

Agenda Review Meeting
Orlando City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
May 15, 2017

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5
Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
City Clerk Denise Aldridge
Senior Assistant City Clerk Elizabeth Davidson
Chief Assistant City Attorney Kyle Shephard
Police Officers Edgar Malave and Raul Zayas, Sergeants-at-Arms

Mayor Dyer called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

Consent Agenda - Public Comment

Renee Walker, on her own behalf and on behalf of her husband Eddie Walker, spoke about Item B-2 (Real Estate Division Manager to Execute Rental Agreements for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Properties), and listed her address as 4815 Cherokee Rose Drive, Orlando, Florida 32808 (one of the properties listed in the agenda item). Ms. Walker stated she came to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program property through the Tree of Life Ministries in 2013. She stated that her husband is a veteran and they were told they could rent the property, with an opportunity to purchase the property at a later date. She further stated that on September 15, 2016 she learned, through a news report, that Tree of Life Ministries would no longer be responsible for the properties because of non-payment of \$50,000 in taxes. She cited leaks, water damage and buckled floors in her residence. She stated that Code Enforcement cited the landlord for failure to make repairs and gave the landlord until August 2016 to make repairs to the property. Ms. Walker asked to be moved to another property and was told there was nothing available at the time and inquired about purchasing the property because she likes her neighbors and does not want to move again. She stated the proposed leases are non-renewable. She has concerns about her property and wants to be the best tenant possible.

Renee Walker, on behalf of Patrick Donaldson, spoke about Item B-2 (Real Estate Division Manager to Execute Rental Agreements for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Properties) and stated Mr. Donaldson rented the property addressed as 4863 Nantucket Lane, Orlando, Florida 32808. She stated Mr. Donaldson is a veteran and is employed by the Veterans Administration. She said Mr. Donaldson was in a program from March 13, 2013 to April 1 (no year stated) and transitioned to the property at 4863 Nantucket Lane. His rent was \$700 per month. She stated that on March 15, 2016 the landlord told Mr. Donaldson that the City was raising the rent an additional \$600 and would be due on March 30, 2016. She stated Mr. Donaldson moved out to avoid eviction. Ms. Walker stated she was offered to move into the property Mr. Donaldson vacated but she declined because that property is in worse condition.

Larry Thompson, on his own behalf, spoke about Item B-2 (Real Estate Division Manager to Execute Rental Agreements for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Properties) and listed his address as 603 Summit Pointe Drive, Orlando, Florida 32818. He stated he was a resident of one of the properties managed by Tree of Life Ministries and during his residency the property was monitored by the Veterans Administration. He referenced the property address as 4708 Carmel Street, Orlando, Florida 32808 (one of the properties listed in the agenda item). He stated he paid Ms. Washington \$1500 to move in and paid that on a Friday night. There were no utilities on at the property and it was dirty. He stated he is a veteran and is employed at the Veterans Hospital. He stated there was a “small” leak in the bathroom which became a “water fountain” leak. He further stated a plumber refused to fix the leak because the landlord owed money to the plumber. After four months of living with the water problem, he moved out. Mr. Thompson stated he called the Orlando Housing Authority on a Thursday and took the day off to meet with the agency. He said that “Mrs. Washington” came to the property on Friday and “went off” on him.

Easter Johnson, on her own behalf, spoke about Item B-2 (Real Estate Division Manager to Execute Rental Agreements for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Properties) and listed her address as 5108 Nadine Street, Orlando, Florida 32807 (one of the properties listed in the agenda item). Ms. Johnson stated that “Ms. Washington” said she has “properties for veterans” and the Veterans Administration paid first and last month rent. She cited water leaks, gutter issues, a non-working stove, 4-pronged electrical plugs changed to 3-pronged plugs and a kitchen cabinet that fell on her when she reached for an item in the cabinet. She stated she has paid for repairs out of her own pocket. She is a Navy veteran and disabled. She just signed a new lease and inquired if she will have to move.

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6 – Commissioner Ings stated he is hopeful the properties mentioned in the public comments will be repaired and cared for. He inquired whether Ms. Washington can be held legally accountable for the actions mentioned.

Commissioner Ings indicated he had a concern with the fiscal impact statement attached to Item A-4 (Employment Agreement with Janeiro R. Coulter, MBE Division Manager/Special Project Manager - Community Venues) in that the benefit cost is not depicted. He stated he was not aware that former MBE Official Kevin Walsh had retired and asked how, with Janeiro Coulter coming in as MBE Division Manager and Special Projects Manager at Orlando Venues, both offices will get equal attention and that he does not want either neglected.

Commissioner Ings stated he needs clarification on Item I-3 (Sewer Line Easement Agreement between City of Orlando and Universal City Development Partners, Ltd.) and requested to speak

with Chief Assistant City Attorney Roy Payne or Public Works Director Rick Howard about that item. Commissioner Ings asked to see City Planning Division Manager Dean Grandin for clarification in reference to Item B-21, #6 Sand Lake West Phase III (Meeting Minutes and Approving the Actions of the Municipal Planning Board or the Meeting of March 21, 2017 Part 2 of 2).

Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1 – Commissioner Gray indicated he had no concerns regarding the agenda.

Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2 - Commissioner Ortiz indicated he had no concerns regarding the agenda and asked to speak with Housing Division Manager Linda Rhinesmith.

Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3 – Commissioner Stuart indicated he had no concerns regarding the agenda and requested to meet with Housing and Community Development Director Oren Henry or Housing Division Manager Linda Rhinesmith.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4 – Commissioner Sheehan indicated she had received additional information regarding Case No. CUP2017-00001 (Hillcrest Elementary / 1010 E. Concord St. (+3.85 acres) contained in Item C-21 (Meeting Minutes and Approving the Actions of the Municipal Planning Board for the Meeting of March 21, 2017 Part 2 of 2) and read into the record the following: “On May 10, 2017 Orange County Public Schools provided updated landscaping plans and parking garage elevations to the City. These are provided as an additional attachment. The parking garage must be substantially similar to one of the two options provided. The final design of the south and west parking garage elevation is subject to approval by the planning official in order to ensure adequate screening and quality design.” Commissioner Sheehan stated she is fine with the added information.

Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5 – Commissioner Hill indicated she had a concern with Item B-2 (Real Estate Division Manager to Execute Rental Agreements for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Properties) and asked to see Housing Division Manager Linda Rhinesmith. Commissioner Hill asked if tenants would be provided relocation assistance, stated the properties need to be inspected and requested a meeting with Ms. Rhinesmith and Real Estate Division Manager Laurie Botts to discuss adequate housing for all veterans.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Denise Aldridge
City Clerk