

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
September 27, 2010
4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor, Commissioner-at-Large 2 (entered at 4:40 pm)
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2 (entered at 5:20 p.m.)
Brian Williams, Commissioner, Ward 3 (entered 5:45 pm)

Elected Officials Absent:

Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The agenda was amended to move item #2 to the beginning of the agenda.

1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16

Mr. Freeman explained that the proposed ordinance will require mortgage holders of property entering the foreclosure process to register the property with the City. The registration will create a system to contact the mortgage holder to establish responsibility for maintenance of the property. In the event the property is in foreclosure but still owner-occupied, Code Enforcement will initiate proceedings against the owner.

Commission approved of the ordinance, but asked staff to reconsider the filing fee, and to develop language that will place the burden on a mortgage holder to prove that they are not permitted to enter the property for maintenance purposes. Staff will also develop universal signage that must be posted on property under the care of a maintenance company.

Staff will also explore with the Property Appraiser's Office and the Clerk of the Court the possibility of receiving reports that will establish a data base of existing foreclosures and a listing of filed lis pendens.

2. CCI COMMUNITY TAX CREDITS

Debra Golden-Gestner, Capital Philanthropy Group, presented material on the Florida Community Contribution Tax Credit, a program that is written for Enterprise Zones. The program allows cities, counties and non-profits within an Enterprise Zone to solicit or accept money, property, goods and/or services and in return the company making the contribution can receive back a tax credit or cash. She explained how the program works and gave specific examples of how the program has assisted cities and non-profits in the surrounding area. She identified items within the City's budget that can benefit from the program.

Ms. Golden-Gestner suggested that the City and the CRA should each make application to the program, which would typically cost \$50,000, at the time both applications are accepted. The City would have to adopt a resolution acknowledging that all projects under the program would meet the City's Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Golden-Gestner committed to make both applications for a total cost of \$25,000, payable when the applications are accepted.

Additional information regarding the program will be brought back to the next workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes approved:

James R. Freeman

James R. Freeman, City Clerk