

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the County Administration Building, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting; review the meeting agenda, backup material and the minutes on Indian River County website www.ircgov.com/Boards/PZC/2008.

Present were members: Chairman **George Hamner**, Member-at-Large; **Gerard Weick**, District 2 Appointee; **Craig Fletcher**, District 3 Appointee; **Greg Smith**, District 4 Appointee; **George Lawrence**, District 5 Appointee; Dr. **Richard Baker**, Member-at-Large.

Absent were **Donna Keys**, District 1 Appointee (excused) and **Ann Reuter**, non-voting School Board Liaison (unexcused).

Also present was IRC staff: George Glenn, Assistant County Attorney; Bob Keating, Community Development Director; Stan Boling, Planning Director; Sasan Rohani, Chief, Long Range Planning; John McCoy and Bill Schutt, Senior Planners; Himanshu Mehta, Environmental Engineer, Utilities Department; Cliff Suthard, Stormwater Division Project Engineer; and Reta Smith, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (6:27:32)

Chairman Hamner called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed several high school students in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes (6:28:19)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Lawrence, SECONDED BY Mr. Fletcher, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the minutes of the Mining Workshop dated April 9, 2008 and the Planning & Zoning meeting of April 24, 2008, as presented.

Items Not on Consent (6:28:33)

Chairman Hamner read the following into the record:

- A. Egret Marsh Stormwater Treatment Facility:** Request for major site plan and administrative permit use approval for the Egret Marsh Stormwater Treatment facility. Indian River County, Owner. Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., Agent. Located on the southeast corner of 74th Avenue and 4th Street. Zoning Classification: A-1, Agricultural 1 (up to 1 unit per 5 acres). Land Use Designation: AG, Agricultural. (SP-MA-07-05-27/2006100156-57942) **[Quasi-Judicial]**

The secretary administered the testimonial oath to those present who wished to speak at tonight's meeting on any quasi-judicial items.

Mr. John McCoy, IRC Senior Planner, reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated April 29, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office (6:29:09).

ON MOTION BY Mr. Weick, SECONDED BY Mr. Fletcher, the members voted unanimously (6-0) to approve staff recommendation.

Public Discussion

Chairman Hamner read the following into the record:

- A.** Review of draft of the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan Solid Waste Sub-Element Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)

Mr. Sasan Rohani, IRC Chief, Long Range Planning, reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated April 28, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Discussion followed about convenience centers and recycling efforts in the County (7:00:55).

Chairman Hamner read the following into the record:

- B.** Review of draft of the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Element Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR)

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner, reviewed the information contained in his memorandum dated April 19, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office (7:02:06).

Mr. Fletcher said he was stunned to learn the County's annual average employment was 43% of the population, which meant 57% of the people did not work. Dr. Baker asked how many hours a week a service worker would have to work in order to make a wage to take care of his basic needs.

Mr. Rohani responded a minimum wage earner would have to work 80 hours per week to afford median cost housing, or at least 40 hours each for a two-parent family. He noted this was only for housing and did not include everything else.

Discussion followed about the challenges facing the service work force in the County.

Mr. Bob Keating, IRC Community Development Director, explained one of the reasons for the Economic Development Element was to see if we could create a better economy with more, higher paying jobs.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Hamner suggested the members contact Planning staff with specific questions or recommendations regarding this element.

Commissioners Matters (7:21:57)

None.

Planning Matters (7:22:18)

Mr. Boling gave an update on action taken by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding the Imagine Charter School on 4th Street, including a condition requiring a left turn lane in phase two of the project. He reported with respect to Coral Ridge, the BCC had requested staff keep the extension of 61st Street west to 90th Avenue on the map, and no one had any object to this.

Mr. Boling announced the next mining workshop would be held in the County Commission Chambers on May 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., adding the members would also be addressing an extension of the mining moratorium in the next few weeks.

Attorney's Matters (7:24:07)

None.

Adjournment (7:24:11)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

George Hamner, Chairman

Date

Reta Smith, Recording Secretary

Date