

Palmetto City Commission  
August 3, 2009 4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Bryant, Mayor  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner  
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor  
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner (entered at 4:55 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Mark P. Barnebey, City Attorney  
James R. Freeman, City Clerk  
Chief Garry Lowe  
Tom McCollum, Interim City Planner  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT UPDATE

Mr. McCollum reviewed the amendments to the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment as discussed at the June 20, 2009 Commission review. Commission discussed each amendment with Mr. McCollum and Attorney Barnebey and requested the following additional changes:

*New Policy: Objective 3.9*

Reported he can find no distinction between farm worker housing and migrant camps. Appropriate reference language will be included in definitions for all types of farm worker housing.

Policy 3.9.1

Attorney Barnebey stated that the issue of governing this type of housing when a motel/hotel is purchased for such housing is in the land development regulations and existing ordinances. He will look at definitions for regulating this type of housing. Mr. McCollum suggested the regulation of the issue may be a code enforcement issue, as set forth in Policy 3.9.3. At the suggestion of developing an Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County Health Department, Mr. McCollum suggested that a simple conversation may be sufficient to ensure the City is advised of pending permits; if not, then a more formal resolution may be necessary.

Policy 3.9.2

Commission added "based on prior notification from the appropriate permitting agency."

FLU Map

Mr. McCollum presented how the City can develop a central commercial core designation for the entire downtown area, explaining this will allow a wider variety of uses. He was instructed to prepare a memorandum discussing the pros and cons of such a move. Commission also discussed the need to address all the zoning issues throughout the City. Mr. McCollum stated the proposed Comp Plan amendment is a plan, it is not a zoning plan and it gives applicants the right to apply for development and/or variances.

Commission discussed the need to address the farm worker housing issue before undertaking the revision of the sign ordinance. The also spoke of the need for some strategy for some visionary exercises for the City.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

Mr. Freeman began the review of the memorandum Mrs. Simpson prepared responding to questions raised by Commission during recent budget meetings. The following topics were discussed:

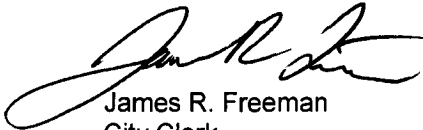
1. EDC membership
2. PD pre-employment testing
3. PD Special Investigation Account
4. Citywide budget for travel/per diem and training
5. Citywide budget for Office Supplies

Discussion of the remaining topics will be concluded at the next budget workshop meeting.

No individual department budgets were reviewed by Commission during this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 17, 2009



James R. Freeman  
City Clerk