

Palmetto City Commission
June 4, 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
Michele Hall, Attorney
Chief Garry Lowe
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Tanya Lukowiak, CRA Executive Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. A moment of silence and appreciation was observed for overseas military personnel.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

2. DISCUSSION: LOMBARDO, FOLEY & KOLARIK, INC. ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Lukowiak explained the agreement is for the engineering services for the 7th Street extension from Trace Apartments, across the Civic Center parking lot, for eventual connection to Haben Blvd. The extension and updated traffic study determines when the recently installed traffic signal at the end of 7th Street goes live. Discussing the necessary rights-of-way for the extension, Mr. Lukowiak further explained that Manatee County has indicated a willingness to transfer a right-of-way across its property provided they suffer no loss. Mr. Vining may be approached about donating land to the County to secure the right-of-way; credits for the donation may be requested from the City.

Commission questioned the irrigation well included in the scope of services. Mr. Lukowiak discussed the need for the irrigation well for the landscaping, as utilities are not included in the road plans. Mr. Lukowiak spoke of the inadequate availability of reclaimed water in the area, and the fact Riviera Dunes has been allowed to maintain its irrigation well. Ms. Cornwell discussed the irrigation well restrictions the City has placed on its citizens, and suggested appropriate landscaping and reclaimed water should be utilized rather than constructing a new irrigation well. Commissioners commenting on the irrigation well agreed with Ms. Cornwell.

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

3. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE

Mrs. Lukowiak began the review of the proposed sign ordinance by narrating a presentation listing what signage will and will not be permitted. Staff noted changes as recommended by Commission. She requested that Commission review the entire packet of information and contact her with additional comments. The review of the proposed ordinance will continue at the June 18, 2007 workshop meeting.

4. DISCUSSION: PROPORTIONATE FAIR SHARE ORDINANCE

Mr. Lukowiak informed Commission the proposed ordinance is Florida Department of Transportation legislative ordinance municipalities have been asked to adopt. The purpose of the ordinance is to assist developers and help local governments achieve acceptable transportation levels of service.


Nick Lepp, Renaissance Planning Group, stated proportionate fair share is a mechanism to satisfy concurrency. It will enable developers to determine exact future transportation impacts via established formulas. Mr. Lukowiak explained how the proportionate fair share is determined as compared with impact fees and confirmed the proportionate fair share does not replace impact fees. Mr. Lepp confirmed the proportionate fair credit is applied only for large scale off-site improvements (down the road) that would be larger than impact fees. The proportionate fair share is triggered by any development that will cause a road to go past its level of service threshold.

Mayor Bustle recessed the meeting for five minutes.

Mr. Freeman displayed Commission's choices for the Florida League of Cities conference shirts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes approved: June 18, 2007


James R. Freeman
City Clerk