

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
PLANTATION, FLORIDA**

January 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Fadgen, President of the City Council.

1. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Councilmember:	Diane Veltri Bendekovic Jerry Fadgen Robert A. Levy Peter S. Tingom Sharon Moody Uria
Mayor:	Rae Carole Armstrong
Asst. City Attorney:	Quentin Morgan

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2. The invocation was offered by Councilwoman Uria.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Armstrong acknowledged Plantation General Hospital's grand opening of their new pediatric emergency room and outpatient center.

Mayor Armstrong read a Proclamation designating Tuesday, January 11, 2011 as *Plantation General Hospital Day* in the City of Plantation.

Barbara Simmons, CEO of Plantation General, accepted the proclamation. Ms. Simmons advised that the birth rate in Broward County has decreased by 3% from 2009 to 2010. Plantation General Hospital delivered 3,078 babies last year, which was more than a 2% increase than the prior year. They are celebrating their 45th sapphire anniversary as a safety net hospital in the community. Everyone was invited to the new outpatient center on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. There will be tours of the new emergency room and celebration of the initiation of their anniversary year. Last year they saw over 45,000 patients in the emergency room between pediatrics, adults and obstetrics, which is a 5% increase from 2009.

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Mayor Armstrong made the following announcements:

- She wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Public Works will pick up Christmas trees curbside on January 10, 18 and 24, 2011. Private gated communities need to place their Christmas trees in one central location near the entrance to the community. Once they have done so they should call Public Works and someone will be sent to pick up the Christmas trees.
- The Plantation Historical Museum will close on Saturday, January 8, 2011 to take down Winter Wonderland; they will reopen on February 1, 2011.
- The election qualifying ended today. There are ten candidates and the election will be held on March 8, 2011.

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The Economic Development Office, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, recognized the following small businesses within the City and presented them with one-year complimentary memberships with the Chamber of Commerce.

- Unique Furnishings - Richard Montelone (sic)
- Fuzzy's Tire Center - John Fazzini
- Art Graphics & Printing - George Pinigne (sic)

Representatives from the following businesses were not present; however, they will be presented with their complimentary memberships next Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

- La Cholitas Restaurant
- All Uniform Wear
- Real Auction.com
- Cake Supplies Depot
- Philadelphia Grill & Pizzeria
- Mustard Seed Bistro & Market

Owen Duke was introduced as the new president of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Note: Councilman Levy entered the meeting.

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CONSENT AGENDA

As a Commissioner of the CRA, Mayor Armstrong has a voting privilege on Item No. 23.

Mr. Lunny read the Consent Agenda by title.

3. Request for authorization to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$18,235 to Madsen/Barr Corporation for the rehabilitation of manhole #1 at lift station #86. (Budgeted – Utilities)
4. Request for approval of a work authorization for Mechanical Integrity Testing of the two Deep Injection Wells at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant to Younquist Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$49,000. (Budgeted – Utilities)
5. Request for authorization to award a purchase order in favor of Bartow Ford Company for the purchase of a 2011 Dominator II F-750 maintenance vehicle for \$114,878. (Budgeted – Utilities)
6. Approve two-year prepaid policy premium for renewal of Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy with Hartford Insurance Company for the 2011-2013 plan years in the amount of \$17,965.
7. Approve renewal of the City’s Boiler & Machinery Insurance Policy with The Hartford for 01/01/2011 – 01/01/2012 in the amount of \$29,255.46.

Resolution No. 11142

9. **RESOLUTION** confirming a Plantation City Lien of Utilities Service Charges for 1200 SW 65 Avenue. (Gardner)

Resolution No. 11143

10. **RESOLUTION** confirming a Plantation City Lien of Utilities Service Charges for 213 NW 75 Terrace. (Ouellette)

Resolution No. 11144

11. **RESOLUTION** confirming a Plantation City Lien of Utilities Service Charges for 610 NW 70 Terrace. (Slagel)

Resolution No. 11145

12. **RESOLUTION** confirming a Plantation City Lien of Utilities Service Charges for 5632 SW 1 Court. (Perez-Soto)

