



Members Present:

Dave Browning, Mayor
Marge Herzog, Vice-Mayor
Dave Autrey, Council Member
Dennis C. Lipp, Council Member
Dr. J. William Louda, Council Member

Members Absent:

None

Others Attending:

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum, Interim Town Manager (NCS)
Matthew Lippman, Interim Town Clerk (NCS)
Michelle Kantor, Interim Assistant Town Clerk (NCS)
David Tolces, Esq., Town Attorney
Members of the Public

1. – 4. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Mayor Browning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then requested the roll call by Town Clerk Lippman. Upon completion of the roll, the Mayor requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

5. Approval of Agenda

Town Attorney Tolces asked to remove Item #11 Resolution 2008-003 Cast Netting from the Agenda.

Town Clerk Lippman asked to add a Resident's-Andrea Stoll, 14536 40th Street North- Water Request to the Consent Agenda.

He also asked if in place of Item #11 on the Regular Agenda he could insert a new Item #11- Discussion of E Road/140th.

Vice-Mayor Herzog MOTIONED to approve the amended Agenda, SECONDED by Councilman Autrey and the MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

6. Appointment of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Town Attorney Tolces advised the Mayor to entertain nominations for a person to serve as Mayor for the upcoming year.

Councilman Autrey MOTIONED to nominate Mayor Dave Browning, SECONDED by Vice-Mayor Herzog and the MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Browning asked for nominations for Vice-Mayor for the upcoming year.

Councilman Louda MOTIONED to nominate Vice-Mayor Herzog, SECONDED by Councilman Lipp and the MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

Councilman Lipp complimented the work Vice-Mayor Herzog has done with the League of Cities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 7. Town Reports: PBC PLZ&B**
- 8. Minutes: Regular Town Council Meeting from March 4, 2008**

ADDITION OF RESIDENT WATER REQUEST FROM ANDREA STOLL, 14536 40TH STREET NORTH

Councilman Autrey MOTIONED to approve the amended Consent Agenda, SECONDED by Vice-Mayor Herzog and the MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Presentation: Mining in the Everglades Agricultural Area (Dr. Sydney Bacchus)

Councilman Louda introduced Dr. Sydney Bacchus. He said she had received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Florida State University. He said she is a Hydroecologist.

Dr. Bacchus gave a presentation called "Adverse Environmental Impacts of Mining in Loxahatchee Area and the Everglades."

Dr. Bacchus showed slides and gave the conclusion that: if net precipitation to lakes is negative over long term, then ability to generate net groundwater flow from surrounding basin plays an important role in maintaining lake levels. She also discussed the rank of environmental stressors.

Councilman Louda said that digging a mine in an area with a very shallow aquifer is not a very good idea.

Dr. Bacchus agreed and said that it is hard to see dying trees as the result of mines that have already been dug. She says there is no doubt whatsoever that those impacts are from ground water alterations.

Councilman Louda said that the Division of Forestry says that Hurricane Wilma was the breaking point. He said the trees were stressed from the shaking of them.

Dr. Bacchus said the period of time of chronic stress on the trees is roughly 15 years. She said beetles come in right before the tree is on the verge of death because it sends out chemicals which make the beetles swarm.

Councilman Lipp said that on March 26, 2008 PBC held a summit between the environmentalists and the miners. He said Rinker was the primary one. He explained the outcome of this was that there needs to be more study done. He said he would find out who is doing the study and communicate that information to Councilman Louda.

Dr. Bacchus said she encourages everyone to communicate with DCA. She said she already sent them information of the impact of the mines. She said to protect what is left of the water and environmental resources she would definitely contact DCA.

Councilman Louda said that Councilman Lipp was the best connection because he serves on the Planning Commission.

John Ryan, 3508 A Road- said we have heard a lot about the County buying the rock pits and using them as reservoirs to have available during the drought period. He asked what if it is not just agricultural lands that drain into it.

Dr. Bacchus said it is now highly contaminated water either with urban runoff or chemicals. She said one of the reasons she thinks they store it is to not get sued when everything dries. She says they are trying to make it look like they are stockpiling water for use in times of drought but she says it won't stay there because it will go up through evaporation and down through ground water.

Mr. Ryan said that he understands that it is making the water better than what is in Lake Okeechobee.

Dr. Bacchus said she predicts a lot of the highly contaminated water will flow through the shallow ground water and discharge through coastal areas. She thinks they won't stockpile the water because it will be lost to evaporation.

Councilman Louda said 2/3 of rain that falls on land comes from the ocean.

