's existing residents.

Vice-Mayor Paul spoke of her desire to annex Broadview Park since 1998. She felt the community had several things in common with the Town and would be a welcome addition.

Councilmember Starkey spoke of her experience with the League of Cities regarding the annexation of Broadview Park. She indicated she had always viewed Broadview Park as a "diamond in the rough". Councilmember Starkey advised that the County would focus on putting in infrastructure to improve the community and businesses along State Road 7. She felt the Town could provide a level of service on par with the City of Plantation.

Councilmember Crowley agreed that it was good that the community had a choice on where to be annexed. He spoke of the Town's professional staff that would assist with the transition.

Mr. Kovanes described the Town's geographical area and corresponding levels of service. He explained the role and function the Town's departments would play in assisting the community and answering questions.

Mr. Siquenzi asked how Broadview residents would get to choose which municipality they entered. Mr. Kovanes advised that a bill would be prepared to be submitted to the legislature and that an election would be held in which the residents voted. He advised that the straw ballot was merely an indication of what to expect and was not binding. Mayor Truex cautioned that the legislature "made up the rules as they went along", and the upcoming vote was strictly a straw vote. He added that it could not be certain what the legislature would do down the road.

Mr. Siquenzi asked who would provide the water if the Town took over Broadview Park. Utilities Director Dan Colabella advised that the Town was flexible on whether it would use the County or the Town utilities. He advised that there were many options available including having the Town purchase the water system.

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John Horshell asked if the existing fire stations in the area would be maintained or rebuilt by the Town. Fire Chief Don DiPetrillo advised that the Town could negotiate to lease the facility owned, which was owned by the Civic Association. He discussed the Town's bond issued to build a new fire station on Oakes Road and 441. Chief DiPetrillo indicated that the Fire Department would have to evaluate whether it could serve Broadview Park from its existing location or from the new Oakes Road station. Councilmember Starkey advised that Chief DiPetrillo had worked with many other municipalities to provide mutual aid service to areas including Dania, Hollywood, Plantation, Fort Lauderdale, and Cooper City to ensure that no community was underserved.

A resident explained that the station was originally built by the Peters Road Volunteer Fire Department, which still owned the building and leased it to the community.

Rose Bickford asked what the ISO rating was. Chief DiPetrillo responded that on the east side, which was more industrial and educational, the rating was five, while on the west side, where it was more rural, it was below five. He advised that the Town was currently under ISO review. Ms. Bickford asked if the Fire Department's personnel were paid or volunteers. Chief DiPetrillo replied that the personnel were paid. Ms. Bickford asked how many additional staff members would service the area. Chief DiPetrillo advised that it depended on whether the Department could serve the community from the new Oakes Road station. Ms. Bickford asked what the average response time was. Chief DiPetrillo advised it was in the 6.5 minute range overall.

Ed Thibault asked where the wastewater would be treated. Mr. Colabella advised there was no sewer system but stated that one was to be installed which would go into the County's system.

Don Stone spoke about the County's plans to address drainage issues. He advised that the County would come in initially and replace the water system to address immediate need, then would later put in a sewer system.

Sandy Vandenhooten asked about police jurisdiction and service. Police Chief John George spoke about the various levels of service that could be provided. He advised that the officers could implement outreach programs to meet the requested needs of the residents. Chief George indicated that the Department would welcome the community's involvement and input into the types of service desired.

Mr. Formosa asked how many police employees would be patrolling the Broadview area. Chief George responded that this would depend on the community's needs. He stated that there would likely be two patrols with other special officers who would overlap services.

A resident asked if the Police Department addressed safety of kids on non-motorized vehicles. Chief George advised of the growing Police Athletic League (PAL) on Orange Drive where safety training and organized sports were conducted. He stated that the Department encouraged residents to visit and learn more about the Town. Chief George advised that kids 14 years old or older could participate in various events with the department through the Police Explorer program.

