CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING JUNE 20, 2011 4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present
Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Alan Zirkelbach, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1

Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3 (entered at 4:55 p.m.)

Elected Officials Absent

Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Staff Present
Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. She announced Commissioner Williams would be late entering the meeting and Commissioner Varnadore would be absent.

1. DISCUSSION: 2011 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Attorney Barnebey briefly explained the impact the 2011 legislative updates will have on local government. A copy of his summary is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The majority of the discussion was spent on growth management reform. Concurrency for parks and recreation, schools, and transportation is now optional for local government. The City had been exempt from transportation concurrency because it is classified as a dense urban land area. The current Comprehensive Plan does not contain any transportation concurrency. Attorney Barnebey suggested Commission may wish to continue some of the programs by placing some level of review criteria for projects. If new concurrency requirements are adopted by Commission there are requirements that must be met. The concurrency requirements of all current interlocal agreements will remain in place until amended by the participating parties.

Discussion ensued on the review process for planned development projects, which allows Commission the opportunity to consider transportation impacts. Attorney Barnebey suggested that if Commission wishes to have the ability to require transportation improvements other than safety during a project's review, language should be developed to require the review. He confirmed that impact fees can also fund transportation improvements, aside from safety improvements. It was consensus of Commission that Attorney Barnebey should develop language requiring Commission review of projects when certain size thresholds are met, i.e. number of units or total square footage of commercial buildings.

Attorney Barnebey reviewed personnel legislative changes such as severance packages, merit pay, and bonuses. He will ensure that the Personnel Policy that is beginning its final review is amended to incorporate all the legislative changes. He was also asked to determine if an employee Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) account is considered a merit payment and if it is taxable.

Attorney Barnebey will prepare the necessary documents to extend the City's moratorium on pain clinics until the new legislation becomes effective in July 2012.

Attorney Barnebey will explain the differences between the City's ordinances on "weapons" vs. the legislation on firearms.

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Mayor Bryant reminded Commissioners that the financial disclosure form is due July 1, 2011.

Attorney Barnebey discussed a request from Chief Wells to consider an ordinance prohibiting individuals that have violated City ordinances for public areas access to City parks. Commission discussed examples of what violations would be applicable. Commission asked that the ordinance be drafted for consideration at a workshop.

Commissioner Lancaster requested that a discussion be held at a workshop regarding open storage. It was suggested that the Code Enforcement personnel, City Planner and Building Official be present at the meeting. Also requested was a Code Enforcement report on accomplishments, including cases that were resolved from only verbal contact.

Mayor Bryant asked that Commissioners alert the appropriate departments any time they see a violation of ordinances, including graffiti.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 1, 2011

James R. Freeman

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