

JOINT MEETING

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUNTA GORDA CITY COUNCIL**

MARCH 18, 2005

A joint meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex, Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Sara Devos and Commissioners Thomas G. Moore, Adam Cummings, and Thomas C. D'Aprile. The following Council Members were present: Vice Mayor Larry Friedman, Dr. David Phelen, and Marilyn P. Smith-Mooney. Also in attendance were Interim City Manager David Drury, City Attorney Robert S. Berntsson, County Administrator Bruce D. Loucks, County Attorney Janette S. Knowlton, Finance Director Ann Navan, and Deputy Clerk Diane J. Nice. The meeting was called to order at **9:08 A.M. (Commissioner DeBoer, Mayor Fabian, and Council Member Poole were not present for the meeting.)**

Vice Mayor Friedman called the meeting to order and acknowledged Council Members, Commissioners, and City and County officials present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Vice Mayor Friedman** announced he and **Chairman Devos** have established the following rules and procedures for joint meetings:

1. Chairmanship will alternate and the next meeting will be chaired by the County.
2. Meeting duration will be announced in advance and usually end by 12:00 Noon and this meeting will adjourn by 11:30 A.M. due to other commitments.
3. Each member will be allowed to speak once until all members have had an opportunity to be heard.
4. The sponsoring member for each agenda item will initiate discussion and be the first one to speak.
5. Discussion of an item will not end until every member has been fully heard after which citizens input will be allowed for up to three minutes on each agenda item.

Vice Mayor Friedman advised the rules and procedures will be applicable to subsequent meetings unless amended.

I. Burnt Store Area Plan

Chairman Devos explained Community Development Director Michael Konefal and consultants were to provide a status update. Bruce D. Loucks, County Administrator, reported Mr. Konefal is attending the monthly meeting of the building industry and introduced Daniel B. DeLisi, Director of Planning for The Bonita Bay Group, to give an overview on the sector plan. Mr. DeLisi stated this is the first joint County and City meeting he has attended and commended Members for their coordination; reported The Bonita Bay Group is a private developer and family owned company; appeared on behalf of The Bonita Bay Group, the Burnt Store Improvement Initiative, and consultant to the County on the project; commented on the public, private efforts expended in creating the Burnt Store Area Plan (the Plan; the Plan as been structured as a community plan based on input from all of the homeowners associations and property owners within the Plan area from meetings; Planner Martina Kuche sent post card notifications for two different public workshops; the South Charlotte County Coalition has been involved in the process and is represented today by Ed Zapke as well as some of the homeowners associations; a website was established in late January and there has been 25,000 hits and 1,600 individuals; and there were approximately 250 people who attended the public workshops. Mr. DeLisi stated from a planning perspective leapfrog development is occurring due to the lack of services within the Plan area and a solution is to infill the area and provide services as soon as possible i.e. widen Burnt Store Road and expedite it from 2015 to 2008, construct utility improvements, and reduce fire/EMS response time from the fire station on Notre Dame Boulevard in a financially feasible manner. Mr. DeLisi commented on coordinated efforts of the Burnt Store Improvement Initiative and staff to create a community with green ways, wildlife corridors, and pedestrian facilities. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** noted the lack of affordable housing within a local traveling distance especially in light of the focus being placed on this aspect by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (RPC). Mr. DeLisi recalled staff brought the issue up during the study, meetings have been held to discuss RPC's interpretation of affordable housing being within a certain local traveling distance and disbursed throughout the County, no specific analysis was performed since the feeling at the RPC meeting was that there