Ms. Bickford asked what effect annexation had on the school districts. Mr. Kovanes advised that school districts were their own entities handled by the School Board. Vice-Mayor Paul added that she and Councilmember Starkey were both very involved in school issues and

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worked very closely with the School Board on various issues residents had. She spoke of the Town's many advisory boards such as the School Advisory Board and the Child Safety Board.

Mr. Vandenhooten spoke of building and zoning issues that were in conflict with Plantation's building and zoning issues. He asked if there were any major building and zoning issues already known in the Town now. Development Services Director Mark Kutney advised that he was not aware of any known issues, but indicated that the Town had a full service Building Division that serviced the Town and three other cities. He explained that the Town's zoning was in large part similar to the County's, with the ability to be creative in certain instances.

A resident asked about the number of recreational, commercial vehicles and pickup allowed on residential properties. Mr. Kutney explained that the Town welcomed the vehicles but did not want to see overnight parking and storage in front yards, on sidewalks or on swales. He advised that the Town regulated carports based on zoning setbacks and if they were detached. The resident asked if the recreational vehicles had to be screened from view. Mr. Kutney advised using the structure itself to keep the vehicle out of view.

Mr. Formosa stated that Plantation required a carport or garage for at least one vehicle. He advised that in Broadview, many people had carports and that some were enclosed and asked if this would be an issue. Mr. Kutney indicated that the Town did not have this requirement but that trailers and other such vehicles needed to be kept in garages.

A resident asked if the Town had the same restriction as Plantation regarding lettering on commercial vehicles and the use of magnetic strip signage. Vice-Mayor Paul stated that this depended on some homeowner's association rules. She stressed that the Town would work with the community during the transition period. Mr. Kutney added that the Town would work with the community to try to minimize any disruptions that might occur based on zoning issues.

Councilmember Starkey spoke of recent annexations of unincorporated areas and advised that the Town made the necessary accommodations to address the unique issues that came with each community. She stated that with the combined experience of Council, Development Services and other professionals, it would take a lot of dialog among all parties to work issues out.

Vera Mosely asked if police officers were trained to deal with individuals with mental health issues. Chief George indicated there was not a specific mental health program but advised of a partnership with Nova Southeastern University's Psychological Services. In addition, he advised that the Town's officers also had domestic violence training and training for aggressive offenders. Chief George indicated this question indicated the type of concern the department would be willing to address.

Ms. Bickford asked about Council terms and redistricting. Mr. Kovanes advised that the Town went through a study to determine whether redistricting was necessary or not. Ms. Bickford asked how long Councilmembers served their terms. Mr. Kovanes advised Councilmembers served three-year terms.

Ms. Vandenhooten asked about the difference between the terms "city" and "town". Councilmember Starkey and Vice-Mayor Paul responded that the difference was a "state of mind".

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Mr. Kovanes explained that the Town's official incorporation date was 1961 but was under the population figure to qualify as a "town" at the time. He indicated that currently, the Town residents were proud to be considered a Town.

John Fritter asked about the staffing for Public Works. Public Works/Capital Projects Director Bruce Bernard advised that the department had 66 employees and explained their function with roads, parks and trails maintenance. Mr. Fritter asked about recycling. Mr. Bernard advised that the Town did not own a recycling truck for mulch but used street sweepers and stormwater maintenance crews.

A resident asked about trash pickup. Mr. Bernard advised that trash pickup and bulk pickup was done through Waste Management.

Dennis McAllister asked if there were any plans to link the Town to Broadview Park via the trail system since the canals separated the two areas. Mr. Bernard advised that if Broadview Park came into the Town and wished to do this, the Council would look into this. Councilmember Starkey spoke of the County's Greenways and Trails program that linked the community somewhat from the C-14 and C-11 canals. She advised that the north-south connector was what the Council was trying to put together with the State Road 7 Collaborative. Councilmember Starkey added that the connector would have sidewalks from one end to the other.

