



**TO:** Nicholas Mimms, P.E., City Manager

**THROUGH:** Rebeca Guerra, AICP, LEED-AP, CPD, Interim Planning Director

**FROM:** Brandon Creagan, LEED Green Associate, Planner

**SUBJECT:** **Application for Major Amendment to a PD and Design Review  
 Cumberland Farms  
 835 Seaway Drive**

**BOARD DATE:** August 19, 2019

**STAFF REPORT**

**Owner:** Harbour Isle Development Commercial, LLC  
 825 Seaway Drive  
 Fort Pierce, FL 34949

**Representative:** Atkins, NA (Jeffery Lucas)  
 7175 Murrell Road  
 Melbourne, FL 34940

**Applicant's Request:** Design Review approval to construct a 5,625 square foot fueling station & a Major Amendment to a Planned Development (PD) to amendment to add a fueling station as a permitted use

**Location:** 835 Seaway Drive

**Parcel ID:** 2402-501-0001-010-8

**Current Zoning:** Planned Development (PD)

**Future Land Use:** Hutchinson Island Mixed Use (HIMU)

**Surrounding Zoning:**

North	East	South	West
OS1	PD	PD	PD

**Site Size:** 1.50 Acres

**Utilities:** FPUA

## **Staff Analysis: Request**

In accordance with Section, 22-40 of the City Code, the applicant is requesting the review and approval of the following (Major Amendment) to the Harbour Isle Planned Development:

1. Allow for the addition of a Fueling Station to be a permitted and allowed use in the Planned Development, and
2. Approve a site plan that would include a 5,625 square foot convenience store with fuel sales and associated improvements.

### *History:*

On September 20, 2004, the City Commission granted approval for the Planned Development known as "Harbour Isle at Hutchinson Island." This PD consisted of both residential and commercial components. The commercial aspects of the project are located along Seaway Drive. One of the commercial developments proposed was a 15,000 square foot retail building. This commercial development was never built and the property remains vacant.

On January 21, 2019, the City Commission approved a 11,050-square foot retail development known as "Harbour Cay Shoppes" to be developed on the western parcel that abuts the subject property. Additionally, Harbour Cay Shoppes requested a reduction in the approved square footage of their building to accommodate an access driveway that needed to be reconfigured. On April 24, 2019, a Minor Amendment for the reduction (10, 530 sq. ft) in the building's square footage was approved through the Administrative Review process.

## **Design Review**

The City's Design Review guidelines provide approaches to design situations that will contribute to the existing and developing character of the City. The intent of the City's design review process is not to stifle innovative architecture, but rather to assure respect for, and reduce incompatible and adverse impacts on, the visual experience throughout the City. This may be accomplished through respectful interpretation of vernacular building typologies and styles in proposed development. Designs should take cues from traditional proportioning systems and be synonymous with a chosen style.

The fueling station's design presentation is intended to blend in with the surrounding architecture in the area. Most notably, Chucks Seafood that is located nearby and the adjacent Harbour Cay Shoppes that was recently approved for development by the City Commission. The applicants have provided renderings of what the building will look like against the back drop of its surroundings. The provided 3D renderings show that the development would not overtly stand out, architecturally, from the surrounding buildings. The gas canopy will not feature a flat roof, but will instead feature a design that seeks to mimic the design and feel of the main building.

## **Site & Landscaping Plan**

The proposed building is 5,625 square feet in size with twelve fueling positions. There are twenty-nine parking spaces that are required and the applicant is providing thirty parking spaces. Two handicap parking spaces are also required and are being provided as part of the thirty spaces. They will also be providing bicycle

parking in accordance with City Code 22-60(f)(1)(a). The Lighting Plan provided appears to be consistent with City Code Section 22-60(j)(1)(a), which stipulates that commercial projects shall have site lights that are a minimum average of two footcandles. It should be noted that Staff has detected some potential errors on the calculation summary and have requested that the applicant address this. After the Planning Board meeting the applicant addressed the above with Planning Staff and the error has been corrected on the plans, the applicant will submit a revised Lighting Plan with the Building Permit.

The Landscape Plan provides for seven Live Oaks, fourteen Sabal Palms, & six Mahogany Trees, as well as 551 various types of shrubs and groundcovers. Upon review of the Landscape Plan, Staff notes that it appears to be consistent with City Code 22-187, General Landscaping requirements. Staff has detected, however, some potential errors between the Code requirement table that the applicant provided on the Landscape Plan. Staff is asking the applicant to address this and provide clarification as it does not match the Landscape Plan provided. After the Planning Board meeting the applicant addressed the landscaping with Planning Staff, the applicant will have a revised Landscape Plan submitted with the Building Permit. The site plan does provide for pedestrian cross access from the sidewalk on Seaway Drive to the front door of the building.

### **Traffic**

The Traffic Impact Report provided by the applicant incorporates data for not only the Cumberland Farms, but also for the recently approved Harbour Cay Shoppes. Staff has instead utilized the Capacity Analysis numbers provided as that data is germane only to the Cumberland Farms. The Capacity Analysis has determined that there will be an increase of 2,200 new additional daily trips that will be generated by the proposed project. Of these trips, 53 AM peak hour trips and 19 PM peak hour trips will enter into the site and 58 AM peak hour trips and 18 PM peak hour trips be dispersed onto the surrounding roadway network. The presented increase in daily trips has been stated to have no impact on the levels of service (LOS) within the project radius of the impact area. It should be noted, the traffic numbers presented take into account that the current Cumberland Farms site, with its associated traffic impact, is still active and in operation.

### **Technical Review Committee**

All affected City Departments have reviewed the proposed applications for a Major Amendment to a Planned Development & Design Review and have provided conditional approval based on compliance with requirements of City Code. The comments generated from the technical review, and any responses by the applicant, are provided for review.

### **Planning Board:**

The Planning Board at their July 9, 2019 meeting voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the request to the City Commission.


### **Public Notification:**

164 letters were mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property. As on August 7, 2019 49 letters have been received in opposition and 2 letters have been received in support. An update will be given at the City Commission meeting.

## Staff Recommendation

The requested Applications for a Major Amendment to the Planned Development and Design Review meets the requirements of the City Code and are found to be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the requests with the following four (4) conditions:


1. Before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued, a Landscape Bond shall be submitted for all proposed landscaping, pursuant to City Code 22-180.
2. A revised Landscape Plan shall be submitted which provides additional landscaping along the property line that is shared with the residential component of Harbour Isle to establish a 100% opaque screen consistent with City Code 22-187 at the time of Building Permit.
3. A revised Photometric Survey shall be submitted that complies with City Code 22-60(j)(1) at the time of Building Permit.
4. Prior to the issuance of a Site Work permit, the applicant shall provide the Engineering Department a recorded copy of the revised Access Easement Agreement authorizing parking within the limits of the existing 53.17' Access Easement.

 Subject Site



**Major Amendment to PD  
Cumberland Farms  
Aerial Map**




 Subject Site



**Major Amendment to PD  
Cumberland Farms  
Future Land Use Map**



 Subject Site



**Major Amendment to PD  
Cumberland Farms  
Zoning Map**





April 17, 2019

Jeffrey Lucas (Atkins NA)  
7175 Murrell Road  
Melbourne, FL 34940

**SUBJECT: Cumberland Farms – 835 Seaway Drive**  
**TECHNICAL REVIEW PROJECT: # 19-43900002**  
**DEVELOPMENT & DESIGN REVIEW (MAJOR AMENDMENT TO PD)**

**Comments:**

1. The site plan denotes a 23 foot tall sign along Seaway Drive. Per City Code 15-6(b)(3)(a), Sites that are less than or equal to three (3) acres shall have a maximum sign height of ten (10) feet. Because this project is in a Planned Development a Variance would not be allowed. Please adjust the height so that both the planter and sign are no more than 10 feet combined. Please note that all signs will be approved separately under individual Building Permits.
2. Provide documentation of the proposed cross access agreement with the adjacent property owner.
3. A lighting plan or photometric survey that is consistent with City Code 22-60(j)(1)(a) will be required at the time of Building Permit.
4. Advisory Comment: If possible please provide trip generation numbers for the current Cumberland Farms Site to compare the number of trips on the current site to the number of anticipated trips on the proposed site.
5. Provide bike parking pursuant to City Code 22-60 (f)(1)(a)

Please provide a written response to all TRC comments and provide submittal (10 hard copies/1 digital copy) of all materials by April 30, 2019 to advance to the Planning Board. The presented review is specific to the proposed facility. Please contact me should you have any questions regarding the project at (772) 467-3742 or by e-mail: [bc Reagan@city-ft pierce.com](mailto:bc Reagan@city-ft pierce.com).

Sincerely,

Brandon Creagan, LEED Green Associate  
Planner



**To : Brandon Creagan, Planner**

**FROM : John R. Andrews, P.E., City Engineer**

**RE : Cumberland Farms – 835 Seaway Drive  
 Development Design Review  
 TRC No. 19-43900002**

**DATE : June 5, 2019**

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 CITY OF FORT PIERCE  
 PLANNING & ZONING

This is to advise you that we have completed the review of the following documents as received by this office on June 3, 2019:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development Design Submittal Package                  | <input type="checkbox"/> P/D Drawings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Test Reports & Related Documents                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Completion                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record Drawings  | <input type="checkbox"/> Permits from applicable Local, State & Federal Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clearances from all applicable Local, State and Federal Agencies |  |

Based on our reviews and appropriate site final inspection, we

- Recommend                       Do Not Recommend
- Approval of Development     Building Permit                       C/O

Developer, Owner, Engineer, Contractor and other members of the Development Team must be aware, the above recommendation is based only on the construction requirements of the engineering plans and other engineering documentation approved by this department. The Development Team shall be responsible for the compliance with other City department requirements and all approved documents, as well as Local, State and Federal regulations. The development requirements for this project may necessitate additional construction requirements that are not subject to this department's review for approval.

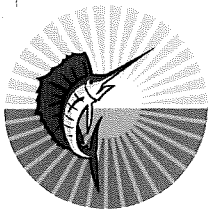
See attached for engineering advisory comments

ENGINEERING ADVISORY COMMENTS:

1. **Advisory Comment:** Prior to issuance of a Site Work permit, the applicant shall provide a recorded copy of the revised Access Easement Agreement authorizing parking within the limits of the existing 53.17' Access Easement.
2. **Advisory Comment:** The traffic study submitted to FDOT for pre-approval was based on an additional access through the Harbour Isle development. How will the elimination of this ingress/egress access affect the traffic flow along Seaway Drive? During review of the Site Work application, the applicant will be asked to provide a copy of the FDOT Access permit issued based on an updated traffic study.

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THE SUNRISE CITY  
**FORT PIERCE**  
 ENGINEERING  
 DEPARTMENT

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**To : Brandon Creagan, Planner**

**FROM : John R. Andrews, P.E., City Engineer**

**RE : Cumberland Farms – 835 Seaway Drive  
 Development Design Review  
 TRC No. 19-4390002**

**DATE : May 9, 2019**

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 CITY OF FORT PIERCE  
 PLANNING & ZONING

This is to advise you that we have completed the review of the following documents as received by this office on April 30, 2019:

- Development Design Submittal Package
- Test Reports & Related Documents
- Record Drawings
- Clearances from all applicable Local, State and Federal Agencies
- P/D Drawings
- Certificate of Completion
- Permits from applicable Local, State & Federal Agencies

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See attached for engineering comments

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ENGINEERING COMMENTS:

1. The project boundaries do not coincide with a recent plat submittal for subdivision of Tract D-1; please modify the site plan accordingly, specifically the eastern and northern property lines.
2. Add a note to the site plan specifying the relocation of the two (2) SR A1A streetlights and one (1) royal palm tree must be coordinated with the City of Fort Pierce Engineering Department.
3. Relocate all parking from within the limits of the 53.17' Access Easement in accordance with the requirements specified in the recorded agreement; refer to ORB 4185, Page 1545, or provide a revised recorded Access Easement permitting parking.
4. It does not appear that the appropriate landscape buffers are in place between the building and the proposed detention area; refer to Code of Ordinances Section 22-187(4).
5. All detention and retention areas are required to be screened with a 36" hedge per City of Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances Section 17-34; please revise the landscape plan accordingly.
6. The new detention area appears to encroach into the existing oak trees root system as the trees will be located within the detention bank; how will this be accomplished without damaging the root system and ultimately the trees?
7. The demolition plan reflects the removal of six (6) oak trees along the southern property line yet the landscape plan identifies four (4) of these oak trees to remain, please identify the size of these trees and provide the appropriate mitigation calculations.
8. The submitted traffic report inaccurately identified Seaway Drive as a four-lane roadway between Indian River Drive and Harbour Isle Drive (refer to Exhibits 2 thru 5). The applicant shall revise the exhibits and applicable roadway/intersection analysis to reflect Seaway Drive as a two-lane roadway east of Causeway Cove Marina located near the base of the bridge.
9. Relocate the proposed site lights situated at the two driveways, from within the limits of the 15' Utility Easement.
10. Remove the mitered endwalls and culvert pipe from the two driveways, as the SR A1A drainage system is void of roadside swales.
11. Add a stop sign and stop bar to the eastern driveway.
12. Advisory Comment: The traffic study submitted to FDOT for pre-approval was based on an additional access through the Harbour Isle development. How will the elimination of this ingress/egress access affect the traffic flow along Seaway Drive? During review of the Site Work application, the applicant will be asked to provide a copy of the FDOT Access permit issued based on the updated traffic study.

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**TO : Brandon Creagan, Planner**

**FROM : John R. Andrews, P.E., City Engineer**

**RE : Cumberland Farms – 835 Seaway Drive  
Development Design Review  
TRC No. 19-43900002**

**DATE : April 17, 2019**

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Based on our reviews and appropriate site final inspection, we

- Recommend       Do Not Recommend

- Approval of Development       Building Permit       C/O

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See attached for engineering comments

ENGINEERING COMMENTS:

1. Update the site plan to identify all property boundary dimensions and bearings.
2. The site plan shall include a legal description of the property.
3. The project boundaries do not coincide with a recent plat submittal for subdivision of Tract D-1; please modify the site plan accordingly.
4. The survey submitted was not certified nor did it identify all recorded easements situated within the limits of the property. Please update the survey to include project boundaries per the recently submitted plat documents, recorded easements, total site area, and any other pertinent information as specified Section 17-27 of the City of Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances.
5. Update the site plan to reflect all impacted existing improvements (streetlights, palm trees, etc.) located with SR A1A and the proposed relocation these items.
6. Relocate the northeastern detention area to the rear of the property as specified in the City of Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances Section 17-34(c).
7. Relocate all parking from within the limits of the 53.17' Access Easement in accordance with the requirements specified in the recorded agreement; refer to ORB 4185, Page 1545.
8. Provide a copy of the Auto-Turn analysis depicting the movements of a fuel tanker truck servicing the fuel tanks.
9. Provide a copy of the traffic report supporting the specified peak hour traffic as specified on the submitted Transportation Analysis. The report shall include information required under Section 22-217 for large-scale developments.
10. The site plan reflects a 15' utility easement along the north side of the parcel; is this existing or proposed and to whose benefit?