9. Strategic Visioning Update

Town Clerk Lippman reminded everyone that this Saturday we have our sessions coming up. He clarified how the sessions would work and mentioned that a specific topic would be discussed at each one. He said the goal Dr. Marlowe is trying to achieve is to survey 3 different groups on the SAME topic at 3 different times. He explained that each of the 3 sessions per day would be open to the Public but Staff is asking for only the people listed in the groups to participate at the time they are listed. He said he would personally call everyone in the first 2 groups to make sure they are all on the same page with the times. He said if someone could not make 1 of the 3 meetings to have them call him and he would work it out. He said he would prioritize the items designated as the top 3. He said there is no voice stronger than another. He mentioned that if anyone emails feedback to the Town Office he would forward it to Dr. Marlowe. He explained that an idea might be presented but not be in the Visioning Document and it is not that the item wasn't considered, just that Dr. Marlowe might not have felt it belonged in the Vision.

Councilman Louda asked Town Clerk Lippman to make sure all emailed requests have a name attached with them.

Councilman Autrey suggested asking Dr. Marlowe if after each session we could put the items on the website so people could know what to comment on through email. He said it might help people respond what was talked about.

Councilman Louda thanked Staff for doing a wonderful job with the Kick-Off session and asked the Public to spread the word about the Visioning Sessions.

Vice-Marge Herzog said that for consideration of the holiday weekend and school being out, she thought we had a fairly good turnout.

Mayor Browning asked for comments from the Public.

Howard Voren, E Road- said the biggest question involving the Visioning Process is if residents participate in Sessions 1 or 2 can they still attend Session 3 but not participate.

Town Clerk Lippman responded that was correct.

10. Code Enforcement Discussion

Town Clerk Lippman mentioned there had been a request from the Council for the results of the Special Magistrate Meeting. He showed the results of the following 7 cases on a slide:

- 1. CE-11: Gerard McElroy: Postponed to next Special Magistrate Hearing**
- 2. CE-16: Jamie Nelson: Found in violation**
- 3. CE-17: Gene Stimler: Found in violation**
- 4. CE-22: Phearcher W. Odums, Jr.: Case dismissed**
- 5. CE-23: Donald Tetreault: Found in violation**
- 6. CE-25: Juan Vila: Found in violation**
- 7. CE-28: Richard Wagner: Found in violation**

He said that the Violation Orders will be sent out tomorrow.

Town Attorney Tolces said most of the violations dealt with He explained the more difficult cases had to do with specific uses that may be described as retail. He said most of the cases had been notified in October/November of last year and were given plenty of time to come into compliance. He said that for it being the 1st round of Special Magistrate cases that it went very well.

a. Policy on Anonymous Citizen Complaints

Town Clerk Lippman started by saying that for now, but not forever, we need to eliminate the Anonymous option for calling in Code Enforcement complaints. He said the amount of open cases right now is getting close to 40 and is taking a lot of Staff time. He showed an analysis on the screen which reflected a very high anonymous call percentage. He said the case load is getting tremendous and we are in a tough spot right now, we are getting overloaded and need some relief.

Vice-Mayor Herzog MOTIONED to eliminate anonymous complaints through September 30, 2008 with respect to Code Enforcement, SECONDED by Councilman Autrey and discussion was then opened:

Vice-Mayor Herzog said her only concern was that there are neighbors who are afraid to identify themselves because of fear of retaliation. She said her feeling was people need to be protected also.

Councilman Lipp said he had done a little research and that Royal Palm Beach and Wellington along with Unincorporated PBC allow anonymous complaints. He said he thinks that at some level there are people who have violent tendencies that live in the Groves. He said that if people are afraid of something they either need to report it themselves or find someone who is not afraid to report it for them.

Councilman Autrey said that we inherited codes that don't apply to us. He said some people use Code Enforcement to snipe at their neighbors. He stated that we are going to be going through a process to develop our own codes and that will give us the time to battle all these things out. He said he doubts very few residents in this community would pass the codes as they exist today. He said he thinks we should eliminate anonymous complaints.

Town Clerk Lippman clarified for the record that what we are doing is suspending anonymous complaints until the Comprehensive Plan is adopted or until we see what direction the Town is headed.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said she feels people have been frustrated for so many years with no Code Enforcement in the Groves and now they are coming out of the wood work. She said like the Moratorium on Building and Zoning, she thinks we should eliminate the anonymous for a short period of time.

Councilman Louda commented that he didn't want to see anonymous go away forever. He said that is just the way things are done.

