

The Wauchula Planning and Zoning Board met for its regular on Monday, April 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Vice-Chairwoman Donna Steffens, Chairman Garry Phillips, Wayne Johnson and Ray Graham.

Also present were Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long, City Clerk Holly Smith.

Chairman Garry Phillips called the meeting to order

Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2021

Graham motioned to approve the minutes from March 15, 2021 as presented, seconded by Steffens. With no discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Marisa Barmby with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council was in-person and informed the Board she would discuss Tab 2 first.

Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update

Barmby addressed the Board and explained the City received a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity to develop a bike and pedestrian trail master plan. Barmby stated the goals of the plan were to support the redevelopment of the downtown area, to identify school pedestrian routes and the alignment with the Peace River Trail. Barmby explained the connection to the Van Fleet Trail and other bike and pedestrian trails in Polk County down to the Charlotte Harbor. Barmby noted there were 17.53 miles of sidewalks in the City and 79 crosswalks. Barmby stated a map of the trail would be displayed at the City Administrative Building for residents to make comments on what they would like to see included or questions and/or concerns. Long explained why he felt the plan was needed. More discussion was had on the bike and pedestrian plan.

Ordinance 2021-04 – ULDC Text Amendment for Table of Development Standards

Barmby addressed the Board and respectfully asked the Board at the end of the presentation to vote to table ordinance 2021-04. Barmby stated more work had to be done with the amendment to the table of development standards. Barmby discussed the inconsistencies in the comprehensive plan and the Florida Building Code for the minimum square footage of a residence/unit and how she came up with the proposed numbers which were presented. Phillips asked if the tiny homes were addressed in the amendments. Barmby replied they had to be brought in on a chassis and put in a mobile home/rv park.

Steffens motioned to table Ordinance 2021-04, seconded by Graham.

With no further discussion, Smith polled the Board; all were in favor. Motion carried.

Old/New Business

Long stated more discuss on ordinance 2021-04 and Hardee Crossings project

Public Comment

There was no Public present to comment.

Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Chairman Garry Phillips

City Clerk Holly Smith