


COMMISSION DIRECTIONS - MARCH 30, 1976 WORKSHOP

Present: Mayor Kenney, Commissioners Edmundson, McCall, Ochs, Petrick,
Ridyard, Sedwick

Also
Present: Town Manager Allgire, Town Attorney Whitesell, Public Works Director Cox

Public to be heard:

Dick Montgomery appeared on behalf of the Bicentennial Committee and said they are raising funds for the 4th of July celebration by means of selling \$19.76 tickets, mailbox flags for \$3.00, lapel buttons, and decals. He further stated the Art Center will build a base for one of the historical plaques. He had discussed with the Town Manager removal of tree stumps across from the trailer park and reported that the Committee could arrange to have a palm tree planted to replace each stump. 

Agenda items:

Tim Field requested that he be allowed to place a sign on property which he owns on Gulf of Mexico Drive to advertise Hideaway Bay subdivision. The Town Manager, citing the ordinance, stated that although the property is in the same ownership it is not part of the project and would be an off-premises sign. The Commission felt there was sufficient room for interpretation of the ordinance that they could give a variance as to interpreting it as an on-premise sign in view of the common ownership. They added, however, that a time limit of 6 months should be included. This item was forwarded to the April 7 agenda for formal action.

Harold Jenkins, speaking for the Buttonwood Assn., stated that during the previous weekend guns had been discharged in the Bay Isles development and the police had informed him there was no ordinance to prohibit it. He asked the Commission to consider adopting an ordinance to make the discharge of firearms within the Town illegal. It was brought out that, since the Town is designated as a wildlife sanctuary, there may be some State statute in effect, but there was general agreement a Town ordinance would be preferable. The Town Attorney was directed to prepare such an ordinance.

Harvey Taylor, resident of Shinbone Alley, requested a variance to permit the addition of a studio onto and at a level below that of an existing residence. The Commission informed him there was no way, short of amending the ordinance, this could be permitted. To amend the ordinance would require approval from the federal government since it involves federal flood insurance regulations.

Mike Ritter, representing a client who has plans to build a condominium at 5200 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Covert III, asked that the Commission consider amending certain aspects of the fire code pertaining to construction. Mark Raemaker accompanied Mr. Ritter and stated there had been refinements of equipment and revision of opinions as to efficiency of some other equipment since the Town adopted its code three years ago. He offered to have a committee consisting of architects, engineers, and a fire chief of some other municipality review the Town's ordinance and make recommendations which the Commission could either accept or reject. Mr. Ritter was informed he must proceed with the assumption he will have to include everything now in the Town Code, but the Commission will review the Committee's recommendations.