

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DANIA BEACH CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Mario Cinelli, Lighthouse Community Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor:	Albert Jones
Vice-Mayor:	Anne Castro
Commissioners:	Bob Anton
	Patricia Flury
City Manager:	Ivan Pato
City Attorney:	Thomas Ansbro
City Clerk:	Louise Stilson

Absent:

Commissioner:	John Bertino
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Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bertino; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

City Manager Pato introduced Norris Colvert, Director of Community Development, and Jack McCartt, Fire Chief, to the City Commission.

4. Presentations and Special Event Approvals

4.1 Certificate of Appreciation for Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal City Planner

City Manager Pato presented a certificate of appreciation to Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal City Planner, for her tenure as the Acting Director of Community Development.

4.2 Certificate of Appreciation for Michael Cassano, Deputy Fire Chief

City Manager Pato presented a certificate of appreciation to Deputy Fire Chief Michael Cassano for his tenure as Acting Fire Chief.

City Manager Pato requested that the Commission view a video developed by Code Compliance that will air on the City’s television station. The video addresses the 10 most common code violations. City Manager Pato commended Nick Lupo, Code Compliance Manager, for creating the video.

5. Proclamations

There were no proclamations at this meeting.

6. Citizen Comments

Greg Schaffer, 350 SW 1st Avenue, explained he is refinancing his house to repay the cost of the sidewalk repairs. He noted the City placed a lien on his house for the full cost of the sidewalk after he appeared before the Commission earlier this year, and asked the Commission to remove the lien on his house.

Mayor Jones noted the Commission directed staff not to place a lien on the property and to set up a payment plan.

Commissioner Flury remembered that the Commission allowed Mr. Schaffer to have time to pay the loan. She thought he would have to get an attorney to release the lien. Commissioner Flury further noted that this was a mistake on the part of the City and suggested removing the lien on his property and waiving the remainder of the sidewalk repair costs.

Commissioner Flury motioned to remove the lien as soon as possible, and stop any payments owed to the City for the sidewalk repairs; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

Sandra Mitzel, 1410 Argonaut Isle, representing the Friends of the Library, expressed their gratitude for all the work the City has done for the Library. She questioned the status of the project, and if the City was ready to start the project when the funds are awarded. Ms. Mitzel also asked if the Friends of the Library could do anything to support the City.

City Manager Pato noted that there are still three issues to be resolved regarding the Interlocal Agreement with the County. He advised that the County still plans to include this item on one of

the County Commission agendas in August. City Manager Pato further indicated that the City is willing to move forward, as soon as the County is ready.

City Attorney Ansbro explained that the County wants a 99-year lease, but we proposed 50 years. He noted the County wants the City to pay all the fees, including impact fees, however it is not our building. City Attorney Ansbro also advised that we proposed 60-70 parking spaces but they want 100. He indicated there is a new lawyer handling this case for the County.

The consensus of the Commission was to agree to the 99-year lease and the parking spaces. The City Attorney will contact the County attorney tomorrow regarding the impact fees.

Jimmy Crimminger, 237 SW 15th Street, noted he attended a meeting regarding the designation of A1A as a Florida Scenic Highway and thanked Kristin Dion, City Planner, for participating as the City's representative. He noted they requested letters of support from the community. Mr. Crimminger commented he attended the Special Magistrate's meeting this month and was impressed with the professionalism of the Code Compliance Unit and their staff. He thanked them for everything they are doing for the citizens of Dania Beach.

George Jason, 4549 SW 37th Avenue, noted the Fire Department received a \$10,000 grant for the CERT Program. He mentioned that the next training will be Monday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station #1. Mr. Jason encouraged everyone to join the program.

Derrick Hankerson, 746 SW 3rd Street, noted he is on the Nuisance Abatement Board, and they have not met in two years. He questioned the status of the Board.

Mayor Jones explained the Board is dependent on the Broward Sheriff's Office, and suggested Mr. Hankerson contacts BSO Chief Peterson for more information. He pointed out that he would prefer to keep the Board intact.

Commissioner Anton explained the Board was created to deal with prostitution, drug problems, and crime.

