

MINUTES

PARKLAND CITY COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 19, 2006

7:00 P.M.

I CALL TO ORDER 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Udine introduced Jared Rothenberg, a 7th grade student at Westglades Middle School, and invited him to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commissioner Tracey McGilvray

Vice Mayor Mimi Ribotsky

Commissioner Jay D. Smith

Commissioner Jared E. Moskowitz – Arrived at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Michael Udine

Also Present:

Mark Lauzier, City Manager

Caryn Gardner-Young, Assistant City Manager

Andrew Maurodis, City Attorney

James Berkman, Public Services Director

Charles DaBrusco, City Engineer

Roberta Moore, Planning Director

David Carry, BSO Police Chief

Sandra Couzzo, City Clerk

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 11, 2006:

City Commission Work Session

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Vice Mayor Ribotsky noted that she had requested that the Minutes be corrected, with which the City Clerk affirmatively agreed.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve the January 11, 2006, City Commission Work Session Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

January 18, 2006: Regular City Commission Meeting

MOTION made by Commissioner Smith to approve the January 18, 2006, Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ribotsky.

MOTION passed unanimously.

February 8, 2006: City Commission Work Session

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve the February 8, 2006, City Commission Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

III PUBLIC INPUT

Marie Gosser of Pinetree Estates stated she had prayed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem that the Commission will have the strength and knowledge to keep the City a Norman Rockwell-like town, and Mayor Udine thanked her for her good wishes.

Former Vice Mayor Debby Beck, 7008 Hialeah Court, acknowledged the City faced many priorities, but she hoped the Commission would not lose sight of beautification issues, such as the Old City Hall corner, the berms and other small landscaped areas, and the critical eastern gateway. She believed Parkland different and distinctive because it was beautiful, and she encouraged the Commission to continue in their attention to those items or perhaps consider the formation of a beautification committee. She believed there was an opportunity for the City to achieve its own identity as the most beautiful city in Broward County.

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

IV COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COMMISSION

Comments by Commissioner McGilvray:

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- Announced that Park Trails Elementary would have their version of “Meet the Masters” on April 26th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., featuring all types of performances.
- Earth Day will be celebrated April 22nd, and the Library will create a garden. Reservations are requested; garden gloves and shovels should be brought. A group called “Kids Ecology Corporation” will help create the garden on the Library grounds and, at completion, will be certified as a national wildlife habitat. She believed it would be a great children’s activity.

Comments by Vice Mayor Ribotsky:

- Believed “Kids Ecology” was a great hands-on program, and she suggested that the elementary schools should also consider it.
- Thanked staff, Coral Springs Fire, and BSO for the Easter egg hunt. Held for the first time in Liberty Park, she believed it a much better venue. Chief Carry had been concerned about the parking, and this aspect should be considered for next year. It was a nice afternoon.
- “Taste of Parkland” would be held at Town Center on May 7th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Parkland Chamber of Commerce, there would be no charge to the public.
- Mary Help of Christians would have their annual concert on that same evening, starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce would meet the following day. Mayor Udine invited former County Commissioner John Hart to speak about the proposed one cent County sales tax for transit use.

Comments by Mayor Udine:

- Reporting that the letter to Coconut Creek about the Wal*Mart had been sent, he would meet the following day with Mayor Jim Waldman and Wal*Mart representatives about the letter, and have pictures from the charrette of the Treasure Coast Planning Council ideas for beautification of that corner. He will report back.
- The Broward League of Mayors had their hurricane preparedness meeting on Monday. He complimented the City Manager for taking the organizational lead between the municipalities and the County. With presentations made by the Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, and Public Works Associations, he noted that many of the ideas discussed at the City’s workshop were brought up there, and he believed a better level of preparedness now existed. He anticipated additional meetings with representatives of FPL, BellSouth, and the media.
- Recapping that the Chamber would meet on the following morning, he noted inclusion of a “People for Progress” presentation, sponsored by the MPO, about the penny sales tax initiative to help transportation projects throughout the County. The presentation, made by former County Commissioner John Hart, would be repeated at the May 3^d Commission meeting. Significant dollars would flow to municipalities.
- Senior awards would be presented this evening at Stoneman Douglas High School. He had attended a SAC meeting and had been very encouraged by Principal Traeger’s remarks.

V PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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1. PROCLAMATION: MSD GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Mayor Udine invited the Commission and members of the soccer team to the podium. He noted that the team had won their fourth State Championship in a row. He read the proclamation congratulating the team members and Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School staff.

2. PROCLAMATION: ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Udine noted a walk for arthritis would be held on May 7th at Pine Trails Park. Representatives of the Arthritis Foundation joined the Mayor at the podium for the reading of the proclamation, which declared May 2006 as "Arthritis Awareness Month." Mrs. Gail Michaels spoke on behalf of the group, and she introduced her son and other children diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

3. PROCLAMATION: HONORING HOWARD TALENFELD

Mayor Udine noted that the presentation to Mr. Talenfeld would occur later in the meeting as he would arrive late due to a previous commitment.

VI APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McGilvray asked that Consent Agenda Item #1 be pulled.

City Manager Mark Lauzier asked that the Commission add the selection of the pattern and color palette for the crosswalk at the Holmberg Road and University Drive intersection to the Agenda.

MOTION made by Commissioner McGilvray to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Vice Mayor Ribotsky.

MOTION passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-39: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
GRANT APPLICATION (MULTI-USE
PATH)**

COMMENTS: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE YEAR 2006 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-USE PATH WITHIN THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT

EASEMENT FROM THE SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY
TO WILES ROAD WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACRES
SUBDIVISION

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-38: REPLACEMENT OF GANG REEL
MOWER**

COMMENTS: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A TORO 6500-D REELMASTER MOWER, PIGGYBACKING STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT #515-630-03-1, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-37: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT
GRANT APPLICATION (MULTI-USE
PATH)**

COMMENTS: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE YEAR 2006 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-USE PATH ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HOLMBERG ROAD BETWEEN RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND STATE ROAD 7.

City Manager Mark Lauzier read the title of Resolution No. 2006-37. Mr. Lauzier explained these grants pertain to alternative modes of transportation and the link of public facilities, cities, and non-vehicular modes of transportation to the public transportation network system. Staff had identified specific projects; this path would provide a link to State Road 7 as well as to the multi-use trail system, which would be brought down Parkside Drive, at significant cost. Mr. Lauzier acknowledged there were minor issues to overcome on the right-of-way with FPL and Camp Telogia. It was believed this project would stand out and probably obtain the most points, even though it had not yet been designed. Public Services Director Jim Berkman and City Engineer Charlie DaBrusco have worked on drawings in conjunction with this application.

Commissioner McGilvray commented about photographs received from a resident about the condition of the paths on the south side of Holmberg Road. She acknowledged that this particular grant probably

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did not have criteria for repair or improvement of existing pathways, but she questioned if there might be other grants available.

Mr. Lauzier indicated that Mr. Berkman had closely examined the criteria for this grant, who had confirmed that this particular grant was for new projects only. While he was unaware of grants available for repair of existing pathways, he promised to investigate them.

Mr. Lauzier stated that, as part of the budget process, there was a trail maintenance and repair program. Staff would evaluate the pathways and prioritize them but, obviously, the Holmberg Road path and others should be given top priority.

Mayor Udine opened to the public.

Former Vice Mayor Debby Beck commented that she was serving on the CypressHead Board, and they had received a request from staff concerning a sidewalk on the north side of Holmberg Road. She asked if this project was in lieu of that sidewalk.

Mr. Lauzier responded that, with submittal of the application, the criteria required that abutting homeowners' associations support the project, and staff was seeking that. While the design was not completed, he offered that the intent was to locate the walk on the very north edge of the right-of-way east to 441 to preserve the space of the median and travel lanes for whatever treatment the Commission decides upon. It could be linked into CypressHead. The City could submit up to three applications, and he noted that the link to Wiles Road through the Country Acres area achieved additional points. Mr. Lauzier noted that staff intended to seek a County appropriation for the Sawgrass Expressway area.

Ms. Beck offered that the CypressHead community members had expressed an interest in the sidewalk design, and their landscape architect had also asked for design information with respect to their landscape enhancements.

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

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve Resolution No. 2006-37, Transportation Enhancement Grant Application (Multi-Use Path). Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner McGilvray	Yes
Vice Mayor Ribotsky	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Moskowitz	Not Present
Mayor Udine	Yes

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MOTION passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-09: COMMERCIAL TRUCK REGULATIONS

COMMENTS: SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, PROVIDING REGULATIONS ON WHEEL AND AXLE LOAD AND VEHICLE WEIGHTS ON CITY ROADWAYS; CONTAINING PROVISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; CONTAINING A PROVISION FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY CODE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; CONTAINING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (first reading 3/22/06)

City Manager Mark Lauzier read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2006-09. He recalled this item had been discussed at length at workshop, and an extensive presentation by the Commercial Truck Enforcement Unit of BSO had been given at first reading. Chief Carry was present to answer any additional questions, and staff recommended approval.

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

MOTION made by Commissioner Smith to approve Ordinance No. 2006-09, Commercial Truck Regulations. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner McGilvray	Yes
Vice Mayor Ribotsky	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Commissioner Moskowitz	Not Present
Mayor Udine	Yes

MOTION passed unanimously.

V PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

3. PROCLAMATION: HONORING HOWARD TALENFELD

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Mayor Udine invited Mr. Talenfeld, the Commissioners, and former Mayor Robert Marks and former Vice Mayor Debby Beck to the podium.

Mayor Udine read the proclamation expressing appreciation of Mr. Talenfeld's continuous service to the City since 1988, as a member of the Board of Adjustment and as a member and Chair of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor Udine recognized the Planning and Zoning Board members Lynn Fenoglio, Larry Litow, and Murray Zweig.

Mr. Talenfeld thanked the Mayor, as well as past and present Commissioners and Board members, for the honor of serving the past 15 years, and he believed the City was on "an exciting adventure" into the future.

Former Mayor Robert Marks also congratulated Mr. Talenfeld, and he thanked him for being part of creating this excellent City.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2005-32: RIGHT TREE RIGHT PLACE

COMMENTS: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 9-2, ENTITLED DEFINITIONS; ADDING SECTION 9-34.1, ENTITLED "THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS; TO PLAN BEFORE A TREE IS PLANTED; TO CHOOSE SUITABLE TREES AND PLANTING AROUND YOUR HOME, NEAR POWER LINES, YARDS AND STREETSCAPES; PROVIDING FOR "THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE", PROVIDING FOR A DEFINITION OF "THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE"; PROVIDING FOR A TREE PRUNING PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; FILE # 12-ZTA-05.

City Manager Mark Lauzier read the first reading of Ordinance No. 2005-32. He recalled the previous discussions and invited Environmental Resources Director Brian Archer to provide a briefing. He noted that the City Attorney and Mr. Archer had modified the Ordinance, and that the agenda backup contained this up-to-date information.

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Mr. Archer made a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the provisions of the Ordinance, which addressed newly-planted trees and self-seeding exotics as well as non-conforming trees. He noted that the Planning and Zoning Board had added the permit requirement for tree trimmers, which followed Broward County requirements and documentation, and had recommended approval of the Ordinance at its January 6th meeting. Mr. Archer offered that staff had subsequently reviewed the Ordinance and Section 2, dealing with non-conforming trees, was amended. It was changed to provide residents with options, as opposed to mandating immediate pruning or removal, with possibility of replacement, which was felt to cause serious hardship.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky asked regarding the requirement for a tree trimming permit by individual homeowners and homeowners' associations. Mr. Archer confirmed that individual homeowners would not be required to obtain the permit, but that homeowners' associations would be so required.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky requested that the next issue of the "Parkland Report" include a prominent notice to residents and associations regarding properties that abut power lines, with a brief synopsis and perhaps a website link as to the handling.

Commissioner Smith questioned whether this Ordinance applied only to properties in and around power lines or if it also applied City-wide. Mr. Archer indicated that the Ordinance dealt mostly with utility areas.