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)
COMMENT FORM

Meeting Date: 4.18.19
Property Address: 835 Seaway
Property Name:
Project Name: Cumberland Farms
Planner: Brandon Creagan

Please be advised that the project may trigger the requirements indicated below:

- 1. Building Official or his representative has no comment at the time of this meeting, but reserves submission of comments upon completion of the official plan review.
2. Pre-construction meeting with the City's Building Department is requested.
3. Any construction will need to meet the requirements of the Florida Building Code 6th Edition.
4. Means of egress is required.
5. Means of ingress is required.
6. Must meet the following Accessibility requirements:
- Accessible route
- Handicapped parking spaces
- Means of egress
7. Change of Use required
- to include a signed and sealed Life Safety Plan
- to include a signed and sealed detailed comprehensive building plan.
8. Property exists in Special Flood Hazard Area. All Federal and State requirements shall be addressed.
9. Flood Development Permit required.
10. Building Permit required.
11. Signed and sealed construction drawings required.
12. Will need to meet the Fire Code.
13. Sprinkler system is required.
14. Smoke alarm system is required.
15. Other

Additional Comments/Requirements:

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Building Official's or Representative's Signature [Signature] Date: 4/17/19



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## Technical Review Committee meeting

April 18th, 2019

Case # 19-43900002

Development and design review

Cumberland Farms, 835 Seaway Dr., Ft Pierce

### Comments:

Please consider moving the outdoor seating area further out (sliding the entire area towards the front of the building) to maximize the opportunity for natural surveillance of the fuel pumping area and general parking area by the users of that outdoor space.

Officer Damian Spotts

Crime Prevention Practitioner

Fort Pierce Police Department.



Fort Pierce Utilities Authority  
Water/Wastewater Engineering  
1701 South 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Pierce, FL 34947  
772.466.1600 x3473

## Technical Review Committee meeting

**April 18, 2019**

TECHNICAL REVIEW PROJECT # 19-43900002

Development & Design Review – Cumberland Farms – 835 Seaway Drive

### **Comments**

FPUA W/WW Engineering: Approved

FPUA Electric & Gas Engineering: Approved - Both electric and fiber optic services are available to the site. Utility easement will be require for the propose FPUA facilities.



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ST. LUCIE COUNTY  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
TECHNICAL REVIEW LETTER

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**TO:** Brandon Creagan, LEED Green Associate, Planner

**FROM:** Kori Benton, Senior Planner

**DATE:** April 18, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Development Review – Development & Design Review – Cumberland Farms – 835 Seaway Drive**  
Technical Review Project: #19-43900002

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The St. Lucie County Planning & Development Services Department has completed a review of the April 4, 2019 distribution of Technical Review Project: #19-43900002.

**Background**

Application for Development (Major Amendment to PD) & Design Review for Cumberland Farms located at 835 Seaway Dive. The parcel is zoned PD, Planned Development with a Future Land-Use of HIMU, Hutchinson Island Mixed Use. The parcel ID for the property is 2402- 501-0001-010-8. The applicant would like to develop a gas station at the front of the Harbour Isle Development, along Seaway Drive. The proposed fueling station and convenience store will be approximately 5,625 square feet with 12 fueling positions.

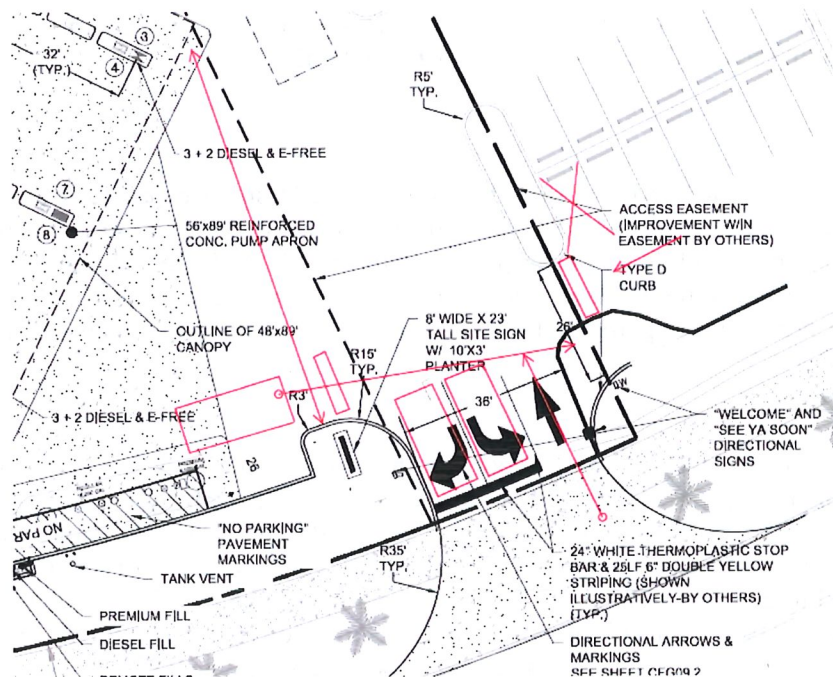
**Review Comments**

1. Please provide a Traffic Impact Report for the proposed development, inclusive of driveway analysis. Based upon the projected trip generation, access points, roadway level of service, turn lanes may be recommended. In review of the project size and type, ITE Use Code 960, Super Convenience Market/Gas Station, based upon the independent review variable of 1,000 sq. ft. GFA, the project is estimated to generate 4707 AADT, whereas much may be pass-by, however such analysis should be conducted. Based upon the proposed traffic generation, greater capacity for vehicle stacking (in an organized fashion) is encouraged to avoid back-up into Seaway Drive.
2. The City of Fort Pierce in encouraged to conduct driveway analysis of the proposed adjustment, and corresponding adjustment pending to the west, including proposed driveway location(s), internal stacking/turn lanes, proximity of the cross access driveway to the eastern parcel to the property line, future driveway location for the parcel to the west. Restoration of internal connection would provide HI residents access without placing an external trip onto the roadway.

**General Note(s):**

- What are the proposed hours of operation for this establishment? The previously approved project encompassed a neighborhood commercial use, whereas the proposal appears to be a general commercial use, increase intensity for the Planned Development, with adjacent residences. The original plan adopted placed the commercial building towards the right-of-way to provide enhancement urban design, as well as greater separation of the commercial operation from adjacent residential units. Limiting hours of operation may improve compatibility, especially with the relocated building(s).
- Please consider a pedestrian connection between the proposed establishment and the development considered to the west.

- Is the applicant providing a loading space/zone for deliveries of stock or fuel? The loading area is encouraged to be located outside of the front yard, but in an area which may minimize impacts to the adjacent residences.
- The proposed parallel parking spaces (27-30) appear to conflict with the adjacent two-way driveway which reduces to a one-way exit, at the adjacent driveway. The spaces would cause movements against interior traffic flow.
- The alignment of the project's drive-aisle approaching the joint drive and adjacent project's northern most row of parking appear to cause an unsafe condition, if vehicles seek to traverse across this full access driveway to enter the western project:



- The applicant is proposing a reduction in vehicular use area landscaping based upon “preserved trees” which were planted (required) as part of the PD. The trees are required and not pre-existing to the Planned Development, therefore should not be eligible. The landscape plan should be amended to reflect the required interior vehicular use area landscaping.
- Please review clear vision areas as it pertains to proposed driveways, landscaping, etc.

Please contact me at 772-462-2518 if you have any questions or would like to discuss the presented comments.

Ordinance No. K-113 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE **REZONING** PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED **EAST OF SOUTH CAUSEWAY BRIDGE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SEAWAY DRIVE**, FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY MODERATE DENSITY ZONE, TO PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONE, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." was placed on first reading and read by title only. (Property Owner: Causeway Island Trust)

Mayor Enns said he is sure all of them have had some contact with either Smithsonian or the applicant or others on this. Let the record reflect that they have. They are not trying to hide anything. (The Commissioners agreed they had been contacted regarding this item from people on both sides of the issue.)

Mayor Enns declared a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. K-113 in session and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

Mayor Enns asked is Mr. Simpson is he prepared to make a presentation at this point? This first item is the ordinance which changes the zoning from single family to PUD and the second Public Hearing will be on the application for the Preliminary Development Plan.

**Mr. Philippe Jeck** said he is an attorney for Jeck, Harris, & Jones and he represents the applicant here today. For his own clarification, is it the will of the Commission that he address one issue at a time or can he address them both together?

Mayor Enns said he can address both of them at one time; but if somebody gets up to speak on it, the first one is going to be on the zoning, if they could do it that way. He thinks it would save them a little time.

Mr. Jeck said he will address them together. By way of introduction to this project, he would like to take a moment of their time and introduce the developer that is behind the project. He believes that is important for them all to know for a couple of reasons. One being their code addresses the fact that they should be considering whether there is demand for the project before them and also the capacity of this developer to complete the project. He thinks for them to understand that element of what is before them, it would be helpful to understand Mr. Simpson's history. He started about 30 years ago in development with Ashland Oil and he was a pipeline engineer and built pipelines for Ashland Oil across the country. When they decided to commence a development arm in Florida, he became their first head of their development in Florida in the early 1970's. From that point in time he was then fully immersed into the development of residential projects and commercial projects. His first major project in Jupiter was The Bluffs. It was about a 324 acre site mixed-use. It had mid-rise condominiums, it had town homes, it had single family homes. And interestingly it had a marina, very similar to the marina that is going to be proposed to them today, that is an upland marina, a marina dredged out with development around it. He moved on from that extremely successful project in Jupiter to another project in Jupiter called The Shores, which was a 600 residential lot development that was actually the most successful project of that kind that Palm Beach County ever had. The next project he moved to was Jupiter Island. He moved into the luxury arena, building three consecutive high-rise condominium luxury projects on Jupiter Island, each one right after the other, and they were the last three condominium projects built on Jupiter Island. All three of

them were extremely successful, selling out a majority before the first stake hit the dirt in pre-sales. It was a very successful project that demonstrates, as all these projects have demonstrated, the ability to predict the market and develop a product that meets the market demand. The next project, he moved north up to Vero Beach area, Indian River County, and started a project called The Carlton at Vero Beach. Some of them may have visited that project, a very strong high luxury condominium project with multiple buildings with single family lots as well. It was a very successful project proceeded immediately by another project in the same area in Vero Beach or actually in the City of Indian River Shores. That next project is called River Club at Carlton. It is about 200 units, all luxury, single family, duplex units, carriage homes, and mid-rise condominiums again. That project then led to two more projects, one also in the same area in Vero Beach, single family lots, mid-rise, very successful project. It is well underway and almost all sold out as well. The next project immediately preceding this one is one known as Claridge by the Sea and that project is located right on the Martin County/St. Lucie County line just this side. It is in St. Lucie County. That project is again a luxury condominium high-rise project of 20 units that has received approval and is proceeding very strongly. That leads to this project, the Causeway Island project. This is his current on-going development project. His experiences with all of these other projects have let him choose this particular design which will be shown to them today, the product mix, and the pricing of it. He has been very well received in all the communities that he has had the opportunity to build in and develop in. But this project is of particular significance. This piece of property they have at Causeway Island in the City of Fort Pierce is a tremendous opportunity to build a gateway type of project. It is the gateway for the community to the beach side, to the island. Right now they have uses there as they know, a mobile home park and a water treatment facility. And this is going to change the entire character and the impression that this City creates for people heading to the beaches. Mr. Simpson feels extremely privileged to be given the opportunity to bring them a plan and be able to develop something that will be a signature of this City for many years to come. He would like to pass the microphone to Mr. Simpson and Mr. Boggs to explain some of the details of the project.

**Mr. Greg Boggs** said he is with Thomas Lucido & Associates. He won't spend much time talking about the site. There is a picture of the site. (Plans showing the project were displayed and Mr. Boggs distributed a drawing entitled "Harbour Isle Preliminary Master Plan".) It is approximately 108 acres. The application before them tonight is for 102 acres. There is a piece by reference in the development plan that Sandy Steele is passing out. It excludes six and a half acres just east of Smithsonian and south of A-1-A right of way. The site is a man-made spoil area basically consisting of primarily Australian Pines and Brazilian Pepper. It does have a shoreline of mangrove that the project will preserve. There appears to be no endangered or threatened plants or animals on the site. They have been authorized to begin some brief clearing to begin looking at the site for survey and topographic survey purposes. They have all been by it many times looking into it. It is a jungle of exotics. They are looking forward to removing the exotics and building the project and reinstating the natives and some ornamental plant materials and other complimentary plant materials. Obviously, not the plant material that is there today except for the mangrove shoreline. Are there any questions before he moves on to the plan about the site itself?

Mayor Enns asked are there any questions? If not, proceed.

Mr. Boggs said the project itself, just for clarification, is for preliminary PUD. They will be back again before them for a final PUD. But tonight they are simply here to gain permission to proceed through the preliminary PUD process. Without belaboring the technical aspects of the plan, they meet or exceed all of their performance standards in the PUD section - parking, common area open space, building spacing, fire access, and police access. They went through site plan review with staff as well as the technical review committee. So they are confident based on that thorough review that it conforms to the ordinances. Just keying in on the plan, the site is basically bisected by the upland marina. It is a 73 slip public marina. On each side there are sixteen 24-unit, four story buildings. As they go through the project from A-1-A, the beginning is a paver stone roundabout, much like the one at the corner down at P.P. Cobb, probably half again as big as that. That is the beginning of the feature not only for their project but for passers-by that go on to the beach. It is a major landscape architecture and architectural feature. Progressing on, it is a double lane divided road. What they are picturing is a double outlay perhaps of Royal Palms that lead them to the restaurant which is along the public area together with a 1,500 square foot ship's store, public parking that accommodates the restaurant and ship's store and the marina. He would like to point out the areas that are being designated for public access for the general public. Obviously the entry into the project. But following the plan, they will go along the bulkhead of the marina where the restaurant and ship's store is. All the area in white, coming back to this area south of this building and back to A-1-A, will all be public. If they note the plan, it is kind of hard to see because of the scale of that plan, but there are two security gates - one on the east and one on the west. Past the gate is private for residents only. In terms of he thinks they are talking about a manned security system which will obviously maintain 24 hours a day security. But from that point on it is a private gated residential community. Each side of the community will have an eight or nine acre lake, approximately a nine acre lake with a 4,500 square feet cabana or activity area. There is a jogging path around each lake, two tennis courts, and sufficient open space for a gathering such as where they may rent a party tent for Christmas or some event out on the lawn. Each side as well, if they look at the little boxes on each side, those are 16,000 square foot storage areas for residents only, where if they have stuff they can't handle in their unit they have a storage unit. Basically it is a glorified garage unit that has an interior core that will be landscaped and architecturally detailed like the rest of the buildings. That is an overview. There are 768 units which is around seven and a half dwelling units an acre. In the PUD ordinance, they could go to 15 dwelling units per acre, so they are a little under half of what is allowed on the land. It would be four story buildings, much lower than the 200 feet allowed in the PUD ordinance. Other than that, the dwelling units he spoke about, the marina, the restaurant, the ship's store, and the storage. Mason Simpson will join him in a minute and they will talk about details. The other component to this just to the west of the entry is a six and a half acre kind of a wedge shaped parcel that appears to be part of the Smithsonian expansion. So all along the frontage of A-1-A will part of the Smithsonian, which is an exciting part of this project naturally to have this Smithsonian Institution come along. With that he will stop and maybe they can just limit it to questions versus continuing to discuss the plan.

