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CITY OF FORT PIERCE PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE CITY PLANNING BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, **JANUARY 12, 2016**, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: **Mike Dahan; John George; Brian Paul; Marcia Baker; Steve Weaver; Eduardo Mujica; Charles Hayek; Eloise Cumings; Tim O'Connell; Frank Creyaufmiller; Chairman Bob Burdge**

Absent: **Robert Poitier**

Staff Present: **James Walker, Assistant City Attorney
Rebecca Grohall, AICP, Planning Manager
Kori Benton, Senior Planner
Clarissa Davis, Planner
Vennis Gilmore, Planning Analyst
Alicia Rosenthal, Administrative Assistant**

4. **CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES**

Mr. Walker stated when there is an absence without an explanation, it results in an unexcused absence. If there is an explanation, the member can request and receive an excuse for the absence at the next meeting.

Mr. Poitier absence is unexcused.

5. **CERTIFICATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBER VOTING STATUS**

All regular members were in attendance.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes from the December 8, 2015 Meeting

h. Waiver of Distance – The Smoke Shop - 1001 S. US Highway 1

Mr. Benton gave an overview of the application and answered questions from the Board. Melissa Mayer, Owner, asked questions of staff.

Motion was made by John George, and seconded by Marcia Baker to forward a recommendation to the City Commission for approval of the requested Waiver of Distance for a 4COP Alcoholic Beverage License for the proposed establishment, with the following conditions:

1) The applicant provides a site lighting assessment to ensure the site lighting meets the minimum average of three (3) footcandles, as required by City Code, and upgrade the lighting if necessary, prior to release of the alcohol license; and

2) The applicant completes landscape improvements along the southern property line to bring the site landscaping into compliance, and improve the buffer between the site and abutting residential homes.

AYE: Charles Hayek, Eloise Cumings, Tim O'Connell, Mike Dahan, John George, Brian Paul, Marcia Baker, Steve Weaver, Eduardo Mujica, Chairman Bob Burdge

Passed

i. Replat - Indian River Commerce - 401 and 411 S. Indian River Drive

This item was heard after 7c. Ms. Davis gave an overview of the application. No questions were asked of staff and no one spoke for or against this project.

Motion was made by John George, and seconded by Marcia Baker to forward a recommendation of approval to the City Commission.

AYE: Eloise Cumings, Tim O'Connell, Mike Dahan, John George, Brian Paul, Marcia Baker, Steve Weaver, Eduardo Mujica, Charles Hayek, Chairman Bob Burdge

Passed

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Burdge reminded Board members, whose terms are expiring in February, to turn in their reappointment forms.

Chairman Burdge asked for the Board's consideration to voice an opinion to the City Commission in retaining Mr. Walker for the Planning Board. Mr. Hayek and Ms. Baker stated they both sent a letter to the City Commission requesting Mr. Walker stay on as the Planning Board's attorney. The Board did not object to Chairman Burdge sending a letter to the City Commission on behalf of the Planning Board.

Ms. Grohall stated the City Commission terminated the contract with Mr. Schwerer's firm and Mr. Schwerer did submit his resignation, which covers all the members of his firm. Ms. Grohall explained the city is in a temporary contract position with the attorneys to stay on until a new attorney is designated. The City Commission has retained Colin Baenziger and Associates to do executive recruitment to hire a city attorney. The City Commission did discuss this issue as it regards to the Retirement Board and the City Commission decided not to consider any sort of motion for retaining counsel for the Retirement Board until the new City Attorney has been selected.