are sufficient units of affordable housing in the immediate area. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** stated a review of the area indicates a lot more long-term development will occur on a community basis and questioned the availability of affordable housing within each of the sector developments. Mr. DeLisi stated affordable housing will be a future issue, offered to work with staff to address this on a County-wide basis, a methodology will need to be established for calculating a fair share inclusion of affordable housing since the RPF does not have such a methodology, and pointed out affordable housing is usually addressed during Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and zoning processes instead of at the Comprehensive Plan level. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** suggested establishing a percentage of each planning sector for affordable housing. **Commissioner D'Aprile** expressed appreciation for the due diligence expended on this Plan and questioned if The Bonita Bay Group has worked with other developers and competitors to find a solution for the Burnt Store Corridor area. Mr. DeLisi explained he represents not only The Bonita Bay Group but six other property owners outlined on the map, financial feasibility and fiscal impact studies were conducted to expedite the widening of Burnt Store Road to 2008, and meetings were held with staff; the solution of widening Burnt Store Road is impossible for one person and a coordinated effort will be necessary; and the study considered road infrastructure including Burnt Store Road, alternate parallel roads, creating connections, extending Tuckers Grade as a bypass, and improvements necessary for 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020 with possible funding options. **Council Member Phelen** requested more details on the widening. Mr. DeLisi explained a four-lane road will be needed by 2010 based on level of service standards; the intent is to expedite the expansion to 2008 from the County's current financial feasibility plan of 2015; as part of the feasibility study, consideration was given to excess revenues that may be generated by development projects and amount to several hundred million dollars; that amount was backed out to calculate bond issues and payoffs based on development from Burnt Store Initiative properties; stated a positive financial condition would remain even with bond issues in 2008 for widening Burnt Store Road, 2015 for Tuckers Grade Extension, and 2020 for an alternate parallel north-south road to take traffic off of Burnt Store Road; suggested developing an area wide proportional share of new widening costs, creating a Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) for new development, and

issuing bonds on the MSTU revenues to alleviate the need to bond ad valorem revenues. **Commissioner Cummings** expressed a preference for the sector planning approach with a build out scenario in lieu of the New Town planning concept; suggested eliminating the New Town planning concept and using the sector planning approach when dealing with areas outside of the Urban Service Area; opined only very high end residential developments generate more in taxes than what is required for services, and affordable housing required to serve the development is usually not considered; he needs more information on whether or not this concept will work on a cost to benefit ratio for the remainder of the County i.e. will a subsidy be required from the existing Urban Service Area or be a net generator; how much development can Burnt Store Road handle as a two-lane versus a four-lane roadway and what revenues will be generated by the expansion; will six lanes be required at build out and how much revenue will be generated with each infrastructure improvement; and requested the Transfer of Development Unit (TDU) purchase price i.e. \$3,700. Geri Waksler, of the law firm of Moore and Waksler, explained the TDU ordinance adopted by the Board in December 2004 provides for a TDU purchase based on current costs. **Commissioner Cummings** suggested a review be conducted to update impact fees, disagreed that lower impact fees will encourage growth and cited Collier County had the highest impact fees and the highest growth rate, suggested developing an affordable housing element of the impact fees to provide a local match, and stated he will need more discussion with Martina Kuche on the Plan and multi-family issues. **Chairman Devos** expressed a commitment to address concerns relative to other corridors in the County as well as the Burnt Store Road corridor; stated affordable housing is needed for various service areas; and suggested adding **Commissioner Cummings'** suggestion on developing an affordable housing element of impact fees for a local match on the next Board agenda. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** stated Burnt Store Road is a major corridor between Charlotte County, Lee County, and Cape Coral and an alternative roadway should be considered; referenced the Home Depot site development near the Burnt Store Road and US 41 intersection within the City limits that will have a major impact on traffic and the need to interact with County and State agencies responsible for the roads as part of the Development Review Committee process. **Vice Major Friedman** announced public input procedures. Edward Zapke, on behalf of South Charlotte County

Coalition, expressed appreciation for this item being placed on the agenda since it is the Coalition's number one priority for 2005 from safety and planning viewpoints, encouraged the County to keep this project on a fast track and the City to do whatever is necessary to keep the project moving forward, supported the Burnt Store Initiative planning process and expediting the project to 2008.