Town Clerk Lippman said he would request the Council agree on a shorter period of time so he could evaluate it.

Mayor Browning said he knows there is a right legally in America to confront your accusers, but this is a different situation. He said he would encourage if a person is fearful that they approach a neighbor who is not. He said he thinks we need to do something to relieve our Staff.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said she thinks because people are seeing that their voices are being heard more and more people are coming out to complain.

Mayor Browning asked for comments from the Public.

Elise Ryan, 3508 A Road- said she thinks the Town should give Town Clerk Lippman the money it would cost to let him to continue to handle the complaints. She said it is a small percent of the budget. She said 83% of the residents in the Groves were booked at PBC jail at some point and she had learned this by looking at arrests from PBSO in the 33470 area. She said she has seen some code violations that are in no way reflective of the lifestyle she wants. She said she sees no reason to change it and she called several local municipalities and they all said they accept anonymous complaints.

Cindy Corum, 2452 C Road- said she agrees with Elise Ryan. She said everyone around us accepts anonymous complaints. She said she had complained to one of the Council Members and he had called in a complaint for her which she appreciated. She said her property value has gone down and there is a drug house next to her. She said she does not think people

should be afraid to call in complaints because their neighbors scare them. She said she doesn't think you should go that route.

Howard Voren, 1538 E Road- said that he thinks it is important to be said that the fact that Royal Palm Beach and Wellington along with Unincorporated PBC taking anonymous complaints is fine but he thought the reason we incorporated was because we didn't want to be like these places. He said what you were shown by the last speaker was a picture of a burnt down house which any resident could call in. He said we have been around for 30 years with relatively no Code Enforcement and we can certainly wait 2 years until the codes are written to accept anonymous complaints.

John Ryan, 3508 A Road- said that he compromised with his wife on this. He said if there is a reason, such as, workload that it should be for the whole time until our Comprehensive Plan is adopted. He said he thinks that if someone has a concern about neighbor retaliation they should be able to contact a Council Member and have them check it out and call it in.

Town Attorney Tolces said that Staff is fully capable of receiving the complaints. He said he has asked the Council to advise the citizens to contact the Staff at Town Hall.

Doreen Baxter, North Road- said that she doesn't see why we are discriminating against people who want to remain anonymous. She said that if there is a violation then it is a violation. She suggested that if Staff has too many complaints to put them in the order they came in and get to them when they can. She said hopefully the complaints will go down and we won't have to worry about it anymore.

Nancy Handweg, 14878 19th Street North- said she agrees with eliminating the anonymous until we can determine which codes are relevant to our lifestyle. She said that looking through the complaints there were 9 anonymous on one day. She said she believes until we have our own codes we should remove the anonymous piece. She said this way the real complaints people have can be dealt with and not left piling up.

Town Attorney Tolces said that the Town Charter states you are prohibited to direct Staff (Matthew or Michelle) to look into something.

Ms. Corum asked what the nature of the 66 cases is.

Town Clerk Lippman said he is not the person who can say. He said there are complaints across the board.

Councilman Autrey reminded people that we have codes that we don't all agree should be enforced. He said to burden Staff with trying to interpret what can and cannot be enforced is not a thought process they should go through; they have to do their job. He said these are just growing pains and hopefully neighbors can act neighborly. He said what Town Clerk Lippman showed on the slides was the Code Enforcement Officers time and not Staff time from the management company. He said that is time that Matthew and Michelle could be working on the Comprehensive Plan and other very important things that they should be working on.

Vice-Mayor Herzog asked in the Charter if there is something that spells out when a Code Violation is turned in and how much time Staff has to handle it.

Town Attorney Tolces referred to the Charter.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said she asked that question because a suggestion was made to keep stacking the cases up and leave them sitting there until they get to them. She said you can't do that.

Town Attorney Tolces said Staff would get to them but they have other responsibilities as well.

Councilman Lipp pointed out that to clarify there is nothing in the Statute that says a complaint has to be addressed within a certain amount of time. He said if none of these were anonymous complaints we would still have 66. He said we should allow people to express their right to complain without fear of retribution.

Town Clerk Lippman said from the way I run our management company is that we work for the Town Council and we also work for the citizens. He said he can attest that with the majority of the cases is that if we don't react in a certain amount of time then there is verbal harassment and most people think that their complaint is the only important thing in the world. He noted that numerous phone calls have been taken by the office with verbal harassment. He said he is requesting until September 30, 2008 to eliminate the anonymous complaints.

The MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Browning said he would encourage someone if you really have fear to talk to someone who does not and we will get these things taken care of.

b. Increasing the allocation and time and expense

Town Clerk Lippman said that we started off budgeting \$25,000 per year for Code Enforcement and there was already one request to the Council to double it. He said Calvin Giordano has worked out a new number for us. He said he is not asking this to be forever but he is asking to temporarily increase the monthly allotment to \$4700 per month through September 30, 2008 and then it can be evaluated again. He said we will see if the case load comes down with the elimination of anonymous calls for the time being.

Councilman Louda MOTIONED to increase the allocation and time and expense for Code Enforcement to \$4700 per month until September 30, 2008, SECONDED by Councilman Autrey and the MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

Town Clerk Lippman said that at the next meeting Town Attorney Tolces will bring us a Resolution to amend that budgeted expensed line item.

c. Recouping of administrative costs relating to Special Magistrate Orders

Town Clerk Lippman explained that there are costs involved with hosting a Special Magistrate Hearing. He said that Staff is asking to charge \$50 per case to recoup some of the costs.

Vice-Mayor Herzog MOTIONED to approve the \$50 amount of Administrative costs to recoup when a citizen is found in violation at the Special Magistrate Hearings, SECONDED by Councilman Louda and discussion was then opened:

Councilman Autrey commented that the amount seemed low.

Town Clerk Lippman said that this is on average a recommendation from the Town Attorney.

Town Attorney Tolces said they would have to pay it or a lien could be passed on the property.

Mayor Browning asked if the \$50 covers the ones not found in violation.

Town Clerk Lippman said that it is an average paid by only the ones found in violation.

The MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

11. Ordinance 2008-003: Cast Netting (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, CREATING A NEW SECTION OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO BE ENTITLED "CAST NETTING PROHIBITED"; PROVIDING THAT CAPTURING MARINE LIFE THROUGH THE USE OF NETS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

11. Discussion of E Road/140th

Town Clerk Lippman asked Councilman Lipp to report on the Item.

Councilman Lipp said he handed out notices to the home owners on E Road about this and asked them to write letters to the Palm Beach County Commissioners.

Councilman Lipp MOTIONED to make funds available for a full page ad in the Town Crier for an open letter to the Western Communities to get involved and to be an open letter to the Public to urge them to come to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on April 28, 2008 and if they can't to send a letter, not an email to the Board, and also to authorize the Town Attorney to draft a Resolution, SECONDED by Councilman Louda and discussion was then opened:

Vice-Mayor Herzog asked if the Town can legally put an ad in the Town Crier.

Town Attorney Tolces responded that if the Town Council finds that it serves a Public Purpose in regards to the E Rd/140th issue, that he would recommend that they authorize the Town Attorney to draft a Resolution to go in respect with the previous Resolution relating to this issue.

Town Clerk Lippman reminded everyone that the lobbyist is focusing on this issue also since the issues with the Southern Boulevard Corridor have been calm lately.

Councilman Autrey asked who would draft the copy for this ad and how it would be approved.

Councilman Lipp said he would put a piece together and send it to Town Clerk Lippman. He said he had met with Commissioner Jess Santamaria and he had suggested starting getting petitions going

Councilman Autrey said what continues to be missed is the alignment of this road is going to condemn homes.

Councilman Louda said that 20-30 homes would be condemned by imminent domain.

The MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

12. Callery-Judge Update

Town Clerk Lippman asked Councilman Lipp to report on the Item.

Councilman Lipp said that the Ag-Enclave was approved with 3 opposed. He said the thing we have to be careful of is they are agreeing to take Southern Boulevard to 8 lanes from 6 lanes. He said it is on the State Plan to have it by 2020. He said once enough people have bought into Callery-Judge they will pay for the 8 lanes. He said Callery decided on a density of 2999 because anything over 3000 would be subject to the DRI process. He said he finds it amazing that they say the buildings to put in there would be new urbanism in a rural area.

Town Clerk Lippman said he included the Florida Agricultural Enclave Law for you to review.

Councilman Lipp said there is a House Bill and a Senate Bill tomorrow and he would be discussing them with Representative Vana and is hoping they will die.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said the wording of this new proposal allows the agricultural area to set the ground work for what the County has to abide by because it is already in law. She said the developer is telling the County-this is what the law says and this is what I am going to be doing.

Town Attorney Tolces said to the extent the Town wants to be involved in this, and submit a letter or a Resolution; I would suggest you do that in order to preserve your rights down the road when this goes to DCA.

