

CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING BEFORE CITY COUNCIL
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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, 900 East Strawbridge Avenue, and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Harry C. Goode, Jr.

1. Reverend Darice Dawson, Florida Tech Protestant Campus Ministry gave the invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.

Present:	Harry C. Goode, Jr.	Mayor
	Richard Contreras	Vice Mayor, District 1
	Mark LaRusso	Council Member, District 2
	Kathy Meehan	Council Member, District 3
	Grace Walker	Council Member, District 4
	Cheryl Palmer	Council Member, District 5
	Loretta Isenberg-Hand	Council Member, District 6
	Jack M. Schluckebier, Ph.D.	City Manager
	Paul R. Gougelman, III	City Attorney
	Cathleen A. Wysor	City Clerk
	Amy W. Elliott	Deputy City Manager
	Howard Ralls	Deputy City Manager
	Cindy Dittmer	Planning & Economic Development Director

4. Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Goode presented the July Beautification Award to “The Bank”; accepted by Jeff Dick, Executive Vice President.

The Mayor presented a plaque to Cleave Frink for 20 years of volunteer service on the Citizens’ Advisory Board. Vice Chairman Rhodie Humbert accepted the plaque on behalf of Mr. Frink. (Mr. Frink was not able to attend the meeting.)

5. Approval of Minutes - July 25, 2005 Workshop Meeting
July 26, 2005 Regular Meeting

Moved by Hand/Walker for approval of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Jack Schluckebier reported on the following:

- He has been asked by the Florida City and County Management Association to travel to Ft. Myers for one day. Ft. Myers is transitioning to a council-manager form of government and they have requested the assistance of a group of managers with unique backgrounds to discuss and review their pending change.

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- The gravity sewer line in the vicinity of Florida Tech cannot be repaired through lining methods. Because of the depth and length of the line, the repair work will be in the \$100,000 range. The work was competitively bid and should be undertaken in the next 10 days.
- The dredging of Lakes Hell 'N Blazes and Sawgrass, which we had hoped would occur before the C-1 diversion project, has not been funded by any act of the federal government. We had hoped to receive \$10 million towards an expected price of \$12 million. The Corps of Engineers has updated its most recent estimate and it looks like the project will be in excess of \$16 million. There may be meetings in the near future on this issue; however, the news is not hopeful.

7. Public Comments

Eric Ellebracht, 1948 Tyler Avenue, stated that the City's pools are being under-utilized. He asked the City to consider a key card access system that would allow pools to be utilized the entire year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-89 (Z-2005-1037) ALBERT BROOMFIELD, JR.: (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance changing the zoning from C-C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial with a conditional use to develop apartments) to R-1A (Single-Family Residential) on a 0.52± acres, located on the northeast corner of Lipscomb Street and Church Street. (Owner/Applicant - Albert Broomfield, Jr.) (Representative - Kenneth Broomfield) (P&Z Board - 7/07/05) (First Reading - 7/26/05)

City Attorney Paul Gougelman read the ordinance by title. There were no disclosures by Council and no comments from the public.

Moved by Hand/Meehan for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-89. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-90 (CPA-2005-13) AND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-91 (CU-2005-07/SP-2005-13) SILVER PALMS: Ordinances providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment on 5.55 acres and a conditional use with site plan approval on a 3-acre portion of the parcel, located on the south side of University Boulevard, west of Lipscomb Street and east of Babcock Street. (Owner/Applicant - Melbourne Housing Authority) (Representative - John Zwick, RA, Architects in Association with Rood & Zwick) (P&Z Board - 7/07/05)

- a. Ordinance No. 2005-90/CPA-2005-13: (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment changing the Future

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Land Use from Commercial to Commercial/Medium Density Residential. (First Reading - 7/26/05)

- b. Ordinance No. 2005-91/CU-2005-07/SP-2005-13: (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance granting a conditional use with site plan approval to develop 30 residential units on a 3-acre portion of a 5.5-acre parcel zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial). (First Reading - 7/26/05)

Attorney Gougelman read Ordinance Nos. 2005-90 and 2005-91 by title. The applicant was present and available for questions. There were no disclosures by Council and no comments from the audience.