City Manager Beach said he has a question regarding the six and a half acres they are considering for the Smithsonian. What type of development criteria are they placing on the Smithsonian for that site; or have they reached that point?

Mr. Boggs said he understood some discussion has gone on between Mr. Simpson and Dr. Rice. Perhaps Mr. Simpson could address.

**Mr. Mason Simpson** said he thanks the Mayor and Commissioners for the opportunity to speak before them tonight. As these fellows have said, they regard this as a real opportunity to come to Fort Pierce and provide what they think will be the gateway project to the island out there. They think they will set the tone and are very pleased to be here and pleased and honored to have that opportunity. They are here to affirm the decision of the Planning Board who voted 7 to 1 in favor of this project. The staff has been very helpful in working with them to work out conditions which at the end of this presentation they will want to go through one by one and clarify each one of them. But they have worked hard with them for a couple of months now and prior to actually making application for two or three months before that just trying to get their arms around this thing. As Mr. Boggs mentioned, they propose no high rise development here. They think that is an advantage to this town. They think it is an advantage to the Treasure Coast in general. And they are pleased they are able to come in with a plan that shows no highrise development. They believe they have the marina right in that they got it out of the river and put it on the upland property where it doesn't bother the existing boat traffic and in fact provides protected dockage for anyone who would like to use it. As Mr. Boggs mentioned, that is part of the public component of the project. Just a quick word or two about the economics of this. This will cost approximately \$100 million to build, somewhere between \$90 and \$100 million. They see that as a very significant impact on the local economy. They think a very significant positive impact. At the end of the day when it is sold, they think it will add something in terms of \$120 to \$130 million to the assessed value of property here in St. Lucie County and Fort Pierce. They also see that as a very significant contribution to the local economy, not to mention the fact there will be 768 folks or households that will be living here and will be spending money in local restaurants and local stores and helping the economy in that fashion. That is all he had to say. He doesn't want to belabor this point any more than they already have because he knows they have a long agenda tonight. Just to answer Mr. Beach's question about where they are with the Smithsonian folks, he sees Dr. Rice is here tonight and she will probably speak to the issue and she is a much more eloquent speaker than he is. They are in the process of getting very close, and he would assume she would affirm this, to an agreement between them. They are trying to work their way toward a term sheet that will specify a number of different items including whatever conditions will be associated with that 6.5 acre parcel and the donation of that to the Smithsonian. If they have any questions for him, he will be right here; but he would like, unless they have some immediately, to go ahead and ask Mr. Jeck come up so they can go through one by one the conditions staff has placed on the project so they can clarify for their satisfaction as well as the City's anything that might be outstanding. (Mr. Boggs distributed a drawing showing the architecture of the proposed buildings.) He forgot about his pretty picture here. But this is the architectural style they intend for Harbour Isle and they think this is a very attractive building. This is a 24-unit condominium complex, four living

levels. And again, they think it is a very attractive building. They hope the Commissioners agree with them.

**Mr. Jeck** said staff has come up with seven recommendations for this project (outlined in the Memorandum from the Planning Coordinator dated September 5, 2001). In addition, there was some recommendations that came out of the Planning Board. He would just like to address them specifically so they understood clearly and hopefully they will share the understanding of what those conditions are. He has discussed these clarification points with Mr. Trias today and he believes he is comfortable with these points of clarification, but he can let Mr. Trias address that himself. The first item they have no change. They think it is clear. What it is Item #1: "The developer is required to design, permit, and construct the roundabout and the related sidewalks and landscaping that are shown on the plan." They are detailed further in this application submittal in terms of number of trees and what not, so they are comfortable with that.

Mayor Enns asked is Mr. Trias comfortable with that?

Mr. Trias said yes.

Commissioner Nelson asked let him ask staff at this point, in the event of an evacuation of that route, have they considered the possibility of slowing traffic down so much that they might have a safety hazard there?

Mr. Trias said yes. They consider that in every design of a roundabout and a roundabout is designed to actually make traffic flow better, so they have been shown to work well in those conditions.

Commissioner Nelson asked so they don't envision a problem slowing traffic down in the event of an emergency?

Mr. Trias said no.

Mr. Jeck asked may he move to Item #2? "The developer will construct a 20 foot sidewalk connecting the project with the Smithsonian aquarium on the north side of A-1-A and related landscaping." That would be the sidewalk at the bottom of the exhibit here. And the only point of clarification, like the description of the roundabout being as shown in the plan, they would like the sidewalk to be "as shown on the plan" so they are all clear that is where they are going to put it and approximately the type of vegetation they are going to put around it.

Mayor Enns asked Mr. Trias?

Mr. Trias said yes, that is acceptable wording. And of course, this is part of the overall master plan of that South Causeway area that eventually will get built.

Commissioner Nelson asked is that City-owned or County-owned property?

Mr. Trias said the right of way is D.O.T. right of way.

Commissioner Nelson asked is that in the right of way?

Mr. Trias said the sidewalk is going to be in the right of way. He is pretty sure of that.

Commissioner Nelson said that is a pretty far piece from the road there. It is not in the little park area there on the side?

Mr. Trias said the right of way is 100 feet. Those details will have to be worked out with the engineering plans.

Commissioner Nelson said if it is, they will work it out with the County?

Mr. Trias said they could do it either way.

City Manager Beach said they actually have the ability to do either of those. They could either put it in the park or in the right of way.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said just as point of clarification. There are some references in the staff report here and Mr. Jeck's references on the record tonight are referring to the plan, the proposed plan, and it is shown in the plan. Could they get that identified? Is that the plan that was submitted with the materials? And is that the same in every respect as this color rendition they have here before the Commission, so they understand for the record what...?

Mr. Jeck said yes. It is the plan that is included in the official application that is in their package for consideration.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer asked is that plan the one that is attached to the agenda materials that is here?

Mr. Trias said yes. It is the preliminary site plan for the PUD application.

Mr. Jeck said thank you for that clarification. Item #3 is where they have a little bit of wording change to be a little more specific. It says in the original recommendation, "Reconstruction of an adequate portion of A-1-A...", which they propose to clarify by saying, "Reconstruction of not more than a 600 foot portion of A-1-A..."

Mr. Hector Arias, City Engineer, said on this A-1-A they will be hopefully administering the project for D.O.T. The 600 feet, he doesn't want to have that restriction because sometimes because of the type of requirements from D.O.T. it may be more than 600 feet. Let's say whatever D.O.T. requires. He would be more than happy to accept that.

Mr. Trias said some language that limits that to whatever is required to make the roundabout work with the design may be acceptable.

Mr. Jeck said that is all they are trying to qualify.

Mayor Enns said he thinks they need something more than just "an adequate portion". Somebody might take that to mean to the Martin County line.

Mr. Trias said yes.

Mayor Enns asked would the wording "acceptable to D.O.T." to make that roundabout work? Tie it to the roundabout.

Mr. Jeck said he thinks that would work fine. It's good clarification. That would be fine.

Mr. Trias said that is the intent of the recommendation.

Mr. Jeck said on Item #4, "Public access to those areas defined as public..." and he would like to clarify that to say, "Public access as those public areas as shown on the plan..." Previously when the plan was explained to them by Mr. Boggs, he outlined what the public areas were and they just want to make sure that is the public area they are referring to in Item #4.

Mayor Enns asked is there any question about that?

Mr. Trias said no, that is fine, that is acceptable.

Mayor Enns said he guesses it is up to the gates for the residents.

Mr. Trias said that is the intent of that Item #4, yes.

Mr. Jeck said going on at the very end of the recommendation of Item # 4, he will continue to read it. It says, "...shall remain in perpetuity to include parking lots, marina and pedestrian access to the waterfront." He would like to add clarification since they have lots of waterfront here - around lakes and everything. So that the clarification is "...the waterfront within the public area as shown on the plan" referring to the public area that was defined by Mr. Boggs. Then he would like to make one exception to that - "Except for any exclusive area conveyed to the Smithsonian." He will explain that. They are discussing with the Smithsonian of giving them a secure berth for two boats on one of the finger piers along the bulkhead and it is their request they be able to secure that area exclusively to their use so the public is not endangering their equipment. They are perfectly comfortable with that, so he would like to make that as an exception to this requirement of public access in this area.

Mayor Enns asked does Mr. Trias have any problems with that?

Mr. Trias said he thinks it is acceptable in the context of some design guidelines for the development of the Smithsonian property and so on. He thinks in addition to this, he thinks that would be a good thing.

Commissioner Nelson asked on the south side near the water, they are going to have 100 set back there for the water?

Mr. Jeck said actually the code requires a 50 foot setback from mean high water line for these buildings. The staff has recommended a 75 foot set back from this. This plan they are seeing is basically a minimum of 50 foot setbacks. And they are going to ask for the Commission here to depart from that recommendation of 75 feet and agree that 50 feet is sufficient for the purposes of the code and would be sufficient for the purpose of this plan.

Mayor Enns said that it Item #6. Let's go back to Item #5.

Commissioner Sessions said Item #4.

Commissioner Nelson said he was concerned about the public access of that.

Mayor Enns said they have an orderly process, going one at a time.

Mr. Trias said there are two recommendations that deal with public access. One deals with the public areas, that is the one that is being described now; and the second one deals with the setback in that area, that is #6.

Commissioner Nelson said what he is trying to address now is whether or not the public is going to have access to that area back there.

Mayor Enns said no.

City Manager Beach said if they go back to Item #5 and have that discussion, it will lead them to Item #6.

Mayor Enns said right, that is what he is trying to get to. Let's not play leap frog. They are going good.

Mr. Jeck said all right, they are rolling to Item #5 which says, "No additional gates or other means to eliminate public access shall be installed..." And again, he just wants to clarify that means no other gates, "No additional gates or other means to eliminate public access to the public areas shown in the plan..." Again relating back to that description of those public hearings. They are not going to restrict this area in here.

Mayor Enns said the gates that are proposed in this, will they point those out to the Commission?

Mr. Jeck said there is this guard gate to serve this half of the residential private area and there is a second guard gate at this point for the east half of the residential area. And they will agree not to move those. Perhaps there was a concern they would be moved up to this point and they agree not to do that. And that is what was his point of clarification addresses.

Mayor Enns said they would restrict public access they talked about previously.

Mr. Jeck said that is correct.

Commissioner Bryan asked on the public access to the marina, the public would be allowed to enter the marina area by boat?

Mr. Jeck said yes. There is no...

Commissioner Bryan asked they can come in to the docks and the restaurant, etc. that way?

Mr. Jeck said yes. There is no restriction in the plan, their proposal, or in staff's to alter that element.

City Manager Beach said if he may just for clarification, what they just described in Item #5 appears to conflict with Item #6. Is he going to go into that shortly?

Mayor Enns said let's get through with Item #5. Do they agree with Item #5?

Mr. Trias said it has to do with Item #6.

City Manager Beach said they don't, because it conflicts with Item #6 the way he stated it.

Mayor Enns said let's get through Item #5. Apparently they don't want them to move the gates, right?

Mr. Trias said that is right. The recommendation was that the gates would not be moved, as the attorney mentioned, to the entrance, for example. The second part of that is what Mr. Beach is...

Mayor Enns said okay, now they get to Item #6.

Mr. Trias said maybe a discussion of both issues at the same time would be appropriate.

Mr. Jeck said okay. Moving to Item #6, this deals with the setbacks between the buildings and the waterfront. In the first sentence they don't have any concern about "The setback between the buildings and the waterfront shall remain open space and properly landscaped and accessible to pedestrians." They would like to add for clarification that means "...pedestrians who live in the area within these residential developments." And then the next sentence, "The minimum setback for buildings shall be 75 feet from mean high water line." His point of clarification on that, it really is not a point of clarification, this is a change. They would like to have the right to build the way the code says, which is within 50 feet of the mean high water along the existing shore line. And as to the marina, they would like to have the right to build not closer than 30 feet to the edge of the marina. This plan shows the approximate location and it is to scale of where those buildings would be with a 30 foot setback or less than 30 foot setback on buildings around the marina.

Mayor Enns said let's get the clarification. The recommendation on the shore line is 75 feet. Mr. Jeck is asking for 50 feet which is in the code. The marina part is 30 feet. What does the code require?

Mr. Jeck said he believes that is minimum code requirement. The code does not talk about an internal marina setback.

Commissioner Benton asked how many of the buildings are basically about 50 feet away from the water? He thinks there are three. And the rest of them are more and in some cases 100 feet. It is just the way of the contour of the shore line. So just to state for the record they are looking at three buildings.

Mr. Jeck said they can see how this is a far greater distance.

Commissioner Sessions said he has one question while they are on that issue too for the City Attorney. Is it true the code is mute on that issue regarding internal facilities setbacks?

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said he doesn't know. He thinks it does address it, but he thinks it is unclear in this particular case, if staff looks at it. He thinks Mr. Boggs and Mr. Trias would agree with him that it is unclear as to whether or not it is addressing the internal marina area. So it could be read either way. On the internal marina area he thinks it could be read for

the lower number. But it is a question of interpretation. He would like Mr. Trias's input on that since he administers that code regularly in the site plan review process and how he has interpreted that in the past if at all.

Mr. Trias said they have not interpreted it in the past or at least he hasn't; but he would apply the same rule to both the natural shore line and the marina. Their recommendation is based on the fact that the waterfront is one of the most valuable areas of the City. And the 75 foot setback allows for a more general use of that water's edge and maybe in the future perhaps some further development of amenities on the water. And that is a very important issue. There is a substantial amount of land in that interior of those two gated areas to redesign the plan to allow for a wider grass area along the water.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer asked is it staff's recommendation in response to Commissioner Sessions' question that the 50 foot code for setback purposes from the mean high water line would apply to the Marina area and Mr. Trias' recommendation is for this project to increase it an additional 25 feet so it would be 75 feet in the marina area and 75 feet in the building area?

Mr. Trias said he thinks one possible compromise to that would be 50 foot within the marina and 75 feet along the natural edge of the lagoon. And that may work a little better from the point of the geometry there. The marina clearly has some different design issues there. It seems to be a beneficial thing for the City. In the PUR, there is a Section (d) on Open Spaces does talk about waterfront access for the public being one of the most important issues. The thinking here was that this is a very low intensity access. It is just simply grass and people may be able to walk around and so on. And the opportunity for something a little more could happen in the future if the residents of the community and the condo association chooses to do that in the future. He thinks that is a very valid planning idea at this point.

