

**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2010**

Pursuant to Public Notice, Mayor Ferrante convened the regular meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Those present were Mayor Joseph Ferrante, Vice-Mayor Mike Chase, Councilman Scott Rhodes, Councilman William Higginson, City Manager Michael P. Crotty, City Attorney James Beadle, and City Clerk Barbara Montanaro. Councilman Jeffrey Fleis was not able to be present.

COUNCIL CONVENED AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION TO RETROFIT NONCONFORMING SIGN – HANNON ENTERPRISES, 1110 HIGHWAY A1A

Building Official John Stone presented the request from Hannon Enterprises for a façade grant to retrofit a non-conforming sign at 1110 Highway A1A. The cost of the retrofit is \$5,450. The Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee recommended approval of a façade grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Higginson, to approve the façade grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Hannon Enterprises to retrofit a nonconforming sign to a monument sign as presented. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON STATUS OF FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR BALANCE OF FY 10/11

Building Official Stone reported that in May 2010 there were forty-seven of the eighty-four non-conforming freestanding signs remaining. Currently there are nineteen non-conforming signs standing; however, all but three have been approved for a façade grant and are in some stage of the replacement process.

Council commended staff for working with businesses to meet the deadline for replacing freestanding signs with monuments signs.

Community Development Director Canady reported that the façade grant program funds for FY 10/11 have been committed, and there are no more grant funds available through the end of September. Since the time to apply for sign replacement grants has expired, she recommended adopting a policy to place the façade grant program on hold for the remainder of FY 10/11.

Council asked how this will effect the application for a façade grant at 1180 South Patrick Drive that was sent back for more information. The applicants have begun work which makes them ineligible for the grant program. CRA Advisory Committee Chair confirmed that applicants did not have authorization to proceed with the project until all paperwork was submitted and approved.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Rhodes, to suspend the façade grant program until additional funding has been allocated. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR EXTERIOR FACADE RENOVATIONS:

- **VINTAGE EMPORIUM/SPACE COAST MARINE BUILDING, 1180 S. PATRICK DRIVE, FOR EXTERIOR AND LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS**

No action because there is a moratorium on funds for façade grants.

- **PARKSIDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION/PARKSIDE CENTER, 1790 HIGHWAY A1A, FOR LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS**

No action because there is a moratorium on funds for façade grants. The application has been reviewed and sent back to the applicants for more information regarding landscaping and the type of paint/faux finish for the building. The owners have begun work and are no longer eligible for a grant. No action was taken.

Barbara Montanaro
City Clerk