Moved by Palmer/Walker for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-90. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hand/Meehan for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-91. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-92 (Z-2005-1033) AND PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL (SD-2005-07) TREASURE KEY SUBDIVISION: An ordinance providing for a change in zoning and preliminary plat approval on a 9.475±-acre parcel, located on the east side of Dairy Road, north of Florida Avenue, and south of Edgewood Drive. (Owner - Robert L. Leichtenberg) (Applicant - AAVANTI Building Development, Inc.) (Representative - Mark D. Petroni) (P&Z Board - 7/07/05)

- a. Ordinance No. 2005-92/Z-2005-1033: (Second Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance changing the zoning from R-1A (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (6) (One-, Two-, and Multiple-Family Residential with a cap of six units per acre) on a 9.475±-acre parcel. (First Reading - 7/26/05)
- b. Preliminary Plat Approval SD-2005-07: (Public Hearing) A request for preliminary plat approval to develop a residential townhome subdivision with 50 lots at an overall density of 5.27 units per acre on a 9.475±-acre parcel.

The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2005-92 by title.

The following additional items were distributed to Council prior to the meeting: 1) Letter to Mark Petroni from City Engineer Jenni Lamb dated August 3. Ms. Lamb has confirmed that with the addition of 50 lots from Treasure Key Subdivision, the public sanitary sewer system in Forest Creek Subdivision would flow at less than 50% capacity. 2) Memorandum from Planning & Economic Development Director Cindy Dittmer to City

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Manager Jack Schluckebier regarding the petition. The VFW located on Dairy Road removed its name from the original petition. The new calculation shows that 18.72% of the property owners within 500' oppose the rezoning. This is less than the required 20% of property owners required to invoke the 6/7-vote requirement.

Mayor Goode called for disclosures. Council Member Loretta Hand said that Mr. Petroni called her last week and asked her opinion on why she voted nay. She said she explained to him that she feels that the property should remain zoned R-1A. Vice Mayor Richard Contreras said he spoke with Mr. Petroni on August 1 and discussed the drainage and sewage issues.

Mayor Goode opened the public hearing.

David DeCrosta, 1123 Spring Oak Drive, said that Mr. Petroni visited with the residents in his community to review the issues. Mr. DeCrosta said he believes that the multi-family zoning change will establish a precedent for the area between Florida Avenue and Eber Road. Additionally, he asked about the City Engineer's review of the drainage and sewage calculations.

Ms. Lamb confirmed that she reviewed the sewer calculations submitted by the design engineer. She verified the results, which show that the sewer in Forest Creek would remain under 50% of capacity with the addition of the Treasure Key units. She added that the drainage calculations will be reviewed during construction plan review. The applicant will have to meet City and St. Johns River Water Management District standards. If they plan to drain into the County's system, they would have to meet County standards as well.

Mr. DeCrosta asked the City to be cautious when reviewing the drainage. With regard to sewer, he questioned at what point the City would no longer allow connections farther up Eber Road to connect to Forest Creek.

Fredrik Spruitenburg, 1080 Spring Oak Drive, said he lives on one of the lots closest to the proposed development. He stated that initially he opposed the project because he likes the green space behind his home; however, in reality he knows that something will be built. And, he believes this is a good project. After learning that the sewage system is capable of handling the connection, he said he removed his name from the petition of opposition. Additionally, the builder has agreed to use a directional bore. This means that his trees will probably survive.

Mr. Spruitenburg concluded by submitting two forms for removal of name from petition – one from him and one from Brian Pogue, 1070 Spring Oak Drive.

Mark Petroni, applicant, said he spent a lot of time and energy meeting with as many residents as he could. He noted that there was a lot of misinformation on the sewer connection and he believes that has been corrected. Mr. Petroni said he looks forward to working with the City.

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Moved by Meehan/Goode for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-92.

Mrs. Hand said that a lot of people purchased their homes thinking that this property would remain R-1A zoning; therefore, she is not going to support this.

Mrs. Walker said she voted for this on first reading; however, she is not going to support the item at this meeting. People have raised too many concerns and she is concerned about the drainage.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Palmer, Contreras and Goode

Nay: Walker and Hand

Motion carried.

Moved by Meehan/Contreras for approval of the preliminary plat as recommended.

