

**CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH**  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**  
**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2008**

The City Commission of the City of West Palm Beach met in workshop session on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 9:35 a.m. at City Hall with the following persons present:

Mayor Lois J. Frankel, President of the Commission Geraldine Muoio, Commissioner Molly Douglas, Commissioner William Moss, Commissioner Isaac Robinson, Jr., City Administrator Edward Mitchell, Assistant City Attorney Nicholas Igwe and City Clerk Blane Kauthen; Absent: Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell.

**AGENDA:**

**Water System Improvements Program Update** – Chair of the Water Advisory Task Force J. Rodman Steele, Jr., Director of Public Utilities David Hanks, Water Systems Project Manager Leisha Pica, Assistant City Administrator Eduardo Balbis, and Water Plant Consultant Gary Deremer introduced themselves to the Commission. Mr. Steele explained that the other members of the Water Advisory Task Force are not present because they were not notified of the current meeting until two days prior and responded to Commission questions. Assistant City Administrator Balbis provided an overview of the presentation that would be given. Mr. Deremer made a presentation of the current water plant's design and responded to Commission questions. Ms. Pica [a] made a presentation of groundwater sources available to the City and treatment technology; and [b] responded to Commission questions. Planning Director Charles Wu responded to Commission questions regarding the acreage of the current water treatment plant. The Mayor suggested that the Commission allow the City to explore Ms. Pica's recommendation to reduce water plant

**operations costs by buying water in bulk from Palm Beach County or other adjacent utilities. Director of Public Utilities David Hanks responded to Commission questions regarding the timeline for when the Commission will be provided with updates regarding the progress of the water treatment plant project. The Mayor [a] suggested that the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee be given the task of evaluating the visions and redevelopment of the lakes; and [b] iterated that the Commission needs to be involved with this matter every step of the way. Commissioner Robinson stated that the water treatment plant should be the City's number one priority. Commissioner Muoio commended the presenters for their presentation. Mr. Steele thanked his fellow Water Advisory Task Force members.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Deputy Clerk**