

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA  
JANUARY 17, 2012 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

Mayor Pilar Turner, present; Vice Mayor Craig Fletcher, present; Councilmember Jay Kramer, present; Councilmember Tracy Carroll, present and Councilmember Richard Winger, present **Also Present:** James O'Connor, City Manager; Wayne Coment, Acting City Attorney and Tammy Vock, City Clerk

**B. Invocation**

Dr. Charles Lever of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

The audience and the Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**A. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption**

Mayor Turner added on to the agenda item 9A-2) "FMPA Representation."

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mrs. Carroll seconded the motion.

Mrs. Tammy Vock, City Clerk, removed item 2C-2) from the agenda at the request of the Ms. Buday who was on the agenda to speak under Public Comment.

Mr. Fletcher amended the motion to include the removal of item 2C-2) from the agenda. Mrs. Carroll seconded the amendment and it passed unanimously.

**B. Proclamations**

None

**C. Public Comment**

- 1) Mrs. Vicki Gould to speak on Downtown Beautification Day.**

Mrs. Vicki Gould, 1901 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, is a member on the Board for Main Street Vero Beach and is Vice Chairman of the Design Committee. She thanked Council for approving funding from the Tree and Beautification Commission's account to provide hanging baskets downtown. In conjunction with the hanging baskets downtown everyone agreed to have a beautification day, which included hanging the baskets with the new plants, doing some painting, refinishing some benches, etc. She thanked everyone that showed up to help out with this project.

Mrs. Carroll also thanked Main Street and all the volunteers from the business community who showed up to help with Beautification Day.

**2) Ms. Lara Buday to speak on the Vero Beach Film Festival.**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Ms. Lara Buday.

**3) Mrs. Mary Burkins, Substance Awareness Council, to give a Power Point Presentation concerning Tobacco-Free Zones.**

Ms. Christen Brit introduced Miss Jewell Blackley, and Miss Journey Tallis who gave a Power Point presentation titled "Tobacco-Free Zones City of Vero Beach Parks" (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mayor Tuner noted that the Recreation Commission has approved the request for a Resolution to promote the health and wellness of the residents and visitors by establishing Tobacco-Free zones in Vero Beach Parks and Recreation facilities. She instructed the City Manager and City Attorney to draft a Resolution and bring it back to Council.

It was consensus of the whole Council to bring this forward.

Mr. Wayne Coment, Acting City Attorney, had some questions as to what exactly needed to be in the Resolution.

Mayor Turner suggested that he check with the Recreation Commission who can give him some guidance.

Mr. James O'Connor, City Manager, added that they would also work with the Recreation Director on this.

Mrs. Carroll went over what the Recreation Commission voted on at their meeting. She said that staff may want to go back to them and verify it before bringing the Resolution to Council.

Mr. Joseph Guffanti, 441 Holly Road, stated that he was going to talk about \$14 million dollars tonight with respect to the City utilities. He mentioned the amount of money that was spent to find out the value of the utility system. He called a couple of people who

are knowledgeable in the field of finance and they told him about Gordan's rule, which means that an asset is worth what earnings that you can get out of it. So he looked into finding out what the utility system is actually making in excess of their cost. He spoke to Mr. Steve Maillet, former Finance Director and Mr. John Lee, former Acting Utility Director, about the utility system, along with former Councilmember Brian Heady who also attended that meeting. One of the questions that he asked was how much money does the utility system generate. He said prior to that meeting, Mr. Lee gave him a print out for the past five years, which showed \$6 million dollars and it was just about the same amount every year, which he thought was strange. But he found out that the City budgeted an amount and adjusted the power rates to accommodate the money that was being shifted over into the General Fund. He asked Mr. Maillet what other money has the utility generated. He told him that there was a \$2 million dollar buildup that was depleted from the hurricanes. He asked him if there was any other monies that had been built up and to his surprise he was told that there was \$14 million dollars that had been accumulated since the hurricanes over the past five years. Mr. Guffanti did not know if Council knew about this. He said that Mr. Heady did not know about it, so he could not conceive any of this Council knowing about it at the time. He said the bottom line here is that there was \$14 million dollars built up and the public was not aware of it. He said that "you people and your predecessors" have kept the public in the dark. It would behoove them to issue a statement as to what is going on and where that money is and what is being done with it. He asked two people tonight if they knew about this, one person said they were \$30 million dollars in the hole and the other person said that they were \$14 million dollars in the hole. He has no reason not to believe what Mr. Maillet told him. He thinks the public should know what is going on with money hidden in the utility system. He told Council that they had an obligation to let the public know what is going on.