Mayor Enns asked is the property that is in question here, which is 75 feet versus 50 feet versus 30 feet, is that going to be part of the common elements of the condominium association?

Mr. Jeck said absolutely. This will all be common area owned by the condominium association as a common element to the individual units. That is correct.

Mayor Enns asked so any changes that ever took place in the future would be done by a vote of the majority of or maybe 2/3rds of the people in that condominium association?

Mr. Jeck said right. That is correct. In fact, he represented to Mr. Trias under the authority of his client that they will not put anything into their condominium declaration that would prohibit the association from in the future agreeing to do something if they wanted to do something as far as public access in that area.

Mayor Enns said when he is saying public access, is he talking about public access or private access for the residents?

Mr. Jeck said he used the term public in that instance to mean the general public. In other words, they will not prohibit as the developer, the future condominium association board from choosing what they want to do with this property along the water's edge.

They won't restrict it. If they choose to do it, that is up to them.

Mayor Enns said he won't have to, because they won't do it. That is fine. That is the way it should be. They own it.

Commissioner Benton said he was sitting at the Planning Board and the discussion with the setbacks off the water. He doesn't think there was ever any discussion on the marina part where they have the little canal leading back to the marina. To him, he would hate to put that restriction. He doesn't want to see any restrictions on the site plan as is, because once they start picking it apart he thinks they are going to eliminate some quality there and some green space. He has seen Mr. Simpson's projects. He knows from the Planning Board there was no discussion about the marina area. They were talking about the area looking at the Indian River. Like he said, there are only three buildings that are in that 50 foot range, the rest are set back more than that. He has no problem at all with that because he thinks if they are looking at green space versus sidewalk, if he is sitting there in his quarter of a million dollar condo, he doesn't need to look at a sidewalk out front with people jogging. He doesn't think that day will happen; but he would rather see the green and landscaping, and he thinks that is what they are trying to sell here.

Mr. Jeck said he has another point of information for the Commission to consider and Mr. Melville has alerted him to the fact that this Commission has approved in the recent past for Harbortown, which is understandably a commercial development, but a setback on the inside of the marina of 15 feet in that instance, which is not what they are asking for, but it is a point of information. That is what he has been told.

City Manager Beach said he can assure him this Commission didn't approve that. That was some time ago.

Mayor Enns said so they don't end up spending the rest of the night on footage, unless there are any more questions, because he wants to get this...

Mr. Trias said this is the only issue there is some disagreement about.

Mayor Enns said this is what he wants to get at. He wants to get the questions out of the way and see what the Commission wants to do on these footages and then they will proceed.

Commissioner Sessions said that is what he wanted to find out. They have gone through Item #1 through Item #6 and this is the first one that staff has a conflict with.

Mr. Trias said yes, this is the only one where they don't have an agreement.

Mr. Jeck said he is actually done because the other (Item #7) they don't have any points of clarification on.

Mayor Enns said the request of the applicant is that the minimum setback on the river side remain as per code at 50 feet and that the setback on the interior of the marina be at 30 feet. Are there three people that agree with the developer?

Commissioner Benton said he does.

Mayor Enns said he does.

City Manager Beach asked can they have some staff comment on that before they vote?

Mayor Enns said they have had staff comment on that. He thinks the issue is pretty clear. He knows what the staff's position is on it, that some day they think the general public will have access to this. He can tell them, knowing how condominium associations work, they are never going to have general access to this. And if they are going to put gates up there and restrict access to it, what difference does it make?

City Manager Beach said he thinks the idea they talked about here extensively is attempting to preserve the waterfront for the general public throughout the entire city, not just the waterfront downtown and the waterfront at the port, but the waterfront on the causeway as well. They have lost a great deal of it through the development of residential areas on the island. They are at a point right now where if they look at this over the long term they have the opportunity to preserve a great deal of that waterfront that in the future would give them the ability to tie that area, that causeway, they could tie it pedestrian-wise all the way to the downtown area for bicycling, whatever people do, walking. If they don't believe that is the most effective development, they need to go to larger communities and see what they are doing with their waterfront. They absolutely specifically require that the waterfronts remain public. And if they can't develop them public immediately, they at least preserve enough property so it can be developed in the future. And that is all they are asking them to do. His request of the developer was to leave a minimum of 100 feet. How it got to 75 feet he doesn't know. But it absolutely at a minimum should be 75 feet. It should be required to be maintained public. And that is what their job is as a City is to try to watch after public interest and do things that cause the long term development of this community to take place.

Mayor Enns said until that property is in the public's hands, then they are limited as to what they can do with it. They can request it. If they have objections to it, they have every right to ask for an exception.

City Manager Beach said they can require it.

Mayor Enns said they can require it. They can also turn the whole project down. They can do anything they want to. They have every right to ask for an exception and he is going to give them that right and it is going to be made by this Commission.

Mr. Trias said the code does require waterfront access to the public explicitly. That is what the code says on PUD, so it is a very valid issue within the discussion of PUD.

Mayor Enns said he would agree with him if he allowed the public access to any part of that project; but they are allowing the gates to be put up, they are not allowing the general public to go in there, so it doesn't make any difference to those except those who own it and the ownership is going to be in the common elements of the condominium association.

Mr. Trias said he thinks the distinction between vehicles and pedestrians is very significant in terms of how they limit access.

Mayor Enns said he doesn't care if it is landing craft, airplanes, bicycles, or whatever, it is still going to be part of the common elements.

Commissioner Benton said he would refer to Melody Lane. They have had their problems on Melody Lane. Can you imagine taking that problem and putting it behind these quarter million dollar on up apartments? People aren't going to put up with that. He was one that went to Boston and saw how the public had access to the waterfront everywhere. In a lot of places he agrees. The public has a lot of access to the waterfront in this City and he wants to see it. But in this area? They would threaten this project. And he thinks it is such a good idea that they built this inland marina instead of put a marina out into the river. There are some concessions the City should make and he thinks that is one. The public has access across the street to plenty of waterfront. This is probably one of the nicest developments the City of Fort Pierce has seen yet and he definitely doesn't want to threaten it.

City Manager Beach said it is a serious misjudgment to think that things are always going to be the way they are today.

Mayor Enns said he thinks they have had enough discussion about it, unless somebody has got a question.

Commissioner Nelson said he always ends up being the peacemaker. This developer is such a fine fellow. He thinks both the Mayor and City Manager have some very good points. How does he feel about it? In the long run they want this to be a first class City. And of course, what he is doing is a very commendable job. They want to meet with a happy medium here without having too much bloodshed.

**Mr. Mason Simpson** said it is interesting he would use that bloodshed parallel, because he thinks if they did what he hears Mr. Beach saying they should do they will put an arrow right through the heart of this project. There is no way people who come to buy and live on the water... They need to understand these residences are open to the water, that is the whole point of them, because people who live in them are buying that view. When they put a sidewalk behind them, they are at that point violating that privacy that those folks have at the back door of their home. He can't speak to the planning issues and obviously it is a passionate thing with Mr. Beach and he doesn't want to be in a position here of being in disagreement with him about that aspect of what he likes to see. But he can tell them that on the sales floor of this condominium project once they get to that point they will have serious buyer objections and it might very well be enough to be the death knell for this project. That is exactly what he thinks about it.

Commissioner Sessions said so in essence they would be setting him up for a failure.

Mr. Simpson said he doesn't want to hang that on Mr. Beach, obviously he is very passionate about it. But he does not believe this project, he can't tell them whether they will lose 50 sales or 500 sales over an issue like this. But he can tell them that for every prospect that comes in that door that he has to say, "Oh by the way, after you buy this maybe some time down the road there

will be public walking behind your home." He can see people turning around and walking out the door and saying, "Let's go find some place where the back is what we think we are getting."

City Manager Beach said they can accept that argument if they choose, but just everybody he knows lives in a place that people can walk by their house. They can walk by their house, behind their house, or wherever they want to. They have a proposed development downtown that is approximately \$30 million worth of condominiums that people walk all the way around it, not just in front of it or behind it. They have a developer sitting out here now that is talking about building a development where people can circle it, drive through it, drive around it, walk under it. And that simply is not an effective argument.

Mayor Enns said they are just about to get to the end of this argument.

Commissioner Bryan said she has a question. She doesn't know of Mr. Jeck could answer it or maybe Mr. Boggs, about the fringe on the water. She can't tell from this rendering. She is assuming that is a border of mangrove trees.

Mr. Jeck said yes, those are existing mangroves which cannot and will not be interfered with.

Commissioner Bryan said correct. She can't see how anybody could put a sidewalk out there with that already in a protected area.

Mr. Jeck said he would also like to take the opportunity of answering this question. Just to remind everyone that the careful planning that went into this was to create a very accessible and usable public space and access to the waterfront and what waterfront brings to it and the marina brings to this plan right here where people can enjoy that unique feature. That has gone to address the concerns of having the public with the opportunity to benefit from waterfront.

Mayor Enns said they will be here until midnight if they don't get off this issue.

Commissioner Sessions said he would like to make a motion; but at any rate, before he makes that motion he wants to make a comment or two.

Mayor Enns asked is this a motion on the overall project?

Commissioner Benton said 50 feet, the condition.

Commissioner Sessions said on the condition itself, the setback.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Benton, to go along with proposition of the Developer regarding the setbacks, what has been proposed is 50 feet and 30 feet, as opposed to what Staff is recommending.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Benton, Nelson, Sessions, and Enns. Those opposed: Commissioner Bryan.

Mayor Enns said Item #7 is environmental permits.

Mr. Trias said that is routine.

Mayor Enns said they are still in the Public Hearing. Does anyone wish to speak?

**Ms. Marcia Baker** said she lives on Seaway Drive and she welcomes with open arms this development, except she has one concern. When the roundabout was being built down along the waterfront, there were plenty of detour areas. She would like to know what provisions are going to be made for the months of construction on A-1-A, including the drainage underground utilities she presumes and the roundabout. Is there going to be a two lane access to the island and where is it going to be and who is going to pay for it?

Mayor Enns said the roundabout and the additions to Seaway Drive are going to have to be approved by the D.O.T. because it is a D.O.T. road. He thinks there will probably be an opportunity to address those questions at some future date.

Mr. Trias said yes and the design has not been prepared yet and all of those issues have to be addressed in the design process.

Mayor Enns said this is actually the rezoning. At this point the public comment should be just addressed to the rezoning from R-1 to PUD, Planned Unit Development.

**Mr. Jim Piowaty** said they have made a major point that the public would be able to use those docks and all that. They have 768 units. He wonders how many docks they have? How many people will be able to drive in and park at the docks? Do they have 200 docks, 100 docks, how many docks do they have?

Mayor Enns said he thinks the site plan calls for 73.

Mr. Piowaty said it is pretty likely those docks will be filled up by the residents.

Mayor Enns said well, they will take care of the overflow at the City Marina.

Seeing no one further and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Enns declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benton, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, that Ordinance No. K-113 be passed on first reading.

Those voting in favor of the passage of Ordinance No. K-113 on first reading were: Commissioners Benton, Bryan, Nelson, Sessions, and Enns. Those opposed: None.

The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearing on Application for Preliminary Development Plan filed by Causeway Island Trust to construct Harbour Isle Project, a mixed use development to include multi-family housing, restaurant, marina, etc. on property located east of South Causeway Bridge on the south side of Seaway Drive.

Mayor Enns declared a Public Hearing in session and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

**Dr. Mary Rice** said she is Director of the Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce. She is speaking on behalf of the Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce as a neighbor and adjoining property owner of the proposed Harbour Isle development. The Smithsonian Institution has been a proud member of the Fort

Pierce community since 1969. The Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce, a branch of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. was established in this community because the Indian River Lagoon represented one of the most important estuarine systems in the world and they felt it their obligation to better understand its rich biodiversity and ecological processes in a way that would not only benefit the citizens of this special city, but that would also enable them to take the lessons learned here and apply them to other ecosystems throughout the world. From the beginning, they recognized their commitment to this community was long term and for their organization to succeed they needed to be responsive not only to their mandate for marine sciences, but also to the citizens of this city and region. They therefore have developed over a period of three decades a robust program of science in service to society as well as a broad program of educational outreach aimed at teaching citizens at all levels of society of both the wonder and the importance of the natural resources they enjoy on the Treasure Coast. They were initially housed on a converted barge on the campus of the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution. Their relations with Harbor Branch were cordial and productive and remain so today. Over a number of years, however, they increasingly recognized the need to establish their own campus. After an extensive search, bearing in mind their need to be in a location which offered them access to water, to a variety of habitats in the Indian River Lagoon, and to public attractions, they chose to relocate to Seaway Drive. Over the past few years, they have begun the process of developing their campus with the construction of a laboratory building and relocation of a house for the use of visiting scientists. They are in the process of constructing a new storage building and plans are readied for construction of a new research platform, seawater system, and another research building. At the same time, recognizing the popular demand for greater education on the Indian River Lagoon and related marine/coastal issues, they worked very hard and were successful in relocating a prime attraction in Washington to Fort Pierce and that is the coral reef ecosystem and expanding this presentation to include habitats of the Indian River Lagoon. Over the ensuing years this presentation will be enriched by new temporary exhibits and a vigorous informal education program for the citizens of this City and region. In addition, they have worked diligently with the St. Lucie County school system and the Indian River Community College in developing courses and classes for the students from the elementary to the undergraduate level. They share the vision of this community and the St. Lucie Research and Education coalition to develop Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County into a major national center for research and education. In their original planning for their site at Seaway Drive, they always envisioned the acquisition of additional property including waterfront to meet their vision over the next half century. In negotiations with the MacArthur Foundation and later WCI, it was clear they understood their needs and indicated their willingness to work with potential buyers to accommodate their requirements within the context of future development. Their needs are basic. As an internationally recognized marine research laboratory, they need assured and unencumbered access to the Indian River Lagoon for their research purposes. This includes the ability to have a research platform extending into the Indian River Lagoon upon which to conduct experiments with easy access to and from their campus. They require appropriate dockage for their research vessel, for visiting research vessels, and other small boats used in modern marine research. They require access to flowing sea water for laboratory experiments. In addition, they require sufficient acreage to build

the necessary buildings to serve their research and education needs. They have extensively reviewed the plans of Harbour Isle Development Company and held a series of consultations with Mr. Mason Simpson, as he has pointed out, and with his architectural firm. They recognize that development will occur at the site and their discussions have been focused on how such development can proceed to assure a synergistic versus an adversarial relationship. All of their aforementioned requirements have been made known to Harbour Isle Development Company both verbally and in writing. They have also been cognizant of the need of the City of Fort Pierce to expand its tax base by appropriate development, and thus their approach to negotiations has been to create a win-win situation for all stakeholders. In an ideal world, this would not be how they would develop the site. However, they are extremely sensitive to the needs to balance inevitable growth with sensible needs for the environment and their own needs. Their conversations with Mr. Simpson have begun to yield a formula which will allow for the type of synergy for all parties that she has alluded to. The key will be a resolve on all sides of this issue to successfully implement this formula in a timely fashion and for the City Commissioners, they hope, to periodically review progress toward this end. If this formula can be successfully concluded into a binding legal framework agreed to by all parties, the entire City of Fort Pierce and the region will indeed benefit in the end. They have responded just this morning to Mr. Simpson's most recent proposal. They remain confident of Mr. Simpson's good will on the issues and his willingness to seek alternative means to satisfy the needs of the community including the Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce. His willingness to donate property and work with the Marine Station on certain infrastructure issues are all very positive sides and they thank him and his corporation for approaching the issue with understanding and the spirit of a new neighbor joining their rich and storied community.

