



CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2021
SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ritter called the regular meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) for the City of Okeechobee to order on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 10:03 A.M. in the City Council Chambers, located at 55 Southeast Third Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The invocation was offered by Pastor Mark McCarter of First Baptist Church of Okeechobee followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Assistant Police Chief Hagan.

II. ATTENDANCE

The following TRC Members were present: Interim City Administrator Gary Ritter, Building Official Jeffery Newell, Fire Chief Herb Smith and Public Works Director David Allen. Members absent: Okeechobee County Fire Rescue (OCFR) Captain Justin Hazellief and Police Chief Bob Peterson (Assistant Police Chief Donald Hagan was present in his place). City Planning Consultant Ben Smith, Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Executive Director John Hayford Okeechobee County Environmental Health Director Victor Faconti and Committee Secretary Patty Burnette were present. City Attorney John Fumero, 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- A. There were no items added, deferred, or withdrawn from the agenda.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.**
- C. There were no comment cards submitted for public participation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Site Plan Review Application No. 21-004-TRC, construction of proposed 20,000 sq. ft. auditorium with associated parking for the existing First Baptist Church (FBC) facilities on 1.50± acres of the 7.50± acre site located at 401 Southwest 4th Street.
 - 1. City Planning Consultant Mr. Ben Smith of LaRue Planning and Management Services reviewed the Planning Staff Report recommending approval.
 - 2. OCFR Captain Hazellief emailed comments regarding the lack of the Fire Department Connection (FDC) to the sprinkler system. He indicated he had spoken with Mr. Steven Dobbs and is now fine with the location of the FDC on the Southwest corner of the new proposed building. Fire Chief Smith inquired as to whether there were any overhangs on the building and suggested signage for the fire lanes to accommodate the ladder truck. OUA Director Hayford spoke about the sewer lateral crossings on Southwest 5th Avenue.
 - 3. Mr. Steven Dobbs, the Applicant's agent, commented there was excess parking spaces to accommodate the loading space and the fire sprinkler folks would be designing the connection which needs to be next to the fire hydrant. Pastor Mark McCarter of FBC commented there is adequate dumpster space available and there are no overhangs on the building.
 - 4. No public comments were offered.
 - 5. Chairperson Ritter and Building Official Newell disclosed they had spoken with Mr. Dobbs regarding the proposed project.
 - 6. Motion by Building Official Newell, seconded by Assistant Police Chief Hagan to approve Site Plan Review Application No. 21-004-TRC, as presented in [Exhibit 1, which includes the Planning Consultant's analysis of findings and recommendation for approval]. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- V. Chairperson Ritter adjourned the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

Submitted by:

Patty M. Burnette

Patty M. Burnette, Secretary

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