City Attorney Ansbro advised the Board has not met because no cases have been brought forward due to BSO obtaining compliance. He clarified the Nuisance Abatement Board has nothing to do with the Special Magistrate process and that the Code Compliance Unit could not have jurisdiction on the same type of issues handled by the Board.

Kurt Ely, 245 SW 1st Avenue, noted he is comfortable with the people who will have to make tough decisions with our budget during these difficult times. He commented on anonymous flyers that appear during the political season. He also commented on the e-mail and cell phone texting that occurs during Commission meetings.

Faye Bartelmes, 214 SW 2nd Terrace, noted gas at the Hess station is \$4.05 if you pay cash, but the price is \$4.17 if you use a credit card.

Teddy Bohanan, SW 15th Street, commented the Nuisance Abatement Board is important to the City and helps with keeping our children away from drugs and prostitution.

7. Consent Agenda

Items removed from Consent Agenda: #7.2

7.1 Minutes

Approve minutes from June 24, 2008 City Commission meeting

Resolutions

7.2 RESOLUTION #2008-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING PIER ADMISSION FEES FOR THE DANIA BEACH PIER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2008-117.

Vice-Mayor Castro advised that she pulled this item to let people know that the fee for spectators visiting the Pier will be increased to \$2.00 and the fee for fishing will remain at \$3.00. She also noted that the Pier restaurateurs have now completed their first year in business. Vice-Mayor Castro recommended conducting a financial audit of their books as prescribed in the lease agreement.

City Attorney Ansbro clarified for Commissioner Flury that the lease agreement provides for the audit to be done when the City elects to do so, however it is not done automatically.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to adopt Resolution #2008-117, with a provision to audit the books of the Beach Watch Restaurant; seconded by Commissioner Flury. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

7.3 RESOLUTION #2008-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NW 7th AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.4 RESOLUTION #2008-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALK SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 IN FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, FROM STRAIGHTLINE ENGINEERING SERVICES

UNDER SOUTHEAST FLORIDA GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE GROUP BID #05-06-012; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.5 RESOLUTION #2008-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF CITY FIRE STATION 93; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.6 RESOLUTION #2008-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO ACCOMMODATE DEVELOPMENT AT THE HARBOUR TOWNE MARINA, OPERATED BY HARBOUR TOWNE ASSOCIATES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7.7 RESOLUTION #2008-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE SERVICES FROM CHEN AND ASSOCIATES RELATING TO ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NW 1ST AVENUE WATER MAIN AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; PROVIDING THAT THE COST FOR SUCH SERVICES SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS (\$45,466.00); PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinances (Titles read by City Attorney)

7.8 ORDINANCE #2008-019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT EXISTING BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH AND BEACH WATCH, INC., TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "LEASE YEAR", WHICH AFFECTS THE CALCULATION OF RENTAL DUE TO BE PAID BY THE TENANT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(FIRST READING)**

7.9 ORDINANCE #2008-020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA CREATING ARTICLE XII TO BE ENTITLED "STORM SHUTTER REGULATIONS" FOR PLACEMENT IN CHAPTER 8, "BUILDINGS", OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS FOR STORM SHUTTER PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL TO BE APPLICABLE TO ALL STRUCTURES CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPANCY IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(FIRST READING)**

Commissioner Anton motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item #7.2; seconded by Commissioner Flury. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
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Commissioner Flury

Yes

Mayor Jones

Yes

8. Bids and Requests for Proposals

There were no proposals at this meeting.

9. Public Hearings and Site Plans

9.1 ORDINANCE #2008-017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA CREATING ARTICLE X TO BE ENTITLED “SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC PARKS” OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES (“OFFENSES; MISCELLANEOUS”) AND CREATING CODE SECTION 17-30 TO BE ENTITLED, “SMOKING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF PUBLIC PARKS”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)**

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Ordinance #2008-017.

Kristen Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the signs that will be placed in the parks and playgrounds. She noted that the penalty will be \$50 per violation and money collected for the fines will go into the General Fund.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.

Jimmy Crimminger, 237 SW 15th Street, commended Director Jones for her initiative to make the playground areas smoke-free.

