

SPECIAL/WORKSHOP
JULY 17, 2007

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 Tuesday, July 17, 2007.

Roll call showed:

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

Also present were - Robert A. Barcinski, Assistant City Manager
 Douglas Smith, Assistant City Manager
 Susan Ruby, City Attorney
 Janet K. Whipple, Acting City Clerk

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

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. **MULTIPLE PRIME STORM DEBRIS CONTRACTORS:** Approve the selection of three (3) prime storm debris contractors which include Bamaco, Inc., Storm Reconstruction Services, Inc., and D&J Enterprises, Inc.; and authorize staff to execute disaster debris removal contracts with these firms.

Joseph Safford, Finance Director, presented this item and gave background information. He explained the current contract expires July 14, 2007. Of the three contractors selected, Mr. Safford requested to cancel Bamaco Inc. because of confirmed reports of legal problems. As a result, the next qualified bidder for the contract would be Ceres Environmental Services Inc. The three contractors recommended for approval are: Storm Reconstruction Services, D & J Enterprises and Ceres Environmental Services Inc.

Commissioner Fetzer moved to approve the three (3) recommended contractors as amended, seconded by Mr. McDuffie. Upon roll call, the Commission voted as follows: Mr. Fetzer – Yes; Mr. McDuffie – Yes; Mrs. Montague – Yes; Mayor Ellis – Yes; Mr. Eliopoulos – Yes; Said motion passed 5-0.

2. **LETTER OF INTENT TO BID/DAVIS CUP FINALS:** Provide direction regarding sending a letter of intent to be a host site for the Davis Cup Finals to be held on Friday November 30, 2007 through Sunday, December 2, 2007.

Robert A. Barcinski, Assistant City Manager introduced this item. The City of Delray Beach would like to submit a letter of intent to bid to host the 3-day Davis Cup Finals. This event is scheduled for November 30, 2007, contingent on if the United States wins the semi-final tennis match. Mr. Barcinski explained that the Sports Commission and United States Tennis Association (USTA) is asking for considerably more money, almost three times the amount of the FED Cup 2-day event.

Mr. Barcinski explained the letter of intent is due July 27, 2007. The follow-up bid must be in no later than August 10, 2007. A final decision will be made around September 10, 2007, after the semi-finals. The estimated expenditure would be approximately \$400,000 for the site; \$25,000 for staff each day, and possibly an additional \$5,000 for miscellaneous items. Mr. Barcinski advised the letter of intent does not obligate the City. Mr. Barcinski predicted the revenue generated from this event would be comparable or less than what was generated with the FED Cup event, which was about \$40,000. It was the consensus of the Commission the event would be too costly.

Mr. Fetzer moved to recommend approval to submit the letter of intent to bid, seconded by Mrs. Montague.

Before the vote, Mayor Ellis acknowledged Deb Bennett, a Delray Beach resident, who requested to speak about the letter of intent regarding the Davis Cup Finals. Mayor Ellis advised Mrs. Bennett that the public does not generally speak at workshops and to allow the public to speak at the workshop is at the discretion of the Commission.

It was the consensus of the Commission to not allow Mrs. Bennett's comments.

Upon roll call regarding submission of a letter of intent for the Davis Cup Finals, the Commission voted as follows: Mr. McDuffie – No; Mrs. Montague – No; Mayor Ellis – No; Mr. Eliopoulos – No; Mr. Fetzer - No; Said motion denied 5-0.

Mayor Ellis adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:22 p.m.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

1. A. Discussion of Video Streaming in City Commission Meetings.

Mayor Ellis stated there is an addition to the workshop agenda that she would like to have labeled as item 1.A., which would be a discussion regarding Video Streaming as it pertains to the City Commission meeting.

Susan Ruby, City Attorney, advised it would be good to put a motion in and a second to approve the agenda as amended.

Mr. Eliopoulos moved to approve the amended Agenda to include item 1.A., seconded by Mr. McDuffie.

