Commission meeting

STATEMENT OF FRANK SESSIONS CR-6

- Mr Mayor, Commissioners I would like to thank you for letting me speak tonight . Jul 1,2014
- My name, I have lived in FTL for 15 years and I live in the Citrus Isles section of the City.
- As a result of our investigation, all information put forth here tonight, is from printed, digital, and video sources conveyed by AAF. My opinions are formed from these facts.
- To start all artist depictions of the proposed train station in Miami, have the trains on elevated tracks.
 To date this idea is not being considered in the plans for the FLT train station.
- A close friend, Mr.John Dotto was abc chan 10 Sunday with Michael Putney and AAF pres Reininger who stated that phase one of the AAF project is approved. As yet, we have found no public documents to support this claim. Do you know what Phase One he is referring to? What is phase two?
- Why is the closure of NW 2 street now before the Commission before EIS has been submitted and approved by the Federal Railroad Administration and with no public discussion?
- We agree that the All Aboard Florida project will generate employment and businesses for our city. It is the lack of attention to the New River Bridge issue and our Marine Industry that concerns us.
- Another concern is the potential loss of property values due to the increase in rail, passenger and freight traffic.
- Also, we have concerns about the highway gridlock and the marine congestion on the New River.
- We understand that the EA and FONSI were published by the Federal Railroad Administration in 2013. We have information from the US Coast Guard that the EA did not include the impact this project will have on the New River marine traffic.
- The FRA has advised us that the impact of the New River Bridge issue will be addressed by the US. Coast Guard in the pending EIS.
- Concerning the proposed stipulation that describes the procedure of the closing of 2nd street. In the document is a NW 2nd street DETOUR MAP, ENTITLED PHASE ONE TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN. Again, what phase two.
- Exhibit 2 has the proposed FTL rail station on the westside of tracks. But the most important aspect is that the tracks are labeled "PROPOSED TRI RAIL TRACK". We have told that Tri rail will never be relocated to the FEC track but it appears now that this is in the long range rail plans.
- Therefore, at this time we feel that the commission should withhold any action on this stipulation.

Thank you