

City of St. Petersburg

PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Meeting of May 14, 2009

City Hall, Room 100

Members and Alternates: PSI Chair Karl Nurse, Vice Chair Herbert Polson, Council Member Leslie Curran, Jeff Danner, and alternate, Council Member Kennedy.

Other Council Members present: Council Member Wengay Newton, Council Member Bill Dudley.

Staff Participants: Amelia Preston, Rick Craft, Mark Winn, Mike Connors, Colleen Dunphy, Major Mike Puetz, Julie Weston, Richard Bulger, Don Gibson, Michael Fredrick, Robert Gerdes, Robert Danielson.

Audience Members present:

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda: *Agenda was approved*

1. New Business

2. Continued/Deferred Business

- a. ***Taxi Cab Licensing and Safety*** – Three draft ordinances related to cab drivers, fortune tellers and peddlers making requirements consistent for applications, approval and denial processes were presented by the Legal Department. Colleen Dunphy spoke regarding the issuance of permits to convicted felons after a five-year period. A request was made to report back in a year with a follow up report to determine if further changes to the ordinances are necessary.

Action Item: Committee moved to forward the three ordinances with modifications to full council for consideration and adoption.

- b. ***Landscape Ordinance*** – Julie Weston discussed potential amendments to the City's landscape regulations. Incentives in the form of giving a partial refund of construction permit fees if the landscaping as installed and approved does not include St. Augustine turf and a waiver of one required shade tree for residential applicants or a waiver of one interior island for commercial applicants if the landscape plan does not include St. Augustine turf was introduced. Restrictions on use of St. Augustine turf for new single family residential properties and new commercial developments were also discussed.

Action Item: Committee moved to forward to council on May 21, 2009 for first reading.

- c. Community Gardens Zoning** – Julie Weston introduced a draft ordinance amending the City’s Land Development Regulations with regards to community gardens as a principal use on private property.

Action Item: Committee moved to forward to council for consideration and adoption.

3. Next Meeting – May 28, 2009, 9:15 am, Meeting in Room 100.

- a. Review Water Rates for Extreme Users** (returning from January 15, 2009 and subsequently April 23, 2009, referred by Council Member Kennedy.)
- b. Tree Line and Yard Parking Enforcement** (referred by Council Member Newton.)
- c. Bicycles on City Sidewalks** (referred by Council Member Nurse)
- d. Mirror Lake Dr. and 2nd Ave. S. Two-Way Conversion** (referred by staff)

4. Adjournment