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COMMISSION DIRECTIONS - MAY 25, 1976, WORKSHOP

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

Absent: Commissioner McCall

Also

Present: Town Manager Allgire, Public Works Director Cox

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dick Montgomery, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, presented a letter from the Committee which was read by Mayor Kenney. It stated that the Bicentennial Committee wished to withdraw from Project #18 on their list of items planned as Bicentennial projects, i.e. the Memorial Garden in the triangle of land at the intersection of Firehouse Rd. and Broadway. Mr. Montgomery reported to the Commission activities planned for Memorial Day and for the 4th of July week-end. The Commission commended the Committee for their efforts and there was general agreement that no action was needed - the project could just be dropped since the Commission had never taken any official action toward its inception.

Architect David McLean displayed concept drawings of a proposed PUD development for Cedars West-Bayside. The Commission told Mr. McLean this was the type of thing they had in mind for PUD and he said he would proceed along those lines.

Town Manager Allgire requested authorization from the Commission for some action to require tie in to the wastewater system by some remaining property owners who have passed the deadline. The ordinance provides for certain steps, and the Commission told Mr. Allgire to first have each person notified by the Town Attorney that they must within two weeks show that the work has been either begun or contracted for. After that the Manager is to proceed with the legal procedures as set out in the ordinance.

Several requests had been received for variances to the sign ordinance requirements and the Commission considered them as follows:

Request from Far Horizons for 90 day time extension to allow them to bring their sign into compliance when they are closed the month of September. The Commission forwarded this request to the June 2 agenda for approval of an extension to September 30.

Building Inspector Herb Lovett showed a model for Foodway Stores of their request to permit them to have two signs (to replace their roof top non-conforming sign) which would not exceed together the 32 square feet allowable. The Sign Committee had recommended approval of this variance. Commission feeling was that this would be permissible since it would be within the size requirement and this was forwarded to the June 2 agenda.

Request had been received from Casa Del Mar for a variance to permit them to retain their sign on DOT right-of-way. It was pointed out that no other signs in the Town have been allowed on right-of-way, they are not a commercial venture, and they created their own hardship. After some discussion a majority of the Commission felt the request for variance should be denied and this too was to be put on the next regular meeting agenda for formal action.

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J. D. Webb from the drugstore in Whitney Beach Shopping Center requested a variance to permit him to have signs on more than one side of his store. The Commission felt this was a reasonable request and it was placed on the June 2 agenda for approval of two signs, one on the south and one on the west sides of his store, with the total area of the two signs not to exceed 32 square feet.

A representative of Longboat Towers discussed with the Commission the problem of non-conforming sign structure, although the sign itself meets size requirements. He pointed out that his structure is 16 x 6, as opposed to allowable 10 x 12. The Commission stated they would like to have a Staff recommendation on this question before coming to a decision. They also asked that no further requests for variance be placed on future agendas without accompanying recommendations from the Building Department.

The Manager of Sands Point had come prepared to request a variance as to size. Having heard the previous discussion, however, he stated that he realized that, even though there was general agreement that the Sands Point sign is very attractive, variances as to size are not granted.

Leo Thomas of the Longboat Key Bank requested permission to continue with their existing non-conforming signs until they can research the ordinance and provide conforming signs. The Commission suggested to Mr. Thomas that he consider an off-premises directional sign 4 sq.' as allowed. They further suggested that he discuss with John Siegel the possibility of Arvida's providing a Bay Isles Shopping Center directional sign on which they could be listed. This request was to be placed on the June 2 agenda to grant a 30 day time extension until some of the discussed alternatives can be worked out.

The Town Manager reported that the building located behind the Green Frog Restaurant has been gutted by fire and is a nuisance. Further, that the property was illegally subdivided and the structure could not be reoccupied until the land is reassembled. Chapter 6 of the Town Code provides for certain procedures for condemnation in this type of case and the Commission asked him to proceed with the first step of those procedures which will be a written report to the Commission.

Request had been received from the Arvida Corp. for waiver of their entire bond for completion of public improvements for Country Club Shores Unit 5, Section 4. Al Cox recommended full release of the bond contingent upon any problems which might arise being taken care of under their bond for the Bay Isles Unit 1 (67 lots). Authorization to release the bond will be placed on the 6/2 agenda.

John Siegel of Arvida requested that they be allowed to use a Bomanite street finish for the entrance to Bay Isles. He explained that it is an attractive finish with kind of a cobblestone appearance and is used because of its properties of texture and sound. Public Works Director Cox reported talking to various engineers and planners about the finish and found it is considered to be excellent structurally and for non-skidding and appearance. He said his only concern would be that the Town not be held responsible for resurfacing if the sewer lines required work and not be liable for any injuries which might occur because of the rough surface. Mr. Siegel stated he would have no objection to signing any hold harmless and maintenance agreement and the Town Manager was directed to have the Town Attorney draw up such agreement. The Commission stated that, subject to execution of such an agreement, they would have no objection to use of the Bomanite.

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The Public Works Director introduced architect John McDonald who was present to answer questions from the Commission about the Xanadu Condominium project. Mr. Cox had reviewed the Staff recommendations with the Commission at the last workshop meeting and Mr. McDonald answered questions about placement of the buildings. He stated that he would provide, as required, the substance of agreements and conveyances as soon as the attorneys have them ready, since he was aware they were necessary before issuance of building permits. Mayor Kenney stated it appeared that all Staff and P&Z Board recommendations had been met.

In answer to a question from Homer Greer, Mayor Kenney said he had sent a mailgram to Gov. Askew urging that he take no action to suspend Manatee County Sheriff Weitzenfeld until pending charges have been fully investigated.

Commissioner Ochs reported receipt of a letter from Sen. Henderson enclosing a letter from Mr. Brown of the DOT answering Longboat Key complaints about lack of cooperation from the DOT. He said copies would be made for each Commissioner.

Commissioner Edmundson reported that at a meeting of SMATS which he had attended they had gone on record approving Longboat Key's requesting grant funds for a bicycle path and had passed a transportation improvement plan for the two county area. This will be processed through the DOT for priorities and dates. Further, the New Pass Bridge replacement is scheduled for the fiscal year 1980.

Mayor Kenney suggested that in reprinting the Hurricane information pamphlet some kind of bright red cover be provided so it would be less easily lost. Mr. Edmundson suggested that the date also be prominently displayed. The Town Manager was directed to follow up on these suggestions.

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