



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**CITY OF GREENACRES  
5800 Melaleuca Lane  
Greenacres, FL 33463**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, March 21, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

### 1. **Call To Order and Roll Call.**

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting of Monday, March 21, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director, called the roll.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

##### **Council Present:**

Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor  
Jonathan G. Pearce, Deputy Mayor  
Lisa Rivera, Councilwoman  
Peter A. Noble, Councilman  
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman  
Paula Bousquet, Councilwoman

##### **Staff Present:**

Andrea McCue, City Manager  
Thomas Lanahan, Asst. City Manager/P&E Director  
James D. Stokes, City Attorney  
Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Admin. Services Director  
Michael Grimm, Director/Building  
Thomas Hughes, Director/Finance  
Mark Pure, Fire Chief/Fire Rescue  
Michele Thompson, Director/Leisure Services  
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk

Attendees from Public: 41  
Press: 2

### 2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. **Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only.**

Mayor Ferreri asked if there were comments from the public.

Larry Tronco noted that with respect to Agenda Item 6.A, he had submitted a Board and Committee Service Application requesting to serve on the Planning Commission. He provided the Mayor and Council with his credentials and was looking forward to contributing his service to the community.

### 4. **Agenda Approval.**

Mayor Ferreri asked for an update from City Manager Andrea McCue on board appointments and the reason for removing this item from the Agenda.

City Manager Andrea McCue reported that on March 18<sup>th</sup> she requested that board appointments be removed from the Agenda based on recent changes to Council Policy No. 29 approved on February 1, 2016. The new procedure outlines a nomination period of no less than 14 days in the event of a vacancy as a result of an expired term or any other board vacancy. Following the nomination period, this item will be placed under Regular Agenda Items. Board appointments were previously placed under the Consent Agenda; however, with the policy changes, Council now has the opportunity to make nominations requiring this item to be placed on the Regular Agenda. A memo from the City Clerk has been provided to Council on the vacancies and expired terms notifying them that the current nomination period runs through April 8<sup>th</sup>.

- A. Additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.
- B. Motion to approve and adopt entire agenda as set.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda; hearing none, he called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

## 5. Special Business.

- A. **Announcement of 2016 Election Results and Oaths of Office:** – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.

Council District II	Peter A. Noble
Council District III	Judith Dugo
Council District IV	Jonathan G. Pearce

City Clerk Denise McGrew announced that following the close of the polls of the Presidential Preference Primary/2016 Municipal Election held on March 15, 2016, all three (3) incumbents were re-elected to office with a total of 5,159 ballots cast. She congratulated the incumbents and provided each with their Oaths of Office and certificates.

- B. **Presentation:** 2015 President's Volunteer Service Award Winners; pursuant to Staff Memo - Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

Mayor Ferreri congratulated the City's 16 volunteers who have selflessly dedicated 3,796.25 hours of their time to serve the City; a wonderful accomplishment. He announced the three (3) Presidential award categories of

adults, young adults and teens and the three (3) sub-categories of awards bronze, silver and gold based on the number of hours volunteered.

- C. **Introduction:** Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Executive Director Mark Bannon and Chief Investigator Anthony Bennett.

Mark Bannon, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (PBC COE) reported that their office provides ethics training and conducts some investigations but more importantly issues advisory opinions; 382 have been issued in the last 5 years he has served. He noted that the public confuses their office with that of the Inspector General’s Office. He introduced Investigator Anthony Bennett, a retired police officer with the Broward County Sheriff’s Office, and explained that the County has been divided into 3 sections and Mr. Bennett is the liaison for this area. If someone is uncertain if the Code of Ethics applies to a specific situation, the COE will issue an opinion. He announced that the logo and website are being revamped and he wanted to put a face to the COE.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked Mr. Bannon to clarify the responsibilities of the Inspector General.

Mr. Bannon explained that the Inspector General reviews contracts, waste, mismanagement, etc. He emphasized that in cases of mismanagement, their paths may cross. He explained that the COE has jurisdiction over 3 County ordinances: PBC Code of Ethics, lobbyist registration and post-employment for County officials and employees only.

Mayor Ferreri thanked Mr. Bannon and Mr. Bennett for attending.

