

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MEETING HELD AT ANNA MARIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10005 GULF DRIVE – ANNA MARIA, FL
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010
8:10 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Quam called the Work Session to order at 8:10 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fran Barford, Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, Vice-Chair Dale Woodland, Chair John Quam, and Commissioner Harry Stoltzfus.

Absent: Commissioner Chuck Webb.

Staff Present: City Clerk Alice Baird, City Attorney Jim Dye, Building Official Bob Welch, City Planner Alan Garrett, and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

Press: Sun.

1. Sec. 114-423 (4) (13) Walls & Fences.

Building Official Welch explained that for some time there had been an issue relating to fences along Beach accesses where there are pools in a backyard and not being able to erect a 6-ft fence. He said for privacy sake, the Commission may want to consider letting those property owners along a Beach accessway that have pools to have a 6-ft fence. Further explanation followed. He noted that Florida Building Code only calls for a 4-ft fence that cannot be climbed, whenever there is a swimming pool.

Building Official Welch further noted that Sec. 114-423 (13) states that fences within a side or rear setback along Gulf Dr. and Pine Ave. may not exceed a height of 4-ft above the existing ground grade. However, the City requires a 6-ft fence in the ROR district in the Commercial district and buffers - so therefore, the language is in conflict.

Building Official Welch asked for a consensus to allow him to re-work the Code section and bring the revision back to the Commission at a later date. He suggested that Sec. 114-423 (13) be removed and to utilize the general language relating to fences.

Discussion followed relating to an individual who had erected a fence without a permit located on a Beach access and has a pool on the property. The issue will be coming before the Commission for discussion relating to the building fees at a later date. Discussion followed relating to the property line location and whether or not there is an encroachment onto City property at that location.

Building Official Welch said he would like to include the fence language with other changes to be proposed by staff. The P&Z Board would review the proposed language changes prior to consideration by the City Commission.

Commissioner Woodland asked that the issue of "above the existing ground grade" be reviewed whenever the property does not have a level grade.

Building Official Welch will pursue.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the Commission that staff proceed with reviewing and submitting language changes relating to Walls and Fences in the Code.

2. Definitions—Chapter 70.

Building Official Welch presented the Commission with a list of terms that need defined in the Code. He discussed the definitions proposed for Residential and Non-Residential.

Commissioner Mattick asked why there would need to be a definition for curb cuts when there were no curbs in the City.

Building Official Welch explained where the few curb cuts were located in Anna Maria.

Commissioner Stoltzfus asked that the basis as to where the definitions for each of the terms were found be provided to the Commission.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the Commission that staff proceeds with the definitions and to forward to the P&Z for their recommendation.

P&Z Chair Randall Stover stated that at the City Commission/P&Z Board Joint Work Session it was discussed that there may be over 300 terms and definitions to review. The P&Z Board will start review of those terms at their next meeting and hope to forward their recommendations to the City Commission within ninety days.

3. City Pier Replacement of 2 x 8 Walkway Planks with Public Donations by Buying a Plank with Inscriptions.

Chair Quam stated that a resident had inquired if the planks with inscriptions, similar to those at the Rod & Reel Pier, could be placed at the City Pier. Chair Quam said he was in favor of the project; however, someone would be needed to spearhead the project.

Mayor Barford informed that the Pier contract will either be finalized by March 16, 2010 or the City would be going out for an RFP. She noted that both the Pier Centennial Committee and the Pier manager had discussed the project. She asked that the issue be readdressed after March 16 and that it is placed on the Regular meeting agenda to discuss the details.

Public & Press Comment on Agenda Items - None

Adjournment

Chair Quam moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Woodland seconded the motion. Motion carried – All Aye.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk