

MINUTES

PARKLAND CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 6, 2006

7:00 P.M.

I CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Udine introduced Garrett Mayersohn, a fifth grader at Riverglades Elementary, and invited him to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Vice Mayor Mimi Ribotsky
Commissioner Jay D. Smith
Commissioner Jared E. Moskowitz
Commissioner Tracey McGilvray
Mayor Michael Udine

Also Present:

Mark Lauzier, City Manager
Caryn Gardner-Young, Assistant City Manager
Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney
Charles DaBrusco, City Engineer
Roberta Moore, Planning Director
Suzi Hayes, Library Director
Judith Kilgore, Finance Director
Dave Carry, BSO Police Chief
Sandra Couzzo, City Clerk

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2005: Commission Work Session Meeting

Vice Mayor Ribotsky commented that she had asked that the reference to "Fern Grotto" be translated to the better-known 38-acre parcel, and she noted this amendment had been placed on the dais.

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MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve the December 14, 2005, Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

December 21, 2005: Regular Commission Meeting

Vice Mayor Ribotsky commented that she had also asked that the Minutes be amended to reflect that her absence from the meeting had been excused, as she had been stranded out of the country.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve the December 21, 2005, Regular Commission Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

January 4, 2006: Regular Commission Meeting

MOTION made by Commissioner McGilvray to approve the January 4, 2006, Regular Commission Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz.

MOTION passed unanimously.

III PUBLIC INPUT

Stuart Krantz, 6348 N.W. 62nd Terrace, commented regarding Government in the Sunshine and the decision to appoint the Vice Mayor without public discussion. He spoke about the City's vision, its mission statement, and decisions made, and suggested the removal of Larry Litow from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor Udine noted for the record that appointments to the Board would be made at the May 3rd Commission meeting.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky offered her understanding that the appointments of the individual Commissioners did not require a unanimous vote, and she asked that the Code be clarified. Mr. Maurodis agreed that the Ordinance specifically stated that. However, he was uncertain regarding at-large appointments, and he indicated he would provide that information before the next meeting.

Natalie Bigio, of Pinetree Estates, stated that she had been designated at the February meeting of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to advise the Commission of their consensus to utilize the open space that exists in front of the basketball courts at Pine Trails Park for additional soccer or lacrosse fields on

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a temporary basis. She noted the space had been designated for Add-Option 1, the tennis facility; however, until the option is funded, which the Board hoped for Phase 3, they felt that the space could help with the shortage of fields. The Board was not advocating the investment of significant City funds to create these fields, but to only level and seed the land for sports use with portable equipment.

Since the City is focused on finding solutions to field space shortage, Ms. Bigio hoped that sports participation would be limited to Parkland residents until there was adequate field space. During an update of the department's sports policy, it was noted that non-residents were allowed in the City's soccer and basketball programs at no additional cost, while policy dictated a 50 percent surcharge for non-residents. The Board has asked for non-resident data for each sport for its next meeting. However, Ms. Bigio hoped the Commission would consider at this meeting a policy to limit all sports programs to include only Parkland residents until such time as the field space crisis has been resolved.

There were no further comments or questions, and Mayor Udine closed to the public.

IV COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COMMISSION

Comments by Vice Mayor Ribotsky:

- Attended the Parkland Basketball Club Picnic and watched some of the games, which were very competitive. She recalled her request for an evaluation of the coaches, and she hoped that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would soon consider this for all sports leagues. She complimented the Basketball Club for already instituting this.
- Hurricane season is nearing, but effects from last year's storm were still visible around town. She felt the City should be proactive on replacement of pool fences, inspecting sites and perhaps issuing warning notices. She suggested another e-mail blast about permanent structure replacement.
- Her Tallahassee trip had been interesting and informative. She believed that a joint planning session should be held soon with the Coral Springs Commission, who had expressed interest. She suggested that it take place before the budget process as there may be joint projects or purchases that could be considered.
- Regarding the golf carts, she asked that the City Manager do an overview on their history and status for the benefit of the new commissioners. She recalled that more research was to have been done.

Mr. Lauzier offered that his report would include a review of agenda items planned, including the golf carts.