Councilman Lipp MOTIONED to direct Staff to draft a Resolution on our opposition to Callery-Judge, SECONDED by Councilman Louda and the MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

13. Simon Property Update

Town Clerk Lippman said he and Kevin McGinnley had a meeting with the Representative from Land Design South. He explained that with the site plan that is currently being proposed the substantial equestrian facility that we are dealing with is not as "substantial" as it could be. He said we are going back and forth trying to come up with some language there. He said the County has indicated that they are looking for the Town and whatever we feel is appropriate or not appropriate, they are here to listen.

Councilman Louda asked if Town Attorney Tolces would be addressing where we are at with the substantial equestrian facility.

Town Clerk Lippman responded that once we get past this, they may come forward with some alternative ideas for that property. He said he didn't want to get into specifics because he really didn't know yet.

Councilman Louda asked if the latest plan involved any Commercial.

Town Attorney Tolces said he had a phone conference last week with respect to the fact that the 30 days given in February was going to expire. He said he was able to educate the

Department of Community of Affairs that the Simon Property is separate and apart from the Town since it is governed by the County's Comprehensive Plan. He said we will continue to work with the representatives from the Simon Property and we will see if we can reach an agreement with what you are looking for.

Councilman Lipp said during the Visioning Process the topic of an equestrian arena had come up. He asked if that was part of the plan.

Town Clerk Lippman said he had that as an alternative plan.

Councilman Louda said we still need to think about a buffer zone on the North end of the property.

Mayor Browning asked if there were any comments from the Public.

Pat Johnson, Collecting Canal Road- said she lives around the corner from this so she has a vested interest in it. She said she saw in the Town Crier that they were talking about the substantial equestrian facility and all of a sudden they seemed to have things that weren't on the site plan planned for it. She asked if they don't do the equestrian facility if they would lose that special 1.25 that we never could figure out who got paid off of it anyway.

Town Attorney Tolces said the substantial equestrian facility is a conditional use that would be imposed in order for them to qualify for the higher density. He said we don't know ultimately what will happen. He said this could go through and get approved and then they could decide to build something completely different and we would be back through the process all over again.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said we have to be mindful of the traffic that might go through to B Road.

GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS GIVEN TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO TOWN STAFF TO CONTINUE TO MEET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM LAND DESIGN SOUTH RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF THE SIMON PROPERTY.

14. RFP 2008-001: Disaster Debris Management Monitoring (Discussion)

Town Clerk Lippman said as of the last meeting we had agreed to go out and obtain the services of a Contract Monitoring Firm as the first step in this process.

Vice-Mayor Herzog MOTIONED to direct Staff to authorize Staff to issue an RFP consistent to the one provided in the Agenda Packets, SECONDED by Councilman Louda and discussion was then opened:

Councilman Autrey questioned the wording of the scope of services listed as A-1 on Master Page 61.

Town Clerk Lippman said it is important that we emphasize that price is not the major issue and it is not policy to issue approval to a local entity.

The MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

15. Canal Cleaning Discussion

Vice-Mayor Herzog said that this was discussed at the last LGLA meeting and people with flat bottom boats were asked to volunteer on April 19th to help clean the canals. She said LGLA would have to extend its insurance to cover the people in the boats.

Town Attorney Tolces said that he had spoken with Jim McGinn from the Town's insurance company and that he had told him that volunteers who work for the Town would be covered for injuries. He said if the Town wants to hold an even that Staff would ask them to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement but that they would be covered by insurance. He said April 19th was picked because it is "Keep PBC Beautiful" Day.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said that so far no one has come forward saying they have a flat bottom boat

16. Finance: **a. Financial Report**

Town Clerk Lippman said he did not have a formal financial report to present to the Council this evening.

b. Investment Discussion

Town Clerk Lippman said he had a conference call with 2 people from Riverside Bank yesterday and we have a unique situation with our account. He said we have a lot of money sitting there that we don't need immediately but we will need in the next 6 months. He said the Bank is going to come back and offer us special rates that they normally don't offer for 30, 60, and 90 day CD's. He mentioned that Staff would never put the Town in jeopardy and we will always

keep money in the checking account. He mentioned after April 15, 2008 that he would move some funds and take advantage of their offer. He said he had reviewed the State Funds and the rumors out there on how safe they are. He explained that what is happening now is that 4-5 months ago there was a big scare and they froze those funds. He said many municipalities pulled their money out and put it into safer funds making less interest. He stated that for security purposes we would not keep the Town's money in a State Fund.