II. Sharing Grant Funds

Council Member Smith-Mooney stated the majority of hurricane grant funding opportunities are offered at a County level rather than for small cities such as Punta Gorda, expressed concern about what Punta Gorda can do to obtain grant funds for recovery efforts within city boundaries from grants available to the County, what occurs when the County is also applying for funds for the same type of need within the County unincorporated area, and what happens when the City has a need within its area and the County does not have such a need but the County is the only entity that might apply. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** suggested County and City staff coordinate efforts to address the City's needs with the County's needs and determine the split of funding in advance; and the City might prepare documentation necessary for the County to make application on the City's behalf with distribution to the City upon successful funding. David Drury, Interim City Manager, stated he has spoken with the County Administrator; expressed the belief that County and City staff can work together on a grant-by-grant basis; a special meeting has been scheduled for March 30, 2005 to discuss a very large grant available to the County and the remainder to the City; it was decided that it would be beneficial for the City to apply separately; and he will keep Council Members apprised. Mr. Loucks nodded in agreement. **Commissioner D'Aprile** opined the City is part of the County and both should be considered as one entity; the County should be able to disburse grant funds to address City needs; and pointed out most of the \$30 million in grants that he has been working on in Tallahassee is going to the City due to affordable housing destruction from Hurricane Charley. **Vice Mayor Friedman** stated that the Board and Council have made a commitment to work together for the good of the citizens. **Chairman Devos** advised the County has been diligently seeking grants with the consultant, Calvin Knowles, to create a broad base economic and housing plan, Recovery Director Robert

Hebert has contacted the City regarding numerous grants, requested Commissioners and Council Members agree to developing an interlocal agreement with a fair share inclusion for grant funds. Calvin Knowles, Community Development Director with Meridian Community Services Group, explained the Group assists local governments in securing resources to address needs; the Group has previously worked with the County in obtaining Home Again funding, the initial Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) set aside monies and with the City on securing Home Again funds, and assisting the County and City in recovery funds released by the State; the State received an allocation of approximately \$100 million in CDBG monies for disaster recovery and the top half of 15 counties will be eligible to receive up to \$9 million in assistance and every municipality within a county is entitled to an equal share based on eligible projects in the application; there has been a cooperative process over the last several weeks to formulate a plan for disbursement of the funds; the County identified four areas i.e. to promote housing and economic development recovery, rental development and home ownership, a community land trust, and infrastructure and economic development; and the County has also identified projects within the City of Punta Gorda limits. **Chairman Devos** requested a show of hands on developing an interlocal agreement with the fair share inclusion in order to have an agreement in place for securing grant funds and questioned the possibility of placing this item on the next Board agenda. Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney, expressed a willingness to try and ready it for the next agenda. Robert Hebert, Recovery Director, advised an item on next Tuesday's Board meeting is requesting Board approval of the application; stated it is essential to coordinate County and City efforts on a lot of the grant applications since they are structured in a manner to be very restrictive on use; staffs have been working jointly over the last several weeks; and agreed with **Chairman Devos** on establishing an interlocal agreement as soon as possible. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** recalled she had been advised that an interlocal agreement would be impossible to be applicable in all instances since grants are unique and project specific. **Commissioner Cummings** expressed reluctance to enter into an interlocal agreement that established strict percentage allocations to the County and City since projects are still being identified; stated most of the monies will be needed to address affordable housing within the City; and the interlocal

agreement would create broad terms to coordinate staff efforts and more effectively pursue grant funds. Mr. Hebert explained some of the grants require an interlocal agreement; if an agreement was already in place, it would reduce the time necessary to file especially in short time constraint situations as in the current grant application that must be filed within two weeks; and suggested the City and County agree to participate and determine at the time of grant the funding distribution. Mr. Herbert reported the \$9 million grant is currently being worked separately and the County would be prohibited from expending funds on projects within the City whereas a joint application would allow expenditure of funds within the City and April 5, 2005 is the application deadline. **Council Member Phelen** endorsed the cooperative concept and requested a more detailed review by City and County staff prior to bringing the agreement back to the Board and Council. **Chairman Devos** stated the intent was to obtain a commitment from the City and County to work together to secure grant funds; then develop an interlocal agreement with a fair share inclusion and provide the greatest flexibility for both entities; and commented on the difficulty of knowing in advance the amount of the grant award even though specific projects have been identified in the application. **Vice Major Friedman** suggested Messrs. Drury and Loucks along with City and County Attorneys meet expeditiously and develop an interlocal agreement for submittal to the Council and Board and if there are unresolved issues, the matter should be placed on the next joint meeting agenda. **Commissioner Moore** requested verification that staff will be doing the best job possible on the \$9 million grant. Mr. Loucks responded affirmatively; explained a joint application will create the maximum flexibility on where funds may be expended; funds awarded under a separate application filed by the County would prohibit expenditure of funds on projects within the City limits; and expressed uncertainty of the mechanism necessary for the City and County to file a joint application to provide the optimal solution. Mr. Hebert stated the current grant application affords the County an allocation of \$9 million; if the City and County file, the allocation would be split in half; two meetings have been held to identify projects for this grant and more than half of the projects are located within the City limits i.e. affordable housing, a land trust, and renovations for affordable housing; if the grant is subdivided based upon two applications, the County's funding may