Council Member Cheryl Palmer said that, although she supports this project, she hopes that our City Engineer will ensure that this project does not infringe on surrounding property with drainage.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Contreras and Goode

Nay: Hand

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

11. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Amendment No. 2 to the environmental services contract for the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Potable Water By-Product Discharge Permit Renewal, Project No. C03303, Reiss Environmental, Inc., Winter Park, FL - \$53,870.

Assistant Public Works and Utilities Director Harold Nantz reviewed the agenda report. The recommendation is for approval of Amendment No. Two to the Reiss Environmental, Inc. contract in the amount of \$53,870.

Moved by Walker/Hand for approval of the recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

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Moved by Hand/LaRusso for approval of the consent agenda, Items “a” through “j.” The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras, and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

The consent agenda was approved as follows:

- a. Change Order No. One to construction contract for Eber Road widening, Project No. E03606, Ranger Construction Industries, Inc., Ft. Pierce, FL - \$38,000.
- b. Purchase of a Detroit Diesel DDC/MTU Model 100SEJB generator, aluminum weather enclosure, 461-gallon secondary containment, and transfer switch for Wastewater Collection, Florida Detroit Diesel – Allison, Orlando, FL - \$24,520.
- c. Approval of an increase of \$307,841.28 in the 2004-2005 SHIP Revenue and Expenditure budgets.
- d. Approval of technical revisions to the 2001-2004 and 2004-2007 SHIP Housing Assistance Plans and authorization for submittal to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
- e. Agreement with the School Board of Brevard County for one School Resource Officer at the South Area Adult Community Education Center for the 2005/2006 school year at a maximum reimbursement of \$23,997.
- f. Agreement with the School Board of Brevard County for six School Resource Officers for the 2005/2006 school year at a maximum reimbursement of \$151,139.
- g. Authorization to provide a contribution of \$500 from the Police Department Seized Asset Fund to the Brevard County Weed and Seed program for the Annual Youth Drug Summit.
- h. Resolution No. 1940: A resolution adopting names for private streets for Paradise Cay Townhomes.
- i. Resolution No. 1941: A resolution adopting the City of Melbourne Hurricane Housing Recovery Assistance Plan; authorization for the City Manager to execute all related documents and certifications, authorization for submission of plan for review and approval by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and authorization for expenditure of up to 15% of the allocation for administration.
- j. Resolution No. 1942: A resolution granting approval of lease agreement between the City of Melbourne and Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society, Inc. for use of office space location at the Melbourne Fire Training Center and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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13. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 1943: A resolution establishing fees for the Harbor City and Melbourne Municipal golf courses.

Leisure Services Director Mary Ann Bowman briefed Council.

Mayor Goode asked if any other golf courses within a 20-mile radius will have a lower rate than ours, even after the increase. Ms. Bowman replied no.

Mr. Contreras said that the Golf Courses Advisory Board expressed concern about the \$300,000 administrative charge the General Fund makes to the Golf Course Fund. He said that it is his understanding the City Manager will be reviewing these charges.

Mr. Schluckebier said that about a year and a half ago staff reviewed and reduced the charges by about \$50,000. The charges will be reviewed again. He added that he believes there is a misunderstanding of what those fees support – they are real charges for real people who are doing work on behalf of the Golf Course operation and include computers, finance activities, issuance of checks, handling of purchase orders, etc.

Mr. Contreras said that the other area of concern is maintenance. According to the study by the consultant, the maintenance or number of personnel supporting the City's golf courses is woefully insufficient.

Mrs. Bowman replied that is correct. Mr. Contreras asked if we have a recovery plan and Mrs. Bowman said that the first step will be to provide the superintendent money for operating supplies. Down the road we hope to add personnel. Mr. Contreras said that he would like to see a two- or five-year recovery plan. Mrs. Bowman said she would be happy to put together a two-year plan.

Mrs. Hand said she has talked to friends who play and they said that if the courses improved, they wouldn't mind an increase in fees. She added that the ladies' restrooms are a particular area of concern.

Mr. LaRusso said he spent some time with the City Manager and Leisure Services Director last week to review and discuss his concerns with the fee increase. He noted that he is an avid golfer and he would like the City's courses to move to the next level. Staff walked him through the process and, as a result, he is very comfortable with the fees that are being proposed.

