

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2017

Chairman Charles Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Charles Wilson.

Roll Call - Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Warren MacKenzie, Bill Stefanski, Michael HoShing, Charles Wilson, David Prins

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Jeff Smucker (CFRPC) provided an overview of the City-initiated request to amend the Comprehensive Plan, revising the Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination and Capital Improvements Elements, based on the City's Ten-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan.

Chairman Wilson opened the Public Hearing.

In 2005 the State of Florida convened to make changes to the Florida Statutes in regards to connection to the Land Use Planned Units and Water Supply Planning. There were several new directions for Local Governments complying with concurrency. Making sure that development happens in line with services and facilities being provided. SWFWMD adopts a Regional Water Supply Plan, and with this plan Local Governments have approximately eighteen (18) months to adopt their local Water Supply Plan consistent with the Regional Water Supply Plan. The Regional Water Supply Plan was adopted by the Water Management District in November 2015, so we are at the tail end of getting this adopted. This is a Florida Statute requirement.

The Water Supply Plan essentially looks at three things: what your demands are, how the City is addressing conservation, and population projections.

Adopted level of service is 110 per person per day. There are just under 2,000 metered connections in Polk City today.

Conservation – we conduct audits and monitor your system which is documented as well as infrastructure for future use, plumbing fixtures, Florida friendly landscaping with regard to how you can reduce water and educational outreach. The numbers used are to look at projected water in the future. There are two pieces to that projection: population and the amount of water currently used. The Utilities Department provides a report to the SWFWMD which states the amount of water used and population. Over

the last five years, Polk City has used approximately 58 gallons per day; therefore, Polk City is well under the adopted level of service.

Member HoShing asked how this Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan would affect Polk City's economic impact.

Mr. Smucker stated there is no affect.

Based on population projections and Polk City's current permit of 760,000 gallons, Polk City will have a 25% surplus of water in 20 years. Based on information received, Polk City is able to meet the projected growth and still have enough water. Changes are being proposed to four elements: infrastructure, conservation, intergovernmental coordination, capital improvements.

Mr. Smucker provided a thorough explanation as to why the Public Hearing is taking place. The Planning Commission will make a recommend to the City Commission. The only way to do this is through a Public Hearing. It's a data analysis document. This document essentially needs to be adopted.

Member Wilson asked what happens if the Planning Commission does not approve the Plan tonight?

Member HoShing applauded Mr. Smucker's presentation, but still does not understand why this process is being done since it is a requirement. Why is the Planning Commission being asked for input?

Mr. Smucker stated this is a data analysis. Polk City would be out of compliance with the Florida Statutes if this amendment is not approved.

Member Wilson stated remove the words "portion of the City of Polk City". This should read "Polk City" (Page Six).

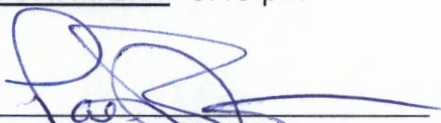
Member Stefanski made a motion to approve forwarding this City-initiated request to amend the Comprehensive Plan, revising the Infrastructure, Conservation, Intergovernmental Coordination' and Capital Improvements Elements, based on the City's Ten-Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan; this motion was seconded by Member MacKenzie.

Vote: Member MacKenzie – aye, Member Stefanski – aye, Member HoShing – nay, Member Wilson – aye, Member Prins - nay


Motion carried, 3/2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT- 5:43 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Charles Wilson, Chairman