Seeing no one further and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Enns declared the Public Hearing closed.

Commissioner Sessions said first of all he would like to say this is a Grade A project. This is beautiful. He has not seen anything that resembles something of this nature given the architectural design for these buildings in their immediate area in a long time. And knowing his staff the way he does, he sees Ramon Trias's name written all over this. But he thinks it is time they become a little more user-friendly, for a better choice of words, developer-friendly. Let's face it, they are in a crisis here; and that crisis is called southern flight. It is about time they place developments of this nature and this magnitude in their community. It is an attraction. When they look at where it is going, it is a sight for sore eyes. It is near that water treatment center as well as the trailer park they have been talking about and having so many problems with. He is just grateful an individual would even have an interest to come in this area and put such a development in this area. He is grateful to him for doing so. They have a jewel. God has blessed us with the waterfront and it is about time they start utilizing their jewel to their advantage and reap the benefits of it. In light of that he is prepared to make a motion.

Motion made by Commissioner Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Benton, to approve the Preliminary Development Plan filed by Causeway Island Trust to construct Harbour Isle Project on property located east of South Causeway Bridge on the south side of Seaway Drive.

Commissioner Benton said he would just like to make a couple of comments. He would like to see a condition. He did talk to Mr. Simpson about this. If they look at their site plan, the landscaping that is on the east side along A-1-A, he would just ask him if he could continue it just to the south. They are not talking about a lot there. But he is just asking again if that would be considered just to the border of the property.

Mr. Simpson said it is not a problem, but he is not sure he understands exactly where he is talking about.

Commissioner Benton said from the roundabout to the west to continue what is on the east side. Would they consider that?

Mr. Simpson said yes, they would certainly do that. He had forgotten about it; but he is exactly right, he did mention it to him. Even though that is the property they propose to give to the Smithsonian, they will continue that same landscaping theme along the A-1-A right of way.

Commissioner Benton said if they would work with the Smithsonian, he just thinks it would make the project look a lot better because they wouldn't be coming off the bridge and looking right at the interior part of a parking lot.

Mr. Trias said within a year a final plan has to be submitted. He thinks at that time those very specific changes can be incorporated very easily. And then hopefully the Smithsonian will have, that area may have a better clear idea of what is going to happen.

Mayor Enns said he almost hates to bring it up. There was some question in previous years as to whether the City has jurisdiction over the Smithsonian as to construction and landscaping. Does that still apply?

City Manager Beach said that is still an issue. He would hope that in their discussions with Mr. Simpson and Harbour Isle, that in their conveyance of the land to Smithsonian that they will put some requirements on Smithsonian to comply with landscaping issues and fencing issues that would make their development more attractive.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said he understood the discussion on that specifically to include that. He thinks Mr. Jeck and Mr. Trias were exchanging comments at the time. But he thinks it was absolutely clear that whatever conveyance is made, Mr. Trias had a comment that he wanted that to be specifically reviewable by City staff with the ability to comment on the type of development that would be undertaken by Smithsonian. Is that what he understood?

Mr. Jeck said yes. In fact, the very latest exchange of letters between the two parties has confirmed a willingness on both sides to work together on an architectural plan and restrictions that accommodate the needs of the project and the City.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said so when they ask the Commission for that exception, which they seem willing to agree, it was on the provision that City staff would retain and review an approval process over what was built by Smithsonian?

Mr. Jeck said the exception he discussed was strictly dealing with the public's ability to have access to this one dock, a finger pier with two boat slips on it, which was going to be secured and

therefore not accessible to the public. That was the only exception he had made to the staff.

Mayor Enns said he thinks what they are looking for now is the conveyance of this property down here.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said the 6.5 acres.

Mayor Enns said right, in the northwest corner of the project next to the existing Smithsonian; and their conveyance, that whatever the Smithsonian does there it will have to come to the Commission for approval.

Mr. Trias said the discussion they had previously with the developer very informally was that it was to their advantage to have some...

Mayor Enns said they are going to put it in the site plan approval.

Mr. Trias said that will be staff recommendation that will be one of the conditions.

Commissioner Benton said the only thing he was concerned about was that landscaping out front just along A-1-A. He knows Mr. Simpson figured it was a good idea. The other thing he would like to say, he agrees with Dr. Rice as far as unfortunately it is not a perfect world or they wouldn't have a sewer plant out there and some of the facilities they have. But he did talk to County Commissioner Barnes the other day and hopefully this will iron out and there will be an agreement with the Smithsonian and Mr. Simpson. But if not or if it doesn't work out perfectly, hopefully they can work out something between the Historical Museum and the Aquarium over there. There is a lot of County property that has the ability to get to the water. He knows County Commissioner Barnes felt they could maybe work something out there. Hopefully they can work with them and get this straightened out.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said one final thing if he can ask staff for clarification on something. A great deal of what has been presented by the developer and what has been discussed by the Commission depends upon the architectural renderings of the building that have been presented which apparently are very first class in quality. What controls do they have in place at this point in time - and he knows it may be a minor point - to assure the Commission that if they are approving the conceptual site plan or conceptual development plan that this is the type of architectural quality the City and the Commission can expect from the project?

Mr. Trias said the only real specific control is the number of stories and the ultimate height which is four stories and 60 feet. Any additional design ideas should be mentioned as a condition.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer asked does he have anything to suggest to the Commission in that respect?

Mr. Trias said just a general comment that it will be consistent with the representations made to the City Commission through the renderings. That will be sufficient.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer asked is that acceptable?

Mr. Simpson said yes, it is.

Commissioner Sessions said as maker of the motion, he includes that stipulation.

Commissioner Nelson said Mr. Simpson and the Smithsonian have been working hard and he appreciates that very much. In his discussion when they talk about a dock in the southwest portion of that property, are they going to have accessibility to that for either him or the Smithsonian?

Mr. Simpson said they hope not because they would like to, as they have mentioned before, provide them the dockage at that location. They do not need another dock.

Commissioner Nelson asked have they all worked that out?

Mr. Simpson said they are in the process of discussing it. He does not think it would be a fair characterization to say it is totally worked out, but that is the direction they are moving in. Yes, they are doing that.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Benton, Bryan, Nelson, Sessions, and Enns. Those opposed: None.

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MAYOR ENNS DECLARED A RECESS AT 8:50 P.M. AND THEN RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 8:55 P.M.

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Ordinance No. K-106 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING SECTION 17-1 THROUGH 17-11; CREATING REVISED AND AMENDED SECTIONS 17-1 THROUGH 17-9; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT; CREATING SECTION 17-7 ENTITLED "**PLACEMENT OF UTILITY FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**" TO PROHIBIT THE OPEN CUTTING OF STREETS OR DISRUPTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION FOR, THE GRANTING OF, OR CANCELLATION OF PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL; AMENDING AND RENAMING SECTION 11-35 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "PLANTING AND MAINTAINING VEGETATION IN THE RIGHT OF WAY"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE." was placed on second and final reading and read by title only.

Mayor Enns declared a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. K-106 in session and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

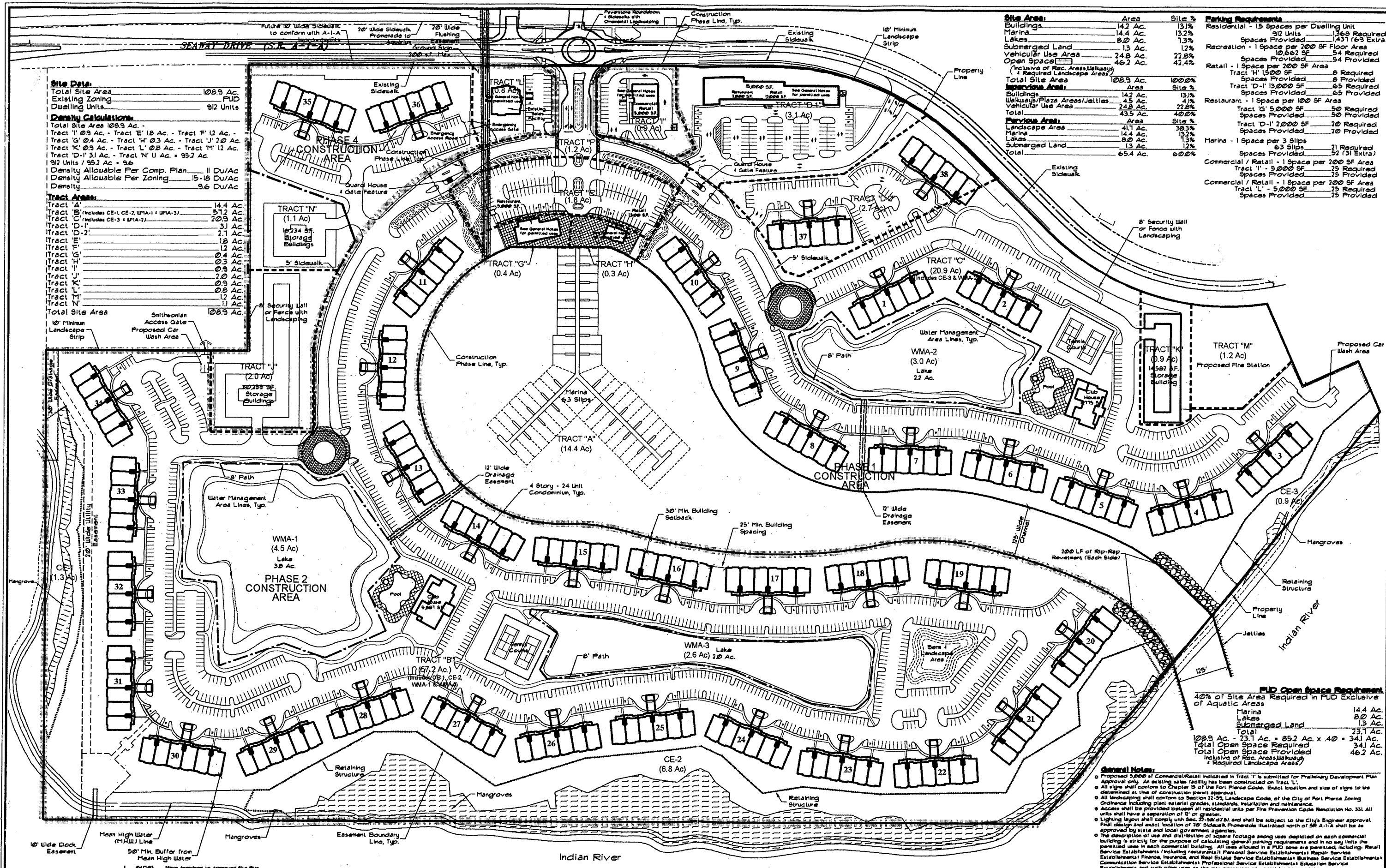
Seeing no one and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Enns declared the Public Hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Benton, that Ordinance No. K-106 be passed on second and final reading.

Commissioner Nelson said he would like to have it stated he thinks the definitions should be up front as opposed to in the body of the thing, but he is not going to insist on it.

Those voting in favor of the passage of Ordinance No. K-106 on second and final reading were: Commissioners Benton, Bryan, Nelson, Sessions, and Enns. Those opposed: None.

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**Site Data:**

Total Site Area	108.9 Ac.
Existing Zoning	FUD
Dwelling Units	912 Units

**Density Calculations:**

Total Site Area	108.9 Ac.
Tract 'I' 0.9 Ac. - Tract 'E' 1.8 Ac. - Tract 'F' 1.2 Ac. - Tract 'G' 0.4 Ac. - Tract 'H' 0.3 Ac. - Tract 'J' 2.0 Ac. - Tract 'K' 0.9 Ac. - Tract 'L' 0.8 Ac. - Tract 'M' 1.2 Ac. - Tract 'D' 1.3 Ac. - Tract 'N' 1.1 Ac. = 9.6 Ac.	
Density Allowable Per Comp. Plan	11 Du/Ac
Density Allowable Per Zoning	15-18 Du/Ac
Density	9.6 Du/Ac

**Tract Areas:**

Tract 'A'	14.4 Ac.
Tract 'B'	57.2 Ac.
Tract 'C'	20.9 Ac.
Tract 'D-1'	3.1 Ac.
Tract 'D-2'	2.7 Ac.
Tract 'E'	1.8 Ac.
Tract 'F'	1.2 Ac.
Tract 'G'	0.4 Ac.
Tract 'H'	0.3 Ac.
Tract 'I'	0.9 Ac.
Tract 'J'	2.0 Ac.
Tract 'K'	0.9 Ac.
Tract 'L'	0.8 Ac.
Tract 'M'	1.2 Ac.
Tract 'N'	1.1 Ac.
Total Site Area	108.9 Ac.