Mayor Udine asked that the word "affective" be changed to "effective" in Section 9-31.1, subsection 1. Referring to Vice Mayor Ribotsky's questions regarding permit requirements, he believed that the Ordinance applied to everyone; however, businesses would have to deal with the permit issue while private landowners would not. Mr. Archer confirmed that firms hired to perform the work would have to meet the requirements. The Mayor asked the process, and Mr. Archer provided information to indicate that the burden would be placed on the landscaping company.

Mayor Udine also requested further explanation of non-conforming trees in Section 9-31.1, and what had been added post-Planning and Zoning Board consideration. Mr. Archer explained that the issue of the rule of 20 percent canopy is consistent with both original and revised versions. The original required that an individual come into compliance within 30 days of the Ordinance adoption; if they could not prune their trees within 30 days without removing 20 percent of the canopy, then the Ordinance required that the tree be removed and replaced within 180 days. Mr. Maurodis added that the original version mandated removal of the trees, regardless of the number or expense.

Commissioner Smith asked if larger trees that could not be pruned could be replaced with trees of a smaller caliper. Mr. Archer responded there was a distinction between a street tree and a specimen tree, and these provisions were contained within another section of the Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky questioned if there were any other instances that required permits from companies but not from individual homeowners. She suggested that this might be a case for reversing

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the methodology in that licensed tree trimmers would know proper procedures, whereas an individual would have no idea and perhaps cause more damage to the trees. Mr. Archer indicated that he would research this idea and furnish the information for second reading.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Udine opened to the public.

Natalie Bigio of Pinetree Estates noted that power lines ran along one side of the street only. She indicated that Hurricane Wilma had conveniently removed all of the hardwood trees under power lines on their property, and there would have been considerable expense had they been required to do so. Additionally, replacement of a specimen tree of any significant caliper would be extremely expensive, and some people may not be able to afford it. Many Pinetree residents were original owners, living on fixed incomes, and the situation was already onerous. She believed these additional requirements were extremely tough.

Mayor Udine noted that Commissioner Moskowitz arrived at 8:01 p.m.

Former Vice Mayor Debby Beck commented there were many trees along the power lines on both Parkside and Riverside Drives, and she recalled previous Commission discussions about requesting FPL to trim those trees and do a City-wide assessment. She cautioned the City may not be in compliance with this Ordinance if the trees were on City property.

Jim Flanagan of Pinetree Estates would like to see language added to the Ordinance to make it very clear that a removal permit was required by homeowners.

Kevin Bolling of the Ranches agreed with the Ordinance; he believed in planting the right tree in the right place. He spoke regarding contractor and licensing requirements, proper pruning, and the differences between municipalities.

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

Commissioner Smith questioned FPL's responsibility with respect to the trees and their power lines, and he suggested that, if they were willing to do so, he would rather they incur the cost. Mr. Archer did not believe that FPL was technically responsible; however, they do prune under power lines in their 14-foot clear zones, which is not the proper way to prune. They were exempt from many ordinances about hatracking and other issues.

MOTION made by Vice Mayor Ribotsky to approve Ordinance No. 2005-32, Right Tree Right Place, along with the suggested amendments about permitting and handling by other cities to be investigated and brought back for second reading. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION passed unanimously.

**4. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08: PARKLAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT**

COMMENTS: FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PARKLAND, FLORIDA, FOR MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT APPROVAL OF CITY OF PARKLAND AND WCI COMMUNITIES, INC.'S PETITION TO ADD A STREET SIDE BUILDING SETBACK AND TO MODIFY THE ACCESSORY STRUCTURE REAR SETBACKS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO POOLS, DECKS, GAZEBOS, CABANAS AND SCREEN ENCLOSURES FOR THE PARKLAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB LOCATED NORTH OF HOLMBERG ROAD, SOUTH OF COUNTY LINE ROAD, EAST OF NOB HILL ROAD AND WEST OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE.

City Manager Mark Lauzier read the first reading of Ordinance No. 2006-08. He indicated that Assistant City Manager Caryn Gardner-Young had identified a number of issues related to the development -- how the development orders were issued and how the development orders were implemented. In this particular case, the City had published setbacks that were inconsistent with some of the original Ordinance setback requirements, which rationale could not be explained. Most importantly, there was concern that the City would be changing the appearance, density, or uses on the project proposed by the petitioner. Ms. Gardner-Young would discuss the details of how this came about, the findings, and the recommended solution. While Mr. Lauzier believed that WCI and the City were on the same page with most of the suggested corrective changes, there were some areas of differences.

Mayor Udine clarified, for the record, that there can be no rationale for what staff did, if staff made a rationale on their own. This would have, by definition, had to have been a mistake. Since the development had been approved by the Commission, he wanted it on the record that it was either a mistake or not; there can be no "rationale" by staff. Mr. Lauzier agreed.

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Ms. Gardner-Young explained this was a joint request by staff and WCI. When she started her tenure as Planning Director, she had recognized that there were inconsistencies between a staff-published setback chart and that which was approved by the City Commission. Both she and Mr. Lauzier felt that these should be addressed, and discussions with WCI had taken place during the past several weeks. She could not explain how this happened as it had occurred prior to present staff joining the City; she did not wish to cast blame but rather move forward.

Ms. Gardner-Young acknowledged that it was a confusing issue. She explained a chart which listed setbacks for all of the pods within Parkland Golf & Country Club, which were relied upon by residents and contractors for accessory uses. She was confident that compromises could be reached with WCI before second reading.

Howard Nelson of Bilzin, Sumberg addressed the Commission. He believed that staff had succinctly explained the issue; a mistake had been made. Roughly half of the community had been built, permitted, or contracted under a misapprehension of facts, and he believed that the remainder of the community should be built under similar requirements. He offered to provide a complete presentation of every detail at second reading.

Mayor Udine agreed that the full presentation should be made at second reading so that staff and the applicant may incorporate information from questions posed at this meeting.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky asked for a column-by-column explanation of the chart. Additionally, she questioned how many units in each pod had been affected and the status of the compromises.

With Mr. Nelson's explanation that the first two columns of the chart were the pool and spa side and rear setbacks, the Vice Mayor questioned further. Ms. Gardner-Young indicated that staff had no objection to the rear setbacks and confirmed that the issues were to the side. WCI had voluntarily followed street setbacks. Ms. Gardner-Young provided further explanation as to the interpretation of the figures, and Mr. Nelson noted that the Pod 9 difference was a Scrivener's error and would be corrected.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky suggested that the irrelevant information should be eliminated from the chart so that the specific differences could be discussed and solved. Mayor Udine agreed.

Mayor Udine asked how it might be safeguarded that this type of error did not happen again. Ms. Gardner-Young indicated that staff had initiated certain processes to be followed, which would prevent it from occurring in the future.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky thanked WCI for working with the City; they had been very accommodating.

Commissioner Smith commented that, with the chart cleared up for the second reading, he hoped the situation would be resolved as quickly as possible.

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Commissioner McGilvray asked that the new chart be furnished along with the information provided for this meeting. It was important to her to view it in context.

Mayor Udine opened to the public.

Murray Zweig, a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, believed it was important to assure compatibility with the adjacent neighboring homes and pods so that, whatever the ruling, it does not misappropriate the look of the community. He believed that consistency with the homes already built or permitted must be kept in mind.

Former Vice Mayor Debby Beck asked if any of the affected side setbacks were next to the planned amenities. Mr. Nelson responded in the negative, indicating that the affected properties were near bodies of water.

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

MOTION made by Commissioner McGilvray to approve Ordinance No. 2006-08, Parkland Golf & Country Club Master Plan Amendment, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Moskowitz.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION passed unanimously.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM:

SELECTION OF CROSSWALK PATTERN

Referring to the pattern sheet he had distributed, City Manager Mark Lauzier noted a wide array of options for the stamped concrete crosswalks at University Drive and Holmberg Road. The Commission must provide direction to WCI as to the pattern and the color of the stamped concrete.

WCI representative Tara Patton noted that, the lighter the color, the more dirt was shown. Darker colors, such as the reds and terra cottas, held up better.