Comments by Commissioner Smith:

- Thanked City staff for their warm welcome and the wonderful job on the concert.
- Noted that "A Taste of Parkland" was coming up May 7th.
- Had received many phone calls and e-mails about the dangerous intersections of Trails End and Pine Island Road, as well as at University Drive and Holmberg Road. While he asked for

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some additional attention from BSO, he hoped that the situations would soon be resolved through installation of stop signs or traffic signals.

Comments by Commissioner Moskowitz:

- Understood that the Ranches canal clean-up would occur in the next months. He noted that some canals still had debris from the last hurricane season as well as growing vegetation. He believed the project should be fast-tracked before the next hurricane season begins.
- Thanked the City Manager for the “Cool Cities” memo, and he hoped for its future implementation.
- Suggested that the Parkland coloring book should be downloadable from the City’s web page.
- Asked that the City Manager reexamine the grass at the great lawn in Phase 2, believing it should be switched to Bermuda so that the area may be used for play.
- Asked that resurfacing options of the Terramar Park tennis courts be considered in the budget process.
- As to the “wedge” property, he believed it should be given top priority and that a lobbyist should be hired to represent the City in Tallahassee for annexation of this property.

Comments by Commissioner McGilvray:

- Thanked everyone for participating in the “Week of the Young Child” and for the toy donations made.
- Attended “Meet the Masters” on the previous evening, and she had been amazed by the art and musical talent.
- Asked to have a discussion about the direction of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She noted there had been talk about a sports committee during the campaign.
- Wished everyone a great Easter and Passover.

Comments by Mayor Udine:

- Spoke regarding Broward Days in Tallahassee, and he thanked staff for their preparation and appointments made for him. Spoke with many people of northern Broward and south Palm Beach counties about the “wedge” so that they understood the City’s issues and expectations. The City Manager and the City Attorney will work with the different land owners. He believed the issue was of paramount importance.
- The Mayor’s meeting on hurricane preparedness was moved to Monday, April 17th. He will gather information, and he acknowledged the City Manager’s participation on the best practices committee.
- Thanked Chief Carry and the deputies for the DARE graduation at Park Trails and Westglades. Deputy Parry is well loved and did a phenomenal job.
- Agreed with Commissioner Smith’s comments about Trails End and Pine Island. Both he and Vice Mayor Ribotsky have spoken with Broward County Mayor Graber, and county staff was examining the issue. He explained that this intersection was not in the hands of the City, but would continue to try to push it forward.

V PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Mayor Udine invited the Commission to join him in presenting the proclamation for the "Week of the Young Child," which was observed April 2nd through 8th, 2006. The proclamation was accepted by Kol Tikvah Pre-School Director Rose Weiss; Mary Help of Christians Pre-School Assistant Director Laura Monsalvtage and the Hunschofsky family; and Library Director Suzi Hayes and the Khalil family.

VI APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Commissioner McGilvray to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

MOTION passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION: COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - FYE SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, BY KEEFE McCULLOUGH & COMPANY

City Manager Mark Lauzier noted that the City must, by law, be audited each fiscal year. He briefly explained the process and introduced Ken Smith of Keefe McCullough & Company to touch upon the highlights of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report facts and figures. He added that Mr. Smith had kindly offered to tutor, answer questions, and teleconference or meet in person for more in-depth items.

Mr. Smith gave his presentation for the year ended September 30, 2005. The City had again received the award for financial reporting, which it had for the past 14 consecutive years. While he acknowledged the statements were complicated, he noted the general fund balance had a sizeable increase and the capital projects fund had increased due to debt restructuring and fewer projects.

Mr. Lauzier commented that most of the capital fund balance was committed, but staff would recommend reappropriation of revenues over expenditures in the next agenda item.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky complimented Mr. Lauzier on the improvement in the financial controls and the entire process. She commented that she had been taught that budget overages were not necessarily a good thing. While some of the overages were understandable, she was concerned that some surplus was occurring because there was insufficient staff to handle the capital projects planned. She hoped this factor would be considered as part of this process.

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Commissioner Moskowitz agreed with Vice Mayor Ribotsky's comments regarding staffing and noted Mr. Lauzier's later agenda item about adding engineering staff.

