

**FORT MYERS BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2002
REGULAR MEETING
Town Hall - Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of August 26, 2002 was opened by Mayor Daniel Hughes on Monday, August 26, 2002, at 6:30 p.m..

Council members present at the meeting: Mayor Daniel Hughes, Vice Mayor Terry Cain, Howard Rynearson - Council member, Bill Van Duzer - Council member, Bill Thomas - Council member

Excused absence from meeting: None

Staff present at meeting: Town Manager Marsha Segal-George, Deputy Town Manager John Gucciardo, Damon Grant, Dick Roosa (Town Attorney), Dan Folke, Bill Spikowski, Jerry Murphy and Kirk Crane.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All assembled and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INVOCATION BY REV. DR. ROBERT STUCKEY

The invocation was given by Reverend Robert Stuckey.

** Mayor Hughes asked Janeen Paulauskis to come forward. He read a proclamation with regard to her service at the Town of Fort Myers Beach since August 1997. She was hired at this time as an administrative assistant and was appointed as office manager and now serves as finance director. She has served with distinction in all capacities to the present date. She has brought to the Town a wide range of skills, which have proven invaluable in the various and diverse duties she has been called upon to perform. It was proclaimed by the Town Council from the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, other staff members and the residents and business community their sincere appreciation and gratitude. She was commended for the invaluable services performed diligently. She has been consistent and dedicated to many duties serving the Town in administration for the past five years. Janeen received a plaque for her five years of outstanding service. Applause was given.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT 2002/2003 BUDGET

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 3, JUNE 17, JUNE 24, 2002**
- B. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: JUNE AND JULY**

MOTION: Made by Council member Bill Van Duzer and seconded by Council member Howard Rynearson to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Introduction of Ordinance 02-29: Amending Chap. 14 of Land Development Code changing permitted beach raking time.

Mayor Hughes began by stating that the only change made will be the time which mechanical beach raking will take place. The mechanical raking time would be changed from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.. This was approved by the Local Planning Agency. This is introductory and will be set for hearing. The hearing dates will be September 9, 2002 and September 23, 2002.

B. Introduction of Comp Plan Amendments

Mayor Hughes announced that the first hearing held on this matter was in June. Two more public hearings will be held on September 9, 2002 and September 23, 2002.

C. Discussion of Trolley Stop Benches

Mayor Hughes indicated that this item was brought forward to the Town Council by Council member Bill Thomas.

Council member Bill Thomas indicated that he has taken pictures of the condition of some of the benches along Estero Blvd. These benches have not been properly maintained. He distributed pictures to the Council for their review. He also distributed a proposal of the type of bench he would like to have. These benches would be metal and are similar to the type in Times Square. A cement slab would be placed at the bottom to eliminate a person being subjected to ant piles. Also, a trash receptacle will accompany the bench. Funding could be used from dollars obtained through the gasoline tax. Public funds could also be used to support this project. He feels that there would be people on the beach that would like to dedicate a Trolley Stop in their name. He has spoken to many individuals on the island who display an interest. He would be the first to step forward to sponsor a Trolley Stop. The approximate cost with the bench, installation and slab is \$700.00. Shrubbery could be placed in areas where space permits. All Trolley Stops are not in the road right-of-way. He believes for the past six years the Town of Fort Myers Beach has been deprived of revenue that should be coming to them vs. Lee County. Many Trolley Stops could be set back behind the wires and right-of-way. He feels the improved, attractive Trolley Stops will give Fort Myers Beach a prosperous look. Prosperity breeds prosperity.

Council member Van Duzer feels this is a good idea. The Trolley Stop benches presently in place are not very attractive. He asked for additional time to see what will come with Old San Carlos. He feels they should match those benches. An annual cost to maintain the benches with the trash receptacles will amount to \$19,000.00 per year for consideration. He feels Council should move forward with this item. He supports the effort of Council member Thomas.

Vice Mayor Cain thanked Council member Thomas for his work. Everyone would like to see the benches cleaned up. She mentioned that an Eagle Scout is looking for a project and trash receptacles were mentioned. She would like to talk to Council member Thomas regarding this project.