Resolution No. 11146

13. **RESOLUTION** confirming a Plantation City Lien of Utilities Service Charges for 643 North University Drive. (Schwalb)

Resolution No. 11147

14. **RESOLUTION** assessing a lien on certain lots for the cost to the City of its mowing and clearing 324 NW 42 Avenue. (Schoeffer)

Resolution No. 11148

15. **RESOLUTION** of the City of Plantation pertaining to the subject of a municipal special assessment; reinstating a delinquent Westgate Lake Manors Special Assessment as evidenced by and levied pursuant to prior Resolution No.s 9321, 9322, 9382 and 10090 (the “Assessment Resolutions”) on property legally described in this resolution and having an ad valorem folio number of 5041 01 02 0830; changing the terms of the municipal special assessment’s repayment (for such described property only) as part of such reinstatement; making other findings and provisions appropriate for such reinstatement; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date therefor. (Davis)

Resolution No.11149

16. **RESOLUTION** for the appointment of a Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Plantation's Police Department fixing the initial annual compensation to be paid for said Executive position; and the appointment of an individual to said Executive position. (Funderburk)

Resolution No.11150

17. **RESOLUTION** for the appointment of a Police Captain for the City of Plantation's Police Department fixing the initial annual compensation to be paid for said Administrative position; and the appointment of an individual to said Administrative position. (Ranieri)

18. Approve ongoing maintenance for the Microsoft Dynamics (Financial) software from TriBridge for \$45,221. (Budgeted – IT)

19. Approve purchase of ongoing maintenance for the WebSense security software from Insight Public Sector for \$17,816. (Budgeted – IT)

Resolution No. 11151

20. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period December 9 – December 29, 2010 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 11152

21. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period December 9 – December 29, 2010 for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Resolution No. 11153

22. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period December 9 – December 29, 2010.

Resolution No. 11154

23. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period December 9 – December 29, 2010 for the City of Plantation's Community Redevelopment Agency.

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve tonight's Consent Agenda. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Uria, Tingom, Levy, Bendekovic, Fadgen

Nays:

NOTE: Mayor Armstrong voted affirmatively on Item No. 23.

Mayor Armstrong recognized Erik Funderburk as the new Deputy Police Chief, and Captain Dominick Ranieri.

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Mr. Morgan read Item No. 8 by title.

8. Approve purchase of one E-one Custom Rescue Pumper from Hall-Mark Fire Apparatus for \$397,478. (Budgeted – Fire)

A memorandum dated December 14, 2010 to Mayor Armstrong and City Council Members from Joseph Harris, Fire Chief, follows:

Permission is requested to purchase one (1) E-One Custom Rescue Pumper mounted on an E-One Quest chassis.

This is a BUDGETED item.

The system will be purchased form Hall-Mark Fire Apparatus for \$397,478.00 through the Hillsborough County purchasing contract (Bid # P-0005-08 DV).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Councilman Fadgen advised that this item is over budget by 14% and he questioned whether it was replacing another piece of equipment.

Fire Chief Harris stated that they are replacing an engine at Station 2 that is over 15 years old. Two Rescue units and an engine are being traded in.

Motion by Councilwoman Uria, seconded by Councilman Tingom, to approve Item No. 8. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Uria, Tingom, Levy, Bendekovic, Fadgen

Nays: None

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

24. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

Mr. Leeds stated that Charity Good, the Economic Development Coordinator, and Carlos Gonzalez, Redevelopment Specialist, were providing the annual report.

A memo dated December 27, 2010, to Mayor Armstrong and Council members, from Laurence Leeds, Director of Planning and Zoning, follows:

At the City Council Meeting on January 5, 2011 the Economic Development staff will present a City Economic Development update to the Mayor and City Council. Staff will provide the elected officials updates on Plantation Gateway and Plantation Midtown Districts, Technology Park, and an overall update on Economic Development activities.

A memo dated December 28, 2010 to Mayor Armstrong and Council members from Laurence Leeds, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Director, follows:

Keeping Economic Development Agencies Informed about Plantation

During the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2011, my focus has been meeting with other organizations, such as the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, about retention of existent businesses, and filling of vacant office, retail and industrial space in the City of Plantation.