Commissioner McGilvray asked what, of the \$2.4 million fund balance, was not committed to projects. Mr. Lauzier offered that the two main amounts were setting aside \$1 million toward the Capital Improvement Program for the Commission to appropriate during the budget process and the addition of \$358,000 to the disaster account to replace a portion of what had been depleted in the past year. There were other items in the financials that affect the General Fund, but the actual increase to be budgeted mid-year from the overage last year was \$1.5 million.

Mayor Udine commented that Mr. Smith had been very accessible, and he asked for a brief explanation of how the audit was conducted.

Mr. Smith explained the types of testing in the audit process, which included details testing of invoices, accounts payable cutoff testing, confirmations of third parties for verification, and sampling. He felt the City had a good set of controls in place.

Mayor Udine questioned the separate audit procedures for the Police Pension Fund. Mr. Smith confirmed that Keefe, McCullough re-reported them as part of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, with the other firm mentioned and replied upon. It was a separate fiduciary fund, not included in the General or Capital Projects Fund, reported on a separate statement.

MOTION made by Commissioner McGilvray to accept the Annual Financial Report. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ribotsky.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Ribotsky	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Moskowitz	Yes
Commissioner McGilvray	Yes
Mayor Udine	Yes

MOTION passed unanimously.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-33: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
2005-2006 DUE TO PRIOR YEAR
FINAL AUDIT FIGURES**

COMMENTS: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE

CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT WITHIN THE 2005-2006 BUDGET AS ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2005-17; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL, PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS BASED ON THE AUDITED FUND BALANCES RESULTING IN BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TOTALING \$3,121,303.

City Manager Mark Lauzier read the title of Resolution No. 2006-33. He explained that, with completion of the audit, there are budget assumptions made based upon forecasted balances; hopefully, the balances are greater than the assumptions. Page 13 of the CAFR included undesignated fund balances, which are matched to the budget assumptions; if there is a difference, the funds are reappropriated. Mr. Lauzier indicated that staff recommended the reappropriation outlined in Exhibit A of the Resolution, and he briefly reviewed the adjustments.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve Resolution No. 2006-33, Supplemental Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Due to Prior Year Final Audit Figures. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Ribotsky	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Moskowitz	Yes
Commissioner McGilvray	Yes
Mayor Udine	Yes

MOTION passed unanimously.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01: SPECIAL MASTER FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

COMMENTS: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, REPEALING SECTION 4.5-1 THROUGH 4.5-13 OF THE CITY CODE AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 4.3 OF THE CITY CODE – A CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE WITH A SPECIAL MASTER AND ADOPTING THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 162, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ENFORCE CITY CODES; CONTAINING A PROVISION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE,

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CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE,
CONTAINING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager Mark Lauzier read the first reading of Ordinance No. 2006-01. He reviewed that, as part of the process of improvement in making the Code and zoning laws and their enforcement more efficient, the Special Master process has been reviewed and discussed extensively. He suggested that Mr. Maurodis could answer questions as to the Ordinance he has written, and offered the assistance of the City's Code and Planning support staff as well. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Udine opened to the public.

Dr. Leo Gosser, 5893 N.W. 63rd Way in Pinetree Estates, welcomed the move to a special magistrate. He asked about Section 4.3-5, Conduct of Hearing, in which an enforcement board was mentioned, and Mr. Maurodis agreed that should be stricken. Dr. Gosser also commented regarding the imposition of fines and the mention of costs, which he presumed to be that of the special magistrate. He believed the fines much higher than before, noting \$250 or \$500 per day, up to a maximum of \$15,000, and asked that this be more closely examined and discussed.

Mr. Maurodis explained that the maximum should be \$5,000. Cities with a population over 50,000 could fine to the maximum of \$15,000. He believed the \$250 and \$500 amounts which comprised the present fine structure were not excessive.

At Mayor Udine's question, Mr. Maurodis confirmed that Section 4.3-5 would be changed for second reading, and there would be no need to readvertise.

There were no further comments or questions from the public, and the hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky reviewed the process of warnings, time to correct the problems, and justifiable fines, and suggested the City should not have to bear the cost of the guilty; she favored recovery of costs. She also favored the fine structure, comparable to other cities and per State statute. She noted that she was one of the original proponents of the Special Master process, and she believed the process would be fairer and more objective. She thanked staff for their work.

