

PLANNING BOARD

MINUTES

JULY 15, 2014

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ward Friszolowski, Chairman
Jack Brock, Member
Don Breitweiser, Member
Ron Holehouse, Member
Tiffany Secka, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dave Healey, Community Development
Susan Churuti, City Attorney
Chelsey S. Weldon, Urban Planner
Jenine Thornley, Recording Secretary

1. Changes to the Agenda

Per Member Secka's request, Chairman Friszolowski added Administrative Issues as Item 5(c) and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) as Item 5(d).

Per Member Brock's request, Chairman Friszolowski added Beach Ordinance Update as Agenda Item 5(e).

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments

3. Approval of Minutes

Member Breitweiser made a motion to approve the 6/18/2014 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Holehouse and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

4. **Action Items**

There were no action items

5. **Discussion Items**

a. **Presentation by Pinellas Planning Council Staff on Countywide Plan Update**

Dave Healey, Community Development Department Consultant, introduced Linda Fischer, Principle Planner for the Pinellas Planning Council, who presented an overview of what is being proposed for the updated Countywide Plan. Mr. Healey noted the Countywide Plan has been streamlined and simplified, while attempting to incorporate 25 sets of local Comprehensive Plans.

Ms. Fischer noted the 60-day review period has been extended to 90 days (end of August) to allow local governments the opportunity to provide feedback to the Planning Council. The Plan is scheduled for completion and adoption by the end of October this year.

b. **Temporary Use Permits**

Dave Healey, Community Development Department Consultant, said the City Commission acted in conformance with the Planning Board's recommendation regarding two of the three temporary parking lot/use permit applications discussed at last month's Planning Board meeting. The third applicant withdrew his application.

Mr. Healey said the City Commission has asked that there be a review and consideration of potential code amendments that would govern parking lots in the Large Resort and Bayou Residential districts. Member Holehouse commented on the categorization and enforcement of private business owners who collect parking money on the side.

Member Brock asked if there are recent examples of temporary use permit issuances and what classifies the difference between temporary use and special events. Chairman Friszolowski said temporary use permits normally incorporate private land requests while special events tend to include a public feature. Susan Cheruti, City Attorney, added that public safety concerns such as alcohol and fire hazards are included with categorization of a special event permit.

Mr. Healey said the City may want to consider establishing a Development Review Committee in order to provide for plan review between the Building Official, Community Development Director, Fire Marshall and other pertinent players. After weighing out all options, Mr. Healey said ideally a recommendation would then be presented to the City Manager for action.

c. Administrative Issues

Member Secka requested staff transmit agenda packets to board members no later than the Friday prior to the meeting. Board members agreed that hard copies are preferred when large packets are involved.

d. Capital Improvement Plan

Member Secka said she would like to see capital improvement projects (CIP) come before the board to ensure compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, specifically walkable, bikeable projects with emphasis on safety for pedestrians.

Member Breitweiser suggested that Steve Hallock, Public Services Director, share City projects with the Planning Board through a CIP presentation at a future meeting.

e. Beach Ordinance

Member Brock would like to see a ban placed on plastic straws while the City is visiting similar issues within the Beach Ordinance.

f. Audience Comments

Bill Simpkins, Gulf Beach Resort, commented on the importance of recommendations to the City Commission including definitions, such as "overflow" parking. Mr. Simpkins objects to the ordinance allowing alcohol on the beach.

Rick Childs, Gulf Gate President, said the beach personality changed due to the parking lot's transient nature.

Kathy Collins, Gulf Beach Resort, commented on littering and trash removal.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Ward Friszolowski, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 8-19-2014