

City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Wednesday
March 25, 2009
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
16 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Garcia called the workshop to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Bob Garcia, Vice Mayor Norman Erickson, Council Member Van Conoley, Council Member Jack Lenzen, and Council Member Leonard Marks

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Anthony Gonzalez and City Clerk Stacy Tebo

III. Business – Discussion of Comprehensive Plan

Vice Mayor Erickson stated that he brought some basic information on the comprehensive plan from the Florida Statutes and shared it with the Council.

Mary Shoup Love, 345 McLaren Lane, said she believed modifications should be made to the Code of Ordinances to include gambling provisions, rather than including gambling in the comprehensive plan. She provided various examples of gambling ordinances from neighboring cities for the Council to consider and discussed the different codes. Ms. Love suggested creating section 18-260 for gambling under the business section of the DeBary Code of Ordinances and advocated rules for hours of operation, alcohol consumption, and distance requirements. She added that she could provide a proposed rough draft to staff.

Vice Mayor Erickson stated he liked the examples from Deland and Port Orange; that he wanted to provide future Councils an “out” as a basis for denial; that he would not be in favor of prohibiting all forms of gambling; and that he thought there could be a brief mention of gambling in the comprehensive plan.

Council Member Lenzen said he liked the example from Deland. He stated that the City could not totally prohibit gambling, but it could impose requirements like Ms. Love had suggested.

Council Member Conoley stated that he would be willing to place a prohibition on gambling such as Lake Mary did if the city attorney advised the Council that it would be appropriate to do so.

Eugene Stump, 106 Birkwood Court, noted the differences between nickel and dime poker and poker that would be played in a large card room at a business establishment. Mayor Garcia said

that the non-profit organizations such as the churches, the VFW, and the Moose Lodge would be exempt.

George Coleman, 286 Deleon Road, said that exceptions should come before the Council for approval.

Ms. Love stated that the City has already made provisions for bingo in Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances and directed the Council to refer to Section 18-241.

Vice Mayor Erickson suggested taking two sections of the comprehensive plan at a time as a potential workshop schedule.

Vice Mayor Erickson provided a power point presentation and gave the Council a brief history of the evolution of the comprehensive plan. He stressed the importance of reviewing the comprehensive plan every year and stated that the Council should not be dictated to by a ten-year-old document.

Council Member Lenzen discussed quality of life issues in DeBary.

Vice Mayor Erickson noted that there could be ninety million residents in Florida if all of the approved comprehensive plans in the state remained the same.

Council Member Lenzen said that the Council should address the recommendations from staff and the citizen committee that reviewed the comprehensive plan in 2006.

Mayor Garcia said they could discuss the recommendations and gambling at the next workshop.

Vice Mayor Erickson suggested having the city attorney present at the next workshop to discuss the gambling issue. He also stated that it would be appropriate to address the recommendations from staff and the citizen group when they pertain to the section that Council is addressing at the time.

The Council decided to hold the next comprehensive plan workshop on April 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**APPROVED
CITY OF DeBARY
CITY COUNCIL**

Bob Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk