

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - WORKSHOP

MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 2014

4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT:

Maria Lowe, Mayor
Melinda Pletcher, Vice Mayor
Terri Finnerty, Commissioner
Rick Falkenstein, Commissioner
Gregory Premer, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Wayne Saunders, City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk
Dave Healey, Planning Consultant/Calvin, Giordano and Associates
Matt McLachlan, Planning Consultant/Calvin, Giordano and Associates

1. Comprehensive Plan

a. Andrew Dickman, City Attorney – Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

Mr. Dickman briefly reviewed the history of the comprehensive challenges, the lawsuit filed against the City in regard to procedural issues and the lawsuit that remains in the Department of Administrative Hearings while the Second District Court of Appeals decides the outcome. Mr. Dickman noted that he favored public discussions in an attempt to reach a consensus among the parties involved.

b. Mr. Ken Weiss – Discussion

Mr. Weiss expressed his appreciation for being invited to the meeting and apologized for stating a former commissioner was a participant in previous Shade Meetings. Mr. Weiss summarized his key concerns and discussed construction in neighboring communities.

c. Mr. Tim Bogott – Discussion

Mr. Bogott also expressed his appreciation for being invited to the meeting and introduced his associate, Ms. Angela Hurley. Mr. Bogott suggested discussions remain relevant in regard to land use planning issues and responded to the key concerns noted by Mr. Weiss.

Ms. Hurley further discussed in detail impervious surface ratio, drainage area, total building area, and overall increased density in the coastal high hazard area.

d. Audience Comments

Bill Pyle, Sunset Way, voiced concern with constructing a high-rise building near the Silver Sands Condominiums.

Lorraine Huhn, Blind Pass Road, commented that St. Pete Beach needs to be a destination community and, to that end, should have amenities that attract people to this area.

Ralph Lickton, Pass-A-Grille Way, discussed the density study and land development regulations.

Rosemary Manning, 1st Avenue, noted that voters approved a comprehensive plan in 2009 and 2011 that are different than the 2005 plan discussed earlier that did not meet with voter approval.

Penny Davis, Sunset Way, commented on building height and constructing high-class hotels rather than high-rise condominiums.

Harry Metz, Pass-A-Grille Way, commented that tourists visit the area for the beaches, not the buildings.

Deborah Martohue, Blind Pass Road, noted she was astounded by the inaccuracy and misinformation provided by speakers.

Jim Anderson, 41st Avenue, discussed past sewer issues, Environmental Protection Agency calculations, and the improvement of water flowing into the sewer system.

Michael Lehman, 80th Avenue, stated that infrastructure needs to be put into place based on studies and decisions must be made based upon data from the studies.

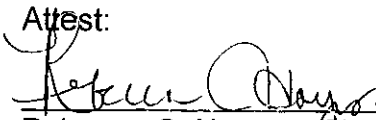
e. Commission Discussion

Commissioners spoke about having a vibrant and successful community and about teamwork and compromises among stakeholders to move forward.

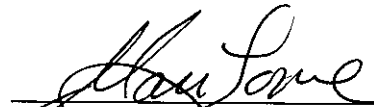
2. Adjournment

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

Attest:



Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk



Maria Lowe, Mayor

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