Michael Belgin, 100 Neptune Court, Indialantic, reported that he has played at Harbor City Golf Course for more than seven years. He said that the newspaper article about this subject leads to several questions. One relates to the number of rounds from 1999

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to 2000 dropping by 35,000. He asked if this was a real drop since the holes were closed for renovation of the greens.

Mr. Belgin discussed the condition of the greens and said there has never been sufficient water at the courses. The City spent \$500,000 renovating greens and all 36 greens died. Every winter the fairways die because of no water. He concluded by saying that the City oversold (wastewater reuse) to irrigate other properties at a sacrifice to the two golf courses.

Mr. Schluckebier noted that the City did not “oversell” its reuse water and said that is an untrue statement.

Mr. Belgin concluded by recommending that Council postpone this and review the information/numbers that have been presented.

Chris Romandetti, 705 South Harbor City Boulevard, suggested that the City consider allowing an operator to run the municipal courses. The operator would be responsible for management, maintenance, etc. Mr. Romandetti said it is fair to charge a fair market price for reliable equipment and good greens. Although the City has the cheapest rates, it doesn't have the best. And, it is possible to change the direction.

Mrs. Hand said she could not support privatizing the City's golf courses. If it is going to take an increase in rates to improve the courses, then she supports going that way.

Moved by Hand/LaRusso for approval of Resolution No. 1943.

A brief discussion followed regarding the frequency of fertilization and the watering schedule. Mrs. Bowman said that Melbourne Golf Course receives reuse water every day. Harbor City Golf Course receives reuse every other day. The greens are watered every day at both courses, although the fairways may not be.

Mayor Goode referenced Mr. Belgin's comments about the greens being dead. Mrs. Bowman said that the greens did not die. The courses had a problem with nematodes. Staff consulted experts, treated as recommended, and the greens have now recovered.

Mrs. Palmer asked for an assurance that the courses are being adequately watered. Mrs. Bowman said that she is working closely with the utilities staff. Watering at Melbourne has never been a problem; however, she won't say there hasn't been a problem at Harbor City. Mr. Schluckebier said that the City will continue to coordinate its resources and pursue strategies to get more water for Harbor City.

Mr. LaRusso said that part of his meeting with staff focused on leasing the food concessions and possibly the pro shop. We need to ensure that the right food is being served at the right price. And, currently our pro shop is sparsely stocked. Both courses need public relations. He stated that although we may have a couple of people drop off, the City is on its way to having a much better product.

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Discussion continued on leasing the courses or privatizing the management of the courses. Mrs. Palmer said that it is the City's responsibility to ensure that the golf courses remain for the use of the citizens who have lived here for many years, paid for that property, and supported the courses.

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: LaRusso, Meehan, Walker, Palmer, Hand, Contreras and Goode

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Palmer said she is counting on the greens to be green. Mayor Goode replied that green dollars will make the greens green.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 1944: (Public Hearing) A resolution authorizing transmittal of two major Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Department of Community Affairs. (P&Z Board - 7/2105)
- a. CPA-2005-16 (Palm Bay 20, Inc.): A Comprehensive Plan Amendment designating a Future Land Use of Medium Density Residential on a 17.39±-acre parcel located on the north side of Palm Bay Road, between Dairy Road and Hollywood Boulevard. (Owner/Applicant – Palm Bay 20, Inc.) (Representative – Jack B. Spira)
 - b. CPA-2005-17 (Text Amendment): A Comprehensive Plan Amendment to allow a text amendment adding clarity to the current policy on vacant, substandard, platted lots of record. (Owner/Applicant/Representative – City of Melbourne)

Mrs. Dittmer briefed Council and reviewed the agenda report. Mayor Goode opened the public hearing.

Jack Spira, attorney representing Palm Bay 20, Inc., reported that the change would result in a reduction of traffic.

Moved by Hand/Contreras for approval of Resolution No. 1944. Motion carried unanimously.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-95 (A&V No. 284): (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance to abandon and vacate an easement running through the southeast corner of 1109 East New Haven Avenue (former SunTrust Bank property). (Owner - Crane Creek Partners, LLC)

Attorney Gougelman read the ordinance by title.

