

Palmetto City Commission
January 23, 2006 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Eric Ball, Commissioner
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor

Elected Officials Absent:

Mary Lancaster, Vice Mayor

Staff and Others Present:

Michele Hall, City Attorney
Chief Garry Lowe
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Ric Hartman, Planning Supervisor/Zoning Administrator
Frank Woodard, Deputy Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A moment for overseas personnel was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

1. WORKSHOP AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: Ms. Varnadore moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 4-0 to approve the January 23, 2006 4:00 p.m. workshop agenda.

2. WATERFRONT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN PRESENTATION

CRA Executive Director Tanya Lukowiak presented the Waterfront District Development Plan prepared by Wallace, Roberts and Todd (WRT), the consultant awarded the bid under the RFP issued by the CRA. Mrs. Lukowiak explained the Plan was developed to enable development not currently allowed under the Land Development Code and to allow the City more control over development in the proposed district.

WRT met with elected officials, representatives from Palmetto Youth Center, Police Department, Historic Commission, P&Z Board, CRA Board, downtown churches and the elementary school, and then held charettes that were attended by 213 citizens. The information gathered in this process, together with information taken from City documents, was the structure for the Plan.

Mrs. Lukowiak discussed the elements contained in the vision of the Plan, as follows:

- Historic Character and Scale
- Revitalization of 10th Avenue
- Strengthened Residential Neighborhoods
- Activated Waterfront Edge
- Upgraded Image
- Improved Circulation Accessibility

Mrs. Lukowiak reviewed the Plan's implementation strategies:

- Regulatory modifications that will be necessary to fully implement the Plan
- 10th Avenue: restoration of Olympia Theatre
- Residential areas west of 8th Avenue: RFP to construct a demonstration property
- Streetscape Enhancement: Parallel parking/ trees, signage, sidewalks
- Enhancement of Sutton and Lamb Parks
- Edenfield property development
- City Hall: Recommendation to retain City Hall on 8th Avenue
- Restoration of VFW for possible use as a community center
- Retention of the Palmetto Elementary School at its present site
- City parking lot
- Traffic signal at 8th Avenue and 4th Street
- Pegal Point boat ramp
- FDOT decommission of US41
- Long term strategies: 4th Street extension and redevelopment of Jet Park

Mrs. Lukowiak informed Commission CRA adopted the Waterfront District Development Plan on December 14, 2005.

Commission discussed each facet of the implementation strategy and its effects on current properties. They also discussed the fact the Plan is a working document that will be changed and amended as the Plan moves forward in development.

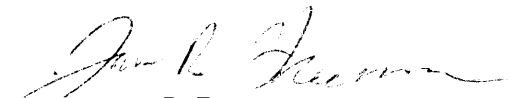
Mr. Williams discussed Mrs. Lancaster's absence and Commission's courteous policy not to vote on an item when a Commissioner is absent. Mrs. Lukowiak advised Commission Mrs. Lancaster was very involved in the various meetings.

It was consensus of Commission to move the item forward to the 7:00 meeting for Commission action.

Mayor Bustle discussed the blue house being moved to Hillsborough County and the City's efforts to keep it in the City.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 6, 2006


James R. Freeman
City Clerk