not be expended on projects within the City limits; and reiterated the maximum flexibility for the use of funds would be through a jointly filed application. **Vice Major Friedman** requested staff input on the practicality of filing a joint application. David Hennis, City Community Development Director, stated he has been working with Meridian Group and County staff on this grant; expressed awareness that some of the City projects have also been identified by the County and by filing separately it would give the City the flexibility to address its project needs i.e. significant land acquisitions to remove parcels from flood prone areas and affordable housing issues; and because of the short time constraint City staff decided to move forward on its own and in the future look to develop a mutual agreement to move forward on projects. Mr. Hennis indicated staff has identified projects in excess of \$4.5 million within the City and that may not be accommodated with a joint filing. **Vice Major Friedman** stated it makes sense to file a joint application and questioned the probability of making it happen. Mr. Hennis opined it can be done physically even in the short time line and the issue is the distribution of funds. **Vice Mayor Friedman** stated the issue can be resolved. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** interpreted the City would benefit more from filing a joint application since some of the projects identified by the County are located within City limits. Mr. Loucks stated that would allow the optimal flexibility, the County has identified \$15 million worth of projects outside of City limits for the \$9 million grant; if the City files separately \$4.5 million would be guaranteed but if the City files jointly it would be guaranteed \$4.5+ million depending on the specifics of the project list. **Vice Mayor Friedman** stated the City and County should move forward as a team whenever possible. **Council Member Phelen** commented in support of filing a joint application. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out the City and County have identified projects in excess of the available funding, commented in support of pursuing allocations based on need, and stated the City will receive at least 50% of the funds or the amount that would allocated to the City under a competitive application. **Vice Major Friedman** concluded a consensus has been reached to proceed together with the understanding that if either party has projects for more than 50% of the funds awarded, then monies will be distributed on a 50/50 split, a united front will be accomplished, and the City will receive at least 50%. **Vice Major Friedman** requested staffs

start working towards a joint application as soon as the meeting is adjourned. Mr. Hebert suggested the County be the lead agency since the next Board meeting is March 22, 2005. Mr. Drury stated a special meeting has been scheduled for March 30, 2005, within the filing deadline. **Chairman Devos** recalled representatives attended the meeting from the Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, True Life, and a lot of not-for-profit organizations that deal with home ownership and rentals and many of the projects identified were within the City limits. **Vice Mayor Friedman** acknowledged no citizen input on this topic.

RECESS: 10:34 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

III. Taylor Road Intersection

Council Member Smith-Mooney requested clarification on convergence of Cooper Street at US 41. **Commissioner Cummings** stated at Aqui Esta Drive. Thomas O'Kane, County Public Works Director, explained staff had received comments prior to developing the agenda item on the Carmalita Street and Taylor Road and the Airport Road intersections; comments about the Cooper Street and Taylor Road intersection were received during subsequent meetings with the South Charlotte County Coalition; that intersection has been assigned to the County Traffic Engineer to evaluate impacts; the 2002 Sales Tax Program has revenues for sidewalks from Taylor and sidewalk extensions to Aqui Esta Drive; the contract for the Taylor and Airport Roads intersection was approved in June 2004 by the Board; the contractor found serious design errors and the project should be under construction shortly; the railroad crossing was reconstructed at Taylor Road and Carmalita Street; the four-way stop intersection will remain in place; and staff is working with the railroad to connect sidewalks in that area. **Vice Mayor Friedman** acknowledged no comments from Commissioners and Council Members and announced citizen input. Mr. Zapke, South Charlotte County Coalition, requested reconsideration of safety improvements and traffic control at the Taylor and Cooper Road intersection. Mr. O'Kane reiterated the County Traffic Engineer will be evaluating the accident history, traffic counts, and growth in the area. **Vice Mayor Friedman** suggested a status update at a subsequent meeting.

