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new Chairman of the Board Robert Clement, during on Friday.

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urban Chamber of Commerce business luncheon Friday afternoon with the 2006 Community Achievement Award.

"I've been able to not only have a job I love, but a community I love," said Stanton, a former president of the chamber, former city councilor at large, and long-time volunteer for numerous communi-
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WALTHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

City official: Pulte prices out of range

Condo sales on hold pending City Council executive session

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WALTHAM — Purchase and sale agreements for a 268-unit condominium on Trapelo Road have halted pending a City Council executive session hearing over whether the developers are in violation of a special permit agreement requiring them to make 10 percent of the units affordable.

Minnesota-based Pulte Homes purchased Wellington Crossing from JPI and sent a draft of deed restrictions to the council in September 2005, but the council has yet to pass it. The council made an agreement with JPI stating that 27 of the units must be affordable, but Waltham Housing Director Janet Barry said price quotes from Pulte Homes are not satisfying that contract.

"We believe they're violating their special permit," said Barry, who wrote a letter to the City Council on the matter in early December. "The special permit requires 27 units of affordable housing sold to people

at or below 80 percent of the median income of the area. We believe the purchase prices that have been set by Pulte do not qualify."

But Pulte Homes land titlement manager Ted Gowdy said the company is adhering to the special permit agreement and well within its obligations.

According to the special permit agreement, Gowdy said, Pulte Homes must sell the affordable units in accordance with the maximum HUD HOME Program Purchase limit. The 2007 HUD maximum price listing for a condominium, updated from the City of Waltham Web site, is set at \$284,905. Pulte Homes wants to sell the condominiums at \$219,900 for 1-bedroom units and \$279,900 for 2-bedrooms.

"What the housing department is trying to do is change the terms of the special permit to get us to agree to a much lower sales price," he said, adding the city is trying to make them abide by Chapter 40B PULTE, Page A8

"The eight years with which I served under his leadership, I disagreed with him on a number of issues. But he was always a friend."