Council member Howard Rynearson had a meeting with Steve Myers (Lee Transportation). Mr. Myers felt that Lee County could come up with a bench to fit his design with a trash receptacle right on it. A small place to advertise would be located on the receptacle and he felt this would be a good place for the Town logo. The current advertising on the benches could be possibly moved to the Trolley itself.

Mayor Hughes concurs with the Town Council and would like to see replacement benches. He asked Attorney Roosa if approval will need to be obtained by the County for the

benches placed in the right-of-way? Attorney Roosa replied that this is correct. County approval will need to be obtained. The Town can regulate to some extent what is placed in the right-of-way by general ordinance.

Julia Campbell, Town Staff, came forward and indicated she had spoken to Jeff Schuler (Transit Marketing Manager) who explained to her that the bench sites generate \$60,000.00 renting at \$125.00 per month with a \$2.00 maintenance fee. The dollar amount goes toward their advertising revenue.

Council member Rynearson suggested setting up a meeting with Lee Transportation to get some questions answered. Staff will comply. Council member Thomas agreed.

Town Manager Segal-George indicated that the Town has a survey of Estero Blvd.. Damon will help Julia locate all the Trolley stops and determine which ones are in the right-of-way and which are outside. Easements can also be determined at this time.

D. Flood Plain Management Plan

Mayor Hughes indicated the Town Council has received a memo from the Deputy Town Manager regarding the annual update on the Town's Flood Plain Management and Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Deputy Town Manager John Gucciardo explained as part of their involvement in the National Flood Insurance Program an annual review through the community rating service is needed. Certification is needed each year. Part of the process is the Town's update on the flood plain plan. He explained that he outlines the Town's various efforts made throughout the year to address the threat of flood and flood damage mitigation.

Mayor Hughes asked for the definition of a repetitive loss parcel? Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo replied that a repetitive loss property is defined as any property which has two or more claims against their flood insurance policy within any 10-year period.

Mayor Hughes asked for input from the Council. None was heard. He thanked the Deputy Town Manager for his very informative memo.

E. Discussion of CDBG Policy

Deputy Manager Gucciardo explained that the Community Development Block Grant Program is new to the Town of Fort Myers Beach. The Council accepted an invitation to join in with the County last year. The program will begin, hopefully, in the fall with funding to begin in December for use in the calendar year 2003. The two programs will include rehabilitation and repairs for affordable housing on the island, and money to go toward senior programs and after-school programs for youth on the island. The rehabilitation and repairing of a home program require some policy considerations from Council. He has outlined five areas of policy consideration for discussion.

Council member Van Duzer addressed the issue of a grant vs. a loan. He feels it should be a grant rather than a loan. He does feel there should be some sort of provision for repayment of the fund if the owner sells the property within a certain length of time. The grant should be a 50/50 match with the property owner. He feels that a cap needs to be established. All money should be used for property available for low or moderate income procedures.

Vice Mayor Cain questioned if a loan was chosen vs. a grant could the money be reinvested to another person once it was payed back? Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo replied that this could be done. As a loan it places a higher burden administratively with regard to monitoring and collection.

Vice Mayor Cain agrees that a provision with regard to repayment should be established if the owner sells the property within a certain length of time. A buy in from the owner should be established. She believes a cap needs to be established also. The money should be used as a priority for homes. She agrees with all issues as discussed by Council member Van Duzer. She is still weighing the pros and cons vs. loan or grant.

Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo commented on the cap amount to be established. He is unsure how many people will come forward. He suggests a \$5,000.00 cap, but is still debating

this issue. Council member Bill Thomas would rather see a grant vs. a loan. He believes in seeing a provision for a payback of the funds should a homeowner use the money as a home improvement and then sell the property.

Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo commented that the County builds in a recapture provision, which places a lien on the property. If the property were to sell within a particular time period the money would be recaptured.

Council member Rynearson agrees with 1, 2, 3 and 4 as written. He has difficulty with 5 due to the way it is written. He feels it cannot be enforced and will take too much of staff's time. He would like to see a grant and leave #5 out.

Mayor Hughes commented that he was for a loan. The remaining items have a pretty clear consensus. There should be a provision for a repayment of the grant or loan with a recapture provision. A monetary contribution of 2/3 is acceptable. The cap should be determined based on the number of applications.

Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo will bring back an update. He will flush out some of the issues with regard to enforcement. This matter will be brought before Council, because at some point contracts will need to be reviewed with the County. All the local clergy were contacted regarding the after-school programs. He indicated that the Town has only heard from Rev. Tafel.

Mayor Hughes is very much in favor of the after-school programs. The division between the after-school program and senior program will be determined at a later date.

F. Beach Pool Contract

Mayor Hughes explained that the contract with Champion Corporation for management of the beach community pool is up for renewal.

Julia Campbell summarized her memo. Currently the Town is paying Champion \$159,000.00. Staff is recommending the same fee unless there is a significant amount of insurance cost from Champion. Staff has recommended a 5% cap of \$168,540.00. The changes to the contract occur in the fixed fee agreement scope of services. Champion pays for up to \$10,000.00 in repair and maintenance. Staff has recommended this amount be raised to \$12,000.00. Staff would like to see the utility bill capped at \$32,000.00. Currently the bills run at approximately \$26,000.00 per year. \$20,000.00 has been set aside for capital improvements within the Town's draft budget for the next fiscal year. Staff at the pool has recommended the replacement of lockers, which are rusted. Staff has also recommended that the pool foundation move into more of an advisory capacity instead of a funding capacity. She spoke with Jill White at Champion to try and find a reasonable profit margin. Jill expressed that companies such as their's look for a 10% to 12% profit margin plus 8% to cover overhead.

Council member Thomas commented that the attendance has maintained itself from 2001 to 2002. The attendance has also increased.

Vice Mayor Cain clarified that this years fee will remain \$159,000.00, unless there is a significant increase in the insurance cost. Julia and the Town Manager replied that this is correct.

MOTION: Made by Council member Howard Rynearson and seconded by Council member Bill Thomas to accept the Beach Pool Contract.

VOTE: Motion passes unanimously.

G. Times Square Alliance Request for Funding

Damon Grant came forward and explained that the Alliance has proposed a fiscal year 2003 calendar and budget. The Times Square Advisory Committee unanimously approved this for recommendation to the Town Council.

Anita Cereceda expressed that funding for activities within the downtown redevelopment area is being requested this evening. The calendar of events that has been reviewed by the Council is an ambitious goal set by the Times Square and Old San Carlos Improvement Alliance.

It has been reviewed by the Times Square Advisory Board and was forwarded to Council with their recommendation. This calendar is the result of one year's worth of work. The goal of the Times Square and Old San Carlos Improvement Alliance is to create a viable downtown district that the residents of this Town, as well as the visitors, will be proud of. The intent was to provide a well-rounded variety of events to satisfy the community and meet the approval of the Town Council. She is present to not only make a financial request, but to initiate a discussion with the Council to create the big picture of the Town's atmosphere in the years to come. The goal is to provide an area of more than just eating, drinking and shopping. The Alliance needs the direction and input from Council. She respectfully requests the funding of the program before Council. She would like to see a clear indication of the vision for the downtown area in the years to come.

Joerg Wiebe would like to see the Council not discuss one particular item. The Alliance is looking for the input from Council with regard to the vision for the Town. Their activities are improvements for everyone.

Brian Anderson, West Coast Surf Shop, came forward. He gave a brief overview of the volleyball tournament. The event was profitable in an amount between \$2500.00 and \$3000.00. 66 participating teams were present. 38 teams were not local and stayed within our hotels. Beasley broadcasting did a customer count and estimated over 5,000 people for both days. This was a very successful event. He commended Town Hall for their assistance. The County was concerned about the event, but now would like to see four events per year. A number of sponsors liked what they saw and would like to participate in the future.

Tom Kolar, Lighthouse Resort, came forward. He discussed the positives from the volleyball event. Many families came to this event from all over. He would like to see the community work more with them in the future.

Mark Erinoff will be working with Joerg with the opening of the restaurant on the top of Seafarer's. He has been coming to the beach for 15 years. The growth here has been very encouraging. He has been working for the United Nations in Europe for the past three years. He has had experience with government city planning and the considerations of Council members. He has lived on Sanibel since 1995, and has not come to Fort Myers Beach that often due to lack of interest on the island. The opportunity that Fort Myers Beach has for the future could be tremendous. He believes in the future of Fort Myers Beach. The public needs to have some real pride of what is happening in this Town. The funds for the events being requested this evening are important for any community.