**Site Area:**

Buildings	14.2 Ac.	13.1%
Marina	14.4 Ac.	13.2%
Lakes	8.0 Ac.	7.3%
Submerged Land	1.3 Ac.	1.2%
Vehicular Use Area	24.8 Ac.	22.8%
Open Spaces	46.2 Ac.	42.4%
<i>(Inclusive of Rec. Areas/Walkways &amp; Required Landscape Areas)</i>		
Total Site Area	108.9 Ac.	100.0%

**Impervious Area:**

Buildings	14.2 Ac.	13.1%
Walkways/Plaza Areas/Jetties	4.5 Ac.	4.1%
Vehicular Use Area	24.8 Ac.	22.8%
Total	43.5 Ac.	40.0%

**Marina Area:**

Landscape Area	41.1 Ac.	38.3%
Marina	14.4 Ac.	13.2%
Lakes	8.0 Ac.	7.3%
Submerged Land	1.3 Ac.	1.2%
Total	65.4 Ac.	60.2%

**Parking Requirements:**

Residential - 15 Spaces per Dwelling Unit	912 Units	1,368 Required
Spaces Provided		1,431 (69 Extra)
Recreation - 1 Space per 200 SF Floor Area	10,862 SF	54 Required
Spaces Provided		54 Provided
Retail - 1 Space per 200 SF Area	Tract 'I' 15,000 SF	8 Required
Spaces Provided		8 Provided
Tract 'D-1' 13,000 SF		65 Required
Spaces Provided		65 Provided
Restaurant - 1 Space per 100 SF Area	Tract 'G' 5,000 SF	50 Required
Spaces Provided		50 Provided
Tract 'D-1' 2,000 SF		20 Required
Spaces Provided		20 Provided
Marina - 1 Space per 3 Slips	63 Slips	21 Required
Spaces Provided		52 (31 Extra)
Commercial / Retail - 1 Space per 200 SF Area	Tract 'I' - 5,000 SF	25 Required
Spaces Provided		25 Provided
Commercial / Retail - 1 Space per 200 SF Area	Tract 'L' - 5,000 SF	25 Required
Spaces Provided		25 Provided

**FUD Open Space Requirement:**

40% of Site Area Required in FUD Exclusive of Aquatic Areas	
Marina	14.4 Ac.
Lakes	8.0 Ac.
Submerged Land	1.3 Ac.
Total	23.7 Ac.
108.9 Ac. - 73.1 Ac. = 35.8 Ac. x 40% = 14.3 Ac.	
Total Open Space Required	34.1 Ac.
Total Open Space Provided	46.2 Ac.
<i>(Inclusive of Rec. Areas/Walkways &amp; Required Landscape Areas)</i>	

**General Notes:**

- Proposed 5,000 sq ft Commercial/Retail indicated in Tract 'I' is submitted for Preliminary Development Plan Approval only. An existing sales facility has been constructed on Tract 'I'.
- All signs shall conform to Chapter 9 of the Fort Pierce Code. Exact location and size of signs to be determined at time of construction permit approval.
- All landscaping shall conform to Section 22-55, Landscape Code, of the City of Fort Pierce Zoning Ordinance including plant material grades, standards, installation and maintenance.
- Access shall be provided between all residential units per Fire Prevention Code Resolution No. 331. All units shall have a separation of 12' or greater.
- Lighting layout shall comply with Sec. 22-58(d)(2)(b) and shall be subject to the City's Engineer approval. Final design and exact location of 20' Sidewalk, Promenade illustrated north of SR A-1A shall be as approved by state and local government agencies.
- The description of use and distribution of square footage among uses depicted on each commercial building is strictly for the purpose of calculating general parking requirements and in no way limits the permitted uses in each commercial building. All uses allowed in a FUD zone are permitted, including: Retail Service Establishments (including restaurants), Personal Service Establishments, Repair Service Establishments, Financial, Insurance, and Real Estate Service Establishments, Business Service Establishments, Communication Service Establishments, Professional Service Establishments, Education Service Establishments and such other uses as the city commission may consider appropriate.

**Scale:** 1"=100'-0"

**Drawn by:** BR

**Checked by:** GB

**CADD No.:** B-4682-site

**Date:** 09.29.03

**Development Team**

No.	Date	Description of Revision
1	04/17/03	Minor Amendment to Approved Site Plan
2	06/03/03	Block 734 Location and Car Wash Area
3	06/18/03	East Car Wash Area, Storage Bldg, Club Bldg, Pool Area
4	06/24/03	West Car Wash Area/Club Pool Area
5	06/24/03	Remove Storage Center, Add 4 Buildings
6	06/18/04	Revise per Owner, Add Signage
7	06/25/04	Revise Tract 'D' Parking/Construction Update Tract 'L' Building
8	07/15/04	Revise Tract 'I' per City Comments
9	07/29/04	Revise PIA to Tract 'N' to add Storage Building per owner

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**Harbour Isle**  
 City of Fort Pierce  
 Amendment to Approved Development Plan

Sheet 1 of 2

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**  
**CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA**

- APPROVED
- APPROVED W/CHANGES
- APPROVED W/CONDITIONS
- DISAPPROVED

MAYOR

9-20-04

DATE

- APPROVED
- APPROVED W/CHANGES
- APPROVED W/CONDITIONS
- DISAPPROVED
- NO RECOMMENDATION

CITY PLANNING BOARD

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ST. LUCIE COUNTY  
CITY OF FORT PIERCE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
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*Carolee Jule*  
CITY CLERK

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

DATE 9-21-04  
(CITY SEAL)

Commissioner Nelson said if that be the case, why don't they make a motion to that effect.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coke, seconded by Commissioner Becht, to deny the Application for Conditional Use & Site Plan submitted by Lloyd Bell for construction of four mooring pilings in an A-2, Aquatic Development Zone, for storage of a personal vessel in an area generally known as the Port of Fort Pierce, based on insufficient information submitted.

Mayor Benton said just for the record, he did meet with the applicants; and he felt Mr. Bell wasn't very supportive of this after they talked about what the person wanted to do there. Basically he wanted to bring in steel on a vacant piece of land and drive off in a truck. With all the interest in the Port, that would turn it away real quick if they allowed something like that to happen there.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Becht, Coke, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: None.

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The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearing on Application for Site Plan Review submitted by Causeway Island Trust for an Amended Preliminary and Final Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development known as Harbour Isle at 801 Seaway Drive; said property zoned PUD, Planned Unit Redevelopment Zone. (Postponed from September 7, 2004, due to Hurricane Frances.)

Mayor Benton declared a Public Hearing in session and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

**Mr. Philippe Jeck** said he is an attorney with the firm Jeck, Harris & Jones, representing the applicant. They are here after a unanimous vote of the Planning Board's support for an amendment to the Harbour Isle plan. The staff report reflects accurately the circumstances of their application and recommends approval. He is available for questions. Other than that, he did not plan on going into any details because he believes they have all the information.

Commissioner Coke said first of all she has to express the fact that she is very unhappy that they are not getting a Publix on South Beach. That would have been just a wonderful thing for many residents. Her concern is, they are going to go back to the Fire District. They, through whatever error in judgment when this was originally proposed, omitted the fact that they needed property for a Fire District there. She sees now that in essence, they are looking to sell them that piece of land for \$139,386. She would contend that with an additional 48 units of the profit level on those 48 units would be such that would be more than sufficient that property ought to be donated to the Fire District as a gesture of good faith to be part of the community, in lieu of giving them retail on South Beach.

Mr. Jeck said first he will put a little twist on the history of the donation of the property; and that is, at the time there were discussions about donation of the property when this originally came before the Commissioners. And he does not believe it was overlooked by anyone at that time. He believes it was just uncertainty about the desires of the Fire District.

Commissioner Coke said be that as it may, they can't change the past.

Mr. Jeck said on the issue she raised about selling the property, there have been very extensive continuous negotiations and discussions with the Fire District, multiple meetings, multiple correspondence exchanged, multiple efforts to work together with the County Fire District as well as City staff. The culmination of all that hard work by a lot of people was an agreement and a support from the Fire District for the condition of approval that is before them today. The expressed language in that conditional approval which says they will donate the property in exchange for getting that credit of \$140,000 on their impact fees is express language that is approved in writing by the Fire District.

Commissioner Coke said she knows. He is an attorney and she is not an attorney and that is great. But what she is telling him is that their Fire District is going to have to make up the cost of those impact fees some place along the line. The citizens of this City are going to have to pay for it. Although she is disappointed not to have the retail, she could certainly support their making however much profit they are going to make on those other 48 units and she could support this entire recommendation with the exception of the recommendation which calls for the Fire District basically to pay \$139,000. That is just her and she is only one vote. She is telling them she will support this if they would go ahead and pay the impact fees for the Fire District and be a good neighbor and contribute to the City.

Mr. Jeck said he hears her. But let him add one other element of information to the equation for their decision; and that is, what is actually happening is the developer is giving \$330,000 worth of value, donating that value right now to the Fire District over and above the \$140,000 of value they are getting the fee credit for. That \$330,000 of value that is being donated to the Fire District is double the amount that any other developer is being asked to give to the Fire District under their current policy which says that they are currently asking for \$160 per unit over and above their impact fee as a voluntary donation. So they are not only giving the \$140,000 of impact fees, they are not only giving value of \$330,000, but that \$330,000 represents actually about \$320 per unit of additional value, so that is double what any other developer in this community is being asked to give and he is just wondering why.

Commissioner Coke said she is not going to argue. The only thing she is going to tell him is that he is putting a dollar figure of \$330,000 on it. It is property and it is his that he can absolutely do nothing without the approval of this Commission and he already has a lot of buildings over there and a high profit margin and he is going to have a high profit margin on these others. As she says, she is only one vote; but she personally is not going to support this with that clause in there that the Fire District give up \$140,000 worth of impact fees. She thinks especially in this time with the hurricane having gone through, they are in a time of crisis, they need all of the public money that they can possibly get to support the Fire Department, the Police Department, Public Works, and all those things. She thinks he is making an actual contribution to the community by providing retail services and a grocery store. That contribution to the community has gone away; and in lieu of that contribution to the community there will be added profit in the developer's pocket, which is fine, he is entitled to make a profit. What she is saying, since they are not donating or making a contribution to the community in the form of providing something for the residents of

South Beach other than the residents of Harbour Isle, that he ought to consider this. She won't argue any more. She is just going to tell him, unless that is what he is doing, she is not going to support it. But she is only one vote.

Mr. Jeck said he thanks Commissioner Coke for those viewpoints. He just wants to correct another thing that may be an incorrect impression; and that is, the developer wanted the Publix and worked very hard as the file will show through written submissions to find any kind of grocery store to go in there. It was by far their preference that it occur. So the decision to change the site plan was not one that was generated because the developer wanted more profit on this project or to change that. He just wanted to correct that.

Commissioner Coke said but that was the end result.

Mayor Benton said it was unfortunate that Publix moved in on North U.S. #1. If that hadn't happened he thinks Publix probably would have been located here. Just for the record, they are not asking to cut out all the commercial space. They are talking about 10,000 square feet, right?

Mr. Jeck said it is going from 33,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet.

Mayor Benton said in here it says 23,000 square feet.

Mr. Jeck said that is an older version from several months ago.

Commissioner Becht said let's clarify that. In the packet he has he cannot clearly identify what the changes are that Mr. Jeck is requesting nor where they are. So let's get clearly on the record all of the changes he is requesting tonight be performed on his development. They are talking about reducing 33,000 square feet of commercial down to what?

Mr. Jeck said 15,000 square feet.

Commissioner Becht said that is about 18,000 square feet of eliminated commercial square footage.

Mr. Jeck said that is correct.

Commissioner Becht asked he is going to get an additional 48 units?

Mr. Jeck said two buildings with 24 units in each one which is a total of 48 units.

Commissioner Becht said they will get an additional 48 units. That brings them up to what total number of units in this project?

Mr. Jeck said 912 total units.

Commissioner Becht asked what is the density per acre?

Mr. Jeck said that is 9.6, which is well below the 15 that is in the zoning code and the 18 if they add bonuses to it.

Commissioner Becht said other than those two things, and they are talking about under some formula the donation granting of 1.2 acres to the Fire District.

Mr. Jeck said that is correct.

Commissioner Becht asked what else is happening under his proposal tonight?

Mr. Jeck said those are the main things.

Commissioner Becht said he wants to get all of them on record.

Mr. Jeck said the other things are a sign on the road which is permitted under the code, a 200 square foot sign on the road.

Commissioner Becht asked where will it be located?

Mr. Jeck said it will be located on the out parcel tract just to the west of the entranceway.

Commissioner Becht asked is this additional signage?

Mr. Jeck said no, it is the only sign that is going up along the road.

Commissioner Becht asked that is going to be 200 square feet, is that what he said?

Mr. Jeck said yes, about half the size of what the code allows.

Mr. Ramon Trias, Director of Development, asked how tall is it?

Mr. Jeck said he is not sure the exact height.

Mr. Trias said 8 feet maximum. That is what he is going to support in the approval later on.

Commissioner Becht said if they would hold their thought there. He thought if they go forward with the sign ordinance, the maximum they could have is 200 square feet.

Mr. Trias said that is one option, yes. The Commission can make that decision if they want to.

Commissioner Becht said under the ordinance Mr. Trias has presented to them for discussion later tonight, he thought the maximum square footage would be 200 square feet.

Mr. Trias said yes.

Commissioner Becht said so there is really no concession being made by the developer if they go forward with that.

Mr. Trias said no.

Commissioner Becht asked what other changes?

Mr. Jeck said a storage area that is being proposed to be added. There used to be a pond there that was to be used for I.Q. (Irrigation Quality) water, which was determined by the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority would not be an appropriate thing to do in the end of the analysis. So they were left with nothing to do with that piece of land. And because the residents have a limited number of storage units on that side, they felt it was an important service to provide them with more storage units in this area.

Commissioner Becht said that would be on the westerly edge of the property, so he is going to pick up an additional storage area. That would be how much additional storage area?

Mr. Jeck said 41 storage units.

Commissioner Becht said 41 storage units at roughly how much square footage per unit?

Mr. Jeck said the square footage is 16,234 square feet.

Commissioner Becht asked what other changes?

Mr. Jeck said those are all of the changes.

Commissioner Becht said he has the reduction of the commercial from 33,000 down to 15,000 square feet. He has an additional 48 units. He has the 1.2 acres for the Fire District under some formula. He has a 200 square foot sign on the road. And he has roughly 16,000 square feet of storage space. Are there any other changes they are making to their PUD?

Mr. Jeck said not under this application. Those are all the changes that are before the Commission today.

Commissioner Becht said there is an administrative change being made of an additional 1,500 square feet for restaurant space and something else, if he is not mistaken. Is that correct?

Mr. Jeck said yes. There is an administrative change for that which he just mentioned, and there are two others. One is, if they look at the other storage building on the west portion of the project - the one that is already approved - there is an internal storage building. If they will see the notches on the corner, where building has been removed. They are removing four storage units.

Commissioner Becht said he has actually lost four units, so they have reduced their storage by that change.

Mr. Trias said by 1,242 square feet.

Mr. Jeck said the third administrative change is, if they look at the two clubhouses that are shown in the diagram, there is one here for the west side and one here for the east side, and they have been moved over several feet. He is not sure exactly what the number of feet is.

Mr. Trias said 34 feet to the north and the east clubhouse was moved 17 feet to the north.

Mr. Jeck said to provide yard space, so the residents would enjoy a little more yard space.

Commissioner Becht asked does that cover all the changes he is requesting both administratively and through this Commission tonight?

Mr. Jeck said yes.

Commissioner Becht said he thought he had heard somewhere along the line that there was something happening with the wall.

Mr. Trias said the wall is not going in front of the commercial area, the 8 foot wall or whatever; so therefore that area of the site is not going to have a wall.

Mr. Jeck said that is not a change. There never was a wall in front of the commercial area.

Mr. Trias said right, exactly.

Commissioner Becht said he appreciates the clarification.

Mr. Trias said the point he was making is, the alternative would have been to have a wall around that and it would have been very different from a visual point of view.

Commissioner Becht said okay. He thanks Mr. Jeck for that clarification because he did not understand it from his packet; and now he does understand the changes, the benefits to the owner, and the benefits to the Fire District. What he is still being troubled by is what is the benefit to the City. So let him ask that directly, because he is bothered by these things and he wants to give Mr. Jeck an opportunity to respond to them. Quite frankly he is bothered by them going from initially what he had seen as a Planning Board Member, which was 820 units, to 862 units to now 912 units. And he understands they will be able to sell them, that is not a problem; but there is an additional impact on the island, on the community, and on the road system, so he is bothered by that. The developer picks up roughly an additional 16,000 square feet of storage space. Where is the benefit to the City?

