

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MEETING HELD AT ANNA MARIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10005 GULF DRIVE – ANNA MARIA, FL
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING THAT BEGAN AT 6:25 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Webb called the Work Session to order.

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Alice Baird, City Attorney Jim Dye, Public Works Director George McKay, Building Official Bob Welch, and Planner Alan Garrett.

Press: Sun and Islander.

1. Discussion – Traffic Circulations/Stop Sign Amendments.

Chair Quam reviewed his proposed changes to the Traffic Circulation/Stop Sign Amendments as follows:

Referenced in Ordinance No. 06-658 – Schedule B

- No. 2 – North Bay Blvd. –
Change to read “From Pine Ave to the abutment of Bridge No. 135000, on the westerly side, EXCEPT parking is authorized on the westerly side, beginning ~~112 feet from Pine Ave~~ 30 feet from the base of the stop sign for ~~or~~ a distance of ~~141~~ 213 feet in a *northerly direction*.”
- **New** – Elm Avenue – From Gulf Drive, in a westerly direction, to the end of the road.

Parking Plan C – Alternate Side:

- No. 43 – Elm Avenue –
Change to read “Beginning December 1, 2005, alternate side of the street parking allowed, beginning with odd numbered houses and changed on a yearly basis, from North Shore Drive, in a westerly direction, to ~~60 feet east of the Gulf Drive. Western end of the pavement.~~”
- **New** – Site Plan for Community Center approved in 2006 (no Ordinance adopted)
“One Way Street – Palm Avenue beginning at Crescent Avenue proceeding to its intersection with Maxine Place, from its intersection with Palm Avenue, to its intersection with Magnolia Avenue.”

Ordinance 08-696

- **Section 1** – North Bay Bridge Stops.
Change to read “The City Commission hereby authorizes the placement of a stop signs on the southerly approach and requiring all traffic to stop prior to crossing the North Bay Bridge. All traffic shall stop where the approach slope of the bridge intersects the level surface of North Bay Boulevard.”

New Proposal – To be included in Section ‘A’

- Traffic on North Bay Blvd, stops at the intersection with Lakeview Place.

Remove the following Previous Amendment that was never adopted by Ordinance:

- **Sec 2** – Crescent Drive Bridge Stops. The City Commission hereby authorizes the placement of stop signs and requiring all traffic to stop prior to crossing the Crescent Avenue Bridge. All traffic shall stop where the approach slope of the bridge intersects the level surface of Crescent Drive.

Proposed New Stop Signs:

- Traffic on Jacaranda Road stops at intersection with Rose Street.

Commissioner Mattick suggested that the stop sign be placed on North Bay Blvd. on the right-hand side on Bayfront Park where the crosswalk is located.

Commissioner Quam responded noting there was a Pedestrian Crosswalk sign at that location and did not feel a stop sign would be needed.

Referring to the new proposal on North Bay Blvd. and Lakeview Place, *Commissioner Woodland* questioned if neighbors had been contacted. He felt that traffic could get backed up.

Public Works Director McKay suggested moving the sign back 50-ft.

ACTION: It was consensus that staff be directed to prepare an Ordinance to be brought back to the Commission for their consideration.

2. **Discussion – Possible Review of Alcoholic Beverage Special Exception Restrictions.**

Building Official Welch stated that over the years, the City had received several inquiries about the Special Exception requirements. Building Official Welch referred to the March 17, 2011 letter received from the Waterfront Restaurant requesting that the language in Sec. 114-507 "Exclusion from distance" be discussed. Mr. Jason Suzor, owner of the Waterfront Restaurant, stated in his letter that the current Ordinance reads "alcoholic beverages" but only interprets beer and wine as alcoholic beverages. Noting that his restaurant has an 80% to 20% ratio of food to alcoholic beverages, he indicated that he would like to offer alcoholic beverages other than beer and wine. Mr. Suzor asked that the Commission review the Ordinance for including all alcoholic beverages.

Building Official Welch did not advise the package sales of liquor – only consumption on the premises. Explanation followed relating to the City's current Code requirements. He noted that the Waterfront Restaurant currently has a Special Exception.

Commissioner Quam stated he was not in favor of changing the Ordinance. *Commissioner Aubry* said he would be in favor and *Commissioner Mattick* noted that the Waterfront Restaurant could be prevented from becoming a bar-type establishment by regulating the hours.

City Attorney Dye advised that the State provides two levels of regulation – regulation of the hours and of the land-use controls. Included would be distinguishing between beer and wine type locations and full liquor locations.

Commissioner Woodland stated that the community was divided when the Waterfront's special exception was approved. He said there was a lot of community debate at that time. He noted that the Special Exception was approved approximately 11 years ago and there had been no complaints. He said he would not be in favor of including alcoholic beverages only based on one letter. He suggested a referendum to the voters may be needed.

Chair Webb suggested Building Official Welch prepare language to be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

Building Official Welch clarified that the Waterfront Special Exception eliminates the requirement for the 2,500 feet from the church. He said the only thing he would change in the Ordinance would be the type of beverages that would be allowed and the hours of operation they could be served.

ACTION: A straw vote of 3 to 2 indicated that the Commission did not wish to proceed with addressing the request to relax the beer and wine only restriction for establishments granted a Special Exception to the 2,500-ft. rule.

Additional Commission Comments

Cell Tower Discussion

Commissioner Mattick suggested further discussion is held regarding the addition of a cell tower. She felt that for the benefit of the residents, the addition of a cell tower should be placed on City property. She further suggested that a legal opinion be obtained relating to what the role of the City would be if a cell tower was placed on the Community Center property.

It was agreed that the discussion would be placed on the April 28, 2011 agenda.

Dredging

Mayor Selby reminded that dredging on Gulf Blvd, between Magnolia and Palm, would begin on April 11, 2011.

Press Comment on Agenda Items Only – None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on motion made by Commissioner Woodland and seconded by Commissioner Mattick. Motion carried – All Aye.

The next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2011.



Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk