

# City of Fort Lauderdale

City Hall  
100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
[www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov)



## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

1:30 PM

City Commission Conference Room

## City Commission Conference Meeting

*FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION*

*JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner*  
*BRUCE G. ROBERTS Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District I*  
*BOBBY B. DuBOSE Commissioner - District III*  
*ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV*

*LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager*  
*JOHN HERBST, City Auditor*  
*JONDA K. JOSEPH, City Clerk*  
*HARRY A. STEWART, City Attorney*

Meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Vice-Mayor Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Bobby B. DuBose and Commissioner Romney Rogers

**Also Present:** – City Manager, Lee R. Feldman; City Auditor, John Herbst; City Clerk, Jonda K. Joseph; City Attorney, Harry A. Stewart; Sergeant At Arms, Sergeant Edgar Cruz and Sergeant Joyce Fleming

## CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

### Events and Matters of Interest

Members of the Commission announced recent and upcoming events and matters of interest.

### Downtown Regional Activity Center; Flex Units

Commissioner Rogers wanted the City Manager to develop criteria for use of flex units in the downtown. A determination needs to be made as to the need for code changes.

### Electric Car Charging Stations, Downtown

Commissioner Rogers raised the idea of requiring electric car charging stations in new downtown developments.

### Hardy Park Utility Invoice; South Side School Audit

Commissioner Rogers referred to his question about a Hardy Park utility invoice that appeared in the City Auditor's audit for South Side School. He believed if the work takes place strictly in the right of way, it should not be charged to a project. He requested a response on this discrepancy.

### South Side School

Commissioner Rogers discussed potential avenues in finding an end user for South Side School. He emphasized that the City needs to secure courthouse garage parking in the evenings.

### Courthouse Parking Garage; Evening Public Parking

Commissioner Rogers asked the City Manager to pursue ascertaining some use of the courthouse parking garage for downtown public parking in the evening.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

### **BUS-1 13-0164** DOWNTOWN FORT LAUDERDALE WALKABILITY STUDY

The City Manager introduced Jeff Speck who conducted a walkability analysis of the downtown core area.

Mr. Speck reviewed slides on this topic. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. He believed focus should be placed on areas where a limited investment can have the most impact. Typically cities control how safe a street is. He felt those areas should be identified that are comfortable, interesting and likely to generate pedestrians if they are safe. Fort Lauderdale's study area is from 7<sup>th</sup> to Federal Highway and from the river to 4<sup>th</sup>. The interesting and comfortable places are essentially along the Riverwalk, Las Olas Boulevard and Himmarshee. The primary network of walkability defined as a place where it is possible to have a very walkable area quickly is essentially Las Olas Boulevard east of Federal Highway continuing along Himmarshee as well as Riverwalk. There are no north-south axis that are comfortable. The next thing to consider is connecting anchors. He explained why it makes sense to designate Flagler as a primary street. He explained that the noted universal actions have to do with all of the downtown and separate from the urban triage strategy just articulated. Las Olas and Himmarshee are the best short-term chance for walkability. They should not be asked to play as vital of a role in the automotive network as they do currently. He believed Las Olas and Himmarshee during rush hours could be reduced to one lane in each direction plus center turn lanes without negative impact. He described an inexpensive alternative to a traffic study of blocking the lane with police vehicles for a day. One reason why River Front is struggling is one-way traffic design. Many main streets across the country with one-way traffic design suffered and have now been changed to two-way with positive results. He noted a Riverwalk loop would allow the river to be enjoyed from both sides and went on to explain it. As to new streetscapes, nothing is more important than Brickell as it is the key north-south corridor. In the short-term restriping could make it a calmer street. He corrected Slides 81 and 83, to refer to SE 1 and 3 Avenues, not streets and west, not east. A long-term item would be building a deck over the tunnel for shops. He concluded by reading an excerpt from his report: A document and ensuing effort is needed to reorganize redevelopment in a way that causes limited public investment in a few key locations to transform the nature of the downtown. Such an approach is possible once it becomes understood that the key contributor to urban vitality is walkability and that only certain parts of the downtown possess the capacity to be truly walkable in short order. These parts can be perfected and connected into a small but meaningful network of pedestrian excellence that has a dramatic impact on the experience and reputation of the downtown. The report focuses principally on the short and mid-term so that much of its impact may be felt within five years and the majority within ten.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Fred Carlson, 625 Orton Avenue, indicated that north of Las Olas on the beach, there is an area that the City is trying to improve upon the walkability in order to support that area's small hotels. Mr. Speck offered to speak with Mr. Carlson after this presentation.