A resident asked for clarification on the bulk trash pickup. Mr. Bernard indicated that every area in the Town had weekly bulk pickup, which allowed for six cubic yards of waste. He advised that regular garbage pickup was twice per week. Mr. Kovanes advised there was a purchase program for trashcans. Vice-Mayor Paul explained that each resident was given one free 96-gallon cart with the monthly fee. She advised that additional carts were available for \$1.25 per month. She stated that waste in the 96-gallon carts was collected twice a week, while bulk waste was collected once a week.

A resident asked if the Town did recycling. Vice-Mayor Paul advised that residents received a recycling bin for glass, plastic and paper. Councilmember Starkey advised the Town used an automated pickup system. A resident asked if the automated containers remained standing up after they were emptied. Councilmember Starkey stated that the contract required that they be left standing up with the lids down.

Mrs. Logan asked if certain bags were required for trash. Council responded in the negative.

A resident asked if Waste Management replaced containers if they broke. Vice-Mayor Paul responded that Waste Management had to replace or repair them.

A resident asked if there would be an increase in the community's tax bill. Budget and Finance Director Bill Underwood explained that the municipal services tax, County fire rescue tax, County fire assessment, and garbage collections tax, would go away. He advised that if annexed into the Town, Broadview residents would receive the Town operating millage, the Town fire assessment, and the Town debt service, resulting in an approximate \$500 cut on their tax bill.

Mr. McAllister asked if the area would get any special assessments because of the infrastructure improvements needed in the neighborhood. Mr. Underwood thought this would be a County issue and advised that to his knowledge, there would be none coming from the

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Town. An unidentified man from the County advised that the fees being paid currently for water and sewer covered the bonds for the infrastructure and explained that there would be no special assessment. Mr. Colabella advised that when the County was giving its presentation, it had pledged not to have an assessment made on the property. He explained that the residents would have to pay a plumber to physically connect to the pipe.

A resident spoke of Plantation's desire to purchase the water system and asked what the Town's position was. Mr. Colabella indicated that the Town would need to do an assessment and that initially, the County would provide the water. He stated that if the community wanted to annex into the Town and buy the system, the Town could accommodate this. Mr. Colabella further advised that the Town had a service area and its own plants.

Mayor Truex explained that many areas had water from different municipal plants. He advised that Sunrise served a large section of west Davie. He explained that the Town tried to work with the residents in every area. Mayor Truex advised that in some cases, it would cost the Town more money and residents' bills would increase, if the water was elsewhere, such as Sunrise.

Ms. Bickford voiced her concern about the proposed \$43 million in County funds and asked if it would change the Town's position on deciding to go forward if the County decided it wanted to do something different with the funds. Mr. Kovanes indicated that this was a new issue to him and he had no disposition about Plantation. He advised that staff would gather the necessary information to make an informed decision for the community.

Ms. Vandenhooten asked if there was any negotiation or expectation of the County on what it needed to do in the area before the Town considered annexation. Mr. Kovanes stated that to his understanding, having a capital improvement plan meant the Town would ask for the dollars and review the County's plans to ensure infrastructure improvements were addressed. Councilmember Starkey explained that she was on the Broward County Water Advisory Board. She understood that the County had certain infrastructure and a capital plan that had not been discussed as an elected body thus far. Councilmember Starkey indicated that both communities would ensure that improvements were made for the area before any annexation decisions were made. She advised that other elected officials wanted to be on the same page as the Town and that whatever the capital improvements needed to be, the Town would make sure there was a unified front no matter who the Broadview residents chose.

Don Stone stated that the Commission's policy on annexation was that once the infrastructure was in the capital plan, it would continue the program regardless of annexation. A resident asked if sidewalks were included in the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Stone responded in the affirmative.

Sandy Duffy asked if any parks and recreation areas were planned for the east side. Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Andresky spoke of the 58th Avenue passive park being developed. He also spoke of the future Sunny Lakes parcel which would include fishing, nature trails, and bicycle and picnic areas in the southeast areas of the Town. Vice-Mayor Paul advised of the Betty Booth Roberts Park and the PAL program. Councilmember Starkey stated that the Town had a centralized parks system that helped link residents to the programs.

