

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

JULY 21, 2015

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Tiffany Secka, Chairwoman
Ward Friszolowski, Vice Chairman
Jack Brock, Member

ABSENT:

Jack Ohlhaber, Member (excused)
Ron Holehouse, Member (excused)

ALSO PRESENT:

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Jennifer Bryla, Community Development Director
Chelsey S. Welden, Urban Planner II
Mary Jo Murphy, Deputy City Clerk

1. Changes to the Agenda

Chairwoman Secka stated there would be the following changes to the agenda:

- Remove No. 5A, "Adoption of Administrative Code for the 5th Edition (2014) of the Florida Building Code," and No. 3, "Review and Approval of June 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes" from the agenda.

2. Audience Comments

There were no audience comments.

3. Review and Approval of June 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

No. 3 was removed from the agenda.

4. Public Hearings (Legislative)

- a. Resolution #2015-10 Update to the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (requesting recommendation to City Commission)

Mr. Bruce Cooper, Building Code Administrator, explained Resolution 2015-10 to the Planning Board members. Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from board members. There was board discussion between Mr. Cooper and the Planning Board members.

Member Brock made a motion to recommend to the City Commission to approve Resolution No. 2015-10. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Friszolowski and unanimously approved by a roll call vote (3 yeses – 0 nos).

- b. Ordinance #2015-16 Allowable Encroachments in the Right-of-Way on Eighth Avenue (requesting recommendation to City Commission)

Chairwoman Secka introduced the ordinance and commented that it was a request for recommendation to the City Commission for Ordinance No. 2015-16.

Ms. Bryla, Community Development Director, stated that the ordinance was at the request of the Commissioner for District 4, as well as some residents, and Staff was looking at how to perpetuate the existing historic form on Eighth Avenue.

Ms. Bryla explained the language of the ordinance to the board members and commented that language may need to be added to the ordinance in regard to the setback of the third floor over the right-of-way. Ms. Bryla offered to answer questions from board members. There was board discussion between Ms. Bryla and the Planning Board members in regard to the ordinance.

City Attorney Dickman informed the board they had the ability to do the following options with the ordinance: recommend denial, recommend approval or recommend approval with changes.

There was further board discussion between Ms. Bryla and the Planning Board members in regard to the ordinance.

Chairwoman Secka stated the following changes agreed upon by the Planning Board members for Ordinance 2015-16: a goal of 75% of the building frontage and adding additional language with regard to the third floor for the setback requirements.

Vice Chairman Friszolowski made a motion to recommend to the City Commission Ordinance No. 2015-16 with the previously stated changes. The motion was seconded by Member Brock and unanimously approved by a roll call vote (3 yeses – 0 nos).

5. Discussion/Workshop Items

- a. Adoption of the Administrative Code for the 5th Edition (2014) of the Florida Building Code

No. 5A was removed from the agenda.

- b. Revised Flood Hazard Mitigation Regulations

Mr. Cooper presented and reviewed a document entitled "Memo," in regard to the Flood Management Ordinance No. 2015-15, with the Planning Board members. Mr. Cooper offered to answer questions from board members. There was board discussion between Mr. Cooper and the Planning Board members in regard to the ordinance.

In regard to page 32 of the document entitled Memo, "R322.2.2 Enclosed areas below design flood elevation," and page 34, "R322.3.5 Enclosed areas below the design flood elevation," the following was discussed:

- Change "no more than two standard single slab exterior doors" to an unlimited number of standard single slab exterior doors.
- Member Brock pointed out a concern with the following sentence being overly restrictive: "Storage shall be limited to items which otherwise would be stored outside a building or items normally used outside (e.g., grill, lawn mower, folding chairs, etc.)." Mr. Cooper stated he would follow up with the Community Rating System, CRS, to confirm whether this verbiage is required within the standards of the State before the ordinance goes to the City Commission.
- Delete: "and shall not be temperature-controlled."

Member Brock made a motion to recommend to the City Commission to adopt Ordinance 2015-15 subject to the changes previously discussed. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Friszolowski and unanimously approved by a roll call vote (3 yeses – 0 nos).

- c. Regulations Regarding Dogs on the Beach

Ms. Bryla explained to the Planning Board that this ordinance has already been through a First Reading with the City Commission. The existing ordinance prohibits dogs on the beaches adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, and this ordinance will prohibit dogs on all sand beaches and beach accesses. If the ordinance is passed, the City will put up signage that dogs are prohibited.

City Attorney Dickman mentioned a future memo he will be preparing in regard to service dogs and legal requirements.

There was board discussion in regard to dogs being allowed on the beaches.

Ms. Bryla asked the Board what dialogue the Planning Board would like to offer to the City Commission for the second reading. Chairwoman Secka stated that the Planning Board appeared to be in support of prohibiting dogs on the beaches.

6. Adjournment

Chairwoman Secka asked for any further topics to be discussed from the board members. There was no response.

Chairwoman Secka asked City Attorney Dickman for an update on the Beach Ordinance.

City Attorney Dickman referred to the Beach Ordinance as beach maintenance and management, which encompasses the following: unlawful drinking on the beach; fireworks; dogs on the beach; wildlife; cleaning the beach; private, public and sandy beaches; and the research received from the University of Florida. City Attorney Dickman hopes to compile the large body of research and to propose a project management schedule with the City Manager and Staff. City Attorney Dickman anticipates having a compiled set of ordinances dealing directly with the beach.

Chairwoman Secka followed up on inconsistencies that need to be corrected within the Land Development Code. Ms. Bryla commented that in August she was planning to bring Land Development Code changes to the Planning Board for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairwoman Secka asked for any further comments from the board. There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Tiffany Secka, Chairwoman

Minutes approved on: 10/21/15