Mr. Jeck said he thinks this whole project offers a tremendous benefit to this City considering where they were at the time this project was first proposed and his client decided to invest in this community when nobody else would for many years. So there is a tremendous benefit to the businesses in this City of having a residential base near downtown, a residential base of 912 units that is still far below what the maximum code allows. It provides a source of revenue for not only the businesses in the downtown area, but the entire beachfront area. The community that will be there will also provide some safe harbor for the boats in the area, which the importance of that has been demonstrated to all of them unfortunately with the recent hurricane.

Commissioner Becht said he doesn't mean to interrupt him, but what he is looking at in particular is the benefit to the City of the additional burden on the City by these additional units. That is what he is looking for.

Mr. Jeck said he doesn't view it as a burden to add additional units. Again, he would say the additional units are an advantage to the City because there is certainly a market. The market is driving the need for that. The market is not driving the need for a Publix unfortunately, as they found out. The additional people in the community will add additional tax base to the community in an area that is, remember this is a community redevelopment zone. This is an area they have targeted as a community to cause there to be development in here. They have encouraged and have many policies on record of encouraging projects such as this to be developed in this area. So he would say there is a tremendous benefit to the community in achieving all of its policies under its CRA plan. So there are just numerous benefits being brought to them. The additional benefits to the tax base. The fact that his

client is donating approximately \$650,000 for the construction of a roundabout. The fact that his client is donating the land to the Fire District. The fact that the client has agreed to contribute to the cost of the underground utilities along Seaway Drive. The client has agreed to contribute \$50,000 for landscaping and construction in and around Chuck's Seafood.

Commissioner Becht said let him stop him there. Some of the things Mr. Jeck has mentioned, the developer has to do with his 862 units. The \$50,000, is that something that was negotiated in exchange for these additional units?

Mr. Jeck said no.

Commissioner Becht asked the roundabout, that was not something that was added because of these units?

Mr. Jeck said no.

Commissioner Becht said once again, he is trying to focus on what additional burdens Harbour Isle has picked up because of this. He sees 48 additional units that will add to the tax base, but they are also going to create a corresponding burden in terms of services. Mr. Jeck mentioned the utilities, the burying of the utilities, that is something new he believes.

Mr. Jeck said yes.

Commissioner Becht asked are the utilities buried now or not, as they speak tonight?

Mr. Jeck said he believes they are buried.

Commissioner Becht said that was his understanding is that they are buried. So how is that going to work? Somebody, FPUA he presumes, has already buried the utilities. So how is that going to work?

Mr. Jeck said they agreed to reimburse \$307,000 for that expense.

Commissioner Becht asked is that something they all have talked to FPUA about?

Mr. Jeck said that has been agreed upon and that is a condition of approval.

Commissioner Becht said that is in addition to anything else they may have with FPUA. That is the type of benefit he is looking for in trying to understand why he should alter what was a good plan before and a plan good enough for the developer. But now he wants to change the plan. Which his problem is that they are taking away what he perceives to be long term a need for commercial space because the current market is driven by residential. Five or ten years from now they are going to need more commercial space. This project is designed with that commercial space in mind. And now, with the pressures of the current economy, they are going to change that long term plan into a short term plan that is more economically sensible today. That is where he is coming from.

Mr. Jeck said he won't debate whether it is a long term or short term benefit about this commercial change with him other than knowing anecdotally that the businesses in the area are relieved to have less commercial space there and more residents there.

Commissioner Nelson said the consulting engineer is the guy he wants to talk to relative to the installation of that second storage area. They talked about that storage area they are putting in there replaces the retention pond, right?

Mr. Jeck said that was an I.Q. pond.

Commissioner Nelson asked what is that impact going to be with respect to drainage in that area?

**Mr. Butch Terpening**, Culpepper & Terpening, Inc., said the pond Commissioner Nelson is referring to was never intended to be nor was it intended to be a drainage or retention pond. It was an irrigation pond which was to take the effluent from the Utilities Authority's Wastewater Plant and provide irrigation to the project. It was an off line pond. When the U.A. decided not to provide water quality sufficient for irrigation, there was no other need for that pond. That is why they eliminated it.

Commissioner Nelson said Mr. Terpening is the engineer on that, so he will be looking at him. He is not going to forget it. When he gets flooded in that area, he will come and see Mr. Terpening.

Seeing no one further and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Benton declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Benton asked what was Staff's recommendation?

Mr. Trias said Staff and Planning Board recommend approval with conditions and the conditions are fairly detailed. These are listed in the staff report and he would suggest they incorporate those conditions.

Mayor Benton said he has a question of their two Fire Board members. Is the Fire District agreeable to the conditions and the property and everything?

Commissioner Alexander said yes and he would be a man of his word to Harbour Isle, that because of the Fire Board being agreeable with this, that is why he would go forth with it.

Commissioner Becht said the Fire District is represented here tonight. He doesn't know that they have seen the specific language that is in these conditions; and so there is no further miscues, he is wondering if they would care to comment or read or make certain that this language is sufficient to take care of their needs.

**Mr. Ken Crooks**, Fire District Attorney, said he has seen the language and it is exactly what they had proposed with Mr. Jeck.

Commissioner Nelson asked is it totally acceptable?

Mr. Crooks said acceptable.

Mayor Benton said that is what he wanted to hear. He wanted to make sure.

Commissioner Coke said she would like to make a comment along those lines, because she spoke with the Fire Chief; and the Fire Chief said although this was the best deal they could negotiate, he would be much happier if somehow they could get him his impact fees.

Mr. Crooks said of course they would willing to take that as well.

Mr. Trias said just to set the record straight. The conditions were drafted by Mr. Jeck at his request; and the reason was that this is the result of many months of negotiations between many different people. And obviously perfection is impossible and there is always some compromise, and he thinks they reflect some level of compromise. However, this is exactly what came out after all those months. The Commission is welcome to accept it or make any recommendations they want.

Mayor Benton said he knows when he spoke to them at one point they were looking at four buildings and no commercial, and he couldn't have accepted that because they do need commercial over there. The developer was willing to work with them. He just cut it down and there is still some commercial space there.

Commissioner Coke said her concern is, they started to look toward addressing the needs of the Fire District; and if the Chief says he would agree to this because it is the best he felt he could do, she thinks it would behoove three of them, especially those of them on the Fire Board, to at least ask Mr. Simpson if there is not some way he couldn't partner with this community that little bit more. Because she is sure he will be making enough profit on those 48 units that he could pay the impact fees for the Fire District. She thinks it is just a bad precedence to set, waiving the impact fees.

Mayor Benton said that is why he asked, because he felt the Fire District already dealt with this.

Commissioner Alexander said when he said he is a man of integrity, he spoke concerning that. Now if Mr. Simpson in the near future wants to make that donation to the community... But he can't hold him hostage for not making that suggestion.

Commissioner Becht said he is a man of integrity and he has had several meetings with Mr. Terpening in which he has told him that he doesn't think this is good planning. He doesn't think it is good to increase the number of units because he thinks it is an overload on the community as it is. And he doesn't think taking away the commercial is good. So if they are going to strike an accord or a compromise tonight, he is not in favor of the additional units, he just doesn't think it is good planning. But if he can get a benefit for the Utilities Authority which appears to be substantial and if he can get a substantial benefit to the Fire District... And he has to tell them, he is not happy about this being the location of the Fire Station. He would prefer that the Fire Station be located down by the museum. But if, as Commissioner Nelson is so fond of saying, this will make everybody happy. He would be happy if they could get a complete donation of the land, that would appease him in terms of giving the additional units and having the Fire Station located on what otherwise would be commercial property. Because if the applicant understands, it is not just the loss of the 18,000 square feet of commercial, it is the 1.2 acres, because if the Fire District goes there, he is going to lose that for commercial space as well. So in order for him to be happy, that property will have to be outright donated; and then Mr. Simpson will get his additional units and his additional storage. But, as Commissioner Coke said earlier, he is just one vote here.

Commissioner Nelson said he certainly wants everybody to be happy. He thinks Mr. Simpson is in the audience tonight. He wonders whether or not he could come down here. Maybe he might have been struck by the good fairy to say something good to the Commission tonight and try to really make everybody happy.

**Mr. Mason Simpson**, Harbour Isle Development, said he appreciates all they have said and he has heard all of their comments. He truly believes, as Mr. Jeck said, that Harbour Isle has done everything it should and it is being a good citizen here. He would reiterate some of that and he would say to them that they are already paying double in terms as Mr. Jeck explained the arithmetic to them. The donation of that land is twice what the Fire District has been accepting from other developers as a contribution in lieu of land. It would seem to him that if this Commission is going to make the decision that everybody gives twice as much, then it is a fair thing for Harbour Isle to give twice as much. But he would remind them that Harbour Isle came here at a time... He remembers the night they came before the Planning Board, September 9, 2001, was the night they came before the Planning Board. Frankly it was a scary night for all of them. And he was wondering if he needed to have his head examined, not because it was Fort Pierce or not because it was development that required people from outside the area to buy it because it is second home stuff, but wondering if there was even going to be an America in a couple of weeks. They all know how they felt and he doesn't need to tell them. But they stayed the course and the City worked with them all and has been very good to them. Through the CRA contribution, if they will call it that, that Harbour Isle is making, there is roughly \$70 million worth of CRA funds that are going to come to this City. And with all due respect to Commissioner Coke and her suppositions about the profit of Harbour Isle, a lot of the profit of Harbour Isle has been taken away by things like concrete being twice as much as it used to be. He will remind them when they sold this project - yes, they sold it all in one day - but when they sold it concrete was \$50 a yard, now it is \$80, and steel was half as much as it is today. Everything they are buying there is costing a lot more. But by virtue of the fact that they entered into what is known as a hard contract, a binding contract with their purchasers, they are delivering the units at what they thought was going to be their cost plus a little increase, and it turns out that little increase is a large increase. They all know that people are reselling those units and making \$100,000 and some people as much as \$150,000 on them and he thinks those are fair values for them. But to characterize Harbour Isle Development as the high profit guy with the big deep pockets that ought to just keep giving and giving, he honestly really thinks Harbour Isle has given all that it should give. And frankly, their profit margins are a whole lot thinner than most people presume. He thinks what he would answer to all that is, he would like to not do that. But if this Commission is going to make the decision that everybody is going to pay double... In other words, the Fire District has been taking roughly \$160 per unit in addition to impact fees as what they like to see developers give, if this Commission is going to bump that to \$320 per unit and from now on everybody is going to pay that, then he will pay it. But it is not coming from deep pockets that are endless, he can tell them that. He doesn't think it is fair to apply it just to Harbour Isle.

Commissioner Nelson asked is he saying that even though he doesn't necessarily think it is fair, but to make everybody happy he will go along with this proposal?

Mr. Simpson said no, not unless they are going to double it for everybody. He sees other projects on the agenda tonight that are here for approval that have already agreed. As Mr. Crooks explained, they spent a good deal of time talking to the Fire Chief. He told Commissioner Coke he would like to have a little more, well he will go tell her he would like a little less if she would let him sit down with her for a few minutes. He would say yes, he gave him that much and he would have liked to have not given him that much, but he did it anyhow because he felt they reached a fair compromise.

Commissioner Nelson said he has been a gentleman all along in this project and they certainly appreciate his project over all. But Mr. Simpson he would certainly make him happy if he would go ahead and do that. He just believes Mr. Simpson could do it and not suffer too greatly. Why can't he just do that?

Mr. Simpson said Commissioner Nelson has not responded to his question. If they are going to do this for everyone...

Commissioner Nelson said he is going to get there, because he is going to say as a precedent they had one developer who did this, now why can't the other developer do the same thing. He operates on the basis of principle and precedent; and if he does it to one, he will do it to another. He will tell him again, he can't think of a finer project they have in this City than Mr. Simpson has over there and he commends him for it. But they are caught shorthanded because of the fact that they didn't lock in the Fire Department's needs over there. They are caught shorthanded because they didn't consummate the deal to get that Publix grocery store or some other type of commercial venture in there, which might have been a good selling point that made them sell 864 units initially because they felt they could walk down the street and buy their groceries. Now they can't do that. They will have to go down to beg some food from the Fire Department people. They have good food in the Fire Department. So if Mr. Simpson were to do this, it might work for everybody's advantage and all these guys might be happy. How much money are they talking about?

Mr. Simpson said \$140,000.

Commissioner Nelson said \$140,000. Don't tell him how much the whole project is going to be. He thinks they can afford it. Do that to make him happy.

Mr. Simpson said okay. If Commissioner Nelson tells him they are going to double that fee and they are going to make everybody else pay it from here on, he will do it.

Commissioner Nelson said he can't say that, because he is only one vote. He tries to persuade people, but he is not very good persuading these guys. He has a lady sitting on his left and a young fellow that sits on the right side over there who are hardheaded.

Mr. Simpson said there are two other Commissioners who have sat here tonight and said they think he ought to give it. So that means, he presumes, they think it is fair that everybody pay twice as much as they are paying. If that is the consensus of this Commission, then he will do it.

Commissioner Nelson said they follow him in terms of trying to be fair and follow precedent and protocol and he can't see them backing off from it. If they do it to one and they do it to the other. He recognizes that the whole idea of the Fire Department thing has been a hot potato for them for quite some time in this situation. There is definitely a need. But hose guys over there who have been on the Fire Board, they don't think like he thinks.

Mr. Simpson said if they all want to make the Fire Chief happy, let him have his CRA money. That is what the Fire Chief told him he would like to have.

Commissioner Nelson said they are working on something on that too. The final question, what is Mr. Simpson going to do for him?

Mr. Simpson said he told him he would go along with it if they are going to raise the bar for everybody else.

Mayor Benton said if they are going to raise the bar for everybody else starting right now.

Commissioner Nelson asked is everybody happy with that?

Commissioner Alexander said they need to get legal advice on that.

Commissioner Becht said the problem he has with the way it has been characterized, the way they are characterizing the donation is based on valuation of the land. He does not know what the 1.2 acres is worth. Mr. Simpson is the investor and the developer, not himself, so he doesn't want to go there. But the Fire District has made certain acceptances of cash donations based on certain things. That number per unit is in flux. It is somewhere in the neighborhood of what they are talking about, but he doesn't know that is where it is going to stay.

Commissioner Nelson asked it is not going to go down, does he think?

Commissioner Becht said no, it is not going to go down. He is not here to punish Mr. Simpson and he is not here to extract or extort anything out of him. He doesn't like the additional units. The compromise is, if the Fire District gets something and the Utilities Authority gets something and Mr. Simpson gets something, then he can see his way through to approve the additional units. That is where he is. He has tried to be as honest as he can.