IV. Boundary Streets

Council Member Smith-Mooney requested staff present the agenda item. Mr. Drury explained City and County staffs have been working to clear up confusion relating to boundary streets. Rick Keeney, City Public Works Director, reported he has been working with Mr. O'Kane and staff is still working with the School Board on Henry Street between Cooper and Education including Carmalita and Education road improvements; Shreve Street between Pompano Terrace and Retta Esplanade to obtain a consultant to develop improvements; Vasco Street resurfacing; and other streets have been addressed in some manner. Mr. O'Kane advised the City and County are pretty much in agreement; stated the School Board has expressed an interest in vacating some easements to provide more land for their needs; and staff will continue to work with the School Board. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** expressed appreciation for City and County efforts. **Commissioner Cummings** requested verification if intersection improvements onto US 41 are a part of the Shreve Street project. Mr. O'Kane explained the program was to start at US 41, a small section of Pompano Terrace that goes to Shreve Street, extend down Shreve Street including pedestrian improvements relating to the large multi-family development at the west end, and both Capital Improvements Programs have identified funding. **Commissioner Cummings** questioned the need for road capacity and intersection improvements based on the traffic impact from the multi-family development. Mr. O'Kane responded affirmatively including the trip generation from the commercial area and pedestrian facilities. **Commissioner Cummings** suggested emphasis be placed on doing annexations to clean up boundaries as a means to deal logically with road maintenance and improvements. **Vice Mayor Friedman** stated City staff owes the Council an update on the annexation plan and suggested it be brought back at a subsequent joint meeting. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** questioned the intent of City and County Public Works staff to provide another lane on Pompano Terrace and Airport Road since the inner lane is used for left turns and the outer lane is used for right turns and straight through traffic and suggested adding a lane for right turns. Mr. O'Kane advised sufficient right-of-way exists to provide additional lanes on the Pompano side but not on the Airport side. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** recalled a center island was in the plans at one stage for Pompano because traffic from the bank parking lot may attempt to

cross traffic going in the opposite direction and during a meeting Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) officials would not address acceleration and deceleration lanes on US 41 for the two facilities because land would have to be taken from private developers to create the lanes. Mr. O'Kane acknowledged the delicate balance that must be achieved in such situations and agreed lane drops and pick-ups should have been provided. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** stated the County and City did not have any authority over US 41. **Chairman Devos** requested an update on developments regarding Aqui Esta. Mr. O'Kane expressed understanding that action taken at the last joint meeting was to direct staff to change the design from the 8' wide sidewalk and three lanes to a 6' wide sidewalk and bike lanes on the road; notice was sent to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the change; he has received comments back from the MPO that its decision on the configuration should go forward; FDOT has notified him that if the change is made, it will reopen the entire Federally adopted PD&E study; the change will extend the project another year at least; additional right-of-way will be required and the costs will have to be borne by the City and County; more drainage and storage will also be necessary; and requested a decision on proceeding with the change. **Vice Mayor Friedman** stated initially he was in favor of the smaller sidewalk and bike lanes but agreed reluctantly with moving forward with the 8' sidewalk based upon the additional delay and costs. **Commissioner Moore** concurred with **Vice Mayor Friedman**. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** requested clarification that the project will include an 8' sidewalk because of the projected delay. Mr. O'Kane responded affirmatively as well as the additional costs the City and County must pay. **Council Members Smith-Mooney and Phelen** concurred. **Chairman Devos** questioned the need for motions. Mr. O'Kane explained the lack of action will revert the project to the MPO direction. **Vice Mayor Friedman** announced public input. Mr. Zapke, South Charlotte County Coalition and a Punta Gorda resident, agreed with moving forward with the MPO recommendation because he does not want more delays and questioned the possibility of going from an 8' sidewalk to a 6' sidewalk and a 2' grass median with no bike lanes in the road. Mr. O'Kane offered to pursue it with FDOT and provide updates to the Board and Council. **Vice Mayor Friedman** commented in support of seeking an opinion from FDOT on Mr. Zapke's suggestion as it would probably save money and be more compatible with existing sidewalks and demographics of the

