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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: October 19, 2011

SUBJECT: **REPORT OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.**

A meeting of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee was held on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 2:30 pm in the Training Room, 3rd, 1755 Meridian Avenue. **Commissioners in attendance:** Commissioners Edward L. Tobin, Jerry Libbin, and Deede Weithorn. Members from the Administration and the public were also in attendance. Please see the attached sign-in sheet.

THE MEETING OPENED AT 2:50 PM

1. STATUS REPORT ON SUNRISE PLAZA. (2:50 PM)

(Returning, as requested, from the May 5, 2011 NCAC meeting for a status report; originally referred at April 14, 2011 Commission, Item C4C, Requested by Commissioner Tobin).

Fred Beckmann, Public Works Department Director, recapped the status of the Sunrise Plaza project, as described in the memo included in the agenda package.

Commissioner Tobin requested that Mr. Beckmann schedule a conference call to include him and Staff with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). He also requested to be provided some backup information on this matter prior to the conference call.

Commissioner Libbin asked for clarification as to any delay in the timeline for the project. Mr. Beckmann explained that there is no slippage in the timeline.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioners Tobin, Libbin, and Weithorn present) took no action as this was a status report.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE INTERIM TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN FOR LA GORCE AND PINETREE DRIVES. (2:55 PM)

(Referred at May 11, 2011 Commission, Item C4C, Requested by Commissioner Jorge R. Exposito)

Fred Beckmann, Public Works Department Director, provided the background for this item. He explained that the issue is now pending the approval of the Joint Participation Agreement (JPA). The County is providing the funding for the project to install speed cushions/speed bumps. The City is currently in discussion with Esther Calas, the County's Public Works Director, regarding who will pay the soft costs for the project.

Commissioner Tobin requested Mr. Beckmann to schedule a conference call for him to speak with Staff and Ms. Calas. He also asked Mr. Beckman to look into the status of the project that was to put speed bumps on Lakeview Drive and report back to him next week.

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Mr. Beckmann estimated the soft costs at \$25,000 and the project is expected to begin in January 2012. Commissioner Weithorn asked if this new estimated start date has been communicated to the neighborhood; she stated that the residents were last advised of a start date of October 2011. She directed staff to advise the neighborhoods impacted that the City will not begin the project in October, but in January.

Commissioner Libbin suggested not delaying the project because of \$25,000 and the City should absorb the \$25,000 and move forward. Commissioner Weithorn stated that she has no problem in advancing the \$25,000 to get the project moving and work on resolving the issue of the soft costs without delaying the project.

Commissioner Libbin made a motion to recommend that the City advance the \$25,000 for the soft costs to get the project moving while continuing to work with the County to resolve the dispute over who is responsible for these costs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tobin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioners Tobin, Libbin, and Weithorn present) recommended that the City advance the \$25,000 for the soft costs to get the project moving while continuing to work with the County to resolve the dispute over who is responsible for these costs. **(Vote: 3-0)**

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 26, SECTIONS 2-190.107 AND SECTION 2-190.110 OF THE CITY CODE, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDAC), TO AMEND THE CITY AFFILIATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE. (3:07 PM)

(Returning from the June 3, 2011 NCAC meeting; originally referred at April 13, 2011 Commission Item R5H, Requested by Commissioner Weithorn)

Hilda M. Fernandez, Assistant City Manager, explained that an option being considered today would be to allow the second appointment by each commissioner to be either a resident that is not part of the target area or a non-resident who sits on the board of an organization in a leadership capacity that serves either a low or moderate income persons. However, that individual's organization cannot be a recipient of City CDBG or HOME funds.

Commissioner Libbin asked when this would have to be implemented. City Attorney Jose Smith explained that someone's existing term cannot be cut short; however this option would become effective when current terms expire.

Commissioner Tobin moved to recommend to the Commission to allow the second appointment by each Commissioner to the CDAC to be either a resident that is not part of the target area or a non-resident who sits on the board of an organization in a leadership capacity that serves either a low or moderate income persons. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Libbin.

ACTION: The Committee (Commissioners Tobin, Libbin, and Weithorn present) approved a motion to recommend to the Commission to allow the second appointment by each Commissioner to the CDAC to be either a resident that is not part of the target area or a non-resident who sits on the board of an organization in a leadership capacity that serves either a low or moderate income persons (but does not receive CDBG or HOME funds).

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:08 PM.

Note: The remaining meetings of the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee for 2011 are:

November 10, 2011 (Thursday)
December 8, 2011 (Thursday)



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