Council member Ryneanson asked Tom Kolar to come forward. He would like to know where the majority of his renters came from during the volleyball tournament? Tom Kolar replied that he has documented some of this information. A few calls were from Bonita. 20 rooms were booked through teams. He will get back to Council member Ryneanson with more specifics.

Mayor Hughes reviewed that the Alliance is looking for direction. The total fiscal budget for the calendar year is \$148,500.00.

Anita Cereceda commented that the \$148,500.00 would be the Town's shared portion for events. The Alliance will look to TDC for funding and also to the corporate sponsors.

Mayor Hughes feels that the Council needs to look into all line items in the budget pertaining to the different special events to determine the amount for approval to the Alliance.

Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo explained that based on discussion by Council last year there was an increase in line items for both the special events and seasonal events, and also an increase in the line item for cultural events due to the Film Festival. A separate item under the CRA budget is \$20,000.00 for proposals and activities from the Alliance.

Council member Van Duzer commented that the Council requested this from the Alliance. He feels that it is time to move past incorporation. It is time to recognize the business and residential interest, which should move forward together. He felt that it would be a shame to not put all the work in the Times Square/Old San Carlos area to use. What is being offered by the Alliance could be very beneficial. He is favor of allocating some funds to be used by the Alliance

for the programs.

Council member Ryneason agrees with Council member Van Duzer. He believes they must crawl before they walk. He commended the Alliance for a good budget and calendar. He would like to suggest they remove the birthday party, New Years Eve and 4th of July, which will be funded by the Town. He suggests \$5,000.00 be put into Times Square from the general fund, \$5,000.00 into the middle of the island and \$5,000.00 to the other end. This distribution will spread \$15,000.00 throughout the island. He agrees with the Mayor that everything done should have 50% funding. He would like to take \$10,000.00 out of the CRA and give this to Times Square. Every year the CRA should build because of the pay backs. He feels more funding could be available in the future. He agrees with the sunset concerts, 12 days of Christmas, March/April concerts (3) and volleyball.

Council member Van Duzer feels the budget needs to be cut back. He agrees with the Oktoberfest (\$5,000) and 12 days of Christmas (\$10,000). He does not believe any events should take place in January, February and March. Maybe a few concerts at the new fountain could be held the end of March or first part of April (\$6,000). April and May should be taken up with the Offshore Power Boat Race and the Film Festival. He felt a reasonable amount for volleyball would be \$5,000.00. He does not agree with bike night.

Vice Mayor Cain felt this budget was a little aggressive. She has interest with arts in the park and concerts by the bay. She would like to see some type of funding for these events. Any type of event requires a lot of money, effort and people participation. She likes the volleyball tournament. She is unsure where her price line is. She would like to fund as much as possible and come to a happy median.

Council member Thomas commented that this is a very ambitious budget. He does not feel they can afford such a large amount. He does not prefer bike night or a carnival. He would approve approximately \$20,000.00.

Mayor Hughes expressed that he likes most of the items. He knows that all items cannot be approved at this time. He needs to examine the budget and would like a further breakdown.

Town Manager Segal-George explained that the budget was based around the figures from past events.

Mayor Hughes feels the Council may be able to be more liberal with the dollar amount to be given to the Alliance. He is not ready at this time to choose a dollar amount.

H. Contract and Purchase Appraisal lot 216 Connecticut Street

Mayor Hughes explained that an appraisal is included in all Council packets. The appraisal for this property is \$220,000.00. A draft of a contract has also been included to purchase the property for \$200,000.00.

Town Manager Segal-George explained that this property was discussed at the last meeting with an interest to purchase depending on the appraisal. The owner of the property is in receipt of the appraisal and draft contract. He is waiting for the direction from the Town Council.

Council member Thomas expressed during the summer he had some calls from the residents on Connecticut Street who were strongly against having a parking lot in a residential neighborhood. He does not feel any of the Council members would desire such a use in their neighborhood. He does not feel this property is worth \$200,000.00. He does not support the purchase of this property for a parking lot.

Town Manager Segal-George replied that there are no plans that this lot will be made into a parking lot. It would be used for overflow parking, but would not be paved. Also, it would not be used as a playground.