I provided a tour of the City to David Coddington, Vice President of Business Development, of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (formerly known as the Broward Alliance). It is important we keep the Alliance staff informed since they have direct contact with businesses seeking to locate in Broward County. Additionally, I met with Metro Broward Economic Development Corporation. Metro Broward offers various business related services and incentives to minority businesses. The City's website will be updated with Metro Broward Economic Development Corporation information as another business reference source for our minority business community. Lastly, I spoke with the staff from SCORE, counselors to America's Small Businesses. This agency offers assistance with creating a business plan, and providing business consulting services to small and start-up businesses.

Broward County Grant Funding

Mr. Leeds submitted a request for a five-year extension to the Midtown County Capital Grant Program, set to expire in June 2011. Since County staff is reluctant to support an extension, we have also submitted documentation supporting the position that the City has met the grant criteria based upon public expenditures and private investment in Midtown during the contract period. Broward County Planning Staff reviewed our initial proposal and responded to us with a request for additional information that we will provide over the next few weeks.

Assuming County staff can support our position, we will need to amend the Capital Grant Agreement accordingly. County staff indicates they do not anticipate presentation to the County Commission prior to May 2011. Mr. Leeds or I will keep you informed as the project moves along.

Assistance is provided to businesses throughout the year depending upon the needs of the business. For example: Receptopharm Inc. was having difficulty getting State licensing inspection. Through our County contacts, a few telephone calls were made, and the inspection was conducted.

Letters were also sent to members of the United States House of Representatives requesting extensions to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) bond provisions which are set to expire at the end of 2010. ARRA has provided many new tools and expanded resources to assist with overcoming negative economic conditions by encouraging development and spur job creation.

I have pursued grocery and retail clothing stores to locate in Plantation by preparing marketing letters for the Mayor's signature to; Fresh Market, Aldi's Grocery Store, Wal-Mart, Simply Fashion, and Fashion Trend. Trader Joe's is a high end grocery store which would be suitable for Plantation; however, they do not have a location in Florida which makes it difficult to distribute to south Florida. Therefore, I contacted the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance for assistance with attracting Trader Joe's Grocery Stores and distribution centers statewide.

Target has expanded their store operation to include grocery sales. This expansion is stimulating to the local economy considering Target employs approximately 200 people at the Plantation store. Dick's Sporting Goods has opened a store creating 200 jobs in Plantation. University of Phoenix has remodeled and reopened their on-line school and employs approximately 40 people at the Plantation location.

I have contacted the City Clerk's Office about the number of business tax (occupational) licenses issued and it appears I was previously provided with incorrect data. In both 2009 and 2010 approximately 4,500 business tax licenses were issued in the City. In fact we have increased the number of new occupational licenses by approximately 100, from 457 in 2009 to 555 in 2010. This is a positive economic sign.

Contacting Businesses in Plantation

Fifty letters have been sent to new businesses welcoming them to the City of Plantation. E-mails are also sent on a monthly basis to local businesses advising them of general business opportunities and business related upcoming events. In November and December, over 800 e-mails of this nature were sent to local businesses.

Upcoming Events to Promote Our Businesses

The city, along with the Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce, will be giving ten businesses a complimentary one year membership to the Chamber. This is meant to assist the business with promoting and marketing their products and services at a local level.

The City will be sponsoring the January 12, 2011 Chamber breakfast. The Mayor will make a detailed presentation to the business community and Chamber members.

I have also been in touch with the Chairman of NAIOP, and Plantation will be scheduled for a bus tour of Royal Palm and the Crossroads. I requested they also include Cornerstone, and the Midtown 24/Fountains mixed-use project in the tour. I will advise you when the tour is scheduled.

