

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MEETING HELD AT ANNA MARIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10005 GULF DRIVE – ANNA MARIA, FL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Mattick called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Mayor Michael Selby, Vice-Chair Jo Ann Mattick, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner John Quam, and Commissioner Eugene Aubry.

Absent: Commission Chair Chuck Webb.

Staff Present: City Clerk Alice Baird, Public Works Director George McKay, City Attorney Jim Dye (6:06 p.m.), City Planner Alan Garrett, and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

Press: Sun and Islander.

1. Second Reading and Public Hearing – Ordinance 11-716 – Pine Avenue Parking.

Noting that there was not a full Commission that evening, *Vice-Chair Mattick* asked for a consensus on discussing the Ordinance that evening. It was agreed that the Ordinance should be discussed that evening and that any action would be taken at a future meeting.

Vice-Chair Mattick officially opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 11-716.

Commission Discussion

City Attorney Dye explained he had suggested certain changes to the proposed Ordinance in an effort to tighten up the language and to address areas that may raise questions as to the intent. *Planner Garrett* agreed with *City Attorney Dye's* recommendations and had made the suggested changes to the Ordinance.

Review of the Ordinance and the proposed changes followed. Additional changes and discussion were as follows:

- Change “directly fronting” to “abutting” (a common planning term).
- 3 to 1 consensus (Woodland opposed) that the Whereas clause regarding the Comprehensive Plan is changed to read: “This parking plan is in concurrence with the Comprehensive Plan.”
- Change “lot/parcel” to “lot or a parcel”.
- In referring to the *Access Points* definition, (Ref. Sec. 91-2) (b) (1) - *Commissioner Woodland* suggested that the ASHTO definition be utilized. After discussion, there was a 3 to 1 consensus (Woodland opposed) that the definition of “Access Points” read as proposed and not changed to the ASHTO definition.
- Sec. 91-3 (a) – *City Attorney Dye* suggested adding the language “As an option, if the property owner may develop under the regulations of Chapter 90, then the requirements of Chapter 91 do not apply.”
- Change Sec. 91-3 (c) 2. to read: “Residential parking spaces shall be a *minimum* of 9 ft. wide by 18-ft. long.”
- *Planner Garrett* explained how to measure the angled parking spaces. Discussion followed. *Vice-Chair Mattick* and *Commissioners Aubry* and *Quam* stated they preferred only angled parking on Pine Ave. *Mayor Selby* suggested implementing only 90-degree parking on the south side of Pine Ave. and angled parking on the north side of Pine Ave. It was agreed that further discussion would be held at the next meeting.
- Need to define “re-development”.
- *Planner Garrett* and *City Attorney Dye* to re-word Sec. 91-3. (i) (1) b. *Width, material and location* relating to sidewalks. Discussion and explanation followed.
- *Planner Garrett* will research statute relating to Sec. 91-3 (j) *Number and design of handicapped spaces*.

- Discussion held relating to Sec. 91-4. Previously Approved Site Plans and also relating to Stacking Minor Amendments. Clarification will be presented at the next meeting.
- Add – “Loading areas may be accommodated within the right-of-way.”

ACTION: After discussion it was agreed that the Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 11-716 will held prior to the Commission’s Work Session on March 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Edward VanWinkle, Magnolia, said he had conducted a survey relating to the backing over sidewalks. He said of the 91 driveways on Pine Ave. from N. Bay Blvd. to Gulf Dr, only 20 were commercial driveways and that there were 12 short driveways. Mr. VanWinkle felt if the initial purpose for the parking plan was to address safety, then only about 20% of the driveways would be addressed and approximately 80% of the driveways would become non-conforming.

Vice-Chair Mattick responded that the City could not force the existing buildings to comply with the new Ordinance; however, PAR has indicated they will adjust their parking to the new requirements. It is hoped that overtime others will want to conform - in an effort to make the entire area safe.