Dave Menzel, representing the applicant, stated that the easement was to be abandoned if construction of a bridge in this location did not occur. The drive-through bank building is built on a portion of the easement. He requested approval of the request.

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Council Member Hand left the Council Chamber at 7:43 p.m.

There were no disclosures by Council and no comments from the public.

Moved by Contreras/Meehan for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-95. Motion carried unanimously. (Six votes – Mrs. Hand absent from the Council Chamber.)

17. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-96 (CU-2005-9/SP-2005-18) EV DAY SPA & HAIR SALON: (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance granting a conditional use with site plan approval to allow a day spa and hair salon on a 0.30-acre parcel zoned C-1A (Professional Offices & Services), located on the northeast corner of Airport Boulevard and Espanola Way. (Owner - Victor Gonzalez-Seda) (Applicant/Representative - David T. Menzel, MAI Architects Engineers, Inc.) (P&Z Board - 7/21/05)

The City Attorney read the ordinance by title. Mrs. Dittmer briefed Council. The Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request. There were no disclosures by Council and no comments from the public. The applicant was present and available for questions.

Moved by Palmer/Meehan for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-96. Motion carried unanimously. (Six votes – Mrs. Hand absent from the Council Chamber.)

Mrs. Hand returned to the Council Chamber at 7:49 p.m.

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-97 (AR-2005-176), ORDINANCE NO. 2005-98 (CPA-2005-15), AND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-99 (Z-2005-1040) Y ENTERPRISES, LLC: Ordinances providing for annexation, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and zoning designation on a 2.96-acre parcel, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Ellis Road and West Drive. (Owner/Applicant - Y Enterprises, LLC) (Representative - Steve Young) (P&Z Board - 7/21/05)

a. Ordinance No. 2005-97/AR-2005-176: (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance providing for annexation of a 2.96-acre parcel.

b. Ordinance No. 2005-98/CPA-2005-15: (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment designating a Future Land Use of Industrial on a 2.96-acre parcel.

c. Ordinance No. 2005-99/Z-2005-1040: (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance providing for a zoning designation of M-1 (Light Industrial) on a 2.96-acre parcel.

Attorney Gougelman read Ordinance Nos. 2005-97, 2005-98 and 2005-99 by title. Mrs. Dittmer reviewed the agenda report. The Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the request.

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There were no disclosures by Council and no comments from the public.

Moved by Walker/Palmer for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-97. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Hand/LaRusso for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-98. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by LaRusso/Walker for approval of Ordinance No. 2005-99. Motion carried unanimously.

19. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Review of Mayor and Council salary survey and related changes required by Code.

Mr. Schluckebier reviewed the agenda report.

Mayor Goode pointed out that although this isn't a public hearing, three people have signed up to speak. He said if there are no objections from Council, he will allow comment at three minutes per person. There were no objections.

Charles Kiessling, 2908 Riverview Drive, said that the recommended increase seems large. He noted that Council Members had the option to not get in this position if they did not like the honorarium. Mr. Kiessling recommended that Council tie its remuneration to the salaries of the people who work in the City; regular employees keep the City going and they need the salary more.

Pat Poole, 805 East Palmetto Avenue, said that she served as a Council Member for 18 years and she would have worked on Council for nothing. She pointed out that when she was a Council Member, meetings went until 10:00 p.m. – midnight. However, the current Council has a record of adjourning at 8:30 p.m. She said that the current Council is not putting in the same amount of time as the former Council.

Continuing, Mrs. Poole said that sufficient information has not been provided to Council. The population was not included for the cities that were surveyed and the survey did not include Brevard cities. She stated that she is appalled, angry and disappointed at the recommendation.

Ed Palmer, 1881 Pineapple Avenue, former Council Member, asked what precipitated this item.

Mayor Goode said that the Code requires a review every five years and this is the fifth year.

Mr. Palmer said that the recommended increases are a little steep and he doesn't think that the City can afford this. He recommended that the issue be studied.

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Mayor Goode said that in the 21st Century the City needs to work towards attracting quality people to run for Council. He added that it's not about how long meetings run. A lot of homework and preparation are required.

Continuing, the Mayor reported that Melbourne's population is 75,000 and the cities surveyed have a population between 60,000 and 90,000. The seven-member City Council runs this \$120 million corporation. This is a big business and the City needs good, qualified people to run it.

