

May 2, 2017
ITEM 14.E.1


INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Follow-up on Development Review and Building Process Workshop

FROM: Tim Zorc
Commissioner, District 3 

Discussion Item:

As was discussed at a previous Board of County Commissioner meeting, a workshop was held to have an open discussion on Development Review and Permitting Process on April 12, 2017. The workshop provided input from developers, citizens, and the construction community.

In follow-up to the discussion at the workshop, there are three items which I would like to move forward with as follows:

- Review of the Landscaping requirements
- Use of Temporary Suspension for Certificate of Completion Ordinance
- Review of Development Review Fees
 - Community Development
 - Public Works

Additionally, as a long term solution, it was determined that a new automated system needs to be investigated to incorporate all review requirements and revenue.

The Utilities Department has provided draft changes to the utility construction standards for review with a deadline of June 9th for comments to the development and permitting community as well as the public at large.

These items could be further explored with interested parties, and staff could bring a report back to the Board with specific recommendations.

Senate could decide to go with the House version of the Bill, which he felt would not be good for Indian River County.

In reference to the additional Homestead Exemption, SB 1774 passed 28-10 to move forward on the Senate side, and it is feared that the HB 7107 will also pass.

He also conveyed that the The Florida Association of Counties issued an alert, identifying a rumor that the Speaker may introduce a bill requiring the state to approve any increase to the millage rate; therefore, giving local government less control.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan suggested forming a caucus with Martin, St. Lucie, and Okeechobee Counties along with local municipalities, building a bigger voice and offering support to Legislators and Senators in the region. He would like the authority from the Board to speak at the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments Meeting, bringing up the idea of forming a four (4) county caucus. He also introduced the idea of providing education to local voters, in reference to the additional Homestead Exemption, showing two different real-life scenarios, in order to help people better understand how the voting outcome would affect the area.

Assistant County Attorney Kate Pingolt Cotner was thanked for her time and efforts in Tallahassee during the recent Legislative session. She acknowledged the recognition, advised that the Budget was not complete at this time, and supported the forming of a local coalition, as Vice Chairman O'Bryan had discussed.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Zorc, Chairman Flescher, and Vice Chairman O'Bryan, voicing frustrations of not being heard in Tallahassee.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Solari, to give authority to Vice Chairman O'Bryan to meet with other local government officials for the purpose of forming a four (4) county caucus to support Legislative Agendas. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Solari, and Commissioner Zorc

C. Commissioner Susan Adams

D. Commissioner Bob Solari

E. Commissioner Tim Zorc

14.E.1. 17-0469 Follow-up on Development Review and Building Process Workshop

Recommended Action: Discussion Item

Attachments: Commissioners Memorandum

Commissioner Zorc gave a brief summary regarding the Development Review and Building Process Workshop, held on April 12, 2017.

Chairman Flescher suggested for Commissioner Zorc to bring the ideas that came from the Workshop, to the Board.

Vice Chairman O'Bryan suggested giving staff more authority to make decisions, as some projects require some creativity to come together in a timely fashion. Commissioner Zorc agreed to share, with Community Development Director Stan Boling, the ideas communicated to him at the Workshop; and have Community Development return to the Board with their ideas and suggestions.

No Action Taken or Required

15. SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS

The Board reconvened as the Board of Commissioners of the Emergency Services District. The minutes will be approved at an upcoming Emergency Services District meeting.

A. Emergency Services District

15.A.1. 17-0407 Approval of Minutes Meeting of March 7, 2017

Recommended Action: Approve

Attachments: 03072017ESD

Approved

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Solari, and Commissioner Zorc

15.A.2. 17-0422 Approval of Minutes Meeting of March 21, 2017

Recommended Action: Approve

Attachments: 03212017ESD

A motion was made by Vice Chairman O'Bryan, seconded by Commissioner Solari, to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2017 and March 21, 2017, as written. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Solari, and Commissioner Zorc

15.A.3. 17-0431 Approval of Amended Property Lease for Temporary Location of Fire Rescue Station No. 7