Mr. VanWinkle did not feel backing out over sidewalks was a big concern and said it was unfortunate that the Commission had to address the issue when backing out over sidewalks had been occurring for years.

Micheal Coleman, Pine Ave. stated that all Site Plans would require a Site Engineer and in regard to the handicap spaces, the Engineer will follow what the law requires.

Relating to angled parking versus straight-in parking, Mr. Coleman said straight-in parking was preferred by most. He noted that PAR plans to adhere to the new plan once adopted. However, to implement angled parking would require them to tear out all the handicap spaces - which will significantly increase their costs. He suggested the angled versus straight-in parking be made optional.

Mr. Coleman then addressed the “administrative requirements”. He noted that the existing code language states if there is a less than a 10% sq. footage increase, and no increase in parking, an administrative approval can be obtained. He stated that when PAR adheres to the new plan they will be requesting an administrative review since they would only be moving their sidewalks and not increasing their parking spaces or the size of their building.

Referring to the “stacking of minor amendments”, Mr. Coleman said the maximum parking would be allowed when applying for the Site Plan. Therefore, there should be no additional requests to increase the parking incrementally over time.

Mr. Coleman informed that the ASHTO Standards are national highway standards.

Vice-Chair Mattick officially closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Aubry moved that the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 11-716 be continued to the time and date certain of March 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m. and to be held in the City of Anna Maria City Commission Chambers. Commissioner Quam seconded the motion. Motion carried – All Aye.

2. Discussion – Proposed Ordinance 11-718 – City Elections Qualifying Canvassing Board.

City Clerk Baird said the Ordinance had not been advertised for the Public Hearing and Second Reading for the meeting that evening. One minor change has been made to the Ordinance – Sec. 22-6 (a) – by changing “city clerk or deputy clerk” to read “city clerk or designee”.

ACTION: The Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance No. 11-718 will be held on March 24, 2011.

3. Discussion – Stop Signs at Humpback Bridge & New Stop Sign Request at Jacaranda & Alamanda.

Stop Signs at Humpback Bridge

Commissioner Quam said he walks the area daily and felt if the stop signs were removed at the bridge area then a 15-mph speed limit would need to be enforced. He pointed out there was a walkway at the location. He said that the City may want to retain the stop signs due to where the opening will occur with the City Pier. Commissioner Quam informed he had heard complaints about the stop signs still being there.

Commissioner Woodland felt there would be more problems by removing the stop signs. He said he had not heard a lot of complaints.

Commissioner Aubry said he originally felt it was a very extreme place to place stop signs. However, he now believes with redoing the bridge and City Pier parking lot, there is a need to consider retaining the stop signs.

Vice-Chair Mattick said she considers the location as being very unsafe. She noted there were a lot of foot traffic that walks across at that location and for safety purposes and the integrity of the bridge; she felt the stop signs should remain.

Vice-Chair Mattick stated there was no valid justification for removing the stop signs at this time.

Commissioner Quam pointed out that currently across from the City Pier there is no parking 120-ft from the stop sign. He noted that only 30-ft from a stop sign is required and that the City may want to consider changing the 120-ft requirement in order to allow for additional parking spaces.

Stop Signs at Jacaranda & Alamanda

Commissioner Quam referred to a letter received from resident Charlie Daniel. Commissioner Quam stated that the only critical safety issue was at Jacaranda at Rose due to the curve. He recommended that a stop sign at Jacaranda & Alamanda be placed to address that issue. The Commission agreed.

Vice-Chair Mattick suggested that the Commission review the entire Stop Sign Ordinance and asked that it be added to the March 10, 2011 Work Session agenda.

4. Discussion – RFP for Solid Waste/Recycling Contract.

Public Works Director McKay informed that the existing Waste Management Franchise Agreement would expire on March 30, 2012. He asked if the Commission wanted the Franchise Agreement renegotiated or if the City should go out for and RFP.

Commissioner Woodland said on a personal level he really liked Waste Management and felt they did a great job. However, as a Commissioner, he felt from a financial standpoint it would be best to go out for an RFP. The Commission agreed.