Councilman Lipp commented that the subprime has affected every facet of every security.

c. Grants

Town Manager Dr. Rosenbaum began by saying that in the Agenda Packets Staff had included information about the Florida Forever Grant offered by Florida Communities Trust. He said he would also be forwarding information on another grant to the Council. He said we need to bring a Resolution to the Council when we apply for grants. He said we don't want to acquire a lot of land because land is a liability. He said the course of action he would like to propose would be to come to a consensus as to what we want to apply for. He said we don't need a decision now but we need to ask ourselves what we would like to do. He said the other part of that would be grants that might have to do with the County. He said we might want to partner on some grants with other municipalities, and even LGWCD.

Town Manager Dr. Rosenbaum said that he a cost effective idea to look at grant writing. He said Staff spoke with Lisa Muhall-In Rem Solutions, who specializes in some of the areas we are looking at, such as, recreation and trails, and she suggested looking at a per grant writing rate or an hourly rate. He said grant people are usually expensive and it might be better to go with the per grant writing rate.

Councilman Louda suggested if there are specific grants you want us to consider, look at their success rates.

Town Manager Dr. Rosenbaum responded that the grants would be suggested because they are good. He said with the Visioning Sessions we will hear more from the residents but we know our priority is to enhance the Community we have.

Town Clerk Lippman said he would encourage the Council members to come to the office and look at the Florida Grant Book and see if they see anything in there.

Mayor Browning said he would ask the LGWCD Board to work with us on this since we will be working with them on the trails. He said that it would benefit all the residents of the Groves.

17. Administrative:

a. ONYX Assessment Collection Update

Town Clerk Lippman updated the Council on the SWA Assessment Collection through Tuesday, March 25, 2008. He said \$264,629.61 had been collected and that the Town was still approximately \$124,000 shy of the goal. He explained that the Town had more success with the 2nd mailing in regards to how fast people responded.

Councilman Autrey asked what the plan was for collection from those who didn't respond and stated that at some point we would need to make a decision.

Town Attorney Tolces responded that the Town would include the unpaid amount on those individuals who did not pay next tax bills.

Councilman Louda suggested a 3rd mailing.

Mayor Browning said to do a 3rd mailing and then move to put it on next year's tax bills.

18. Public Comments

There were no comments.

19. Town Clerk Comments

There were no comments.

20. Town Attorney Comments

Town Attorney Tolces reminded that Staff is continuing to monitor the legislation in Tallahassee. He said that if the Council had the opportunity they should speak with the Local Legislators to find out the costs of these Bills.

21. Council Member Comments

Councilman Louda thanked Staff for the work on the start of the Visioning Process. He said we need to get people to come out. He mentioned that his tonight was the first time he had met Dr. Bacchus in person and he had scheduled her presentation because he had heard she would be in Town. He said he hoped people got something out of the presentation and that the Town already has a Resolution on mining.

Vice-Mayor Herzog mentioned that at the League of Cities will be having a special training session for all elected officials in Lantana on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 1-4pm. She said they are encouraging every Council member to be there. She invited everyone out to support the Adopt A Road at 8am at Loxahatchee Groves Elementary School on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Councilman Autrey congratulated the Mayor and Vice-Mayor for doing a great job the past year. He said he thought that it would be wise for future Councils to not set a precedent and to not keep those as revolving seats. He said consistency is a good thing. He said he didn't remember if we had a previous conversation with Shelley Eichner regarding a SR80 Study.

Town Clerk Lippman responded that he spoke with Calvin Giordano and they would have a proposal by the next meeting.

Councilman Lipp said that the Town's logo had been digitized by one of the residents, Bill Ford who lives on Compton. He said he gave him a couple of samples of shirts and hats that maybe Town Clerk Lippman could put on the website.

Town Attorney Tolces said that if anyone uses the Town's logo the Town Council must authorize it by Resolution. He mentioned that if the Town wants to protect the logo we need to register it with the Department of State as a trademark.

Councilman Louda asked if Darlene Crawford had signed a copyright release.

Town Attorney Tolces responded that the ownership had been transferred to the Town.

Councilman Louda said we should copyright it.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said that Town Clerk Lippman has the 1st copy of our Town Flag in the Office and the company who made it said they could mass produce them for residents if they want them.

Town Attorney Tolces suggested the Town should enter into an agreement with anyone who wishes to use the Town's logo.

Mayor Browning said he is proud to serve on the Town Council and appreciates the confidence in being the Mayor again and that he will continue to do the best job he can.