Mr. Charlie Wilson, 1057 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, reported that at today's County Commission meeting the Commission voted to return all of the \$1.2 million dollars left over in the Impact 101 Fund because of the courage shown by this Council. The County Commission was not informed of the existence of this account. He said that today at their meeting they agreed to refund the entire amount, including the interest accrued. He said that no requests have ever been made for State funding from the MPO to help with this State road. He hopes that Vero Beach representatives on the MPO will help in gaining funding from the State of Florida to alleviate any future crisis. He congratulated Council for fighting for their citizens. The Finance Department at the County has admitted that they made a mistake. The County has made some changes on the way that refunds are calculated. The refunds will start being returned around the first of March and kept open until sometime in June. The County will now keep track and notify their residents when they are due a refund. There probably will be an existing balance because some people do not want the money back. He has said all along that they would be able to do both the project and give these refunds. He noted that a local claim center has been opened to assist people in receiving their claims.

Mrs. Carroll asked which individuals would apply for the refund. Would it be the current owners or the previous owners of the property?

Mr. Wilson explained that it would need to be the current owner. He said that is something that Council may want to look at in the future.

Mrs. Carroll then asked will the County be notifying the people who are entitled to a refund.

Mr. Wilson said the intention is for them to do that.

Mrs. Carroll asked if the County has developed a list of effected property owners. Mr. Wilson said not yet. Mrs. Carroll thanked Mr. Wilson for standing up for the citizens of this community.

#### **D. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

- 1. Regular City Council Minutes – January 3, 2012**
- 2. Conn Beach Dune Restoration – Bid No. 380-11/JV – COVB PW Project No. 2011-20 – Requested by Public Works Manager**
- 3. FY 2011-2012 Capital Project Unit 2 Water Box Coating – Requested by Power Resources Director**
- 4. FY 2011-2012 Capital Project Unit 2 Traveling Water Screen Replacement Contractor Selection – Requested by Power Resources Director**
- 5. Monthly Capital Projects’ Status Report – Requested by Public Works Department**

Mr. Winger pulled item 2D-2) off of the consent agenda.

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adopt agenda as amended. Mr. Winger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 2. Conn Beach Dune Restoration – Bid No. 380-11/JV – COVB PW Project No. 2011-20 – Requested by Public Works Manager**

Mr. Winger reported that he attended the Beach and Shores Committee meeting yesterday afternoon and found out that the work that is being done to the North part of the County is being funded 62% by the County, 27% by Indian River Shores, and 11% by Orchid. In looking at this request, he wondered why the City was funding the entire amount of money for this project.

Mr. O’Connor explained that they are looking into seeing if there is a way to tap into that source. He said that the dune restoration is not really beach restoration and we cannot do beach restoration without a referendum. Their dune restoration is to preserve and protect the infrastructure that they have. They will let Council know after checking into this if there is any other funds available.

Mr. Winger mentioned that under the projects being done that there is dune restoration going on and being funded by the County. If that is true then maybe they should table this item and bring it back at the next City Council meeting.

Mr. O'Connor asked Council to approve this tonight and he will keep researching the funding.

Mayor Turner understood that this was more to protect the existing boardwalk structure.

Mr. O'Connor told Mayor Turner that she was correct. He reiterated that up to this point they have not explored the funding.

Mrs. Carroll referred to a document that she had dated September 2011, entitled "Flood Plain Management Annual Progress Report" and in the report it says that the City of Vero Beach is eligible to apply for the following mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA and under the project list it does list construction of a seawall along Conn Beach in the City of Vero Beach. She discussed this with Mr. O'Connor and they agreed that this may be a possibility to alleviate the continued protection of their City assets being the Conn Beach boardwalk. She also had some pictures that were taken back in the 70's of the Ocean Grill showing where the walkway used to be and the beach being about six feet from the stairs. She understands that this is a continuing effort every few years to put more sand on the beach that is being washed away. She said whether or not the original idea of putting the boardwalks in place and whether or not they need to continue keeping those assets up may need to be discussed. She would appreciate it if Mr. O'Connor would look into this, as well as utilizing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as another source of funding with the concern that it is for a necessary seawall at Conn Beach. She understood that the last time sand was put on this exact location was a year ago.