- D. **Proclamation:** “City of Greenacres 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” for April 16, 2016 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Denise McGrew read the proclamation in its entirety.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

**6. Consent Agenda.**

- A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull any of the four (4) Consent Agenda items. Deputy Mayor Pearce asked to pull Consent Agenda Item #1 for review. Councilman Noble asked to pull Consent Agenda Item #3. Hearing no further requests, he called for a motion.

2. **Resolution No. 2016-10:** Authorizing the submittal of an application to the Palm Beach County Department of Economic Sustainability for Community Development Block Grant Funding for FY 2016-2017, for Phase 3 of the Stormwater Drainage Enhancement Project in the Original Section; and authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute all necessary documents.; pursuant to Staff Memo - Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.
  
4. **Proclamation:** "Water Conservation Month" for April 2016 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 2, and 4. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

1. **Board Appointments and Reappointments:** Reappointments of Jack Buzek and Robert Clements to the Planning Commission, Betty Anne Litowsky to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and appointments of Larry Tronco as a full member and Estelle Friedman as Alternate No. 1 on the Planning Commission; pursuant to Staff Memo – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Pearce wanted to vote separately on the recommended appointments for the three (3) boards:

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve the appointment of Jack Buzek to the Planning Commission, removing Robert Clements, and Estelle Friedman from the Board and not appointing Larry Tronco to the Board as recommended by the Mayor. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

Mayor Ferreri questioned the removal of long-time volunteers on the Planning Commission.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated that Mr. Clements is currently involved with the PBSO C.O.P. Program and could continue to serve in that capacity. "If that

doesn't materialize, we (Council) can always reappoint him to a board. Once he's on, you can't take him off per legal counsel."

Councilwoman Bousquet pointed out that Mr. Clements has continued working in the COP Program while serving on the Planning Commission all along.

Councilman Noble asked Deputy Mayor Pearce his reasons for not appointing these individuals and asked if he had replacements.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated that replacements were forthcoming.

Councilman Noble asked his reasons for not reappointing Mrs. Friedman and not appointing Mr. Tronco.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated that following discussions with Park Pointe residents in the last 3 days he decided against appointing him to the board.

Mayor Ferreri deferred to the City Attorney and pointed out that these appointments are not Council Policy No. 29 appointments, they are Code appointments.

City Attorney James Stokes read Code Section 16-81 which states, "the Mayor shall appoint upon advice and consent of the City Council." There are several ways to interpret this: 1) It needs the approval of Council or, 2) it is one of things that can be overturned or, 3) does the Mayor deserve a deference. "The Code does state the Mayor shall appoint."

Mayor Ferreri asked if Mr. Stokes had researched the past history since these ordinances were passed.

Mr. Stokes, replied, "No I have not."

Mayor Ferreri asked, "So, then how can you make a recommendation without doing so. It seems like you are giving us political advice and not legal advice. Deputy Mayor Pearce mentioned that you gave him legal advice on this matter.

Mr. Stokes clarified that Mr. Pearce asked him how board members can be removed. He advised Mr. Pearce that if the ordinance does not state a removal process which none of the City ordinances do, then Council must defer to Chapter 112, F.S. which states that once a board member is appointed to a board, they can only be removed for cause and they have a right to a hearing. This applies to all boards.

Mayor Ferreri asked if an application and approval process had been established yet for the C.O.P. Program. He was asking due to state law that prohibits individuals from serving on more than one board at a time.

Mr. Stokes stated he had not yet researched it.

Mayor Ferreri suggested tabling this item pending additional research by the City Attorney.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to table this item. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.  
**Opposed:** Councilman Noble.

**Motion carried: 4 - 1.**

Mayor Ferreri urged the City Attorney to work on this promptly due to the number of vacancies.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if all board applications must be in by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the policy states Council has 14 days to make their choices from the applications received by the deadline.

3. **Resolution No. 2016-11:** Imposing liens against residential property, pursuant to Section 15-30; pursuant to Staff Memo - Thomas Hughes, Finance Director.

