

MINUTES
CITY OF BOCA RATON
CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING SESSIONS
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005 - 9:00 A.M.
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005 - 9:00 A.M.

Lyle Sumek of Lyle Sumek Associates, Inc. was recognized as the facilitator for the workshop. The Mayor and City Council and members of the City's Executive Leadership Team, as listed below, were in attendance.

ATTENDING THE MEETINGS WERE:

Mayor Steven L. Abrams
Deputy Mayor Susan Whelchel
Council Member Peter Baronoff
Council Member Bill Hager
Council Member Susan Haynie

City Manager Leif J. Ahnell
Deputy City Manager George S. Brown
Assistant City Manager Mike Woika
City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser
City Clerk Sharma Carannante
Office of Management and Budget Director Linda Davidson
Development Services Director Jorge Camejo
Planning and Zoning Director Carmen Annunziato
Fire-Rescue Services Chief Bruce Silk
Municipal Services Director Robert DiChristopher
City Traffic Engineer T. Douglas Hess
Police Services Chief Andrew Scott
Recreation Services Director Mickey Gomez
Utility Services Director Chris Helfrich
Assistant to the City Manager Nicole Gasparri

Facilitator Lyle Sumek provided a brief overview of the agenda for both days of the goal setting sessions. A "Leaders Guide- 2005" was distributed, to be utilized as a workbook during the sessions.

The morning session began with an evaluation of the City's top ten achievements for 2004, which included: 1) annexations, 2) new fire stations, 3) hurricane response and recovery, 4) a new water facility, 5) road improvements and traffic flow, 6) park development and improvement, 7) resolution of the cartoon museum issue, 8) the City's financial condition, 9) the leadership initiative, and 10) FAU relationships. Each item was reviewed in detail and the value to citizens was outlined. Additional successes included relocation of the Tri-Rail station, completion of Phase I of Pearl City's infrastructure, and progress on the North Federal Highway Corridor.

Departmental successes were then reviewed, as were the impacts of those successes. On the topic, "Looking to the Future," (see workbook) the Mayor and Council Members were each asked to identify: a) messages they had received from the community, b) three major focus areas for the coming year, c) major challenges, and d) their individual agendas for 2005; discussion ensued.

The afternoon session began with a PowerPoint presentation on the budget, given by the City Manager. Mr. Ahnell advised that, by next year, expenditures were expected to outstrip revenues by approximately \$3.3 million; he added that almost \$20 million would need to be covered by the City, in some way, over the next three years. Much discussion focused on the budget and available options.

Mr. Sumek then reviewed a list of 48 items entitled, "Action Ideas 2005-2006;" this information was compiled based on interviews conducted with staff (see workbook). Prior to adjournment, the public was given the opportunity to speak. No one came forward and the day's session adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2005.

On the following day, Friday, May 6, 2005, Mr. Sumek reviewed a handout entitled, "Strategic Planning for Boca Raton" and then turned attention to Section V – Vision 2020 of the workbook; challenges facing the City and actions to be taken to meet same were outlined. At this point, the public was given an opportunity to speak. Mike Arts, President of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, commented on many issues and entreated the Mayor and Council Members not to increase taxes. The remainder of the morning session and the afternoon session focused on various exercises and extensive discussion; consequently, Council identified goals for 2005-2006, as well as the City's core businesses, and set the 2005-2006 Action Agenda.

The three goals identified were:

- A Financially Sound City Government
- World Class Municipal Services
- Strong Partnership with Our Stakeholders

The identified core businesses were:

- Make Our Community Safe
- Respond to Emergency Situations
- Provide Basic Utilities for Daily Living
- Build and Maintain City Infrastructure
- Provide Leisure & Recreational Services
- Plan Boca Raton's Future Growth and Development
- Protect / Enhance Natural Resources and Beauty
- Protect Interests of Boca Raton

Action Agenda 2005-2006:

Policy Agenda - Top Priority

- Downtown Vision and Master Plan
- North Federal Highway Plan, Standards and Projects
- L.I.R.P. Plan and Zoning Review
- Fiscal Plan for City

Policy Agenda - High Priority

- Cartoon Museum: Completion
- FAU / I-95 Strategy
- Education Advocate: Direction and Funding
- City Charter Review
- New Alternative Revenue Study and Direction

Management Agenda 2005-2006

- Building / Development Process Review Audit and Recommendations
- Financial Education Program for City
- Advanced Traffic Management System: Implementation
- Fire Compensation / Retirement and Negotiating Strategy
- Project Cost and Funding Options

The Friday, May 6, 2005 goal setting session was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m. The information collected during the sessions will be compiled by Mr. Sumek and submitted at a later date for Council review and approval.

Vanessa Hines, Assistant City Clerk