Ms. Good provided a Power Point presentation and noted the following:

- There were 5,500 business licenses in 2007, which dropped in 2008 and 2009 to 4,500. In 2010 there were 4,600, which is a positive sign for our economy.
- This year Mayor Armstrong visited 12 different businesses throughout the City.
- A small business workshop was held in June 2010. The meeting was very successful with about 100 people in attendance. The workshop will be repeated in 2011.
- The Chamber of Commerce has started offering brown bag lunches during educational and informational sessions held once a month to local businesses. Usually about 12 businesses attend those sessions.
- Other events conducted in 2010 were The Florida Future Summit in January and the Economic Gardening Breakfast. It was noted that Plantation had the most participation in Broward County. The Economic Gardening Breakfast will be repeated in March 2011.

- They continue to spread the word about the City of Plantation in an attempt to attract new businesses and helping existing businesses. One method used is extending email messages on a monthly basis.
- They participate in various outside agencies in order to improve our status with the City of Plantation and recognition.
- She serves as the Chair for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Partner Council, is on the committee with the Growth of Florida Action Team, is the Co-Chair with the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs and Economic Development Committee, and is on the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance; this used to be referred to as Broward Alliance.
- Midtown Plantation is growing. This year Midtown 24 in the Fountains came on board. Redevelopment projects such as Publix is on the list. Also coming this year is the second phase of Veranda and One Plantation Place.
- The Midtown District plan has been very successful. There has been more than 100% increase in property value between 2001 and 2010.
- The business license rate for the offices is also doing well in the City of Plantation. Decreases were experienced; however, the office occupancy rate has increased since 2009 and also is ahead of what is offered in Broward County from 86% to 82%.
- Some of the expansion projects are Midtown 24, which are the new residential apartment units; the main street entrance to the Fountains; Dick Sporting Goods; and Fresh Lime Mexican Restaurant. The Publix on University Drive has been renovated; Eldorado has been remodeled and is now open for business; and the Midtown 24 office on SW 84th Avenue has also renovated to be a medical office establishment.
- There was a grand opening for Green Paws, an organic type of a pet store.
- Chase Bank is under construction on Sunrise Boulevard in the Jacaranda Shopping Plaza.
- Industrial occupancy in Technology Park has improved. In 2010 occupancy increased slightly what was in 2009 and in 2010 we are slightly above what is projected in Broward County.
- Technology Park has also had some expansion, attraction and retention. Team Health is a medical billing business and has recently expanded their operation; Southeast Broach is in the aviation industry and has been here for many years; and E Security Alarms, a new business, recently opened.

Councilwoman Bendekovic requested a hard copy of the Power Point presentation.

In response to Councilwoman Bendekovic, Ms. Good indicated that she attends the business visits with Mayor Armstrong and when it relates to the Gateway District Mr. Gonzalez also attends. In addition, they go out routinely and if any leasing opportunities are available she shares the information with the property managers. Letters are sent to all new businesses coming into the City and packages are given during visits with the businesses.

In response to Councilwoman Uria, Ms. Good advised that all office space is looked at in the Industrial Park, not just Class A. Information relating to things happening within the Industrial Park is shared on an annual basis; however, the report is first presented to Council before being shared with anyone else. There have been a number of meetings with a group of men within the Industrial Park and one of the things that resulted from the meetings were some zoning revisions, which is being worked on.

Councilman Fadgen referenced the shopping centers and noted that in the past there has been a concern in the Technology Park regarding leasing and/or sale opportunities being circulated.

Ms. Good stated that if she hears about any leasing information in general she reaches out to every business as long as they are in the City of Plantation. Recently there have been more opportunities within the Technology Park on a retail level.