Both Commissioner Smith and Moskowitz stated they were very much in favor of the Special Master process.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve Ordinance No. 2006-01, Special Master for Code Enforcement. Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Ribotsky	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes

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Commissioner Moskowitz	Yes
Commissioner McGilvray	Yes
Mayor Udine	Yes

MOTION passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Commissioner Moskowitz to adjourn to the private session at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

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The meeting was resumed at 8:30 p.m.

4. DISCUSSION: COCONUT CREEK WAL*MART UPDATE

City Manager Mark Lauzier updated the Commission regarding this development, which was planned for the northeast corner of Hillsboro Boulevard and U.S. 441 and would impact the residents of Parkland. Coconut Creek had advised that the project would move further through their process this month, and any Commission issues or concerns could be presented at that time. Mr. Lauzier noted that Coconut Creek would require substantial improvements in the site plan above and beyond their Code. Mr. Lauzier indicated Assistant City Manager Caryn Gardner-Young and Planning Director Roberta Moore had authored the staff report and would answer the Commission's questions.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky thanked staff for working on this as she was very concerned about the development. While she loved shopping at the Shoppes of Parkland, she still envisioned the forest previously there and would feel the same about the Wal*Mart site. She commented regarding the staff observations on the four more technical aspects, but expressed that her primary concerns were the 24-hour component, resulting increased traffic, and security issues regarding the sale of liquor and firearms, which she believed should have limited sales hours. The Vice Mayor asked that Coconut Creek be requested to consider these limitations, for their residents and ours.

Commissioner Moskowitz agreed with Vice Mayor Ribotsky. He suggested that Coconut Creek may already have the limitation regarding sales of alcohol and firearms in their Code, but agreed that it should be addressed.

Commissioner McGilvray agreed with staff comment #5, particularly limiting truck traffic during the 24-hour operation. She believed that, despite the landscape plan, slash pines around the development would die, and she hoped they would be replaced when they did. Additionally, she pointed out that the lighting seemed even more restrictive than Parkland allowed.

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Mayor Udine agreed with Vice Mayor Ribotsky. He felt that the City should be on record in expressing disappointment that Coconut Creek would not participate in the process of the State Road 7 Collaborative to “master plan” the 441 corridor, as he was concerned that Coconut Creek might try to force something on the City’s side of 441 in the future. He believed that a different type of Wal*Mart would have worked in that location. He recalled the participation in the Collaborative workshops, and he believed that the look achieved for 441 would have made everyone happy; however, this was not the way to do it.

Mayor Udine opened to the public. There were no comments or questions, and the Mayor closed to the public.

City Manager Mark Lauzier indicated that he would send a letter to City Manager John Kelly of Coconut Creek expressing the City of Parkland’s input on the project: disappointment that it did not include the aspects of the State Road 7 Collaborative; significant concern about the 24-hour operation; and requesting restrictions relative to the sale of alcohol and firearms. He will obtain Coconut Creek’s existing ordinances and consider whether the City must take this issue further.

5. DISCUSSION: UNIVERSITY DRIVE CROSSWALK DESIGN

City Manager Mark Lauzier noted that the intersection project was twofold: installation of the traffic signal and the enhancement of the intersection through landscaping and hardscaping, provided by WCI in lieu of a roundabout. He noted that the agenda summary provided explanation, and that the enhancement funding budget, contained in a memo dated September 15, 2005, totaled \$369,500. Bike lanes had already been approved, using approximately \$39,000; \$330,500 remained in the budget. He noted that the City Hall sidewalk was separate.

Mr. Lauzier offered there were a number of options for the crosswalks, which were listed on page 2 of the backup. City Engineer Charlie DaBrusco added that a sixth option would be a six-foot stamped colored concrete sidewalk at a cost of \$80,000. Mr. Lauzier noted that one of the options was stamped asphalt; however, the colored concrete would provide a better contrast. Staff recommended plain asphalt striping in order to save the money for landscaping and hardscaping. Use of brick or pavers was not recommended.