Council member Thomas does support Town purchases of public property. He supports the Mound House and Newton property. He does not feel that the purchase of the property on Connecticut Street is a good investment for the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

Vice Mayor Cain expressed that she sits on CELCAB. They are planning only 6 events per year. Parking difficulties at the Mound House do exist. Her long-term goal would be to buy

every single lot they can to make them pocket parks. She would like to see each neighborhood with at least one pocket park. CELCAB did not intend on changing the surface or removing any of the mature trees. CELCAB did discuss enhancing the land by adding additional vegetation and a bench or two for the community.

Mayor Hughes asked Vice Mayor Cain to distinguish between a pocket park and playground? Vice Mayor Cain replied that a pocket park/passive park is a place to sit and enjoy the natural environment. No playground equipment, but possibly a few benches for people to sit and enjoy the shade. Council member Van Duzer is in favor of moving forward with the contract. He added that the price is right and the appraisal is very thorough. He does not have any objection to using it for overflow parking on rare occasions.

Mayor Hughes questioned if the Town acquires this property will it be necessary to rezone the property and go through a hearing? Town Manager Segal-George replied that this type of property and the Mound House should go through the process for rezoning. If Council decides to purchase the property the Town will go ahead and rezone both properties.

Council member Rynearson feels the Council should move slower. Vice Mayor Cain is working on the land acquisition grants and he would like to see these come forward first. He will support this item if everyone agrees with it, but he does not support it in the present way.

Mayor Hughes does not see an adverse impact on the neighborhood. He did receive one call, but has not experienced much opposition. He feels if the people of the neighborhood understand the exact intent their fears will be calmed. The appraisal is very thorough, but he has concerns with the comparable's.

Mayor Hughes questioned if the funds for purchase of this property will come out of capital reserve? Deputy Town Manager Gucciardo replied that \$250,000.00 has been budgeted for property acquisition in the proposed budget.

Council member Thomas still firmly believes acquiring this property on Connecticut is an intrusion into a private neighborhood. He does not feel the Town should be going this way. He does feel the price is a little bit high.

Mayor Hughes does not believe it is an intrusion. The property is presently there now and the Town will be preserving what is presently there. He does feel the price is a little high.

MOTION: Made by Vice Mayor Terry Cain and seconded by Council member Bill Van Duzer to move forward with the acquisition of the property on 216 Connecticut Street based on the purchase contract price of \$200,000.00.
Motion Amended

MOTION: Made by Mayor Daniel Hughes and seconded by Vice Mayor Terry Cain to rezone the property at 216 Connecticut Street by the Town to preserve that the property will be used for nothing other than the intended use at the time of acquisition.

Discussion: Council member Van Duzer questioned if this should be made a contingency in the contract to conclude the rezoning.

Town Manager Segal-George replied that only the Council decides the rezone. The Council will control the ultimate decision for this property. Attorney Roosa feels that it would be rather useless to make the contract contingent on rezoning when the Council is the very board that will determine the rezoning. He does not see the purpose for the contingency. He would hesitate to put a restrictive covenant in the contract. Too many issues are capable of changing.

Council member Ryneanson will support the motion, but hopes the Council will move slower in the future. He does not want to buy a lot of land until the land acquisition is in order.

VOTE: (Vote for Motion to Amend) **Motion passes 4 to 1. Council member Bill Thomas dissenting.**

VOTE: (Principal Motion) **Motion passes 4 to 1. Council member Bill Thomas dissenting.**

I. Sept. 11 Remembrance Discussion

Vice Mayor Cain expressed that she and Julia began preparations for the Sept. 11 remembrance event during the summer. A ceremony is planned to take place in the Times Square area. Volunteers have come forward. She walked the Council through the evening, weather permitting. The program will be approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours. She feels that this event will grow to be much larger due to many communities not offering this type of program. The Boy Scouts will possibly hand out small flags. Some cost is anticipated. The flags are \$60.75, decorations will need to be put up and she is requesting a \$200.00 donation to Sweet Adeline's for their trip to Nashville.

Council member Thomas added that Vice Mayor Cain has done a wonderful job. He would support the \$200.00 donation. Much time and effort have gone into this program. He feels this is a wonderful event for Fort Myers Beach.

