Elected Officials Present:
Larry Bustle, Mayor
Mary Lancaster, Vice Mayor
Shirley Bryant, Council Member
Tamara Cornwell, Council Member
Charlie Grace, Council Member
Brian Williams, Council Member

Staff and others present:
Attorney Alan Prather
Karen Conlon, City Clerk
Chief Garry Lowe
Mike Hickey, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pastor Tony Davis of Palmetto Church of God gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the December 9, 2002 agenda.

2. MENTOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION
Customer Service Supervisor Whitney Ewing presented a recap of the Governor's Municipal Mentoring Initiative. The Department Heads were directed to determine the impact of employees' donating an hour to the program on a weekly basis. The topic will be placed on an agenda after the first of the year.

3. RIVIERA DUNES WATERFRONT UPDATE
Developers Dennis Bradford and Michael Fernandez reviewed a conceptual plan for the property located between the marina and golf center at Riviera Dunes, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION UPDATE
Lt. Rex Hannaford reviewed the current status of the accreditation process, due to be completed by June 2004. To date the biggest issue facing the department is the separation of holding cells.

5. JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Attorney Prather informed Council the Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Joint Planning Committee before them for review was prepared by him and Attorney Lisch, with input from Attorney Grimes. The proposed document is a response to the agreement prepared by the county attorney. Mr. Williams suggested the chair and vice chair should be the representative from the School Board and an island city. Ms.
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Cornwell suggested a limit should be placed on the number of times the committee could meet to review a project without coming to a decision. Attorney Prather will discuss with Attorneys Lisch and Grimes Council’s suggestion and bring back clarification.

During the discussion, Mayor Bustle asked Council to review the UDZ map prepared by Ms. Tusing and supply him with any changes that should be considered before formally establishing the zone. Attorney Prather also opined his definition of the Urban Development Zone.

6. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS
Attorney Prather advised Council a litigation assessment meeting needed to be scheduled December 16, 2002 at 5:30 pm, to take approximately 30 minutes. Ms. Bryant asked the meeting be time certain to end at 6:00 PM. Council concurred.

7. MAYOR’S COMMENTS
Mayor Bustle had no comments.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Bryant
Inquired if a traffic study was conducted before placing signs on 17th Street. Discussion ensued on the topic with Mr. Hickey reporting the DRC plans showed the driveway as constructed - but parking has been painted. North River Fire Department reported parking was not approved on the original development plans. They will determine if emergency vehicles are still able to access the location and will meet with the school. Staff was instructed to research minutes to review Council’s previous discussions on this topic.

Mr. Williams
Commented on the memo concerning the SRO with Manatee School for the Arts.

Asked Mr. Hickey to relay to Mr. Seger and his crew his appreciation for their participation in the Festival of Lights.

The Mayor will be the liaison to Representative Galvano’s government meetings.

Ms. Cornwell
Requested the sign ordinance be placed on the Suspense Log.

Mrs. Lancaster
Commented on the number of small signs being placed in front of businesses. Staff will review and take appropriate action.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes approved: December 16, 2002

Karen A. Conlon, City Clerk