Commissioner Coke asked do they want to ask her opinion since she was the other one opening her mouth? Before Mr. Simpson and Commissioner Nelson put words in her mouth, she will put them there herself. She thinks the issue is not a specific dollar amount per unit, because she doesn't think that is within this Commission's realm, that is something the Fire Board decides. She thinks the issue here has become - and she would agree with Commissioner Becht that she is very disappointed, as she said up front - to see the retail go. She thinks that would have been a blessing for the whole community, especially those on South Beach. But when they talk about raising the bar and raising the donation level, she thinks when they look at the totality of a project and the impact that this project is going to have. Granted, it is a great project, they love it, and it is bringing wonderful things to the community; but it also is going to have a huge impact on the roads and the Fire District services and all those other things. And

considering that, that is why she thinks if they ever have another project coming in of this size, this Commission would probably have learned from its mistakes and say those guys need to give an "x" amount of space for the Fire District right up front. They won't make that mistake again. So then she won't be bargaining with them at the end of it and asking could they do this for them? She would prefer to see the retail space stay there. She would agree with Commissioner Becht. If the retail space is going away based on the fact that they are compromising and getting something good for the Utilities Authority and the Fire District, she could support it.

Mayor Benton said he doesn't think this Commission made any mistakes when Mr. Simpson first came here. They looked at this as a gift horse, as something the City hasn't seen since the day Ocean Village was built. None of them dreamed in their wildest dreams that the economy and the housing market would do what it had done. Plus when Mr. Simpson came to him, he doesn't know of any developer in the 16 years he has been involved (with the Planning Board and the City Commission) that has ever come to Homeowner's Associations first and asked what do they think of this? Most of the time they get it shoved down their throat. He has to say he appreciates working with Mr. Simpson. The inland marina on this property was the way to go. Most of the developers would put it out there in the river and destroy the river. So he has worked with folks, he has worked with him, he has worked with the Homeowner's Association out there and the staff, and he thinks Mr. Simpson has done a lot more than any developer he has ever had any dealings with and he thinks Mr. Trias could back that up and the Fire District. They have been through this for how many years now? And each time Mr. Simpson comes back with something, they try to extract more. He hopes they do that with everybody else that comes back. There was some discussion here, are they going to be able to, if this is going to be in the motion, charge every developer the new charge?

Commissioner Nelson said he could word the motion to have this addressed with future developers.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer asked is he talking about the charge that the Fire District has voted on for every unit to be paid over and above the impact fees? Is that the charge he is talking about?

Mr. Trias said the way he understands this - and if he is wrong, correct him - what the developer is proposing is to donate the land and then get some impact fees back; and his interpretation of that value is that he is giving more money than the impact fees would be in any event. He doesn't think the developer is proposing to have a different impact fee, he is simply saying donate the land and pay the impact fee in place already. So he doesn't believe there is any suggestion to change the impact fees from the Fire District. However, from the developer's point of view, he believes he is paying more money than the impact fees. That is the way he understands the discussion.

Mr. Simpson said that is correct.

Commissioner Nelson asked is that his interpretation too?

Mr. Simpson said technically the way things are put together right now - and Mr. Schwerer and Mr. Trias can correct him if he is wrong - legally and technically right now the Fire District is technically happy to have their impact fee, which is something they

have asked for and has been duly processed and approved, and in recent days he thinks they have been asking for additional contributions of cash in lieu of land to build fire stations on if the project isn't big enough to be able to carve out or maybe doesn't need to have it carved out. So they were willing to go along with the original idea, which was that they pay the Fire impact fee just like everyone else does. And then came the issue of it is a big project, so... Nobody missed anything that first time around, the Fire District didn't ask for this so the City didn't ask for this, nobody did, and it just wasn't discussed. So it wasn't really overlooked, it just wasn't talked about. At any rate, now they are saying other big projects around the County maybe and maybe in Fort Pierce that have had enough land that they could carve out an acre or two and say there is the Fire Station site. They have gotten that plus the impact fees. For the smaller projects they said that works out to about \$160 a unit in their estimation, so if they don't have enough room for a Fire Station on their property or their project is too small to need one dedicated to it, then they just give them the \$160 per unit plus the impact fee and they will be happy. Where Harbour Isle is here is they are giving, if they want to look at it that way, the impact fees plus \$320 a unit. It seems to him that is unfair to Harbour Isle. But he also sees he is kind of forcing them all into some kind of a policy decision here that they are not totally comfortable with. And that is not really his idea. He is just trying to talk in terms of fairness. It is not an endless pit of money. He can't just keep writing checks for whatever people ask for. But in fairness, if they all think that everybody should be paying that much additional and they are going to do that in the future, then he can't very well stand here and say that the difference between making money and not making money is \$140,000 over there, he doesn't think it is that tight. But it is not a bottomless pit of money. And while he does not think it is fair, because he negotiated with the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief and he agreed, and Mr. Crooks has told them they spent a long time getting to where they are. The Fire Chief said "This will do it, Mason, if you will agree to this, it will do it. I will be happy." Now he goes back to his wife and says he gave more than he had to or more than he wanted to. But the Fire Chief said it was okay. Now the Fire Chief goes to Commissioner Coke and says he got as much as he could get, but sure he would like to have more. And so here he stands renegotiating the deal one more time.

Commissioner Coke said she is not really looking to renegotiate. But the point is, the renegotiation was brought up by Harbour Isle wanting to do away with the retail space, which was going to be a tremendous asset to the community, and put in two more buildings. She thinks that Commissioner Becht has a valid point, that in 10 years time they will have a desperate need for that retail space there.

Mr. Simpson said he thinks they should be so lucky as to have a desperate need for retail space in this town. Everything along A-1-A that is currently residential or lower valued commercial can get wiped out and new commercial can be built there. They have plenty of room.

Commissioner Coke said if they are moving all of these people in, there will be a need for retail.

Mr. Simpson said he hopes so, from her mouth to God's ear. But he begged for Publix to come here and Publix said no, there will never

ever be enough rooftops on Hutchinson Island that they will put a Publix store there. He went over the guy and he went around the guy and went to the top of Publix to Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Jenkins said they are not going to do it. Now they have done shopping centers with Publix in them and love to have Publix and they like them. But trust him, it isn't going to happen here.

Mayor Benton said they have one grocery store out there that is real happy that Publix isn't coming out there. They have been waiting for their day in the sunshine for ten years. And he thinks they are going to finally have it until the big guy comes in. To him, he thinks they have beat this to death. That is why he specifically asked the Fire Board members, and he is sure the Fire Board had discussion, if they were happy and if they were agreeable to the agreement that was drawn up.

Commissioner Alexander said he just has to reiterate that he talked to Mr. Simpson and he gave him his word. And he just wants to let one thing to be known that any of the monetary value is a donation. It is not required that they do anything, but it is a donation on their behalf, and he is going to leave it like that.

Mayor Benton said he believes when he bought that property it was for \$140,000. Today he could probably sell it for about three or four times that easily.

Mr. Simpson said he has one other quick question. He knows they have beat this thing all night long. That price of \$470,000 was an MAI appraisal, Dan Fuller did it. And so the value is not inflated or anything else. In fact, it was over a year ago. On point with what Mayor Benton is saying, it is probably worth \$600,000 or \$700,000 now. But he agreed a year ago to hold the price for the Fire Chief when he didn't even know if he wanted it. Last summer, he is talking about the summer of 2003, the Fire Chief said he is not sure he really wants to be there and asked if he could he hold it for him for a while. He told the Fire Chief he would hold it for him for a while and he will hold the price. And so a year has come and gone, and now not only is he holding the price, he is being asked to give it away.

Commissioner Becht said he would just like to clarify a couple of things. Back in September when Mr. Simpson came to the Planning Board, if he will go back to the Minutes, he will see comments from him that he thought he had underestimated their market. It will be in there. And he asked him why he was just building two bedroom, two bath units instead of a mix in there. They will see it in the Minutes. It is not his money. Mr. Simpson is the guy standing at the plate doing it. And he wants to thank him for what he has done. He ought to be thanked. He ought to be complimented. But he has an approved project and now he is coming in and he wants to tinker with it. The tinkering he is doing has some good things and the tinkering he is doing has some bad things. The bad things to his way of thinking outweigh the good things unless they can get the additional concessions. Commissioner Coke several weeks ago at a public meeting here said she would have preferred that the land be donated. He does not know in what context it came up, but it wasn't this week or last week that she made that position known, and it was in a public forum. Mr. Simpson wasn't here, so he doesn't know how he would have found out about it, but it wasn't at the last minute. And he himself has for the last two months at the Fire Board meetings said this is not the solution to this problem because he for one can't approve the reduction in the commercial

taking, the 1.2 acres out of commercial production and the reduced square footage. So he has been consistent over there. He is sorry that Mr. Simpson got signals from other directions. He has talked with Mr. Terpening repeatedly and said he just doesn't think it is good planning for the City. He appreciates what Mr. Simpson has done. He likes the project he has. But he wants to tinker with it, and he is not real happy with all the tinkering he is doing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the Site Plan submitted by Causeway Island Trust for an Amended Preliminary and Final Development Plan for a Planned Unit Development known as Harbour Isle at 801 Seaway Drive, with the conditions outlined in the memorandum by Staff dated August 2, 2004: (1) The developer will pay for underground utilities along the front of the site. (2) Harbour Isle Development, LLC, or its affiliates, (collectively "HID") will deed Tract M of the Plat of Harbour Isle to the St. Lucie County Fire District ("District") under the following conditions: (a) HID will deliver the deed to the district no later than 12/31/04; (b) The District will not charge HID and will waive the St. Lucie County Fire/EMS impact fees in the amounts of 912 residential units at \$148 each and 31,500 square feet of commercial retail/restaurant space at \$140 per 1,000 square feet for a total of \$139,386; (c) No St. Lucie County Fire/EMS impact fees are applicable to the recreation buildings and storage buildings serving the condominiums or the marina boat slips, but if any such impact fees become applicable, they will not be charged and will be waived by the District; (d) Tract M will not be subject to the Master Declaration or other Harbour Isle PUD conditions; and (e) At its expense, HID shall use its best efforts to cause Tract M to not be subject to the conditions of the Harbour Isle PUD permits from the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Commissioner Nelson said he thinks the City Attorney could have added some clarity to the point that Mr. Simpson and he were discussing relative to precedence being established in relations to other following developers making similar concessions. Commissioner Becht is always talking about his favorite thing, let's raise the bar. He would much rather have had that discussion. He will give the City Attorney a chance to make that input if he so desires at this time; otherwise, they are going to vote on it one way or the other.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer asked is there a question?

Commissioner Nelson said precedent and the possibility of the Commission having to impose similar type of constraints on future developers as Mr. Simpson was offering relative to the impact fees.

Assistant City Attorney Schwerer said let him try to address that. Mr. Trias was right on point, what he was simply saying is that is the developer's way of valuing what his contribution is by weighing it against what the current impact fee is. His advice to this Commission is to stay as far away from impact fees as they can. They presented a proposal that says they want a waiver of the impact fees and they are willing to donate it. He is valuing that donation by saying it is twice the current rate for the extra units. His advice to the Commission is to value it for whatever benefit they feel it is to the City or the community or whatever the benefit is to the developer to get these extra units. The Commission is here to weigh the benefits and detriments of this

proposal. Mr. Simpson is here for a modification of the site plan. It has a number of conditions to it. They can approve that as stated in the report, they can disapprove it, or they can approve it with additional conditions provided the developer agrees to those conditions, but they cannot force him to agree to it. They can either approve it or disapprove it, unless he agrees to the change they want him to make. Is that clear?

Commissioner Nelson said like muddy water.

Mr. Trias said just to help him with the information, as he said before, these conditions are a result of many months of negotiations. In his view, this is what everybody could live with and everybody agreed to live with. And short of him making a different statement today, he thinks that is probably the best negotiated agreement they can get. But if they choose to make a strong message and do something else, they obviously have that ability and power.

Commissioner Nelson said hears him and it appears everybody agrees with it, but they have two Commissioners that are straddling the fence. The objective was to make truly everybody happy. He is not sure they are going to achieve that under the present circumstances. Mr. Simpson did offer an olive branch there, but he put it on the head of future developers and he laid it down.

Mayor Benton said just to add to that discussion, they have talked about raising the bar and they are waiting for that consultant to come in and do so, but it is still a fact that a good part of Fort Pierce does not have impact fees at all. So it is hard to say they are going to raise the bar to one when there is a good chunk of the City they can do anything they want and not pay a dime in impact fees. And that has to be addressed now that the world has found out about Fort Pierce. It is hard to extract until they change the rules and he thinks they need to change the rules soon. But he has been at it for a long time.

Commissioner Coke said she would just make one point in reference to what Mr. Trias said that a lot of people have been working on this. She thinks had staff come to this Commission right up front and said they are negotiating giving up "x" amount of retail space for this, how would they like to see the negotiation go, she would have told them. Number one, she doesn't want to see the retail space diminished; but number two, if it is diminished, then this community as a whole needs to see a great value in exchange for what they are losing.

Mr. Trias said right. That is the purpose of this meeting. This is the meeting when they get a chance to say that.

Commissioner Coke said she knows. But she is saying, had they told her up front, they would have known right up front that she would not be happy with giving up the retail; and if they were going to give up the retail, then she would have told them right up front to donate the land for the Fire Department.

Mr. Trias said basically the nature of the compromise was that they give up half of the retail and they gave up half of the units.

Commissioner Coke said she would have liked if staff had called and asked what did she think prior to this point.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: Commissioners Becht and Coke.

Commissioner Nelson said that means most of them are happy.

Mr. Simpson said thank you. He appreciates it.

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The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearing on Application for Waiver of Distance submitted by Dennis M. Franklin of Pizzoodle's, Inc., for a 2-COP license for a restaurant to be located at 222 Orange Avenue; said property zoned C-4, Central Commercial Zone. (Postponed from August 2, 2004. Postponed from September 7, 2004, due to Hurricane Frances.)

Mayor Benton declared a Public Hearing in session and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

**Mr. Mitchell Weiss** said he is the General Manager of Pizzoodle's making the request.

Commissioner Becht asked when would he be open?

Mr. Weiss said hopefully the end of this week or the middle of next week.

Seeing no one further and hearing no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Benton declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Benton asked what was Staff's recommendation?

Mr. Ramon Trias, Director of Development, said Staff and Planning Board recommend approval.

Commissioner Becht asked where is this restaurant going to be?

Commissioner Nelson said 222 Orange Avenue.

Mr. Trias said next to Jiffy Print.

Commissioner Alexander said it was a restaurant there not too long ago.

Commissioner said all right, he knows where it is now.

Motion was made by Commissioner Becht, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, to approve a Waiver of Distance requested by Dennis M. Franklin of Pizzoodle's, Inc., for a 2-COP license for a restaurant to be located at 222 Orange Avenue.

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Commissioners Alexander, Becht, Coke, Nelson, and Benton. Those opposed: None.

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Ordinance No. K-285 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, TO INCLUDE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE **WEST SIDE OF STATE ROAD A-1-A, NORTH OF BLUE HERON BOULEVARD (LOT 11, BLOCK 17, RE-PLAT OF SURFSIDE PLAZA UNIT NUMBER ONE)**; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER TO ASSESS SAID PROPERTY AND PLACE IT ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2005; DIRECTING THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT TAXES ON THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; CERTIFYING PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; ZONING SAID LAND; ESTABLISHING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION; REPEALING ALL