Dan Lindblade, President/CEO of Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, asked Mr. Speck's opinion about creating a mall on Las Olas for a certain distance. Mr. Speck advised that in the 60's and 70's some two-hundred streets in the country were converted to malls. Lincoln Road is one of about thirty that remain. About ten of those thirty are at all worth visiting. One hundred and fifty failed immediately. Another thirty or so took a lot longer to fail. He elaborated upon the need for on-curb parking for merchant success. He would be extraordinarily fearful of attempting it on Las Olas.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

Commissioner Rogers asked about types of crosswalk devices. Mr. Speck discussed the concept of strength in numbers. If walking is made more convenient, there will be more people and drivers will become more aware of them. One tool recommended for Broward Boulevard is the LPI (leading pedestrian indicator). It gives pedestrians the walk signal three seconds before it gives vehicles the go signal which allows pedestrians to claim the intersection. Another is concurrent crossings which is the case in big walking cities and the case in most of Fort Lauderdale. He felt signal time should be shorter and suggested sixty seconds total. Good walking cities do not have push buttons.

Steven Cook from the audience raised the issue of right turns on red signals and the difficulty it presents to pedestrians. Mr. Speck suggested red light camera enforcement. Europe has no permissible right turns on red. He went on to comment that in a busy intersection, the best time for a vehicle to turn right would be on red because there are pedestrians when the signal is green. There may be some locations in the downtown where eliminating the right turn go ahead might make sense.

Commissioner Rogers asked about the level of speed generally. Mr. Speck felt motorists respond to their environment. Wider lanes and no parallel parking allow motorists to go faster. In response to his question about parking fees, Mr. Speck suggested changing the price here and there and evaluating. The merchants fight it and then love it. He discussed an example in Old Pasadena and Westwood in Los Angeles where the price of parking in Old Pasadena was raised to \$1 per hour and revenue was used toward improving the streetscape which was a success whereas Westwood made parking free and it was a failure. It is important to the thriving of merchants, but less important for walkability. He does not believe having permanent on-curb parking on Las Olas for its entire length will be a problem for traffic. Drivers will make a choice to move from street to street. Las Olas and Himmarshee are the only short-term chances to have a real walkable downtown area. As to the notion removing the median on east Las Olas in order to widen the sidewalk, the width of the sidewalk is less important than it being protected by parallel parking. With a permanent parking lane against the curb, sidewalk extensions could be built at pinch points using just a few parking spaces. He would not recommend removing the median because the trees make the street world famous. Commissioner Rogers asked about truck traffic. Mr. Speck felt trucks will respond to the environment and take the shortest and most convenient path. He did not think this would have any real impact on them. Many cities require deliveries before or after business hours, which he would recommend if the City feels it can be imposed. Vice Mayor Roberts felt the report is great and the focus is do-able. He liked the concept of coordinating mass-transit and multi-modal transportation efforts with walkability. He supported the idea of narrowing lanes, more landscaping and safe bikeways.