Mr. Gonzalez provided a Power Point presentation relating to the Gateway and noted the following:

- They are interested in the incremental tax revenues they get within the CRA.
- Between 2009 and 2010 the tax revenues decreased by 11%; however, they are still receiving over \$11 million per year.
- Between 2009 and 2010 there are 79 businesses with business licenses. The number of licenses has increased within the District since 2007.
- There is a large diversity of businesses within the corridor, which is believed to be the strength of the Gateway District and it also provides economic stability for the future.
- There is nearly 100,000 square feet of new retail and new office space coming on State Road 7. The major project is Walgreens, located at the intersection of State Road 7 and Davie Boulevard. There has been a vacant car lot in the northeast section of the District for close to a year; it was purchased by Americo Construction and a new medical office building will be built. Rick Case Hyundai at the intersection of North State Road 7 and Sunrise Boulevard is putting in a new showroom and dealership for Hyundai. A new preschool and tutorial center will be taking over an abandoned building on Peters Road. Massey Yardley Chrysler at the north end of State Road 7 is doing a renovation to include some of the new brands they will be selling. In addition, the City is working with them to enhance the landscape edge. A property on the south part of State Road 7 that has been vacant for approximately three and a half years was purchased by Furniture Kingdom; interior renovations are being done at this time. The Chrysalis Center, a health care administration company, purchased the entire Bank of America building and is using the first and second floors in the rear behind the bank. As noted previously, Plantation General Hospital has made a number of renovations to the pediatric and adult emergency rooms as well as to the outpatient center. Fast Train Vocational Center is located within the Westgate Plaza. A new parking lot is being built at the Westgate Plaza in order to bring it up to Code.
- Some of the City investments made over the past year include the nature project at Peters Road, the sewer and water main done by the Utilities Department, which also included new sidewalks, repaving the entire street and the landscape island. It is believed that the new sewer system will encourage new development to come in. Peters Road is a major project. In addition, they are working with the Landscape Department to install a landscape edge. One of the key benefits of the project is that it will modify the community's perception of Peters Road.
- There are a few projects in progress; the safety program, the C12 Canal Multi Use Recreational Trail and the upcoming northeast quadrant FPL& project.
- It is very critical for the District as a whole to maintain the landscaping and improvements because that brings businesses into the area.
- The safety program has been in place for about two years. The objective is to improve the private commercial properties that needed safety improvements. The project was implemented jointly with the Police Department and the City has been providing a 50% match in terms of funding. There are 25 businesses committed to making the improvements and for the year 2011 we will continue to provide the matching funds for businesses that have not had a chance to apply for this kind of grant.
- The next project, which is headed by the Engineering Department, is a multi use recreational trail, which will start at the intersection of Sunrise Boulevard and the Turnpike on the southern part of the C12 Canal south of Sunrise Boulevard and then they will work their way up to State Road 7.

- The last major project is the FP&L utilities and electrical lines underground. This project is key for the District and once the project is completed the entire State Road 7 will be brought up with the rest of the corridor.
- They are focused on the objectives, which include encouraging and supporting quality redevelopment. They work with the Zoning Department to be sure that everything is up to the special Code in that area.

In response to Councilwoman Uria, Mr. Gonzalez believed that \$34,000 was left in the CIS program.

Councilwoman Uria questioned whether business or tax incentives have been considered for certain categories of businesses that come in. She commented that she would like to see something fill the old Winn Dixie space at Cleary Boulevard and Nob Hill Road and questioned whether any attempts are being made to do so. She also would like to see a Publix or something go into the Westgate Plaza.

Mayor Armstrong advised that they have looked at tax incentive programs over a period of time and have basically done that on a very limited basis. It was found that with the limited amount of funding available that the better objective fell to us in promoting the advantages within the City in a very strong way. She stated that there is not funding to do an incentive program at this time but it can be reviewed when funds become available.

Ms. Good indicated that they reach out, through Mayor Armstrong, to contact businesses leaving and encourage them to come back. During these economic times it has been very difficult and incentives were considered; however, Plantation had enough to offer just being the quality of lifestyle that we have right now.

Councilman Fadgen commented that there are several acres of vacant land along State Road 7. He is encouraged with the number of business licenses within the City.

Mr. Gonzalez stated there are about 16 to 17 vacant lots either with buildings or just land. There are three lots on Peters Road that have approved projects but because of the economy they have not been built. There is one lot behind the CRA office and again, because of the economy, they pulled out of the project. A spread sheet was put together that tells where the land is, what the zoning is, the acreage, the prices, etc. He is constantly in contact with realtors in order to get the list of perspective developers within the region as well as outside of the State to make them aware that land is available within the District.

