

CITY OF PALMETTO
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
June 4, 2012
4:30 PM

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3 (entered at 4:53 p.m.)
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1

Elected Officials Absent

Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Bob Marble, CRA staff member
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director
Rick Wells, Chief of Police
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

1. CONCEPTUAL SEAHORSE PROJECT

Mayor Bryant reported that it was consensus of the Commissioners that they did not want a bait shop to be located at the same site of the proposed "Seahorse". Mr. Burton stated that WCIND grant funds and CRA funds can be used to locate it closer to the boat ramp.

Mr. Burton presented surveys of the "Seahorse" project and the gateway to the City of Palmetto. The architects working on the conceptual plan of the "Seahorse" project were available to answer the Commissioner's questions.

Mr. Burton provided an overview of the five CRA projects that will revitalize the gateway into the City.

1. The "Seahorse" Project will repair part of the sea wall and construct a new building at the current bait shop location.
2. The boat ramp has received preliminary funding from the County; WCIND funds will be awarded in September for fiscal year 2013. The design will be ready for permitting in October so construction can begin during the winter months.
3. MPO Multimodal Grant. Jeff Burton feels comfortable with where the project stands. This is a seven million dollar project to span over several years. This application will be reviewed by the MPO Board. The proposed multimodal route will encompass Riverside Drive, 10th Avenue, 17th Street to 8th Avenue.
4. An LID type parking lot is planned on the Cadence Property and part of the Shell gas station property. The parking lot will create an opportunity for private business to develop the corner, create private parking, and to mitigate storm water.
5. A day dock is planned to come off the sea wall close to the "Seahorse" site. A WCIND grant application will be submitted in February 2013.

Mr. Burton discussed how these five proposed projects tie together to develop a new gateway to the City and that if we were to start on these things today it would continue out over the next five to six years.

The Commission complimented Jeff Burton and the architects on the "Seahorse" conceptual plan and the historic theme it brings.

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Discussion ensued with Mr. Burton answering the Commissioners questions regarding the proposed "Seahorse" project.

Mr. Burton discussed the spreadsheet he provided and the total cost of the projects with the CRA match to be saved over the next three years.

Mayor Bryant stated that these projects are the culmination of several goals that have been established by the Commission.

Jeff Burton brought up the demolition of the Shell Gas Station and that MPO/EPA is funding the removal of the lifts and within the next few months the gas station should be gone.

Mayor Bryant stated that there cannot be a vote taken at this time, but there could be a consensus from the Commission on moving the "Seahorse" project forward. Attorney Barnebey recommended that this be put on the next CRA board agenda and move to the Commission after that time.

The consensus from the Commission was to move forward on the conceptual plan, as presented, and to put it onto a CRA board agenda.

Bob Gause with Allison Gause updated the Commission on 5th and Sutton Park revitalization. Both of the projects are moving along within schedule and still on budget.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes approved: June 18, 2012

James R. Freeman

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