Commissioner DuBose was disappointed that there is nothing in the low-hanging fruit recommendations for the northwest and the Sistrunk corridor. He referred to the desirability for walkability to the downtown and especially 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He liked the loop idea for the Riverwalk. Mr. Speck explained that the report is based upon facts on the ground. The area is not in the primary network of walkability. All the same, the report recommends restriping 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> streets to the northwest boundaries of the study to make the streets calmer and safer. Commissioner DuBose referred to Avenue of the Arts and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Speck indicated it is in the report and emphasized there are probably two hundred things in the report that were not discussed today. There are twelve foot wide lanes on Avenue of the Arts. Restriping to ten feet results in a gain of ten feet. He proposed this ten feet be added to the Flagler Greenway, making the north south walk much more pleasant. He did not think 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue will ever be that attractive to pedestrians because of the traffic volume. He went on to comment on the long-term recommendations and the need to start now in order to ever make them a reality. One example is making Broward a complete street which means removing two lanes and adding bicycle facilities, parallel parking and a roundabout at Federal Highway. Federal Highway should be reshaped to four lanes plus individual turn lanes. Third Avenue should also be made into a complete street by removing two lanes and adding bicycle facilities and parallel parking. These are presented as long-term because there needs to be negotiations with other governmental jurisdictions. They are ideas that have been cooking for some time and not his.

Mayor Seiler liked the report and the emphasis on bike lanes and recommendations for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. He was concerned about interaction between bike lanes and onstreet parking. Mr. Speck commented on statistics proving more women will become bicyclists if there are separate bike lanes. They are helpful for older people and children. There are some streets where there is not enough space, but even though there is the risk of door swings, it is a safer alternative than not having them. Another solution would be to

place the bike lanes on one side of the street with a buffer. Mayor Seiler agreed with ten foot lane width in the urban corridors, but did not agree where there is truck traffic. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is proposing a ten foot width on Dixie Highway with which he disagreed. Mr. Speck indicated there is no need to do so unless the goal is to attract pedestrians. He indicated that there is discussion of reducing the lanes on Broward. Together with reducing the lanes on Himmarshee, he asked about potential impact. He advised that is in the report. This is a network and some other streets are not being as utilized. Some people will adjust their paths. The grid can handle limited changes. In the short term, reducing lanes on Broward is less important than placing parking on Las Olas and Himmarshee. He observed this morning between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. that the extra lane on Las Olas was not that needed. Mayor Seiler appreciated the recommendation with respect to Riverfront. Mr. Speck indicated that the pedestrian bridges in Riverfront be removed. They block the Riverwalk view from points north. He advocated for a massive housing component to Riverfront.

The City Manager advised that staff will develop an implementation plan on the recommendations. From there the Commission can then select which recommendations the City should pursue. Staff's implementation plan will come forward in a month.

**BUS-2 13-0307** REQUEST OF FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR 1) AMENDMENTS TO LEASE AGREEMENT AND 2) ASSISTANCE WITH PROPERTY INSURANCE INVOICE

Elton Sayward, President of Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, reviewed slides concerning this matter. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. He referenced the current lease, a cost breakdown, and a letter he sent to the City Manager, dated December 3, 2012, which are shown in Exhibits 2, 3, and 1, respectively, of Commission Agenda Memorandum 13-0307.

In response to Vice Mayor Roberts, Bonnie Flynn, Executive Director of Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, confirmed the annual maintenance cost of \$133,089. Although the Fort Lauderdale History Center (FLHC) is a treasure, Mayor Seiler thought prioritization is necessary because the City has other historic structures to consider, like the Annie Beck House and the Shippey House. Commissioner Rogers thought placing the FLHC buildings on the City's blanket insurance policy would provide a considerable savings. Discussion ensued about whether the Shippey House and Annie Beck House are on the City's policy. Commissioner Rogers noted that the City does not own the Shippey House. Mayor Seiler felt the insurance is a proper step, but stressed that it must be determined what the City is paying for. The City owns many buildings and a policy is needed; otherwise this could inspire similar requests from other charitable organizations. Commissioner Rogers agreed. He elaborated upon the City's partnership with FLHS, and FLHC being an important component of the Riverwalk area. He reiterated that the request with respect to insurance might be the most feasible at this time. Mayor Seiler thought an inventory should be taken of City-owned properties leased by 501(c)(3) organizations that includes whether the tenant or the City is paying for the insurance. He emphasized that this will be precedent setting. He supported adding FLHS to the City's insurance policy. However, the City must be careful to operate within a consistent policy. Although, he thought an exception could be made for the FLHC because of its connection to the Riverwalk. He did not want to consider this separately. He wanted inventory information.

