

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the joint City Council/Planning Commission workshop meeting held on May 25, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
Member James Greene
Member Tony Foster
Member Linda Laurendeau
Member John Springle
City Attorney Patrick Brackins
City Administrator Glenn Irby

ABSENT: Commissioner Kyle Becker
Member Roger Simpson

PRESS PRESENT: Teresa Sargeant - The Apopka Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Hitt, Community Development Director
David Moon, Planning Manager
Kyle Wilks, Planner
Elizabeth Florence, Planner
Pam Richmond, Planner

DISCUSSION

1. Land Development Code Update

Jim Hitt, Community Development Director, said we were getting ready to initiate the re-write of the Land Development Code, which has not been done for at least 25 years. He stated this is an opportunity for Apopka to get a new look at our Land Development Code and make it a user-friendly document. He said the City has contracted with Clarion. Craig Richardson and David Henning are present to provide a presentation on the Land Development Code update. He stated after these revisions are completed, there will be tweaks that will be needed.

Craig Richardson said in looking at the City's current regulations and the existing conditions of the city, there are some great opportunities given the infrastructure and interchanges being built. He stated there will be a lot of growth in Apopka and the Land Development Code (LDC) will be a major tool moving forward in the future to determine what the quality, location, and types of development are going to be in the City. The presentation and the assessment is accessible at www.apopkazoning.com. Mr. Richardson said the bulk of the discussion will be on the assessment, highlighting some of the key changes being suggested. With respect to the schedule, "Step One: Project Initiation" has been completed. Step Two is the LDC Assessment, Step Three will be drafting the code and zoning map and this will be done by February 2018. Then Step Four is testing the new code between February and March 2018. Finally, Step Five is the public hearing

and draft of new ordinance in April 2018. He said there have been three themes or goals they have heard from staff and the community which are to create a user-friendly code, implement the Comprehensive Plan, Vision Plan, and Small Area Plans by restructuring and modernizing the zoning districts, and to modernize the Development Standards. He said the document structure will be reorganized to create a more user-friendly code and he reviewed some examples. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be filed with the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda F. Goff, City Clerk