Commissioner Smith noted the huge gap between the option of \$9,000 and \$61,000, and questioned whether there might be some option in between. Mr. Lauzier responded in the negative, and stated that the \$9,000 would not be deducted from the \$330,500 since WCI must provide a legal crosswalk; the \$330,500 could then be used to beautify the intersection.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky, recalling the research on the roundabout and the speed hump ordinance, noted that pavers provided a traffic deterrent, which she believed a critical safety issue, without excessive noise. She felt that \$60,000 should be spent on the stamped asphalt, which required little maintenance, provided a traffic deterrent, added to safety, and could be installed at the intersection at the time of

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initial construction; more landscaping could be added at a later date. She believed pedestrian and bicycle traffic would increase dramatically.

Commissioner McGilvray agreed, but indicated that she would favor stamped concrete if the reflectivity and color values were better. While she was more concerned about traffic calming, she felt, aesthetically, the crosswalks must be the right color, preferably green, and she asked if there would be any nighttime reflective quality. Mr. DaBrusco offered that a 12-inch white thermoplastic stripe should be installed on both sides of the crosswalk.

Commissioner Moskowitz asked regarding the effectiveness of striping at Holmberg and Pine Island Roads and reports of accidents at that intersection. He did not believe that stamped concrete would make a difference. The Commissioner also questioned use of the entire budget.

Mr. Lauzier believed the entire \$330,500 should be utilized. Construction had commenced on the intersection, and the former Commission approved a general concept for the hardscape and landscape: four semi-circular walls with stone facades on each corner, with heavy landscaping around the walls and along the corners. He believed the entire amount could be spent to make that intersection the premier entrance to the City.

Mr. Lauzier recommended the use of colored concrete for a stamped crosswalk; the asphalt provided only a pattern. Displaying examples, Ms. Gardner-Young showed photographs of a Pompano Beach project, approximately three to four years old.

Commissioner Smith expressed concern that the money spent on stamped concrete may be wasted if University Drive is widened in the future. He acknowledged that asphalt would be the least expensive option, and preferred to spend more money on the beautification of the area around the intersection itself.

Commissioner McGilvray commented that a University Drive expansion would be years in the making. She felt that, as a traffic calmer, the additional money would be well worth it, even if it existed for only five years. She believed that the wide pedestrian paths alerted drivers.

Mayor Udine opened to the public.

Stuart Krantz, 6348 N.W. 62nd Terrace, recalled past discussions about a traffic circle at the intersection and favored constructing the safest pedestrian crosswalks.

Christine Hunschofsky, 9976 N.W. 64th Court, looked forward to installation of the traffic signal and good crosswalks. She believed plain white lines for crosswalks were not always noticeable, and she hoped that the crosswalks would be clearly visible.

There were no further comments or questions from the public, and the Mayor closed to the public.

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Mayor Udine commented that he was glad that the bike lanes had been included as they would give the City the opportunity to extend them to other roadways. He disagreed with Mr. Krantz' past comments about the Library sidewalk as it could eventually be extended to the east. The Mayor indicated that he would not be opposed to a small row of stamped concrete located within the crosswalk because it would serve both speed and pedestrian issues, but he did not wish to see it in the entire inside area of the intersection.

Mr. Lauzier asked regarding the color choices for stamped concrete, and Mr. DaBrusco noted that some colors held up better than others. WCI representative Tara Patton stated that the City may select any color; they would request the contractor to provide some samples, focusing on greens and tans if the Commission wished.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky thanked the Mayor for his comments, and Commissioner Smith noted that the Mayor's suggestion could result in a savings. Ms. Patton clarified that the prices reflected the cost of 10-foot crosswalks as required by Broward County.

Mr. Lauzier offered that staff did not recommend the stamped asphalt; stamped concrete crosswalks would cost \$80,000, and he apologized for the confusion.

Mayor Udine stated that he favored use of whatever was the best, even if some of the landscaping must be given up.

Commissioner Moskowitz suggested that the Commission should not make its decision based on a belief that the stamped concrete crosswalks would slow down traffic as no evidence had been presented to confirm that.

Commissioner McGilvray asked if it would be possible to obtain that evidence, and Vice Mayor Ribotsky recalled Chief Haupt's past testimony to that effect. Mayor Udine also recalled the Chief's mention of slowing down traffic, but indicated that he would not be in favor of conducting a traffic study for that purpose. He reviewed that the stamped concrete had a beautification aspect, as well as a potential to slow down some traffic at the intersection.