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Commissioner McGilvray asked about the patterns: whether they varied in depth, whether any one held up better, or whether any required less maintenance. Ms. Patton responded that all depths were the same. Darker colors were more forgiving, and the quantity of grooves did not seem to have an impact.

Commissioner Moskowitz offered that he would prefer the European cobblestone pattern in darker green. He noted a selection could be debated for days.

Vice Mayor Ribotsky suggested the crosswalks should be consistent with the pavers at City Hall in pattern and color.

Commissioner Smith indicated that, while his preference would be a herringbone brick, he agreed with the Vice Mayor's remarks.

Mayor Udine agreed with Vice Mayor Ribotsky and Commissioner Smith, and believed the City Hall pavers were in a herringbone pattern.

Mayor Udine opened to the public.

Natalie Bigio of Pinetree Estates pointed out that a purpose of the crosswalk was to draw attention; if they are colored dark green, they would not be noticed. She agreed that it should stand out, but also match the existing stonework. She commented that her home had a stamped driveway and noted it was slippery when wet. She suggested that some provision be made.

Former Vice Mayor Debby Beck recalled that past discussions included the intent to create a "signature" intersection, which would be repeated at other intersections through similar landscaping, rock outcroppings, signage, and lighting. She encouraged the Commission to get color samples and make a decision that unifies all of the different aspects.

Mr. Lauzier commented that, as the intersection is built, the crosswalk will be framed by a 12-inch reflective white stripe.

Commissioner Moskowitz asked if obtaining the samples would cause delay in the traffic signal. Ms. Patton indicated the mastarms were awaited. She understood the need for samples, but asked that they be limited to a few patterns and colors.

City Engineer Charlie DaBrusco indicated the City Hall pavers were similar to the bottom row, middle pattern, labeled "Ashlar Cut Stone." With respect to color, the pavers were two-tone, darker and lighter red, and he recommended the darker color, which would fade in time.

Mayor Udine summarized that the Commission was leaning towards what currently exists. He suggested that samples of similar pattern and color should be brought so that they may make a better informed decision.

Commissioner Ribotsky suggested that the colors should be matched in daylight hours.

Mr. Lauzier confirmed that the samples would be brought to the Commission on May 3rd.

VII COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Mark Lauzier indicated that the Pine Trails Phase 2 preconstruction meeting had been held in the past week. He believed the team was ready to work on the project aggressively, and he anticipated having a groundbreaking ceremony.

Mr. Lauzier offered that new resident welcome packets had been assembled, which he believed informative and full of information. They would be made available to the Commissioners as they introduce themselves to new residents. Vice Mayor Ribotsky suggested that a quantity be shipped to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lauzier believed the packets professionally presented, with some beautiful pictures of the City's scenery. He acknowledged the project had been a team effort of Audrey Kapuler, Mary Gray, and Caryn Gardner-Young.

Mr. Lauzier commented that everyone seemed in agreement with the schedule of budget meetings and the rescheduling of the June 21st meeting. He believed that, sooner or later, there would be a backlog of workshop items, which was his reason for combining the May 24th date.

Mr. Lauzier indicated he had just received the Ranches Drainage Study from Keith & Associates. Further study would be necessary to make calculations and recommendations. He would provide his comments at the April 26th workshop. He noted that the Environmental Work Plan and Holmberg Road Improvements would also be on that agenda.

The Charter Review Board would meet in the next week for their wrap-up. It would be discussed at workshop in May, and the charter changes placed on June and July agendas.

IV COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COMMISSION

Comments made by Commissioner Moskowitz:

- Thanked Mr. Faberman for his tour of the Ranches the previous week. He believed he had a better understanding of what was going on and what needed to be accomplished. He was pleased that the City Manager was "on board," and that the bidding process had been moved ahead.
- Hoped that the City would consider alternative fuel vehicles and mowers in the future.

VIII COMMENTS BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

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City Attorney Andrew Maurodis indicated that he would soon provide further information on the code enforcement appeal to the Commission.

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Commissioner Moskowitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner McGilvray.

MOTION passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

SANDRA COUZZO, C.M.C.
City Clerk

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