

**Urban Affairs Council Committee
Minutes**

Monday, November 14, 2006

4:45 p.m.

Municipal Plaza B Room

Members Present: Councilmember Patti Radle, *Chair, District 5*
Councilmember Sheila McNeil, *District 2*
Councilmember Delicia Herrera, *District 6*

Members Absent: Councilmember Roger O. Flores, *District 1*

Staff Present: Jelynn Burley, *Deputy City Manager*; Abel Flores, *Fire Marshal*; Roderick Sanchez, *Development Services Director*; Fernando DeLeon, *Development Services Assistant Director*; Teresa Rachel Scheller, *Assistant City Attorney*; Sally Farris, *Assistant City Attorney*; Yonnie Blanchette, *City Manager's Office*; Milo Nitschke, *City Manager's Office*; Alberto Solorzano, *Housing & Community Development*; John Jacks, *Development Services*; Andrew Spurgen, *Development Services*; Paul Jimenez, *District 2 Staff*; Emily Arvizo, *District 5 Staff*; Sonny Torrez, *District 6 Staff*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Others Present: Christina Castro, *St Henry's COPS*; Rob Killen, *Kaufman & Associates*; Gavina Ramos, *Kaufman & Associates*; Martha Mangum, *RECSA*; Norman Dugas, *RECSA*; Kim Kapavik Shrum; *GSABA*; Bobby Perez, *Shelton & Velasquez*; Richard Alles, *AGUA*; Annalisa Peace, *AGUA*; Farris Hodge, Jr.; George Rice

A. Regular Business:

❖ **Call to Order**

Chairperson Radle called the meeting to order.

❖ **Approval of Minutes from the October 9, 2006 Urban Affairs Council Committee Meeting**

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2006 Urban Affairs Council Committee Meeting. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

B. 2006 Annual Unified Development Code Update Program

Roderick Sanchez, Director, Development Services Department
Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Deputy City Manager

Roderick Sanchez reported that 96 proposed amendments have been divided into 3 packets for review. He noted that staff recommends approval of Packets 1 and 2. He further noted that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Planning Commission, Zoning Commission and staff all agree that Packet 3 amendments should be denied. He added that staff also recommends that the Unified Development Code (UDC) be updated every 2 years instead of the current Annual UDC Update.

- ✚ Packet 1: Format corrections, spelling, and classification of existing procedures
- ✚ Packet 2: Changes regarding provisions and requirements of the UDC
- ✚ Packet 3: Submitted by various stockholders regarding Planned Unit Development (PUD) issues, vested rights, tree preservation and floodplain development

Citizens To Be Heard:

Annalisa Peace, on behalf of AGUA, stated that the organization hired a firm to assist with the proposed recommendations regarding Vested Rights. She noted that she would like AGUA's proposed recommendations to be considered in this UDC revision process.

Richard Alles stated that the proposed amendments in Packet 3 regarding Floodplain Development are changes to restrict future construction. He noted that Floodplain Development Permits are frequently given to allow floodplains to be filled-in for construction. He also referenced the danger of the current Vested Rights Ordinances granting rights not given in Chapter 245 of State Law.

Farris Hodge, Jr. addressed the usage of the microphone in the Urban Affairs Committee meeting, the validity of the Committee Meeting Minutes for approval from the previous meeting, and his recommendation for the City to stop Tax Abatements.

Councilmember McNeil expressed concerns with the current Floodplain Permit Review Process. She cited the construction of a Red Cross facility in the midst of a floodplain that is frequently flooded. She noted that she would like additional individuals/steps involved in the Floodplain Development review process.

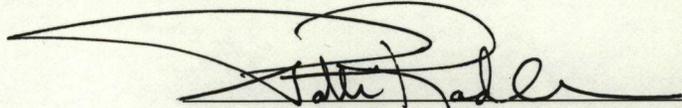
Chairperson Radle directed staff to continue review of the Packet 3 amendments, regarding Vested Rights and Floodplain Development, for 90 days and forward the relevant issues to the necessary Council Committees for consideration.

Councilmember McNeil moved to forward said item to the City Council for consideration. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

C. Adjournment

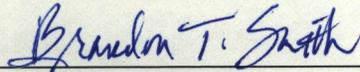
There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Copies of these presentations are made part of the file and are available upon request.



Patti Radle, Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted,



**Brandon T. Smith
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