

**SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2008**

A Special/Workshop Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, was called to order by Mayor Rita Ellis in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, 2008.

Roll call showed:

Present -                   Commissioner Gary P. Eliopoulos  
                                  Commissioner Fred B. Fetzer  
                                  Commissioner Brenda B. Montague  
                                  Mayor Rita Ellis

Absent -                    Commissioner Woodie McDuffie

Also present were -     David T. Harden, City Manager  
                                  Robert A. Barcinski, Assistant City Manager  
                                  Douglas Smith, Assistant City Manager  
                                  Susan A. Ruby, City Attorney  
                                  Chevelle D. Nubin, City Clerk

Mayor Ellis called the special meeting to order and announced that it had been called for the purpose of considering the following Item:

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

1. **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT/S.D. SPADY ELEMENTARY MONTESSORI MAGNET SCHOOL:** Consider a request from S.D. Spady Elementary Montessori Magnet School for financial support to send students selected from S.D. Spady Elementary Chorus to perform in Denver, Colorado with the 2008 Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Honor Choir on March 26, 2008. Funding is available from 001-6311-572-83.01 (General Fund/Other Grants and Aid) after budget transfer.

David T. Harden, City Manager presented the item stating we did not have anything set aside in grants or contingency and recommended that \$1,000.00 be contributed for financial support.

Mayor Ellis stated that \$1,750.00 is the cost to fund one student. Commissioner Montague stated she supports contributing the full cost for one student.

Commissioner Fetzer stated previously we have had a staff committee review these types of requests and recommended how monies would be allocated in the budget and asked if this is a part of the committee's recommendation. Mr. Harden stated that we did not do that for this particular budget cycle.

Brief discussion continued between staff and Commission regarding the staff committee process and this type of information being outlined for the Commission in the upcoming budget.

Mrs. Montague moved to approve the contribution of \$1,750.00 to fund the full cost of one student, seconded by Mr. Eliopoulos. Upon roll call, the Commission voted as follows: Mr. Fetzer –Yes; Mrs. Montague –Yes; Mayor Ellis —Yes; Mr. Eliopoulos –Yes; Said motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Ellis adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:09 p.m.

## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

### **1. Osceola Park Neighborhood Improvements Update**

Randal Krejcarek conducted a Power Point presentation of the Osceola Park Redevelopment Plan (Improvements) that was approved by the Commission on December 6, 2004. He discussed the non-assessable and assessable project components which were: Water Main Upgrades, Drainage Improvements, Street Resurfacing, Traffic Calming, Sidewalks and Alley Improvements. He stated staff has not yet decided how the residents will be assessed for the improvements. Mr. Krejcarek stated the plans are complete with everything; and that surveys will be sent to the property owners in the neighborhood.

Mr. Harden asked Lula Butler, Director of Community Improvement, to discuss the Strategic Task Team initiative for this neighborhood. Mrs. Butler stated that the City Manager received a letter from the residents in the neighborhood that expressed issues they believe are affecting their quality of life. Mrs. Butler stated that since then they have conducted various meetings with residents and created a code enforcement “blitz” to deal with some of those issues. She stated that during the meetings opinions from the community have varied regarding what improvements need to be done and this is the reason the survey is necessary.

Discussion continued between staff and the Commission regarding the timeframe for the completion of the improvements, how the surveys will be done, the Decade of Excellence Bond and having the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council conduct a specific study on how this has worked in other cities with other neighborhoods. In addition, Susan Ruby, City Attorney, explained the legal process regarding assessments to the Commission. Mr. Krejcarek stated this was presented to the Commission tonight for their information and update; and staff did not need any specific direction at this time. He stated the surveys are the next step of the process.

### **2. Discussion on FY 2009 Budget Parameters**

The City Manager presented this item and stated that staff has began to prepare their budgets for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and it would be helpful to know what the Commission would like for staff to present to them. He asked for Commission direction regarding utilizing the current millage rate or the rollback millage rate.

Mayor Ellis stated that we can definitely expect less money for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and believes that from a business standpoint, utilizing a consultant is a sound business decision. She stated it allows the professionalism of the staff to come through. In addition, she has followed up on this consultant online and by speaking with other cities.

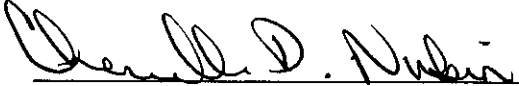
Commissioner Fetzer stated Amendment No. 1 was passed by 64% of the voters and we should go with the rollback rate and prioritize where we will need to make cuts to work within those constraints. He supports using the consultant and feels this will be \$20,000.00 well spent. Mr. Fetzer stated we should also utilize the Budget Task Force.

Commissioner Eliopoulos concurred with Mr. Fetzer stating we have to look at everything we possibly can regarding the budget including hearing the recommendations from the Budget Task Force. He supports the idea of the consultant.

Commissioner Montague commented that she supports the idea of utilizing the consultant as well as receiving the recommendations of the Budget Task Force. She asked the City Manager where the rollback rate puts us. Mr. Harden informed her that the rollback rate is the state number and puts us close to seven (7) mils.

It was the consensus of the Commission for staff to present a budget at the rollback rate and utilize the consultant.

Mayor Ellis adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 7:12 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
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MAYOR

The undersigned is the City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the Special/Workshop Meeting of the City Commission held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, which Minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City Commission on March 18, 2008.

  
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