Mr. O'Connor reported that at one time the City did make a FEMA grant application for the seawall and it was denied.

Mrs. Carroll asked what else would it take in order to get this grant money based on the recurring situation at that location. She said that it is very concerning to some of the members of the public that they continue to spend money on the beach and continue to watch the sand wash away.

Mr. Monte Falls, Public Work's Director, reported that the beaches do restore themselves, but the dunes do not. He said that when you lose the dune material it has to be physically replaced to offer the same protection. In this area he has seen three major erosion events. After the hurricanes, they explored through FEMA, the Hazard Mitigation Grant process to get funding for the seawall. He said that FEMA looked at the cost that they put out to build the roadway back that was damaged as opposed to what it would cost to rebuild the seawall. They (FEMA) said that the cost benefit did not warrant putting the funding in for the seawall to get the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Mr. Winger commented that the County is in the process of putting out an RFQ and what they are going to be looking at is structures that would mitigate this and be more effective than sand. The structures that they are looking at are located north of the City boundary. He agreed that the dunes have to be restored if they are going to have a road. He wondered why they did not have some help from the County in funding this.

Mr. O'Connor reiterated that he will make inquiries into some funding.

Mr. Kramer made a motion to approve the Conn Beach Dune Restoration – Bid No. 380-11/JV – COVB PW Project No. 2011-20. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **4. RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARING**

None

### **5. FIRST READINGS BY TITLE FOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT REQUIRE A FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING**

None

### **6. CITY CLERK'S MATTERS**

None

### **7. CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

#### **A) Response to Indian River Shores, including Five-Year Capital Plan and Water and Sewer Optimization Update – Requested by City Manager/Water and Sewer Director**

Mr. O'Connor reported that he plans to send the response letter (on file in the Clerk's office) out to Indian River Shores (IRS) tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Carroll asked him what was his expectation for the negotiation process.

Mr. O'Connor predicted that Indian River Shores would sign with the City of Vero Beach and take the County rates.

Mrs. Carroll asked if there were any expectations that the County might modify their proposal.

Mr. O'Connor did not know because he has not talked to anyone at the County.

Mrs. Carroll wondered if the deadline for IRS signing with the City precludes them from going back and forth.

Mr. O'Connor understood that all interested parties have until the January 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline. He anticipates that the County will have presented a proposal to IRS by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Kramer asked if the County has to bring it before the County Commission for a vote. Mr. O'Connor did not know.

Mayor Turner went over all of the things that the City would be offering to IRS (see attached letter). She said that if IRS accepts this it would be effective October 1, 2012.

Discussion took place on the savings to IRS if they went with the City's proposal (outlined in the backup material).

Mr. O'Connor commented that from the information that he has it is clear that the County is their competitor. He said that if the Council decides that they want to apply the County rates to City customers they can do that. He expressed that the rate structure is the issue more than anything else.

Mayor Turner asked if they are unsuccessful with IRS what will happen.

Mr. O'Connor did not foresee a big change. He said that some of their cost would go down and they would have to reduce in size.

Mrs. Carroll brought up reuse water and the capability of giving it to their residents.

Mr. O'Connor explained that at this time they don't have the infrastructure in place to deliver it, but that is in the five-year plan.

Mayor Turner commented that in reviewing the optimization plan and the five year scenarios, she questioned what savings are due to staff reduction and how much savings are due to improved efficiency within the utility system.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out the personnel costs and infrastructure improvements programmed into the five-year plan will improve on the efficiencies.

Mayor Turner mentioned that she only saw in one section the installation of variable frequency drives on large pumps. She asked if this was only going to be done on a continuing process.

Mr. O'Connor replied that it will be a continuing process, plus the cross-training of personnel.

Mr. Winger thought that the optimization update was exactly what they talked about. He congratulated staff in putting this together.

Mr. O'Connor said that he would proceed with sending the letter out tomorrow.

**B) Update on City Attorney's Position – Requested by City Manager**

Mr. O'Connor reported that Council has received all of the current applications that the City received for the City Attorney's position.

