



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 20, 2021
SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montes De Oca called the regular meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) for the City of Okeechobee to order on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast Third Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Assistant Police Chief Hagan.

II. ATTENDANCE

The following TRC Members were present: City Administrator Marcos Montes De Oca and Building Official Jeffery Newell. Members absent: Fire Chief Herb Smith (Lieutenant Adam Crum was present in his place), Police Chief Bob Peterson (Assistant Police Chief Donald Hagan was present in his place), and Public Works Director David Allen (Public Works Operations Supervisor Marvin Roberts was present in his place). City Planning Consultant Ben Smith, Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Executive Director John Hayford (entered the Chambers at 10:04), Committee Secretary Patty Burnette and General Services Secretary Yesica Montoya were present. City Attorney John Fumero, Okeechobee County Environmental Health Director Victor Faconti and the Okeechobee County School Board representative were absent.

III. AGENDA

- A.** There were no items added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.
- B.** Motion by Building Official Newell, seconded by Assistant Police Chief Hagan to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

IV. MINUTES

- A.** Motion by Building Official Newell, seconded by Assistant Police Chief Hagan to dispense with the reading and approve the October 15, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 21-001-AC.
 - 1. City Planning Consultant Mr. Ben Smith of LaRue Planning and Management Services reviewed the Planning Staff Report recommending approval.
 - 2. No City Staff comments were received.
 - 3. The property owner or agent were not in attendance.
 - 4. No public comments were offered.
 - 5. Chairperson Montes De Oca disclosed he had spoken with Mr. Steven Dobbs, the Applicant's agent, regarding the proposed project.
 - 6. Motion by Building Official Newell, seconded by Operations Supervisor Roberts to recommend approval to the Planning Board for Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 21-001-AC, which requests to vacate the 20-foot wide by 299.75-foot long East to West alleyway lying between Lots 1 through 6 and 7 through 12 of Block 110, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Books 1 and 5, Pages 10 and 5, Public Records of Okeechobee County with the following conditions: Florida Power & Light (FPL) is requiring a 10-foot easement be provided for the full 20-foot width of the subject right-of-way on the West side, adjacent to Northeast 2nd Avenue; and Century Link has requested a condition that the Applicant will bear the cost of relocation and repair any facilities that are found and/or damaged in the vacated areas. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- B.** Abandonment of Right-of-way Petition No. 21-002-AC.
 - 1. City Planning Consultant Smith reviewed the Planning Staff Report recommending approval.
 - 2. No City Staff comments were received.
 - 3. The property owner or agent were not in attendance.
 - 4. No public comments were offered.

V. **NEW BUSINESS ITEM B CONTINUED**

- 5. Chairperson Montes De Oca disclosed he had spoken with Mr. Steven Dobbs, the Applicant’s agent, regarding the proposed project.
- 6. Motion by Building Official Newell, seconded by Lieutenant Crum to recommend approval to the Planning Board for Abandonment of Right-of-Way Petition No. 21-002-AC, which requests to vacate the 15-foot wide by 299.84-foot long East to West alleyway lying between Lots 1 through 6 and 7 through 12 of Block 121, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Books 1 and 5, Pages 10 and 5, Public Records of Okeechobee County with the following conditions: FPL is requiring a 10-foot easement be provided for the full 15-foot width of the subject right-of-way on the West side, adjacent to Northeast 2nd Avenue; and Century Link has requested a condition that the Applicant will bear the cost of relocation and repair any facilities that are found and/or damaged in the vacated areas. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

VI. Chairperson Montes De Oca adjourned the meeting at 10:11 A.M.

Submitted by:

Patty M. Burnette, Secretary

Please take notice and be advised that when a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Technical Review Committee with respect to any matter considered at this proceeding, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. General Services’ media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records.

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