

**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 7, 2012
4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney (entered at 5:10 p.m.)
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk (entered at 4:40 p.m.)
Lorraine Lyn, City Planner
Scott Rudacille, Chief Assistant City Attorney
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.

1. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR FARM WORKER AND BOARDING/ROOMING HOUSING

Mayor Bryant informed Commission that after meetings with the owners of farm worker housing, their suggestions were considered and some have been incorporated into this version of the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance will also impact boarding/rooming houses because some of the criteria are applicable to that type of housing. The criteria within the ordinance are meant to safeguard all the residents of the City.

Mr. Tusing discussed the fact that the corridors discussed in earlier meetings regarding this topic will be coming to Commission in the future as a new gateway ordinance.

Ms. Lyn discussed the major differences in the ordinance as a result of the meetings with the agriculture community. Farm worker housing is currently allowed with a conditional use permit in the RM-6 zoning district (apartments) and will be also be added as a permitted conditional use in the RM-5 district (duplexes). Farm worker housing currently existing in districts where not permitted will be allowed 90 days to apply for a conditional use permit to become a legal non-conforming use. If the conditional use permit is not applied for or denied, then the ordinance allows for code enforcement regulation.

Ms. Lyn commended the agricultural community for working so closely with the City.

Discussion ensued on the proposed ordinance and the updated map distributed by Ms. Lyn. Staff explained that some farm worker housing is located in duplexes, thus the addition of the RM-5 zoning district. Ms. Lyn was asked to verify the accuracy of addresses between those stipulated in the ordinance and the map. She was also asked to supply a map of the entire City showing the RM-5 and RM-6 zoning categories.

Mr. Freeman was asked to determine if it is possible to amend the Business Tax Receipt process to more accurately identify the types of housing governed by the ordinance.

The item was moved forward to the 7:00 agenda for Commission action.

2.. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR PORTABLE, TEMPORARY AND POLITICAL SIGNS

Attorney Barnebey confirmed that the proposed ordinance will encompass only political signs and an enforcement section on hazardous signs.

In addition to an incorrect date in the second Whereas clause, Commission made the following amendment to the proposed ordinance:

Section 3-68 (2): Amended to also include a private property owner being responsible for the placement and removal of political signs.

The item was moved forward to the 7:00 agenda for Commission action.

3. PRESENTATION: CRA US 41 GATEWAY/RIVERSIDE DRIVE/10TH AVENUE/17TH STREET CONCEPTUAL CORRIDOR

Mr. Burton introduced Jon Moore, Moore 2 Design, who presented the conceptual plan that will accompany an application to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for a Multimodal Emphasis Corridor grant to fund Phase 1 of the proposed project. The application is for a \$1,900,000 50% matching grant, which will be funded by the CRA. The total plan includes the development of a new gateway which will include both Riverside Park east and west, Riverside Drive, 10th Ave. to 17th Street, ending at the area transit bus compound. Mr. Moore explained that data gathered in the Mobility Study partnered by the City and Bradenton was incorporated into the conceptual plan.

Mr. Burton explained that the conceptual plan must have Commission approval documented in the grant application. If the grant is awarded, the plans for phase 1 will be brought back to Commission for final approval before construction.

The topic was moved forward to the 7:00 agenda for Commission action.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes approved: May 21, 2012

James R. Freeman

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City Clerk