Mayor Turner commented that she went through and reviewed the resumes that they had and noted that today they received some more resumes. She started screening these based on the criteria that was in the advertisement and she still was unclear as a Council what they were looking for in a City Attorney. She went over some questions that came up as she was reviewing the resumes and asked for input from the Council.

Mr. Fletcher commented that he would not consider someone out of State. He thought that it was very important that the attorney is familiar with Florida law.

Mayor Turner asked if they had been in Florida at some time and left the State would he consider them.

Mr. Fletcher said in that case he would consider them as long as they had worked in the State of Florida. He suggested letting the Charter Officers collect the best top five resumes and then do skype interviews and let Council narrow the list down from there.

Mayor Turner asked Mr. Fletcher if what he was saying was that he would like the City Clerk and City Manager to screen all of these resumes and select five for them (Council) to interview.

Mr. Fletcher answered yes.

Mrs. Carroll disagreed with that proposal. She said in looking at the resumes and noting that they did just receive a number of them today, she was concerned that in a number of the resumes the applicants did not meet the stipulations outlined in the advertisement. She is more likely to agree with Mrs. Turner's recommendation that she made a couple of weeks ago and look at hiring a search firm.

Mr. Fletcher hated to pay someone for something that they could do themselves. He wanted to have the Charter Officer's input on these resumes.

Mr. Kramer commented that his experience with working with the attorneys they have now (Mr. Coment and Mrs. Lyon) is that they need to have someone that knows Florida law. He thought that they might have to look at someone that came from another municipality.

Mayor Turner brought up that they are looking at hiring a Charter Officer and none of them are Human Resource (HR) experts and that it would behoove them to have someone that has that experience to review these resumes. She suggested going through a similar process like they did with Mr. O'Connor.

Mrs. Carroll agreed that after looking at the resumes that they have received that they do need professional guidance from someone with HR experience.

Mayor Turner added that it would also help guide them in setting the salary.

Mr. Fletcher asked if Council wanted to go as far as they did with Mr. O'Connor and have a contract with the new City Attorney.

Mayor Turner said that is up for discussion.

Mrs. Carroll felt that the firm that they hired for the City Manager (HR Dynamics) did a very good job and brought them great candidates. She wondered since the request for proposal was presented to them within the last year, if they would be interested in doing that again for the same parameters, which she feels would be an efficient and timely way to do this.

Mr. Fletcher recalled that the Committee involved in the search for the City Manager sat down at the table and came up with what they were looking for in a City Manager and maybe they need to do that for the City Attorney.

Mayor Turner and Mrs. Carroll both agreed that needed to be done.

Mr. Fletcher suggested doing that again and having the Charter Officers and the Human Resource Director sit down at the table like they did the last time and come up with a list of requirements before they go any further. He also mentioned that Mr. Johnson from HR Dynamics was involved in that process.

Mr. Winger asked Mr. Fletcher if he would Chair the Committee.

Mr. Fletcher said that if Council wants him to that he would be glad to.

Mr. Coment noted that because he is an applicant that he will not be involved in the process. Council agreed that they would like to have Mrs. Lyon sit on the Committee.

Mr. O'Connor said that if Council wanted him to, that he would contact Mr. Johnson from HR Dynamics about an agreement for him to do the overview. He said that is probably in his purview of funding that he can spend and if it becomes an extensive contract he will bring it before Council.

Mayor Turner had a copy of the proposal that Mr. Johnson gave them back in September and it was to do some screening, conduct some telephone interviews, skype interviews,

submit a written evaluation of the three best candidates and coordinate the interviews at a cost of \$5,000.

Mr. O'Connor will talk to Mr. Johnson about this proposal.

It was agreed that each Council member will submit to the City Clerk the criteria that they are looking for in a City Attorney by February 1, 2012.

Mr. Kramer asked if there was a reason that they were going to use HR Dynamics. He asked if their expertise was in the legal profession. Mayor Turner told him no, that Mr. Johnson is just an HR professional that is familiar with the process.

**C) Update on Request for Proposals for Insurance Coverage, Financial Services, and Water and Sewer Laboratory Services Provider – Requested by City Manager**

Mr. O'Connor reported that they are setting up the Committee to work on the Insurance Coverage and Mr. Glen Brovont, Finance Commission member, will serve on the Committee. The RFP for the banking services is due February 19<sup>th</sup> and the RFP for the water lab services will be advertised on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that on January 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with OUC and FPL to talk about the power supply agreements.

Mrs. Carroll commented that most of these things were brought up in the beginning of October and it is now January. The process seems to be moving very slowly.

Mr. O'Connor agreed with Mrs. Carroll, but with the insurance proposals they are trying to figure out how to keep it open enough so that they would have an insurance bid, as well as the self-insurance and agent of records and the person chosen is skilled in both fields.

Mr. O'Connor commented that with the Financial Services (banking) it is very extensive and there are a lot of services that the City is not taking advantage of and so they have expanded that scope. In the bid spec they have put in there that they have to have a presence in the City of Vero Beach. They have expanded what their needs and requirements are in the banking services. They also have found a lot of fees that they are now paying that were not part of their spec.

Mrs. Carroll had a couple of other issues that she wanted to have an update on. She recalled that last March the Mayor at the time had brought up performance evaluations of their Charter Officers. They talked about having the performance reviews done in the beginning of June and then after that twice a year. She asked Mrs. Vock about this.

Mrs. Vock recalled at that time the performance evaluation form had not been drafted. It is now in place and being used for reviews of all the other City employees.

Mrs. Carroll brought this up because they have Mr. Coment who is in the “pool” of individuals for the City Attorney and it would be nice to have that performance review to go forward.

It was noted that Mr. Fletcher provided a form that he used back in 2000 to review the Charter Officers and they also have the performance review form that they are now using for the rest of the employees.

Mrs. Carroll wanted them to make a decision one way or the other to go forward and do a review at this point and then they could also schedule mid-year reviews with the other Charter Officers.

Mr. Coment recalled that the reason that Council talked about having the evaluations done in June was that the budget hearings were coming up and if Council chose they could work that in with any potential salary increases.

Mr. Winger concurred that the three Charter Officers needed to be reviewed, along with the rest of the employees.

Mr. Fletcher suggested that they use the form that he came up with. They could mark it up and make any changes that they would like to see.

Mrs. Carroll would bring this back up at their next meeting.

Mrs. Carroll asked Mr. O’Connor to update the community on some other things that are taking place. She said that in April of last year there was discussion about the State Road 60 and the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue intersection and since November 8, 2010 City staff had not received any response from the County regarding a plan in moving forward with the intersection. Mr. O’Connor was not familiar with this project, but said that he would look into it.

Mrs. Carroll brought up another item and that was that Mr. O’Connor had discussed going forward with the water lab services and putting out an RFP. She said that there has been some information in the newspaper recently that he was planning on accelerating on the optimization requirements of the GAI report. She asked what is going on with this.

Mr. O’Connor explained that the five-year plan shows the reduction called for in personnel according to the GAI study. However, instead of doing it over twelve years, as suggested in the study, it would be done over five years. The five-year plan boils down to a large percentage of the savings in a five year period. However, it does not take into account the moving of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mrs. Carroll stated that as of the December 8<sup>th</sup> Labor Management Committee meeting, Mr. Bolton reported that that he would be looking at twelve years for realization of a full study. Mr. O’Connor explained that proposal is off the table.

Mrs. Carroll brought up Amtrak and asked for an update. She understood that there was a meeting in Cocoa Beach last week and there was no representative from the City at that meeting.

Mayor Turner commented that she planned to bring this up under her matters.

Mrs. Carroll then asked for an update on benchmarking.

Mr. O'Connor reported that they were still getting information from other cities. He said that he was having a meeting tomorrow to discuss this and that they are continuing in the process.

## **8. CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

None

## **9. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **A. Old Business**

#### **2. Request for Edwards Wildman to attend the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to update Council on the contracted work signed December 5, 2011 – Requested by Councilmember Winger**

Mr. Winger was happy to hear that the meeting with OUC was taking place and they were moving forward. He said that if you look at the agreement that they have with Edwards Wildman, the critical thing has to be the methodology of getting out of the FMPA contracts. He would like their Transactional Attorneys to come forward and give the Council an update of where they are.

Mayor Turner agreed that they entered into a contract with Edwards Wildman to do an evaluation of their entitlements and she was also curious to see the results.

Mr. Fletcher wondered if they wanted to have FPL at their meeting to give an update.

Mrs. Carroll felt that at this point they should just have an update from their Transactional Attorney. She felt having an update from FPL would be a little odd.

Mr. Winger made a motion to request that on February 7<sup>th</sup> they have their Transactional Attorneys present to give an update on the OUC and FMPA contracts. Mayor Turner seconded the motion.

Mrs. Carroll made it clear that they understand that PA is determining the fair market value of their assets and liabilities, etc., which will be an extensive volume of work for them and they do not know at this point what level they are at.

Mr. O'Connor said that is correct. He will have information from them for the meeting on Friday.

Mr. Mark Mucher congratulated Mayor Turner for accepting the position on the FMPA Board. He said that it is important for their representative on the FMPA Board to touch base with their Transactional Attorneys and get a little briefing so they know what to say or not to say. He knew that FMPA was meeting on Thursday and asked Mayor Turner if she was planning on attending the meeting. Mayor Turner said that she would not be able to because of prior commitments.

Mr. Winger commented that it may be appropriate for Mr. O'Connor to attend some of those meetings.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. FMPA Representation – Requested by Mayor Turner**

This item was discussed before item 9-A1).

Mayor Turner reported that Mr. Glenn Heran, their appointed representative on FMPA has declined the appointment. She feels that it is critical that the City has someone on this Board to represent them.

Mr. Winger asked Mr. Fletcher if he would accept the appointment on the FMPA.

Mr. Fletcher stated that he was not able to do it.

Mrs. Carroll proposed that Mayor Turner accept the responsibility.

Mayor Turner agreed to be the City's representative on the FMPA.

### **B. New Business**

## **10. INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS' MATTERS**

### **A. Mayor Pilar Turner's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mayor Turner asked for Council's thoughts on having someone represent them with any on-going negotiations/plans that may occur with Amtrak. She said that it would be nice if that person had some railroad experience.

Mr. Winger noted that there were two people on this Council who have railroad experience and that would be himself and Mr. Kramer.

Mr. Winger said that he would be happy to be their representative, but wanted to caution Council that he does have some concerns with the viability of doing this and the economy as it stands.

Mr. Fletcher felt that there would be healthy questions generated because of how Mr. Winger feels.

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to nominate Mr. Winger.

Mr. Winger accepted the appointment.

Mrs. Carroll commented that she has voiced some of her concerns about Amtrak to Mr. Phil Madsen, the Director for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Mayor Turner reported that the Chamber of Commerce celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, she attended the grand opening of a new company in this area, and she commended Officer Morrison and the different neighborhood watch groups.

**B. Vice Mayor Craig Fletcher's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mr. Fletcher set the date of February 9th for the Committee to hold their first format meeting to review the qualifications for the City Attorney. He said that he would bring the qualifications before Council at their February 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting so that they could go through them.

**C. Councilmember Tracy Carroll's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mrs. Carroll noted that she saw an email where Mr. Kramer was having discussions with the Boston Pops.

Mr. Kramer stated that he is exploring different avenues to get entertainment in this area.

Mrs. Carroll reported that she was happy to see that the Planning and Zoning Board are working on the overlay district (adopted by City Council on February 24, 2005). She thanked all the members on the Planning and Zoning Board for beginning to work on this.

Mrs. Carroll showed the newest Recreation program listing all of the programs that they offer (brochures available at City Hall).

Mrs. Carroll recalled that today they received an email from the Indian River magazine reporting on the Best of the Treasure Coast and the Treasure Coast received 11 top spots in the region. She also mentioned the individuals in their community who were presented with awards at the Chamber of Commerce event.

**D. Councilmember Jay Kramer's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mr. Kramer reported on a few new businesses that have recently opened in this area.

**E. Councilmember Richard Winger's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mr. Winger reported that he attended the Beach and Shores Committee meeting, he is attending most of the Commission and Board meetings and the Youth Sailing Club held their first regatta on Sunday.

Mr. Winger commented that the Council appoints their own members to represent them on the Finance Commission and the Planning and Zoning Board. He has chosen Mrs. Honey Minuse to represent him on the Planning and Zoning Board. She is someone who shares his views on the Vision Plan.

Mrs. Carroll reported that the Boston College Crew Team visited Vero Beach and practiced their rowing on our river.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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