Ms. Bickford asked if the community bus system would be extended into Broadview. Mr. Kovanes explained that the Town had established a route that the County had to approve

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once ridership was met. Councilmember Starkey advised that the Town's bus system was linked to the County's system. She spoke of proposed improvements to include buses or a light trolley system to link to the Griffin Road or Orange Drive connectors, the hub in Dania, and the airport. Councilmember Starkey advised that the Town provided for most of the local routes by grants and by approval from the County. Vice-Mayor Paul spoke of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) plans for improving the 441 Corridor. She indicated that at a recent MPO meeting, there was discussion with regard to addressing funding to provide community buses for smaller areas.

Mayor Truex advised that the Town aggressively sought out different parcels for parks. He stated that from the Town's perspective, Broadview was considered east of the Town. Mayor Truex referred to an illustration of Pine Island Park and told residents that this was a beautiful park with fine facilities and amenities for community members who wanted to take their children there. He indicated that the Town's challenge was adding additional parks and parcels on the east side. Mayor Truex advised that traditionally, there had been a challenge extending the Town's bus routes to eastern areas.

A resident asked about Sunview Park and whether it would be part of the Town or the County. An unidentified woman advised that the County wanted to keep only the big regional parks.

A resident asked Vice-Mayor Paul what she meant when she stated that Broadview Park residents had things in common with the Town residents. Vice-Mayor Paul explained that she felt residents in both areas exhibited the same unique "rugged individualism qualities" of the early 19th and 20th centuries.

A resident asked about current terms of Councilmembers and the schedule for elections. Mayor Truex advised that elections were staggered, for one councilmember and the mayor one year, and for the other three councilmembers the following year. Councilmember Starkey advised that she, Councilmember Crowley and Vice-Mayor Paul were elected in March 2004.

Mrs. Logan asked if there was any intention to change the name Broadview Park. Mayor Truex responded in the negative. Councilmember Starkey advised that the community would retain its own identity while being part of the Town.

A resident asked about rules concerning working on vehicles in the yard. Code Compliance Supervisor Danny Stallone explained that this would be a Code violation but that minor repairs such as changing a tire were acceptable. He explained the ideology of the Town's Code Compliance Division and advised that the division responded to complaints from the community. Mr. Stallone stated that Code violation cases that were too difficult for staff to resolve were handled by the Town's special magistrate. He explained that the special magistrates allowed for a forum to be held in which residents could air their views.

A resident inquired about usage of golf carts. Chief George advised that residents could have golf carts but could not use them on public streets as they posed a safety hazard. He explained the safety hazards of golf carts and spoke of recent injuries directly related to them. Chief George added that golf carts were unlicensed motor vehicles and that the County and State prohibited them for these reasons. He indicated that golf carts were not permitted on the trails.

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Councilmember Starkey mentioned that some private golf communities in the Town had designated areas for carts because their homeowners associations preferred to use them to get around smaller areas.

A resident asked if the community had to meet County Codes if it met a certain percentage of improvements. Mr. Kutney stated that there were several old Codes that were non-conforming to the County's and advised of a 50% provision and a 20% provision in certain instances. He indicated that the Town would assist the community with these issues during the transition period.

Ms. Bickford asked whether it was necessary for residents to get copies of their permit history. Mr. Kutney replied this would not be necessary.

Councilmember Starkey stated that the Town and other cities were trying to move toward a unified system where the GIS was put on a master map. She advised that the recent election of the property appraiser would require that any municipality's plans or permits be sent by staff to a County system that would then go into a master computer. Mr. Kutney indicated that County records would be turned over to the Town which Mr. Stone confirmed.

Mr. Formoso felt the residents had received valuable information from the workshop and thanked Council and staff for their attendance. Mr. Kovanes invited Broadview Park residents to contact staff with questions.

Vice-Mayor Paul invited Broadview Park residents to the Orange Blossom Festival in order to get a feel for the Town and its community.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk