

# **TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA**

## **TOWN COMMISSION**

### **WORKSHOP**

### **AGENDA MINUTES**

Town Commission Meeting Room

**4501 Ocean Drive**

**Monday, November 10, 2008**

**5:00 P.M.**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET**

Mayor Minnet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Roseann Minnet, Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, and Commissioner Birute Ann Clotley were present. Also present were Town Manager Esther Colon, and Town Clerk June White.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Minnet thanked staff for their time and efforts in putting together a large agenda packet which went back as far as 1995.

#### **3. PARKING TOWN WIDE**

##### **a. Public Comments**

Mayor Minnet opened the meeting for public comments.

Frank Herrmann suggested a questionnaire to determine whether the people wanted bags on the meters or not.

Diane Boutin suggested making parking spaces convenient to the residents and have a reasonable fee for parking permits.

Peanuts Wick thought the bags should be removed from the meters and permits issued to the residents.

Paul Novak felt the bags should be removed from everywhere. He thought there should be adequate parking spaces depending on the number of tables in a restaurant.

Bill Ciani had 21 spaces in his area and 12 were bagged. He felt they were public spaces and should be used by the public.

Ron Piersonte believed the bagged the meters were a bad idea.

Robert Minlionic gave out a lot of quarters. He suggested installing a change machine in the parking lots and / or to make use of the Pelican Hopper as a shuttle to get people closer to the Town.

George Hunsaker pointed out that no one wanted to park in the metered Bougainvillea Parking lot when all other meters were bagged.

Pam Rossi preferred the bags were removed from the meters.

Bob Ross hoped to discover the status of the two hour rule. He believed that the businesses wanted to keep the bags on the meters.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Minnet closed the public comment part of the meeting.

Commissioner Dodd asked to have Joan Garrett, Parking Supervisor express her experiences regarding the parking situation.

Supervisor Garrett stated that the meters were bagged from 6:00 a.m. on Monday to 6:00 pm on Friday. She added that when the hoods were removed from the meters on Friday at 6:00 p.m. people became confused as they thought parking was free. Ms. Garret indicated that meters that are bagged 5 days a week became moldy due to heat build up and as a result the meters were in need of constant repair. She suggested free parking at all times to avoid confusion or as an alternative, eliminate the hoods and install signs with parking information.

Commissioner Dodd was in favor of removing the bags. He felt that \$1.00 an hour was not excessive and believed a day rate of \$4.00 was reasonable. He wanted to eliminate the current resident permit and suggested an annual \$25.00 resident parking permit instead. Commissioner Dodd believed that any resident who had to do business in Town Hall should be given a decal for their window that entitled them to do business in Town Hall without charge and anyone else should be ticketed. He added that employees of businesses should be charged \$10.00 a month.

Commissioner Silverstone wanted to leave the bags on the meters everywhere west of A1A.

Mayor Minnet said the bags have not proven to be a long term solution to generate revenue. She believed there was not enough Parking Enforcement. She felt the existing parking lot was not being utilized and suggested using the

parking lot for resident parking and for a town wide valet service. She liked the idea of using the Pelican Hopper.

Vice Mayor McIntee suggested removing all the meters and install the electronic boxes that accepted credit cards such as the machines used in Ft. Lauderdale.

Commissioner Clotey asked whether the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea would have to pay more to use the Pelican Hopper as a shuttle. Manager Colon said the Pelican Hopper was not owned by the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea; it was owned by Broward County to promote public transportation. Commissioner Clotey believed the Town charged a small percentage for transportation compared to other cities. She thought the Commission should be looking at a comprehensive plan.

Christopher Everest suggested numbers be issued for employee parking permits or specific tags to allow all employees to use the spaces and not just one particular employee vehicle.

With no further comments, Mayor Minnet thanked everyone for attending the workshop.

b. Memos dated October 28, 2008 from the Chamber of Commerce

c. Parking Meter Rates

d. Minutes/Back-up

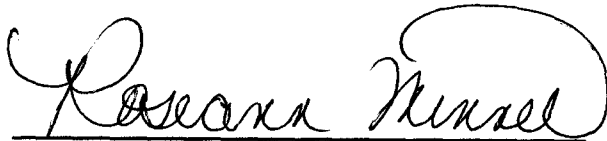
1. 2008
2. 2007
3. 2006
4. 2005
5. 2004
6. 2003
7. 2002
8. 1999/2000

e. Parking Studies

1. March 2005
2. January 2005
3. October 2004
4. April 1998
5. May 1995

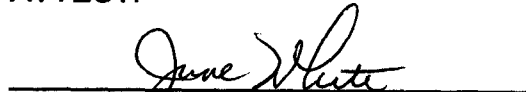
**3. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.



Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk, June White

11/25/08  
Date

