

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2023

Chairman Gorski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Present: Eugene Gorski, Robert Baker, David Prins

Absent: William Fienga, Edward Hanks, Antonio Thomas

Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vice Chairman Baker to approve the March 6, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as presented; this motion was seconded by Member Prins. **Approved by Voice Vote 3/0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Site Plan Review

Stefanie von Pelaske-Bush (CFRPC) provided a Powerpoint and discussion regarding the Future Land Use Map Amendment not in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern: **Preliminary Site Plan – Unlimited Jeeps, Inc:** The applicant, Adam Knowles, is requesting preliminary site plan approval of 10,728 square feet of retail use situated on 1.19 acres in Polk City, located on 315 Broadway Boulevard Southeast. The current office space will be used for retail purposes.

Chairman Gorski opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against this item. Chairman Gorski closed the Public Hearing.

Vice Chairman Baker reiterated that this establishment would be for retail only.

The applicant Adam Knowles provided a thorough explanation for exactly what would be taking place at this site. This will be a sales site only. Mr. Knowles addressed any questions or concerns from the Planning Commission Members or the Public.

Kathy Delp, Development Services Director stated that nothing has changed at this site since the original plans with Stella and Company.

Motion by Member Prins to approve forwarding the Preliminary Site Plan for Unlimited Jeeps, Inc. to the City Commission with a recommendation for approval; this motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Baker.

Motion carried 3/0 by Voice Vote.

FDOT Community Visioning Workshop

Ms. Delp discussed the FDOT Community Vision Workshop on Tuesday, May 23, 5pm-7pm, and stressed the importance for the Planning Commission Members to attend.

Chair and Vice Chairman Selection

Vice Chairman Baker nominated Gene Gorski as Chairman for another one-year term. Motion carried.

Member Prins nominated Robert Baker as Vice Chairman for another one-year term. Motion carried.

American Planning Association

Vice Chairman Baker briefly discussed a document that he had from the American Planning Association (APA). Wanted other members to see what the APA was pushing with regards to single-family accessibility.

After hearing the information, Mrs. von Paleske-Bush and Mrs. Delp thanked Mr. Baker for the information; however, the APA does not set policy for Polk City; it is governed by Polk County and the State of Florida.

ADJOURNMENT- 6:18 pm

Patricia Jackson, City Manager/Clerk

Gene Gorski, Chairman