Seeing as there was no one else to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Flury motioned to adopt Ordinance #2008-017, on second reading; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton

Yes

Vice-Mayor Castro

Yes

Commissioner Flury

Yes

Mayor Jones

Yes

9.2 ORDINANCE #2008-018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA REPEALING SECTION 15-12, “BUSINESS TAX SCHEDULE” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 15-12, ALSO ENTITLED “BUSINESS TAX SCHEDULE” TO PROVIDE FOR A FIVE PERCENT (5%) INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL BUSINESS TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST ALL BUSINESS CATEGORIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(SECOND READING)**

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Ordinance #2008-018.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.

Jimmy Crimminger, 237 SW 15th Street, noted this is a tax increase during a time of business revenue decrease. He asked the Commission to reduce the increase to 2-3 percent.

Seeing as there was no one else to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

City Manager Pato noted this is a five percent increase and the last change was made in 1993. He indicated this change places us in line with other cities, and provided examples of the fee increase depending on the size of the business.

Vice-Mayor Castro requested that in the future, the Chamber of Commerce be included in the discussion to increase the fees.

City Attorney Ansbro noted that the cities are allowed to raise business tax fees to a maximum of five percent, every other year; however, Dania Beach has not done this for fifteen years.

Patricia Varney, Director of Finance, advised that the License renewals need to be sent out to business owners by August 1st. If this ordinance is not approved tonight, we will not be able to increase our fees this fiscal year. She confirmed that staff did not do a survey of other cities for their fees.

Commissioner Flury noted that in the future we should have a comparison with other similar cities whenever we are increasing fees, to insure we are in the right position in a competitive market.

Commissioner Flury motioned to adopt Ordinance #2008-018, on second reading; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

9.3 ORDINANCE #2008-021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT (FLUE), HOUSING ELEMENT, TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, AND COASTAL ELEMENT PURSUANT TO THE STATE-APPROVED CITY OF DANIA BEACH EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT AS MORE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN EXHIBITS "A," "B," "C," AND "D;" PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND ALL OTHER UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 163.3184 AND 163.3187, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **(FIRST READING)**

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Ordinance #2008-021.

Leigh Kerr, AICP, Planning Consultant for the City, noted the Transportation Element was updated and approved by the State. He summarized the proposed amendments that are updated through this Ordinance. Mr. Kerr indicated that on page 5 of the Future Land Use Element, it would be appropriate to make a correction before transmission to FDCA.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, he closed the Public Hearing.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to adopt Ordinance #2008-021, on first reading for transmittal; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

9.4 RESOLUTION #2008-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE VACATION REQUEST (VC-18-08) SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH AS PROPERTY OWNER, TO VACATE THE ROADWAY EASEMENT ON SW PARK STREET LOCATED BETWEEN SW 3RD AVENUE AND SW 1ST AVENUE JUST SOUTH OF THE DANIA BEACH ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A", A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2008-114.

Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal City Planner, advised that this is a request to vacate the SW Park Street right-of-way, following the recent purchase of the 109 Park Street property located south of City Hall. The vacation will create a continuous property allowing for greater design flexibility. She noted that the City has contacted all public utilities and they have no objection to the vacation of the street, provided those utilities are relocated at the City's expense, which would be approximately \$22,000.00. The Planning and Zoning Board, as well as staff, are recommending approval of the request.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, he closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Anton motioned to approve Resolution #2008-114; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

City Attorney Ansbro advised the remaining items were quasi-judicial matters and swore-in those who would speak. He asked the Commission to disclose any communication they had on these matters.

9.5 RESOLUTION #2008-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE VARIANCE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY GERALDINE HUGHES, PROPERTY OWNER, FROM CHAPTER 8, "BUILDING", ARTICLE XII, "EMERGENCY GENERATORS", SECTION 8-175, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4910 SW 32ND AVENUE, DANIA BEACH; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2008-115.

Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal City Planner, advised staff is requesting a continuance until the August 12, 2008 City Commission meeting.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing. Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, he closed the Public Hearing.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to continue Resolution #2008-115 until the August 12, 2008 City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

9.6 RESOLUTION #2008-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SITE PLAN REQUEST SUBMITTED BY JODY OBERHOLTZER, MANAGING MEMBER OF GREEN OAKS LLC, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2960 SW 23RD TERRACE, IN THE CITY OF DANIA BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; FURTHER, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Ansbro read the title of Resolution #2008-116.

Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal City Planner, advised the applicant is requesting site plan approval for the construction of an office-warehouse building. She explained the zoning and location of the property and clarified that this application requires no variances. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval subject to conditions. Ms. Lajoie noted the property owners agreed to all comments.

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing.

Mike Sanchez, Architect for the project, presented renderings of the proposed project, and was available to answer questions.

Seeing as there was no one to speak in favor or opposition, Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to adopt Resolution #2008-116; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

10. Commission Comments

10.1 Commissioner Anton

Commissioner Anton noted the Melaleuca Gardens Homeowners' Association would meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) report. He advised that Broward County Commissioner John Rodstrom will be at the meeting. Commissioner Anton is concerned with the airlines that are pulling out of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and the rising cost of fuel, however the County is still proceeding with the expansion of the Airport. He encouraged everyone to attend this important meeting.

Commissioner Anton noted the Commission recently approved the redesign of a building at Canterbury Square. He said the permit fees are high for this minor renovation, and asked the City to review the charges. Commissioner Anton thought we should make it easier for people who are working toward revitalizing our downtown district.

Corinne Lajoie, AICP, Principal Planner, explained the fees are based on the number of inspections required for the project and the cost of each inspection is \$90.00. She commented the City could consider subsidizing some businesses within the Community Redevelopment Area.

Commissioner Anton suggested we have a workshop to discuss the matter.

Mayor Jones concurred with Commissioner Anton.

Vice-Mayor Castro asked CRA Director Earle if he had any prior experience with cities moderating fees for CRA areas.

Jeremy Earle, CRA Director, noted some CRA's reduce or eliminate charges. He added he would ask the CRA counsel to confirm whether this would be appropriate for the City of Dania Beach.

Commissioner Anton requested that Ms. Lajoie review the charges in this particular case.

10.2 Commissioner Bertino

Commissioner Bertino was not present at this meeting.

10.3 Commissioner Flury

Commissioner Flury questioned the status of the SE 3rd Terrace request for speed humps. She noted the City Attorney is revising the process for speed humps and street closures.

Commissioner Flury commented on graffiti in the City, and requested that the public report it if they see it. She thinks we need to be creative to reduce and eliminate graffiti and wondered how other cities handle it. Commissioner Flury thought we needed to implement a policy to have private property owners eliminate graffiti on their buildings.

City Attorney Ansbro commented on how Coral Springs handles the situation.

Commissioner Flury asked for the following items to be presented at the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, July 29: a breakdown of professional services and contract services; and an update of FY 08 Capital Projects. She stated for the record that she is not in favor of any tax increase.

10.4 Vice-Mayor Castro

Vice-Mayor Castro concurred with Commissioner Flury's comments on not increasing the tax rate.

Vice-Mayor Castro commented there is a chemical solution that can be purchased to remove graffiti which we can recommend to property owners to resolve the problem.

Vice-Mayor Castro commented on the bus benches that were corrected by Martin Outdoor Media.

Vice-Mayor Castro noted the Tourism Council and the Chamber of Commerce will work together in a strategic partnership to promote economic development in the City. She indicated the Tourism Council requested funds for regular expenses and maintenance (\$1,600 for the current fiscal year), and suggested that City Manager Pato had money left in the Economic Development Fund which could be used to cover these expenses.

Vice-Mayor Castro motioned to give \$1,600.00 to the Tourism Council from Economic Development Funds; seconded by Commissioner Anton. The motion carried on the following 4-0 Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Anton	Yes	Vice-Mayor Castro	Yes
Commissioner Flury	Yes	Mayor Jones	Yes

Vice-Mayor Castro commented there are a lot of residents who are unhappy or confused with the way we enforce our code. Some people have complained about the attitude of the officers

handling their case. She thought it was imperative that we have a workshop on Code Compliance where we can set strategic goals on how to approach and communicate with people. Vice-Mayor Castro suggested the workshop be held in conjunction with the one on boats, trailers and RV's.

Vice-Mayor Castro commented that dumpster enclosures should be in compliance by the end of the year. She suggested developing a plan with Waste Management to encourage the businesses to apply for their enclosures soon. Vice-Mayor Castro remarked she will not be sympathetic with any requests for extensions.

