

City of St. Petersburg

PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Meeting of October 8, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, Room 100

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

Others present: Council Member James Bennett, Amelia Preston, Rick Craft, John Wolfe, Sharon Carron, Julie Weston, Tish Elston, Michael Fredrick and Steve Corsetti.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda: *Agenda was approved.*

Approval of Minutes: *Minutes of September 24, 2009 were approved.*

1. New Business

- a. Improving Police Response to Gated Communities* – Council Member Nurse expressed concern that Police officers did not have access into gated communities. Major Sharon Carron informed the committee that Police officers have access to the gate codes in their computers and will ensure officers know where to find the gate codes.

Action Item: Major Sharon Carron will follow up with officers informing them where to find the gate codes.

2. Continued/Deferred Business

- a. Strengthening LDR's as they relate to Historic Preservation* – Julie Weston gave a report to the committee providing information concerning the creation and use of historic Transfer of Development Rights (TDR's). Julie informed the committee that she took a portion of the amendment to the DRC yesterday to keep the process moving. Julie reported that she has received a proposal from the Detroit Hotel to be designated as a local landmark. Julie stated that she is ready to prepare and draft those changes needed to ordinances to address concern expressed by the Committee.

Action Item: Committee moved to have administration prepare two separate ordinances to accomplish the discussed changes to both the process to create historic transfer of development rights and to use transfer of development rights in the downtown.

- b. Downtown Temporary Parking and Condition of Vacant Land with Development Approval* – Julie Weston provided a report to the committee outlining proposed amendments regarding temporary parking lots in the downtown area. The report addressed amendments to the Land Development Regulations related to both temporary parking lots and the appearance and maintenance of property such as vacant lots which have active development approvals. Discussion was held regarding the condition of temporary parking lots after expiration and appearance and maintenance of property approved for development.

Action Item: Committee requested administration develop more options for improvements to existing temporary lots that would be less expensive and to come up with a proposed date to end temporary parking downtown.

3. Next Meeting – October 22, 2009, 9:15 a.m., Meeting in Room 100.

- a. Intermodal Center Studies - Site Selection, referred by Staff (Kubicki)*
- b. Oak Tree Removal on Right of Way, referred by Council Member Curran*
- c. Downtown Temporary Parking and Condition of Vacant Land with Development Approval, referred by Council Members Curran/Nurse*

4. Adjournment