Mr. Fetzer stated he would prefer to wait until David T. Harden, City Manager, is present to discuss this item and he is voting against this motion.

Mr. Eliopoulos requested to amend his motion to wait until Mr. Harden is present. Mrs. Ruby asked if there is a second to the motion; Mr. McDuffie seconded this motion. Mrs. Ruby explained that Mr. McDuffie would have to modify his second. Mrs. Ruby clarified that the substitute motion is that item 1.A. be postponed until the July 24, 2007 meeting.

Upon roll call, the Commission voted as follows: Mrs. Montague – No; Mayor Ellis– No; Mr. Eliopoulos – Yes; Mr. Fetzer – Yes; Mr. McDuffie – Yes. Said motion passed 3-2.

Mayor Ellis announced that this item will be postponed until the next meeting. She noted an article about the video streaming was published in the newspaper on July 17, 2007, and she had been dealing with phone calls all day. Mayor Ellis felt she had some background that she could share so that this issue could be put to rest.

1. Community Land Trust (CLT) Presentation:

Joe Gray, Executive Director, Delray Beach Community Land Trust (DBCLT), presented this item. Also present were Jon Levinson, President of the DBCLT, Arthur Brown, Vice President of the DBCLT, and Lula Butler, Board Member of the DBCLT. Mr. Gray gave background information on the DBCLT program. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he explained the benefits, the point system, and the Annual Progress Report for FY 2006-2007.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Gray and the DBCLT had done a wonderful job and requested that the DBCLT return with a progress report in the future.

2. Proposed changes to the Special Event Policies and Procedures/Non City Sponsored Events

Robert A. Barcinski, Assistant City Manager, presented this item and proposed changes to the Special Events Policy and Procedures, especially policies concerning charges for City services. Mr. Barcinski and the Commission discussed several options.

It was the consensus of the Commission to postpone a decision until Commission has the budget workshop meetings in August 2007, in order to make a more informed decision. In the meantime, all suggestions should be sent to Mr. Barcinski.

3. Recommendations regarding the City Advisory Boards

Douglas Smith, Assistant City Manager, presented the item to provided changes to several advisory boards, Commission liaison assignments, and other committee issues following staff review. The recommendations included removal of the Commission liaison from the Sister Cities Committee and the addition of a Commission liaison to the Delray Beach Community Land Trust (DBCLT). As far as the duties of the liaison, the liaison would attend at least some of the meetings to observe board deliberations; but would not need to attend every board meeting.

The Commission liked the recommendations presented by Mr. Smith. Susan Ruby, City Attorney, suggested adding that any two Commissioners might be at the same meeting at the same time.

Mr. Smith and the Commission thanked the following staff members for helping to ascertain information: Susan Ruby, City Attorney, Lula Butler, Director of Community Improvement, Paul Dorling, Director of Planning & Zoning, Larry Schroeder, Chief of Police, Chevelle D. Nubin, City Clerk and Venice Cobb, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have this information placed on the agenda for the next City Commission meeting on July 24, 2007.

4. Discussion of the proposed Marina Rate Increase

Joe Weldon, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed rate increase at the Marina. Mr. Weldon provided a comparison cost of the different marinas in the area.

Robert Rilling, an 18-year resident of the Delray Beach Marina, thanked Mr. Weldon and Carole Pierpont, Parks and Recreation Executive Assistant, for maintaining and improving Marina services. Mr. Rilling explained that the marinas listed in the comparison handout have some amenities that the City of Delray Beach does not offer. Some of the amenities include dedicated parking, security, janitorial services, and unresolved hurricane damage issues. Mr. Rilling felts that if rates increase, the level of service must also increase.


Mr. Weldon advised he would try to have information regarding the installation of meters for water and electricity to the Commission by October 1, 2007.

It was the consensus of the Commission that there were no problems with the recommended rate increases for marina services.

Mayor Ellis adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR


City Clerk

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 Tuesday, July 17, 2007 which Minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City Commission on July 24, 2007.


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