Vice Mayor Cain expressed that Julia has done a lot of the work and should be thanked also.

Mayor Hughes and the Council directed the Town Manager to move forward and expend the funds necessary for the September 11 program.

J. Appointment - Rookery Island Special Committee

MOTION: Made by Council member Van Duzer and seconded by Council member Howard Ryneanson to appoint Terry Cain as the representative for the Rookery Island Special Committee.

VOTE: **Motion passes unanimously.**

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS ITEMS AND REPORTS

Council member Bill Thomas - Thanked the Council and staff for their consideration while he was hospitalized.

Council member Howard Ryneanson - Passed out to Council a budget put out by TDC. He recommends this is given out to everyone who apply for special events. He would like to have this adopted and given to staff. Council had discussion about the form. The Town Manager suggested having this as an agenda item for the next meeting. This will allow Council the opportunity to review the form and generate corrective language for the next meeting.

Council member Bill Van Duzer - A communication was received from the Town Manager with regard to her salary. The budget is coming up and he feels this matter needs to be addressed. He also mentioned that CELCAB has requested he bring forward the request for an additional member to be appointed. The committee would like to have Ted Reckwerdt due to his knowledge with the history of the Mound House. An ordinance change may need to take place.

Attorney Dick Roosa suggested that he could be appointed as an alternate.

Mayor Hughes suggested that staff look to see if the ordinance needs to be amended. Mayor Hughes asked Council if there is any objection by Council to appoint Ted Reckwerdt

should the ordinance be amended.

Council member Thomas questioned if advertising must take place? Mayor Hughes replied that this is how it has been done in the past and should follow the same procedure.

Town Manager Segal-George expressed when salary increases were handled in the Spring for staff she kept herself separate. She added an increase into the budget for herself and gave Council a memo with regard to what she had done. This can be discussed at the budget hearings. She split her increase between her position as LPA attorney and Town Manager.

Mayor Hughes does not feel this matter needs to be discussed at this time. An objection can be discussed at the hearings on September 9 or September 23.

Council member Van Duzer went to the Florida League of Cities and found it educational. Everywhere he went the people complimented Fort Myers Beach and their form of government. Many people were from local communities. Marsha Segal-George is known around the state and many have commented how lucky Fort Myers Beach is to have her.

Vice Mayor Terry Cain - She is now part of the vigorous Leadership Lee County Program. She is very busy. The Pelican Trust is tentatively working its way through various items. She will keep the Council updated. It is moving along. Welcome back to everyone.

Mayor Daniel Hughes - He complimented Town Manager Segal-George on her letter she wrote that appeared both in the Observer and Sand Paper. This was a response to a letter submitted to local papers with regard to trash and litter on the beach. He felt this was a very good explanation of the situation. He discussed the TRIM notice and expressed that Fort Myers Beach is only paying 5.3% of their taxes to the Town. Many people are under the impression the Town gets a huge percentage of the tax bill. A lot of services are provided for 5.3%. New voter cards have been distributed and locations have been changed. A very important primary is coming up in October. During the summer the 10-mile canal issue came up. He wrote a letter to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners did approve the 10-mile canal. He feels this will be beneficial to the Estero Bay Estuary. The Rynearson project is completed and looks good. People are utilizing the road widening.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S ITEMS

Town Manager Marsha Segal-George - Happy all Council members are back. She is particularly happy Council member Thomas is back. She thanked Council member Van Duzer for the kind words.

X. TOWN ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Welcomed everyone back and he is glad to be back.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Reverend Tafel came forward to comment on the budget. The Rotary Club suggested they look to the Town for funding. Playworks needs to be rebuilt and replaced with the plastic type wood. The project will cost an estimated \$25,000.00. He is unsure why the pressure treated wood is such a problem. He will get additional information to the Town Manager.

Ray Murphy came forward to welcome back the Town Council, especially Council member Thomas. He complimented the staff for the production of the Council meeting. He congratulated the Council on the budget. He felt the Council made the correct decision with the lot on Connecticut. He felt the price was fair. He does not feel it will have a negative impact to the neighborhood.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m..

If a person decides to appeal a decision made by the Council in any matter considered at

this meeting/hearing, such people may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceeding is made, to include the testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is to be based.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Miller
Transcribing Secretary