Councilman Noble noted that there appears there are many more names that had been added to this list that totaled 248 properties. He asked if this could be a sign of the times where people could be having trouble paying their bills, perhaps difficulty in paying their property taxes and certainly not in a position to pay a future fire assessment tax.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that it does appear to be a larger number of properties with almost every neighborhood being included. He reminded Council that the City has the lowest garbage rates in the County and that all property owners received notices.

Finance Director Tom Hughes reported that all accounts are in excess of 1 year behind and all have received late notices for the past 12 months.

Councilwoman Bousquet asked if the City provides payment arrangements.

Mr. Hughes said yes, the City does work with homeowners; however, there are property owners who own multiple properties that have not paid their first garbage bill since taking ownership. He confirmed that some property owners received 30-40 late notices. He reported that the Finance Department is in the process of finalizing the conversion of a software program to a Windows-based system as well as recent staffing changes may have contributed to the slowdown in Accounts Receivables.

Deputy Mayor Pearce wanted to know why the City doesn't include this on tax bills like other cities do instead of handling it administratively.

Mr. Hughes reported contacting the PBC Tax Collector's office and at that time the collection rate was 5-7%. The City bills out \$1 million a year and it would cost the City \$70,000 to have it included on the ad valorem tax bills. The position salary of the one person who handles this function within the Department does not justify such a move.

Deputy Mayor Pearce noted there are a number of investors that own numerous properties that are slow pays. This is the price of doing business.

Mr. Hughes pointed out that the City can do more than file liens; but it has not been practiced.

Deputy Mayor Pearce pointed out that the City has the ability to foreclose on properties. "That is part of the change that is coming, Mr. Finance Director, so you can be aware and be prepared for it."

Councilwoman Dugo pointed out there is no other recourse but to file a lien if the account is delinquent. However, if someone is making payments a lien cannot be filed. Only those who make no effort to pay can be liened. This is the first step in any collection process after the City provides proper notification.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that the mortgage company is notified of the lien, and pressure is placed on the mortgagee to pay. Most are settled within 3 months. Others will ignore it and then when they try to sell the property or refinance, the lien catches up with them.

Councilwoman Bousquet believed that foreclosing on properties would prove very costly. Mr. Pearce said that there would be a change toward foreclosing on properties.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated that to motivate people to pay, the City should send a letter to motivate them. We have had multiple instances where there were hundreds of thousands of dollars in code violation liens and the City never foreclosed on the property.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-11. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

**7. Regular Agenda:**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2016-11:** Second Reading; Amending Chapter 16, Article II Administration, Division 9 Site and Development Plans,

Section 16-201 to amend the effective date provisions of a previously approved increase to the Commercial Impact Fee; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in code; and providing for an effective date.; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report – Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-11 into the record on second reading.

Assistant City Manager Thomas J. Lanahan described the City-initiated zoning text amendment to change the effective date language for increased commercial impact fees adopted on November 2, 2015. The fee increase applied to all projects that had permits issued after January 21, 2016. Mr. Lanahan reported that there were three (3) projects that were impacted by this change and were not ready for permit issuance due to outside agency delays. They are: The Church of God 7<sup>th</sup> Day, Jog Professional, and Greenacres Nissan. Greenacres Nissan approached the City and asked that staff reconsider the language. Staff did so and is proposing to change the language to state: "...permit applied for by January 21, 2016." This language would be consistent with the County-wide impact fee system. Mr. Lanahan reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval on February 17, 2016; therefore, staff recommended approval of ZTA-16-01 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016.11.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance No. 2016-11 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-11 on second reading. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2016-13:** Second Reading; Amending the City of Greenacres' budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, inclusive; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Exhibit "1" - Thomas A. Hughes, Finance Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-13 into the record on second reading.

Finance Director Thomas A. Hughes described the budget amendment to increase the FY 16 expenditures and transfer \$100,000 from the General Fund to

the 301 New Growth Fund. Staff analyzed the budgeted amounts in the Personnel Accounts of the General Fund and determined that they are inadequate to handle the increased spending levels. Additionally, a new project for new sidewalks and the repair of existing sidewalks requires a transfer of budgeted funds from the Council Contingency Fund to the CIP Fund. Mr. Hughes reported there are sufficient funds in the General Fund to amend the FY 16 budget to support the increased spending and handle the \$100,000 transfer; therefore, staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2016-13.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance No. 2016-13 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-13 on second reading. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, and Councilwoman Dugo.  
**Opposed:** Councilman Noble and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 3 - 2.**

- B. **Ordinance No. 2016-10:** First Reading; Amending the Capital Improvement Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan to reflect recent changes, as requested by the Planning and Engineering Department; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for transmittal to the Division of Community Development; providing for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo, Staff Report and Exhibit "B" - Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2016-10 into the record on first reading.

Assistant City Manager Thomas J. Lanahan described the request to amend the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) of the City's Comprehensive Plan. He explained that 1985 Growth Management legislation revised state statutes and established local government comprehensive planning. The CIE Element is a central component of the Comprehensive Plan and looks at the necessary capital improvement projects needed for growth and to maintain the adopted levels of service.

Mr. Lanahan reviewed the City's CIP projects for 2016-2021, the County's 5-Year Road Program, the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department's Water Supply Work Plan and the Palm Beach County School District's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. He noted that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP), and Florida

Statutes Chapter 163; therefore, staff recommends approval of CPA-16-01 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-10.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if the Community Center Expansion was on or under budget.

Mr. Lanahan reported that the project is on budget with a few remaining items to purchase.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked if the City is saving sales tax on some items similar to the Municipal Complex project years earlier.

Mr. Lanahan reported that the City has saved approximately \$40,000 by buying materials direct, e.g. concrete, block, rebar, metal trusses, etc. The City has expended over \$500,000 directly and has purchased the majority of the items needed. He added that the A/C system is currently on order.

Councilwoman Rivera asked for more information on the Dillman Road sidewalks.

Mr. Lanahan reported that the existing sidewalk for Cholee Lake Elementary School was constructed on the north side of Dillman Road; however, the school is located on the south side of Dillman Road. There is a mid-walk crossing in front of the school. Approximately 200 kids who live in Fairway Isles, The Park and the Reserve daily cross the street a second time on South Jog Road. He noted that the crossing activity prevents drivers from making right-hand turns out of Dillman Road causing backups.

Mayor Ferreri explained that Dillman Road was not a legal road when the School District purchased the property; it is owned by the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD). The LWDD would not allow the City to build a sidewalk on the canal culvert. For years, the City has paid for two crossing guards to assist the children. The traffic at the intersection of Summit Boulevard and South Jog Road backs up in every direction and there have been many accidents. The construction of a new sidewalk will help alleviate the problem and will be safer for the kids.

**MOTION :** Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-10 on first reading. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

**8. Comments from the Public.**

Michael Parnell, resident of 5825 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street in Villa del Trio, wanted to know why

nothing is being done about 15 junked vehicles in his neighborhood and the abandoned newspaper stands on rusting away on South 37<sup>th</sup> Court and South 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of Lake Worth Road on the sidewalk.

Larry Tronco wanted to clarify earlier comments made by Deputy Mayor Pearce about his concerns after speaking with other Park Pointe residents about Mr. Tronco's credentials. He discussed his past experience serving on numerous homeowner associations, his military commendations and his involvement in other charitable organizations and government agencies. He stated he would be happy to meet with Councilmembers collectively and individually to discuss why he would make a good contribution.

9. **Discussion Item:** None.

10. **Staff Comments:**

A. **City Manager's Report:**

Council Workshop

City Manager Andrea McCue reported meeting with the City Attorney to discuss items for the workshop and would be sending date options for Council to choose from.

Jog Road Resurfacing

Mrs. McCue reported that this project has been scheduled for March 28, 2016 and the signs are posted.

Ethics

Mrs. McCue noted that March is "Ethics Awareness Month". For those who are interested, there will be updates discussed on March 28, 2016 at the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. This forum is open to the public and copies will be placed in Council's mailboxes.

Community Conversation – Palm Beach County Youth Master Program

Mrs. McCue announced that the City will be hosting a community conversation on April 18, 2016 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Community Center and invited the Mayor and Council to greet attendees prior to the City Council Meeting the same night.

1 Cent Countywide Infrastructure Tax

Mrs. McCue reported that at the March 22, 2016 Board of County Commissioners Meeting, the County Administrator will be presenting a list of projects from all the municipalities with a recommendation that this referendum be added to the ballot. If approved, the City could receive 18.5% which would provide funding for capital improvement projects for the next ten years.

Concert in the Park

Mrs. McCue reported that this Friday, March 25, 2016, would be the last concert offered. Food trucks would be available from 5:30 pm and the concert would begin at 7:00 pm.

Egg'stravaganza

This Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> is the City's Egg'stravaganza event from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm at Community Park.

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Mrs. McCue reported that staff is working diligently on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that will be held on April 16, 2016 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at Community Park.

Mayor Ferreri recommended checking the date of April 16<sup>th</sup> of the Great Greenacres Cleanup and possibly changing that date.

B. **City Attorney's Report.** None.

**11. Mayor and City Council Reports.**Councilwoman Rivera

Councilwoman Rivera asked about the progress of the Greenacres Bowling Alley investigation, the status of the deputy educational classes and the theft involving the blind victim.

Capt. Sean Murray reported that an arrest had been made, noting that Deputy Sanchez had identified the person from a police sketch. A photo line-up was conducted and an individual was identified and subsequently arrested.

Capt. Murray reported that the deputies are attending a great deal of training courses. In-service, rifle, low-light, tactical, computer courses are just a few of the classes being given.

Capt. Murray reported that a blind woman's purse was stolen, but her 9-year old son had his mom's cellphone and called 911 to report the theft. Unfortunately, in the mother's purse was the son's Galaxy 4 tablet. Deputy Sentmanate was inspired by the son's courage and wanted to help the boy. The deputy's entire shift pitched in to help. Combined donations and 3 trips to WalMart yielded a new Galaxy 4 tablet that was given to the youth.

Councilwoman Dugo

Councilwoman Dugo thanked Councilwoman Rivera for her involvement in approaching the County about installing a signal in front of Villa Madonna on Lake Worth Road.

Deputy Mayor Pearce

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked the City Attorney for an update on the Council Workshop.

City Attorney James Stokes stated that the City Manager reported earlier that the two of them will be meeting to set up a workshop to discuss decorum, Sunshine Laws, rules of procedures, agendas. Date options will be provided to Council shortly.

Deputy Mayor Pearce called for a separate workshop for District I and asked to coordinate dates to address code enforcement, law enforcement and include City agencies.

District I Workshop

Discussion followed among the Mayor and Council about having staff prepare a plan, other districts, having all City department heads attend, looking at the City as a whole, not just one district.

Councilwoman Rivera agreed that she would like to see a workshop held to address the problems in her district with law enforcement, code enforcement and Public Works. She would like to see a PBSO substation in District 1 and wanted feedback and brainstorming. Some of the items to be addressed are metal mailboxes on Empire Way and Lake Worth Road, advertising signs, neon signs, and junked vehicles.

Councilwoman Dugo suggested holding a district staff meeting workshop with the City Manager and department heads where Councilmembers can identify the problems of their respective districts.

Mayor Ferreri suggested identifying neighborhood champions due to limited City staff. He reminded Council that the City has held block parties in District I for years. The City has focused on raising the interest of neighborhood residents with minimum government involvement. He preferred to see events in neighborhoods with staff in attendance and suggested having staff come back to Council with formulated ideas.

Councilwoman Dugo insisted on holding a Council workshop.

Councilwoman Rivera agreed that she liked the idea of a district workshop because the issues may not be equal to other districts. Demographics in District I are very different from other districts.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated instead of drawing things out 6-8 months, "We are going to do something now." During his campaign efforts he had heard various complaints from residents. He asked Councilwoman Rivera to select several dates by the next Council meeting.

Mayor Ferreri suggested that the City Manager select several dates for Council to choose from.

Charter Review Committee

Councilwoman Dugo asked the status of the Charter Review Committee.

Mayor Ferreri stated that each Councilmember and the Mayor must start the process by selecting 2 volunteers each to serve on the Committee. He suggested having Mrs. McCue provide a date before the next Council meeting.

**12. Adjournment.**

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additional comments; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Respectfully submitted,

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Samuel J. Ferreri  
Mayor

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Denise McGrew,  
City Clerk/Administrative Services Director

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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