Mr. Leeds advised that he has tried to put Economic Development and Development Review together. Ms. Good and Mr. Gonzalez participate in meetings with developers and contractors; at the same time zoning issues are discussed Economic Development issues are also discussed. There is an Economic Development Resolution that allows for expedited review for small projects. He and Mr. Lunny have been working on an amendment that would expand the scope of administrative approval, which will ultimately have to be approved by Council. They have reduced the number of items that have to go through a long process that sometimes is four months for something small and a lot of these things that you would have seen in the past have not come before you, as they are being handled administratively or by the Plan Adjustment Committee. The purpose is not to subject the small items to the major intensive review. Sometime in the near future we will come back to Council with an ordinance that will expand that authority to help facilitate more projects. They want to maintain the quality but improve the process. They have also been looking at an amendment to the ILP, the Tech Park Zoning Code, in response to the Committee, and a draft is on Mr. Lunny's desk. When this was started 18 months ago he has noticed a lot of things and will make changes to the original draft. They are looking at changes in the parking Code, not so much in the substance but in the clarity and certainty when people read it. They have also been working with the Review Committee and have started to encourage more meetings where all of the departments get together. When everyone is in the room at the same time, if there is a conflict they are aware of it at the beginning of the process and not at the end. The idea is to attack the plan review process so all of the issues are

on the table. In response to Councilwoman Uria's comments regarding Winn Dixie, Ms. Good has been reaching out to possible food supermarkets that could fill that space; however, the people they feel would be a perfect fit have not yet come to South Florida. Ms. Good has advised that Winn Dixie still has a few years to run with the lease and there is a rumor; therefore, they are hopeful they will come back to that location. They hear from many people, particularly small businesses; that they have a hard time getting loans and capital is needed to start a business.

Councilwoman Uria complimented Mr. Leeds for attempting to condense everything during Review Committee because the shorter time they have is saving them money.

Mr. Leeds believes there is an obligation and he thinks we are competing with other Cities. This is work in progress and he has been receiving the support and assistance of the other departments. New development has to be looked at as a team based approach.

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LEGISLATIVE ITEMS - None.

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QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Morgan read the resolution.

Resolution No. 11155

25. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THAT CERTAIN RELEASE OF A PORTION OF EXISTING UTILITY EASEMENT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; HAVING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICERS EXECUTE SAME AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION OR CITY ATTORNEY TO MAKE MINOR REVISIONS THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.**

A memo dated December 8, 2010, to Mayor Armstrong and Council members from Brett Butler, City Engineer, follows:

The Engineering Department received an easement vacation application package from Chase Bank, located at 8285 West Sunrise Boulevard. The request is for the vacation of a portion of the utility easement as recorded in Broward County Official Records book 26613, Page 450. City Staff approved the request at the November 30, 2010 DRC meeting. A copy of the application, legal description, sketch of proposed portion of the easement vacation and minutes from the DRC meeting confirming approval are attached for your review.

The City's Legal Department has reviewed the application package and prepared a Resolution for Council action. All of the requested information for the application has been satisfactorily provided. Staff recommends execution of the Resolution to vacate a portion of the subject utility easement. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Councilwoman Uria stated that this is a vacation of the utility easement for Chase Bank.

***Motion by Councilwoman Uria, seconded by Councilwoman Bendekovic, to approve Resolution No. 11155.
Motion carried on the following roll call vote:***

Ayes: Uria, Tingom, Levy Bendekovic, Fadgen
Nays: None

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QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEMS - None.

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COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Armstrong acknowledged Ms. Good, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Leeds, and all that work within the Economic arena, as well as Council for all of their work. The sustainability of all of those places is because of the composite team effort that goes into place in order to be able to make this City as attractive as it is to those who are making investments. Even though there are some negative comments, there are far more positive comments.

Councilman Levy mentioned Rick Case and some of the problems they experienced while attempting to put in the Hyundai dealership. Subsequent to that he learned that Massey Yardley was having a similar problem on their façade and with the brand name and the brand wanting and needing a certain frontage.