Nick Lupo, Code Compliance Manager, advised they met with the dumpster haulers and asked for names and addresses of their accounts. Code Compliance sent notices to all of the dumpster owners notifying them of the upcoming change. He further noted that an announcement is also posted on the City's Web Site with the requirements for people to come into compliance before the effective date of January 1, 2009.

Vice-Mayor Castro noted we need to move forward on the SE 3rd Terrace traffic calming plan as soon as possible.

10.5 Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones suggested the City contact the businesses with dumpsters and notify them that enforcement will commence on January 1, 2009. He suggested the businesses work uniformly to comply.

Mayor Jones read a letter from Governor Crist in response to a letter that was sent by the City regarding Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. He noted their response does not address any of the concerns mentioned in our letter. Mayor Jones encouraged everyone to attend tomorrow night's Melaleuca Gardens Homeowners' Association meeting regarding the Airport EIS report.

Commissioner Anton commented that while the State is cutting funds for education and needed roadways and repairs, they are going to spend \$50M on the Airport expansion. He urged our residents to approach the Governor and the County with their concerns.

Vice-Mayor Castro noted we are now allowed to vote at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meetings. She said that she challenged the MPO to review the Airport issue in detail. Vice-Mayor Castro encouraged everyone to get involved and have their friends in Dania Beach and other cities send their comments to the County.

Mayor Jones noted the United Church of Liberia is asking for support for Progress in the Park. They are asking for money or in-kind services, such as a float with signage and volunteers for distributing flyers, a fire truck, etc.

Commissioner Flury noted this is mainly a “Back to School” program to provide school supplies for our children. She pointed out that the City of Hollywood contributes significantly, and we should support it because it is for our community.

Commissioner Anton thought last year’s event was very successful and was supportive of the program. He thought we could help with the Fire Department supplying a truck and the Broward Sheriff’s Office providing assistance with traffic. We could also help with printing costs and the Parks and Recreation Department could supply water.

Commissioner Flury motioned for \$1,000.00 to support the Progress in the Park project; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jones commented on the St. Ruth’s Missionary Baptist Church Special Event for their 100th Anniversary to be held on Saturday, August 16th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Jones commented on the CRA Charettes to be held July 30-31, and encouraged the community to attend.

Mayor Jones noted there will be a joint meeting with the City of Hollywood on Thursday, October 23 at 3:30 p.m. He indicated the possible locations are: DCOTA, Sheraton Hotel and P.J. Meli Park. Mayor Jones asked the Commission for their preference.

Commissioner Anton suggested DCOTA as being a neutral site.

Discussion followed regarding the cost involved in providing a portable recording system for the meeting. City Clerk Stilson advised that in order for the recording equipment to be compatible with the system that we have, we would need to purchase one for approximately \$4,500.00. This would not include the sound system which would probably be available at the conference room where the meeting is held.

It was the Commission consensus for the City Manager to work out the arrangements.

Mayor Jones noted he attended a Water Resource meeting and they have established a Water Resource Task Force, with representatives from the different cities within the County. They would like elected officials to participate and attend a Broward County Leaders Water Academy starting in October this year.

Commissioner Anton nominated Mayor Jones as the City Representative to the Water Resource Task Force; seconded by Vice-Mayor Castro. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Action

There were no discussion items on this agenda.

12. Appointments

Mayor Jones noted he had contacted Rita Brown, Dania Beach Housing Authority, for some suggestions to fill their current vacancy; however, she could not provide any names at this time.

There were no appointments at this meeting.

13. Administrative Reports

13.1 City Manager

City Manager Pato reported the proposed budget has been released and the Workshop will be held in the Commission Chamber at City Hall, on Tuesday, July 29, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

13.2 City Attorney

City Attorney Ansbro had no comments.

13.3 City Clerk – Reminders

Tuesday, July 29, 2008 – 8:00 a.m.

Budget Workshop followed by a Special Meeting to set the not to exceed rates
CRA Board Meeting
City Commission Meeting
City Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DANIA BEACH

LOUISE STILSON, CMC
CITY CLERK

ALBERT C. JONES
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

Approved: August 12, 2008