

Palmetto City Commission
January 22, 2007 4:00 p.m.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff and Others Present:

James R. Freeman, City Clerk
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Capt. Mike Mayer
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Michele Hall, Attorney
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm, followed by a moment of silence for overseas military personnel and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Ball moved, Mrs. Lancaster seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the January 22, 2007 4:00 pm agenda.

2. COUNTY-WIDE COMPATIBILITY STUDY

Tanya Lukowiak updated the Commission on the status of the County-Wide Compatibility Study, reviewing information specific to Palmetto. The character areas of Palmetto include:

- Urban: center containing a grid pattern; limiting height to 75 feet
- Traditional urban neighborhoods: contain a grid pattern; single family residences of one to three stories, with taller buildings in the waterfront area; adjacent to the downtown core
- Suburban neighborhoods: subdivisions containing one to two story single family residences; private, internalized amenities
- Waterfront: Terra Ceia and Riviera Dunes developments
- Downtown: defined as from Manatee River to 10th Street (north and south) and 11th Avenue W. to the Estuary Park (east and west)
- Downtown was further divided into three categories:
 - 1) Downtown defined as Riverside Drive to 4th Street
 - 2) Midtown defined as 4th Street to 7th Street; and
 - 3) Uptown defined as 7th Street to 10th Street

Mrs. Lukowiak stated existing components of the City's character areas were included in proposed design guidelines to ensure the same type of character would survive in the event of redevelopment. She also stated that existing uses that would not be compatible were amended; ie, industrial development in downtown.

Mayor Bustle explained the City must modify its Comp Plan and Land Development Code to adopt the principles of the study. Mrs. Lukowiak explained the Comp Plan revision will simply state the City's agreement with the character districts throughout Manatee County and the City's intent to comply with the criteria of each character district. Mayor Bustle opined the City will retain complete rights over the review of the Comp Plan and EAR.

Mrs. Lukowiak stated clarification has been requested on the language establishing building entry setbacks. She will also submit any corrections to the map after Commission has reviewed it in detail.

Mrs. Lukowiak discussed the intergovernmental coordination process, and the fact staff does not support the process if the county has to be involved in the City's process. It was suggested that a definition of "review" be obtained.

The next Commission of Governments meeting is scheduled February 21, 2007 beginning at 4:00 pm. The report will be reviewed in detail. The Commission may agree with the study or request additional information on any concerns they may have.

2. SUSPENSE LOG

Commission reviewed and updated the Suspense Log.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Minutes approved: February 5, 2007



James R. Freeman
City Clerk