Mr. Lauzier indicated that WCI was getting to the point of needing the City's further direction and, while he was concerned about a delay, he asked if staff should first investigate the "safest" crosswalk with the County. He noted that the intersection would be brought back to the Commission on May 5th with the complete landscaping plan. Ms. Patton cautioned that the schedule would be delayed, and she addressed the construction process.

Commissioner Moskowitz indicated that he did not wish to delay installation of the signal, and he withdrew his request for evidence.

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MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to proceed with the \$80,000 option of stamped concrete, with coloring to be determined at the time of landscape and hardscape review. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

Mr. DaBrusco asked the opportunity to discuss a last option with WCI, with a possible modification to the design – producing the same exact feature for \$20,000 less. Mayor Udine suggested this be incorporated into the motion.

MOTION AMENDED by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to include Mr. DaBrusco’s remarks. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vice Mayor Ribotsky	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Moskowitz	Yes
Commissioner McGilvray	Yes
Mayor Udine	Yes

MOTION passed unanimously.

VII COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

1. PINE TRAILS - PHASE III OPTIONS

City Manager Mark Lauzier noted the memoranda included in the agenda and wished to update the Commission. A budget adjustment to provide a funding source has been completed to potentially commence the addition of three softball fields, and he explained the options and obtained preliminary information. Mr. Lauzier believed the fields could be accomplished with the funds set aside in the budget adjustment. He anticipated approximately \$150,000 for design and \$1.8 million for construction of the three fields.

Mr. Lauzier recommended that the Commission should also consider other needs as well, including funding options for Phase III and the request for tennis facilities. He promised a memo so that the Commission would have the entire picture, along with his recommendation for inclusion in the budget process.

Mr. Lauzier noted that the construction schedule would not be impacted as three to six months were required for design; the focus was on the community center and the amphitheater, which would be constructed first. Delaying the fields to the budget process would not impact their actual construction.

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Mayor Udine commented that, either way, the fields would come sooner than planned. He wanted the fields as soon as possible, but his feelings were that other interests should also be given a chance to comment through strategic planning or in the budget process.

Mr. Lauzier offered that strategic planning was scheduled for May 10th, and he anticipated that baseball would still be a priority.

Commissioner Moskowitz asked when the fields might be constructed. Mr. Lauzier indicated the fields would be constructed in Phase II, but after the heavy vertical construction. A time period of 15 months was estimated.

Commissioner McGilvray believed this decision should be included in the budget process as the funds may be needed for other priorities, such as a fire station. She suggested that priorities within the sports should also be considered.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky concurred with the comments made and added that, without having the fire study in hand, the Commission should not act on this. She felt the decision belonged in strategic planning and the budget process. Additionally, as to field usage, she believed it important to consider the number of resident participants and suggested that benchmarks from national associations might be available. She felt that short-term solutions for baseball fields should continue to be pursued.

Mayor Udine commented regarding the short-term field solutions, and agreed that items needed to be prioritized within the budget process.

2. REPORTING AND PUBLIC INFORMATION IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Lauzier was pleased to report on the addition of an Executive Assistant in the City Manager's Office. He anticipated the enhancement of operational and strategic plan reporting through quarterly reports and reviews at public meetings. He noted the first edition of the operations report in the City Manager's Comments section, and he hoped the Commission found it useful and informative. The report on strategic planning goals and objectives was in process.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky thanked the City Manager for the report, which she believed phenomenal. She asked that the top three to five activities for the upcoming month for each department also be included.

Mr. Lauzier thanked Finance Director Judith Kilgore and Environmental Resources Director Brian Archer for their help with the CAFR and "Cool Cities," respectively.

Mr. Lauzier noted that Brian Archer and City Engineer Charlie DaBrusco had reached the milestone of 15 years of service with the City; they and the employees who had reached five and ten years of service

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were recognized at the service luncheon during the past week. He thanked them for their dedication to the City.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky requested that the Coral Springs Fire Department map be updated with the area south of the Sawgrass Expressway.

Commissioner Smith added his thanks to Country Acres residents for the barbecue attended by Parkland commissioners and staff. For the record, he appreciated the hospitality and the day.

VIII COMMENTS BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

SANDRA COUZZO, C.M.C.

City Clerk

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