Mr. Palmer said he thinks the City can afford what is being proposed; however, Council needs to be sure that it is making the right decision.

Mrs. Palmer said that this seems like a huge raise, but it has been neglected for so many years. Years of neglect, increase in the number of employees, increase in the budget, and the magnitude of issues before Council are the reasons this item is on the agenda.

Chris Romandetti, 705 South Harbor City Boulevard, said he conducted a poll and asked people what they think Council Members should be earning. The results came back \$23,500 for Council and \$35,000 for the Mayor. He stressed that the City must find ways to attract people interested in running for Council.

Mrs. Hand said she received one phone call today from someone irate and adamant that Council should not be raising its salaries. She said that she believes the numbers recommended are high. Mrs. Hand discussed the amount of time to prepare for meetings, serve on Council, Airport Authority, MPO, etc. Travel reimbursement is not high enough because of the gas prices. She recommended that Council consider looking at an increase in travel expenses and a lower increase in salaries.

Mrs. Walker said she can't support the increase. She noted that she was surprised to find out that she would be getting paid when she ran for Council. She reported that all the people she has come in contact with think the increase is ridiculous. She added that she could consider a 10 – 15% increase.

Mrs. Meehan asked how many telephone calls the (City Clerk's Office) received as a result of the newspaper article. Mayor Goode replied that the front-page headline story resulted in one phone call to City Hall.

Mrs. Meehan said she received one call from someone who objects. Mrs. Walker added that she received many calls from people who object. Mrs. Palmer said she hasn't received any calls. Additionally, the people she has spoken to on this subject are surprised at how little the Council salary is.

Moved by Goode/Meehan to accept the Mayor and Council salary survey and set the salaries at averages, effective November 2006, as follows: Mayor \$18,080 and Council \$13,338. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Meehan, Palmer and Goode

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Nay: LaRusso, Walker, Hand and Contreras

Motion failed.

Mr. Schluckebier asked for additional direction on this item. He noted that the required salary survey was undertaken; staff could provide alternatives.

Mayor Goode recommended that the salaries increase at the same percentage as general employees every year.

Mr. Schluckebier said that if Council had increased its pay at the same cost of living and step increase as general employees since 2000, the Mayor's rate of pay would be \$11,356 and Council's would be \$8,201. If Council had increased based on the CPI alone (since 2000), the Mayor's pay would be \$10,162 and Council's would be \$7,339.

Mrs. Hand asked if this is the point where Council should discuss an increase in its travel allowance. Mr. Schluckebier said that the travel expense has to be modified by Code. The salary may be set by motion. He confirmed that an ordinance providing for an increase in the automobile expense will appear on the next agenda.

Moved by Palmer/Contreras to increase the salaries of Mayor and Council by 15%.

Mr. Contreras asked what the figures are. Mrs. Walker said this would place the Mayor at \$10,350 and Council at (\$7,475).

The question was called. The roll call vote was:

Aye: Meehan, Palmer, Hand and Goode

Nay: LaRusso, Walker and Contreras

Motion carried.

(Effective November 14, 2006, the Mayor's salary will increase from \$9,000 to \$10,350 and Council's will increase from \$6,500 to \$7,475.)

20. COUNCIL ACTION RE: Appointment of two regular members to the Citizens' Advisory Board

Moved by Goode/LaRusso to reappoint Yvonne Minus as a regular member. Motion carried unanimously. (11/12/2005 – 11/11/2008)

Moved by Contreras/Walker to appoint first alternate Eva Mills as a regular member. Motion carried unanimously. (8/9/2005 – 11/11/2007, unexpired, three-year term)

Mr. LaRusso nominated Claudette Merchant. Moved by Hand/Walker to close the

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nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Goode/Walker to appoint Claudette Merchant. Motion carried unanimously. (8/9/2005 – 11/11/2006, unexpired, three-year term)

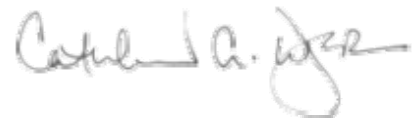
21. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Contreras/Goode to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



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Approved by Council: August 23, 2005