Vice Mayor Roberts inquired about the seriousness of the damage and the future rehabilitation cost. Ms. Flynn explained that the FLHS provided \$650,000 just to bring things up to speed. She highlighted information in Exhibit 3. FLHS has written three grants to pay for some repairs, but, even if the grants are awarded, it would take up to one year to receive the funding. In terms of being able to stay in business, this is a critical time for FLHC. Vice Mayor Roberts believed the repairs are urgent, but agreed that a policy is needed. The City Manager explained that FLHS currently pays for all non-wind peril insurance. The wind policy premium is about \$22,000. The City has historically split this cost with FLHS. However,

for \$20,000, the City can cover all perils by adding FLHS to its policy that would be a substantial savings for the FLHS. As to other facilities, the City pays all insurance for the Eula Johnson House. In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Manager indicated that he would find out the insurance deadline, but in any event the lease must be amended and brought back to the Commission.

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Auditor agreed that a uniform policy would be useful. Currently, the City is doing business with several 501(c)(3) organizations and it seems to be on an ad hoc basis. Commissioner Rogers emphasized intangibles like the City's partnership with FLHS should be considered; it is their mission to provide good public relations for the City at no cost, and that partnership should be maintained.

The City Manager explained to Mayor Seiler that the City Attorney has to revise the lease. An inventory can be presented in thirty days. There was no objection to adding FLHS to the City's insurance policy. Mayor Seiler asked staff to complete the insurance component immediately. He then wanted to consider a proper protocol.

Commissioner Rogers referred to FLHS' Requests 4 and 5 set forth in Commission Agenda Memorandum 13-0307: 4. Recognition on the City website and other collaborative marketing materials to facilitate visitation and attendance and 5. City support for grants available for funding repairs to the historic buildings. Mayor Seiler had no objection to Request 5, but the City must clearly identify its reasons for fulfilling Request 4 as it would be precedent setting. In an effort to expedite this matter because of the condition of the FLHC buildings, Vice Mayor Roberts requested a two-week turnaround rather than 30 days. The City Manager advised that staff will complete this as quickly as possible. In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Attorney indicated that the amended lease can be presented in two weeks.

In response to Commissioner Rogers, Ms. Flynn clarified Request 5.

**BUS-3 13-0306 DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT -  
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

The City Manager noted that this is the first of a series of monthly presentations, featuring a City department.

Greg Brewton, Sustainable Development Director, and Jenni Morejon, Deputy Director of Sustainable Development, alternatively reviewed slides and read a prepared statement concerning this matter. Copies of the slides and prepared statement are attached to these minutes.

Mayor Seiler opened the floor for public comment.

Dan Lindblade, President/CEO of Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, offered congratulations for this department's progress. He cautioned about duplicating what has already been done, and elaborated upon the positive feedback he has received about this department from businesses. He expressed desire for a working partnership between the business community and the City.

There was no one else wishing to speak.

Given the department's goal to develop an economic development strategy, Commissioner Rogers assumed the department will take advantage of in-roads made at the Business First Fort Lauderdale (Business First) initiative. In addition to departmental teamwork, it is also important to engage with the business community and grow that partnership. Mr. Brewton explained that the department's business seminars are being combined with the Business First initiative in order to expand the outreach to the business community. The City Manager noted the City's commitment and citywide initiative to engage all of the city's business partners in dialogue. He elaborated upon a good example, a recent meeting of the Cypress Creek/Uptown Focus Group hosted by Vice Mayor Roberts where City staff, property owners and businesses discussed potential partnerships and ways to improve the area.

Mr. Lindblade stressed the importance of differentiating the City's incentives and attractions from other South Florida cities in order to raise the level of awareness and increase the City business recruitment ability.

