

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2021

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Baker.

Present: Robert Baker, David Prins, Antonio Thomas, Eugene Gorski (Alternate)

Absent: Mike Denico, Edward Hanks

Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1) April 5, 2021

Motion by Member Prins to approve the Planning Commission Meeting minutes from April 5, 2021; this motion was seconded by Chairman Baker. **Motion carried by unanimously by Voice Vote.**

Election of Chairman

Member Prins nominated Robert Baker to serve as Chairman for another one-year term; Alternate Member Gorski seconded this nomination.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Baker nominated David Prins to serve a one-year term as Vice Chairman; Alternate Member Gorski seconded this nomination.

Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

City-Initiated Text Amendment to the Polk City Comprehensive Plan

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to add a *Property Rights Element* to the Comprehensive Plan to ensure that private property rights are considered in local decision making consistent with Florida Statutes 163.3177(6)(i). The amendments include the creation of a Property Rights Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC) spoke on this item and introduced Dana Riddell, CFRPC Senior Planner.

House Bill 59 became law on June 29, 2021; adding Section 163.3177 (6)(i) to the Florida Statutes, requires all jurisdictions to adopt a Property Rights Element into their Comprehensive Plan. Inclusion of the Property Rights Elements is intended to protect property rights and ensure they are considered in local decision making.

Chairman Baker asked what prompted this Amendment.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury stated this was already being done, but the Legislatures wanted this to be added to the Land Development Code. This does not change anything; simply respecting private property rights.

Alternate Member Gorski asked if this refers to trespassing.

City Manager Jackson responded this is further protecting the homeowner.

Florida Statute Section 163 gives us the right to amend this plan.

No further discussion.

Roles of the Planning Commission

Jennifer Codo Salisbury (CFRPC) provided a thorough explanation on the roles of the Planning Commission and "*Why We Plan*" tying this to the Land Development Code.

Chairman Baker suggested placing the location of where information can be found in the Land Development Code as a very quick reference.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury stated the PowerPoint would be republished for the Planning Commission to include the location in the Land Development Code.

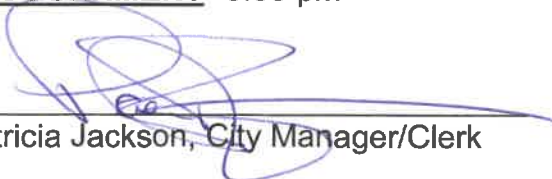
Home Occupations have changed. The legislation has included several more occupations.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury addressed several more questions and/or concerns from the Planning Commission Members regarding outdoor storage, Green Swamp Regulations, speed limits on SR 33, and the Multi-Use Trail.

City Manager Jackson stated the Planning Commission would no longer have 5:30 pm meetings as there are members that cannot get to meetings because of employment; therefore 6:30 pm was suggested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT- 6:50 pm


Patricia Jackson, City Manager/Clerk


Robert Baker, Chairman