Mayor Selby pointed out that the trash containers are managed by Waste Management. Staff would need to work with the City Commission for their input on what they wanted to put into an RFP - such as the number of pickups per week, etc. Mayor Selby informed that the Waste Management contract indicates that the City's rates may be increased based on the fuel surcharges; however, there is no provision in the contract for the rates to decrease.

Public Works Director McKay provided examples of items the Commission may want to consider for the RFP. He noted that the City used to have an annual pickup and the Commission may want to discuss what would be chargeable versus what would not be chargeable. He informed that the City pays for the services one quarter ahead of the services being provided.

Public Comment

Margaret Jenkins, Chilson Ave. said the rates had increased a lot over the years. She stated that Waste Management did a great job but felt only one pickup per week was needed - which would reduce the rates.

Ms. Jenkins gave the example of a friend who owned a duplex and lived in one side and did not rent the other side but was charged for both units. Ms. Jenkins felt there should be an adjustment on her friend's billing.

Sandy Mattick, 305 Pine Ave, felt trash and recycling services should be negotiated as a whole by the three Island cities. She noted that Anna Maria could currently work with Bradenton Beach and then Holmes Beach could join in once their contract had ended.

County Commissioner John Chappie confirmed that Bradenton Beach currently has their own trash service but was in the process of getting outside bids. He suggested the issue of the Island pursuing one contract could be discussed by the Mayors of the three cities.

Action: **It was agreed that the City would begin the RFP process.**

5. Mayor's Report.

Pier Centennial Expenses

Explanation will be presented at the Commission's next Work Session relating to the Pier Centennial expenses. There is currently no budget to cover the costs and those expenses will be presented to the Commission for their approval.

City Pier Boardwalk Project

The City Pier Boardwalk Project is scheduled to begin on May 16, 2011 following the City Pier Centennial Celebration. The final action required by FDOT will be placed on the March 24, 2011 meeting agenda.

Vice-Chair Mattick informed that FDOT would be present at the March 24 meeting. The 100% plan would be ready; however, the City would still have the option to make any minor changes.

Tom Turner Hospitalized

Mayor Selby announced that resident Tom Turner was in the hospital and would be released on Friday. Mayor Selby said he had visited Mr. Turner who asked that he tell everyone hello and that he was sorry he could not be in attendance that evening.

Commissioner Quam – Hole-in-one Announced

Commissioner Quam was congratulated for his February 4th hole-in-one at the Manatee Golf Course.

Appointments to Boards

Mayor Selby asked that the Commission concur with his board appointment recommendations listed on the Consent Agenda for Lou Ellen Wilson on the Planning & Zoning Board and for Maureen McCormick as alternate on the Code Enforcement Board.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. **Approve Minutes of:**
City Commission Organizational Meeting – November 9, 2010
City Commission Regular Meeting – January 27, 2011.
- b. **Special Event – *Ginny & Jane's Flea Market***
Sunday – March 6, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- c. **Appoint Lou Ellen Wilson to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board.**
Unexpired term of Bob Barlow through July 2012.
- d. **Appoint Maureen McCormick to serve as an alternate on the Code Enforcement Board.**
- e. **Proclamation – *Problem Gambling Awareness Week* – March 6, 2011.**
- f. **Special Event – *Tour of Homes* - Request to waive permit fee**
March 19, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Woodland moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Commissioner Quam seconded the motion.
Motion carried – All Aye.

7. Written Reports and Updates:

- a. **Sheriff's Report.**
- b. **Building Department Report.**
- c. **Public Works' Department Report.**
- d. **Code Enforcement Report.**
- e. **City Pier Report.**
- f. **Ordinance Update.**
- g. **Financial Report/Line of Credit Report.**

Public & Press Comment – None.

Adjournment

On motion made by Commissioner Quam and seconded by Commissioner Woodland, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED: _____