area. **Commissioner Cummings** pointed out the lack of a bicycle facility. Mr. O'Kane stated there would be no designated bicycle facility and bicyclists could ride on the street. **Commissioner Cummings** opined projects constructed using MPO funds must be built to State standards for reimbursement purposes and requested the State requirement for pedestrian bicycle facilities. Mr. O'Kane indicated 8'. **Commissioner Cummings** concluded 8' concrete along side or two 4' lanes plus the sidewalk, therefore, a 6' sidewalk would not comply as a pedestrian bicycle facility, only as a pedestrian facility; the minimum standard for reimbursement of costs associated with a pedestrian facility is 6'. Mr. O'Kane agreed. **Vice Mayor Friedman** opined the decision process will be self evident based upon the forthcoming update from staff. **Commissioner Cummings** stated the concern about mailbox locations can be addressed the same as on US 17 with holes in the concrete for posts. **Chairman Devos**, as a former MPO Member, stated her top priority is safety, the change is contrary to that position, and she will support the 8' sidewalk.

V. Water Interconnects

David Schlobohm, Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) Director, reported the City and County interconnect is a work in progress; a lot of work has been done on the feasibility of potential routes; and the next phase will include a preliminary engineering study on two of the routes for potential sizes and regulatory and operation implications in order to make a decision on the best route and costs. Steve Adams, City Utilities Director, affirmed staff has been working cooperatively with County staff in establishing an interconnect to achieve benefits including the ability to transfer water during emergencies and support cooperative efforts to meet long-term regional water resource needs and reported staff will continue to evaluate alternative interconnects with County staff and the Peace River Water Authority. **Vice Mayor Friedman** applauded staffs' efforts. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** commented on the lack of information in her packet on this item. **Vice Mayor Friedman** acknowledged no citizen on this item.

VI. Sign Ordinance

Vice Mayor Friedman stated the County recently approved a new sign ordinance, the City has adopted new Land Development Regulations with sign standards, the need for expediency and resolution has been mitigated, no comments from Commissioners and Council Members were heard, there is no need for changes at this time, and may be brought back if necessary in the future. **Vice Mayor Friedman** acknowledged no citizen input.

VII. Future Meetings

Commissioner D'Aprile suggested once a month. **Council Member Phelen** expressed the impression that both staffs need to discuss items prior to placing them on future agendas and suggested the City Manager and County Administrator schedule meetings on an as-needed basis. **Commissioner Cummings** agreed with **Council Member Phelen** and stated the agenda should drive the frequency of meetings. **Vice Mayor Friedman** agreed but no less frequent than once a quarter. **Council Member Smith-Mooney** suggested the Board and Council inquire at a regular meeting once a month about the need for joint meetings and stated she does not want to commit to quarterly meetings if there are no agenda items. **Vice Mayor Friedman** suggested joint meetings be scheduled once a quarter and cancelled if they are not needed. **Chairman Devos** expressed a preference to establish a quarterly meeting schedule and set aside the time on calendars and cancel if they are not needed; agreed with **Council Member Phelen** that some of the items were more staff level issues and could have been eliminated from this forum; encouraged greater coordination and communication between staffs citing the Home Depot project; and suggested both staffs be made aware of each entities' prioritized projects and financial needs. **Vice Mayor Friedman** acknowledged a consensus to schedule meetings no less frequently than once a quarter i.e. on the second Friday of March, June, September, and December; if the City and County decide any of the meetings are not necessary, they may be cancelled; and additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary. **Council Member Phelen** commented on the need to meet with some frequency and suggested respective staffs should schedule meetings based on need.

VIII. Council Member/Commissioner Comments

Commissioner D'Aprile commended City and County staffs for a job well done, cautioned staff to not offend anyone by comments made in public on joint meeting agenda items, commented on the need to work towards a cooperative and unified front on behalf of the County and City, stated Hurricane Charley gave both entities an opportunity to work jointly for a stronger community. **Vice Mayor Friedman** expressed appreciation for Commissioners and Council Members' continued spirit of cooperation and accomplishment.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:35 A.M.

Larry Friedman
Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

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