

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003  
1:00 PM

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida was called to order by Mayor Abrams at 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE:

Mayor Steven Abrams  
Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel  
Council Member Dave Freudenberg  
Council Member Bill Hager  
Council Member Susan Haynie

Also attending the meeting were:

City Manager Leif J. Ahnell  
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser  
City Clerk Sharma Carannante

**AWARD:** "Wheels in Motion" Leadership Award – South Florida Commuter Services

The award is to be presented at the Regular Meeting tomorrow night.

**PROCLAMATION:** National Red Ribbon Celebration – October 23 through October 31, 2003

Mayor Abrams presented the proclamation to a representative from the Police Services Department.

**1. BOARD INTERVIEWS:**

There were no vacancies to consider.

**2. PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

John Stetz requested that Council put a question on the March 2004 ballot that would poll voters regarding permanent preservation of Red Reef Park. He added that if Council does not do so, he intends to circulate a petition to have the preservation of Red Reef, the Butts Rock area and the Palmetto Park Road hard-bottom area on the ballot.

Wolfgang Kurpiers, President of the Millpond Homeowners Association, sought Council support related to an issue regarding the street resurfacing project in his neighborhood. The asphalt overlay will add approximately one-inch of height to the road surface, making the level of most driveways in Millpond uneven with the level of the street. He acknowledged it would mean an additional cost, but asked that the City have the contractor grade the roadway areas that are adjacent to the driveways to prevent the unevenness. The City Manager advised that the Millpond project is consistent with the way resurfacing projects are done City-wide; additional grading for the Millpond project would add approximately \$20,000 to the cost.

Christian Hallman appealed to Council to revisit placement of a roundabout at the intersection of SW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and SW 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Ahnell advised that engineering staff has thoroughly reviewed the installation of a roundabout, or alternative traffic calming features at that site, but no feasible solution has yet been found. He reviewed the problems encountered. It was noted that the number of accidents and the volume of traffic do not meet the criteria, according to State law to warrant a traffic signal. The City Attorney confirmed that liability issues could possibly arise if the City were to place an unwarranted signal at this, or any, intersection.

### 3. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Questions relating to the agenda.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.a.2. – South Beach Park Resurfacing) Deputy Mayor Whelchel asked when the resurfacing had last been done. The City Manager will provide a response.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.b.2. – Excess Insurance - Renewal) Deputy Mayor Whelchel asked for the financial increase from the Year 2000. The City Manager will provide a response.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.c.1.. – Personal Computer and Printer Replacement Program) In response to Deputy Mayor Whelchel's query, Mr. Ahnell stated that there is a four-year rotation schedule for computer replacement.

(Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3.b.1 and 3.b.2. – Inland Marine Insurance- Renewal and Excess Insurance - Renewal) In response to Council Member Hager's question, the City Manager confirmed that there are no limitations as to where these services are procured; i.e., there is no local vendor preference.

(Consent Agenda Item No. 3.f., Resolution No. 179-2003) – Council Member Haynie asked if all of the property owners' issues had been addressed. Mr. Ahnell replied affirmatively.

b. Resolution No. 173-2003 (*Regular Agenda Item 4*), which would grant conditional use approval for Boca Middle School 98-GG and an education training facility, located at 1798 Spanish River Boulevard

Planner Daryl Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation. He advised that the middle school, as proposed, would consist of an existing building to be utilized for classrooms and administration purposes, as well as new construction of a cafeteria, gymnasium, athletic fields and a training facility. The subject property consists of 29 acres, is zoned LIRP (Light Industrial Research Park) and has a Future Land Use designation of IL (Light Industrial). Student enrollment for the middle school will be 1,300 and enrollment for the training facility will be 220. Vehicular ingress and egress points were noted, as was the school bus drop-off and pick-up area. Safety features were explained. Mr. Johnson advised that City staff and representatives from the Palm Beach County School Board met Friday and came to agreement regarding amendment of some of the conditions; more details are to be provided at the public hearing. Both staff and the Planning and Zoning Board recommend approval.

c. Resolution No. 174-2003 (*Regular Agenda Item 5*), which would grant conditional use approval for a substance abuse treatment facility, located at 7940 North Federal Highway

It was noted that the petitioner had requested postponement until the October 28, 2003 meeting. Therefore, no presentation was made.

d. Resolution No. 175-2003 (*Regular Agenda Item 6*), which would grant a variance pursuant to the City of Boca Raton Coastal Construction Control Setback Ordinance for the Bluewater Townhouses to construct a dune crosswalk at 2601 North Ocean Boulevard.

Planner Daryl Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation. He stated that the Planned Unit Development for the Bluewater Townhouses, approved in May 2001, included a condition that the petitioner obtain, for the benefit of the property owners on Sweetwater Lane, a pedestrian easement over an existing elevated dune crosswalk. This petition is for that crosswalk. The petitioner has proposed to resolve light spillage concerns by the installation of an overhead canopy. With the resolution of that issue, staff recommends approval with the conditions outlined in the resolution. Following discussion, it was determined that a condition should be added to assure that the dune crosswalk would not be built apart from the Bluewater Townhouse project.

- e. Resolution No. 176-2003 (Regular Agenda Item 7), which would grant a variance pursuant to the City of Boca Raton Coastal Construction Setback Ordinance for the Placide Condominium to construct a retention wall located at 1800 South Ocean Boulevard.

Planner Daryl Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation. He explained that the proposed wall includes a three-foot aluminum fence to be installed on top of the wall, consistent with the existing fence on the patio. Staff and the Environmental Advisory Board recommend approval with the conditions that exotic species on the dune be removed and all native dune vegetation remain on-site and be supplemented with new native dune species.

- f. Resolution No. 177-2003 (Regular Agenda Item 8), making findings of fact and conclusions of law pertaining to Boca Technology Center, a Development of Regional Impact, and constituting this resolution as an amendment to the original Development Order by the City of Boca Raton in compliance with Section 380.06, Florida Statutes.

Senior Planner Lisa Colmenares made the PowerPoint presentation. She advised that the petitioner is requesting modification to the approved Boca Technology Center Master Plan to allow an additional access point from Yamato Road into the Center and seeking a determination that the proposed changes will not result in a substantial deviation to the Boca Technology Center DRI. Additional details were provided. Staff recommends approval.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA MATTERS/ITEMS OF COUNCIL/PUBLIC CONCERN:**

There were no items to consider.

**5. CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager had no reports.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

The City Attorney had no reports.

**7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS AND REPORTS:**

Council Member Haynie requested a schedule for the North Federal Highway charrette.

Mayor Abrams asked for a status report on the I-95/FAU interchange.

The regular workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2003.

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Sharma Carannante, City Clerk