**BUS-4 13-0225 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP) - PUBLIC WORKS**

Hardeep Anand, Deputy Director of Public Works, reviewed slides concerning this matter. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. In response to Commissioner DuBose, he explained that the ETS (Engineering Tracking System) can provide an accurate analysis of time and staff when a project is complete. Although a report can be produced while the project is in progress, ETS is a static program that must be manually updated by staff. The challenge is that staff would like to have an accurate analysis as the project proceeds. Susanne Torriente, Assistant City Manager, stressed that ETS offers a snapshot of time, but it is not used to manage a project. The desire is to evolve into a tool that assists with managing projects in order to meet deadlines and avoid change orders. Commissioner DuBose reasoned that, although static, ETS is useful because it can provide a sense of a project when it is completed. Ms. Torriente agreed. A completed project can then be reconciled because ETS communicates with the City's centralized financial systems (FAMIS). However, in the interim, there are some inaccuracies.

The City Manager explained that, although the Engineering Division has made progress, there is a lack of project management capabilities. ETS offers an adequate end-of-project report, but a tool is needed to provide updates with real-time data while the project is underway. This would allow problems to be flagged before they occur. He asked for the Commission's pardon while staff revises the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) process as it will pose challenges for obtaining information in a timely manner. However, ineffective project management is the reason projects like South Side School have gone astray. This matter must be resolved because there are a number of significant projects on the horizon. He has asked staff to be selective about taking on new projects until this is finished. In response to Commissioner Rogers, he thought for the most part this can be implemented with the current number of full-time employees (FTEs). Current employees need some re-training which will be challenging and take some time. Ms. Torriente pointed out that there is a lack of some skill sets like project-estimating and scheduling. The City Manager indicated that he hopes to accomplish this through attrition.

Mr. Anand completed review of the slide presentation.

In response to Vice Mayor Roberts, Mr. Anand thought it will take about twelve months to revise the CIP process, depending upon when the process mapping tool is procured. About six months after obtaining the process mapping tool and populating the data into it, projects could then be viewed in real-time. The challenge will be to integrate with FAMIS in real-time somewhat. Commissioner Rogers expressed concern about delay caused by staff having to find the right process mapping tool. Mr. Anand noted that staff has spoken to vendors and reached out to other cities. He elaborated upon two programs that have been identified. The procurement could take as little as three months. The process mapping will likely be completed by the time the tool is procured. In response to Vice Mayor Roberts, the City Manager indicated that FAMIS does not communicate well with any programs, but that must be overcome on the

short-term. The Information Technology Department’s strategic plan addresses this issue for the long-term. More training will be taking place as the talent base develops. Vice Mayor Roberts asked what impact this will have on current projects. Ms. Torriente indicated that staff is designing and constructing while working to make this fix. She thought it is necessary to get a handle on the current projects and determine performance measures. Mr. Anand added that staff assigned to FAMIS have found some creative ways to allow for budgeting by phases. Commissioner DuBose indicated that because his questions are technical, he will address them with staff directly.

There was no objection to this item.

**BUS-5 13-0264 PURCHASING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT OF CONTRACTORS DOING BUSINESS WITH CITY FOR CERTAIN REASONS**

The City Manager sought permission to begin working on an ordinance amendment to ensure that a fair and equitable suspension and debarment of contractors process is in place that includes an appeal to the Commission. The City Auditor mentioned that fraud allegations levied against the Miami procurement director caused that city to beef up their procedures. Mayor Seiler remarked on a similar matter involving Broward County Traffic Engineering Division. Vice Mayor Roberts expressed support of this item. Commissioner Rogers did not want one person to make the call. He suggested a committee that includes the City Manager, City Attorney, and Procurement Director to ensure there are checks and balances. The City Auditor elaborated upon Post Buckley Shuh et al was involved in bribery and fraud which was self-discovered. He reasoned that the City should have a procedure that allows a firm that self-discovers fraudulent activity and takes measures to remediate, to be eligible as a vendor again after a period of time. In other words, firms should not be discouraged from self-reporting. Commissioner Rogers agreed.

There was no objection to this item.

**BUS-6 13-0167 CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFICATION**

Both Commissioners DuBose and Rogers volunteered. Mayor Seiler appointed Commissioners DuBose and Rogers to serve on the Civil Service Board’s election board.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**BD-2 13-0097 BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

- Education Advisory Board William Exemar (Mayor Seiler – New)
- Marine Advisory Board Erik Johnson (Commissioner Rogers – New)
- Nuisance Abatement Board Lorraine Saunders (Consensus – Reappointment)
- Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board Karen Polivka (Mayor Seiler – New)
- Sustainability Advisory Board Vicki Eckels (Commissioner Rogers – Reappointment)

Note: Please see regular meeting item R-6.



**EXECUTIVE CLOSED DOOR SESSION WAS HELD AT 4:44 P.M.**

**13-0300** THE CITY COMMISSION SHALL MEET PRIVATELY PURSUANT TO SECTION 768.28(16) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES CONCERNING:

Jeffrey Dowling v. City of Fort Lauderdale - Case 12-CV-60774-COHN, File PP L 09-555.

**CLOSED DOOR SESSION ENDED AT 4:56 P.M.**

NOTE: The City Commission recessed at 4:56 p.m. and reconvened in the City Commission Chambers at 7:23 p.m. to address item BD-1.

**BD-1 13-0096** COMMUNICATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION AND MINUTES CIRCULATED - period ending January 31, 2013

Community Services Board

**The Community Services Board would like to reiterate** its support for the allocation of HOPWA funding to the Legal Aid. The Board believes that any concerns over conflict of interest can and should be resolved quickly to allow Legal Aid to continue providing the much-needed legal services they are currently providing in good faith, as the current funding cycle began on October 1, 2012.

In response to Mayor Seiler, the City Attorney advised his office has requested clarification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, but has not yet received it.

Historic Preservation Board

**Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Ms. Thompson** to inform the City Commission that the HPB supports the position of the Central Beach Alliance regarding the Casa Alhambra/Vintro Hotel project and requests that the applicant present the project to the HPB for review and comment as part of the approval process. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Mr. Morgan** to request the City Commission direct staff to apply for local designation of the Casa Alhambra and Café Casa Blanca properties. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**Motion made by Mr. Schulze, seconded by Mr. Morgan** to request the City Commission direct staff to explore options for protecting the umbrella tree on the old City Hall property. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Seiler thought this should be reviewed by the District II commissioner when the seat is filled.

Commissioner Rogers suggested the Commission hold a joint meeting with the Historic Preservation Board (HPB). He felt the HPB feels the Commission is not paying attention to them. It seems there is a delay in moving forward on the historic preservation ordinance. There are legal issues that need to be clarified. Commissioner DuBose thought legal issues should be handled by the City Attorney's office. Commissioner Rogers went on to mention a couple examples of matters that need to be clarified. Another matter is what are the issues that have precluded moving forward with an ordinance re-write. Mayor Seiler thought a joint meeting would be held after the re-write final draft is available. The City Attorney advised that discussion with the committee has been completed. The Manager's staff and his office are working on putting the ordinance in a format which is expected to be completed in the next few months. Commissioner Rogers thought it has been ongoing longer than necessary and it may be due to a lack of communication between the groups. He did not want to wait another couple months. Vice Mayor Roberts did not think a joint meeting will accomplish anything unless there is a document to address. In response to Commissioner Rogers, the City Attorney explained that staff could have provided an ordinance quite a while ago, but the HPB would not have agreed with it. They have met with and endeavored to resolve some of the HPB's issues. They are analyzing the information and creating a report that outlines the differences as well as the pros and cons. They just finished obtaining the HPB's full input in the last couple, three weeks. Commissioner Rogers thought this should be given a higher priority and completed in less than sixty days. The City Attorney and City Manager mentioned other projects the assigned assistant city attorney is currently working on. The City Attorney confirmed that this matter can be brought forward on the April 2, 2013 conference agenda.

#### Police and Firefighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees

**The Board has selected the firm of Foster & Foster as the new Plan actuary. Police Officer Richard Fortunato was re-elected as a Trustee.**

Information received.

#### Middle River-South Middle River-Sunrise Boulevard Redevelopment Advisory Board

**The Middle River – South Middle River – Sunrise Blvd Redevelopment Advisory Board wants to inform the City Commission that they will be holding a workshop on February 9, 2013 to discuss issues related to the redevelopment of the area, such as the redevelopment plan, design guidelines and zoning issues.**

Information received.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORTS – none.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.