Mayor Armstrong advised that all of the issues have been resolved to the satisfaction of the applicants. The permit for Rick Case is proceeding through the process. Massey Yardley has chosen to do what was initially presented, which is to follow the Plantation Tropical and to do stucco on the building rather than a metal storefront because he feels that will better reflect the quality of his offerings.

Mr. Leeds indicated that Rick Case will be on the January 26, 2011 agenda. The permit was already issued for Massey Yardley and he came back and said, "He changed his mind, he did not want to do metal panels, he wanted to do stucco." All that had to be done was to change the Building permit.

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In response to Councilman Levy, Mayor Armstrong stated that the Jacaranda Country Club is a work in progress and a full report will be put together for Council after allowing a few conversations that are currently in progress. It is her understanding that the landscape issues have been worked through with the homeowners and there has been some good progress. We are working on the encroachments and dealing with some of the conditions that need to be changed as far as traffic is concerned. She is hoping to bundle everything together in the next two weeks.

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Councilwoman Uria wished everyone a Happy New Year. She referenced an article in yesterday's paper regarding Pembroke Pines treating their sewage for drinking water and questioned whether Plantation would be doing the same.

Mayor Armstrong stated that the Utilities Department was in partnership with the South Florida Water Management District to do the research as to whether the perspective application could be there. The outcome was that it is doable but extremely expensive. It may be that those conditions will change over a period of time because of technology and research.

Councilman Tingom indicated that the conservation water schedule that was adopted has reduced the total amount of gallonage within the City, which gives us more time before we have to make those decisions.

Mayor Armstrong commented that we are in the process of finalizing a study on this topic that will be brought back to Council that Hazen & Sawyer has been working on for a period of a year and a half.

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In response to Councilwoman Uria, Mayor Armstrong advised that a total package regarding Plantation Isles will be brought back to Council on January 26, 2011. She would like to meet with the Ebberts prior to doing that.

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Councilman Tingom commented that he is proud to be a citizen of Plantation and noted that ten residents have stepped up to compete in the election.

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Councilwoman Bendekovic wished everyone a Happy New Year. In response to Councilwoman Uria, she stated that the Utilities Department has always been a step ahead for decades.

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Councilman Fadgen wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Dennis Conklin, resident, distributed copies of the Constitution. He noted that between the last meeting and this meeting was the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and January 1, 2011 is the celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation. He put forth five New Year's Resolutions for the Council's consideration as follows:

- He requested that they redouble the year's efforts to obtain the sacred relics from the 911 atrocity that have been promised.
- He requested that the United Nations ICLEI inspired Green Local Government Resolution No. 10481 be repealed. At the time of the approval it was dropped by proclaiming that it was not an emergency and was not real; however, Council still approved the resolution.
- He requested that the City repeal its 1.5%/1.5% pay raise, which was approved last year.
- He requested that the Council immediately freeze and revise the City's current Defined Benefit Pension Plan and simultaneously initiate a Defined Contribution Pension Plan with the government equivalent to a 401K.

- He requested that Resolution #5 be included on the March 8, 2011 ballot, a City Charter Amendment, to save the City over \$200,000 by moving the City's elections from the odd year March date that is currently in the charter to an even year November Congressional Elections date for City Municipal Elections.

In response to Councilwoman Uria and Bendekovic, Mr. Conklin stated that the gifts did not cost more than \$100; he purchased them for \$1 a piece several years ago.

Councilman Fadgen suggested placing Resolution No. 10481 on the agenda for consideration of repealing the resolution regarding the Green Government.

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Ann and Larry Ebberts submitted pictures of the canal along Plantation Isles being dredged and requested they be given to Brett Butler, City Engineer. They requested support from the City leaders.

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Mr. Ebberts announced that The South Florida Homeowner's Association and the Yacht Club will host a Candidate's Night on January 25, 2010.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jerry Fadgen, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Susan Slattery
City Clerk

RECORD ENTRY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Original of the foregoing signed Minutes was received by the Office of the City Clerk and entered into the Public Record this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk