



**FREEPORT PLANNING &
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**
August 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm Freeport Council Chambers

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:05pm by Chairman Konopacki

Board members present were Chairman Konopacki, Kevin Louthain, and Michael Gilley.

Attending the meeting was Staff to include Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, Samantha Graves, City Attorney Clay Adkinson, and City Engineer Alex Rouchaleau.

Planning Director Neel led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Meeting Minutes to be approved.

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Chairman Konopacki called for a motion to approve the minutes, Michael Gilley made the motion and Kevin Louthain seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

III. LSA Property Rights

Director Neel presented the proposed Amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the addition of a new element titled:

"Property Rights Element." - *establishes goals, objectives, and policies to ensure Private Property Rights are considered in City decision-making.*

She explained that this addition is a requirement of the Florida Legislature. Director Neel said that this is the standardized language in the statute. Attorney Adkinson concurred. Director Neel said staff is recommending approval.

Director Neel opened the floor for questions from the board; the board had no questions.

Chairman Konopacki opened the floor to audience questions; there were none.



Chairman Konopacki called for a motion to approve the Amendment. Michael Gilley made a motion to approve. Kevin Louthain seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. Walton County Sheriff's Office update

Director Neel introduced Lt. Paula Pendleton from the WCSO. She wanted to update the Board on the results of an initiative the Sheriff's office put into place in July; the goal of the initiative was to slow down traffic on Highway 20 and Highway 331 in Freeport.

There were a total of 323 traffic stops in July, double the amount of anywhere else in the County. Of these 207 were on Highway 331 and the remainder were on Highway 20. These stops resulted in the issuance of 197 citations. Lt. Pendleton told the Board that the Sheriff wants to continue the initiative and increase the number of stops in August.

The Board members agreed that traffic needs to be slowed down on these roads. Chairman Konopacki said there need to be more stops on Highway 20. Lt. Pendleton explained that it is difficult to pursue and stop vehicles on a two-lane road but having the patrol car visible is a deterrent. Further discussion continued regarding the need for increased patrols and staffing issues. Lt. Pendleton advised that in July there were only 4 crashes, and these resulted in no injuries or fatalities. The Board members thanked Lt. Pendleton for the update.

V. Adjournment

Chairman Konopacki called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Gilley made the motion and Kevin Louthain seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.



Minutes prepared by Samantha Graves, and adopted by the Freeport Planning & Development Review Board on _____.

Chairman Konapacki

Attest:

Kathie Gatewood, City Clerk