

Building and Construction Advisory Committee Minutes

The Brevard County Building and Construction Advisory Committee (BCAC) met on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Building C, Brevard County Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida.

Members present were: Bruce Moia, Vice Chair, District 5; Scott Carswell, District 2; and Mike Jaffe, District 3.

Staff present were: Amanda Elmore, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Management; Virginia Barker, Director, Natural Resources Management; Robin Rogers, Assistant County Attorney; Terry Talbert, Building Official; and Jennifer Jones, Special Projects Coordinator.

The Vice Chair, Bruce Moia, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of July 14, 2021, Minutes

Motion by Scott Carswell, seconded by Bruce Moia, to approve the July 14, 2021, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Creation of Proposed Chapter 46, Article XI, Landscape Irrigation, Relating to Watering Schedules consistent with St. Johns River Water Management District Model Ordinance.

Amanda Elmore stated before the committee is a proposed amendment for the creation of a separate article in Chapter 46 to address irrigation scheduling in the County Code to mirror the St. Johns River Water Management District's (SJRWMD) model ordinance. In January 2021, the St. Johns governing board changed the way they do cost sharing, encouraging all municipalities to adopt ordinances mirroring their model ordinance with respect to irrigation scheduling. The ordinance would allow the County to continue receiving 25% of the construction cost-share for grants this past year that amounted to approximately \$2.5 million, but it is highly variable, so staff cannot predict what it may be in the future.

Bruce Moia stated he sees the importance of continuing to get the funding. He asked if there is any language in the ordinance that is different from the SJRWMD boilerplate language.

Virginia Barker stated the main difference is that the County did not include any enforcement provisions. Staff advised the County Commission that there was legal advice from SJRWMD that the ordinance could be adopted the ordinance with or without enforcement provisions, and the Board directed staff to not include enforcement provisions.

Motion by Scott Carswell, seconded by Mike Jaffe, to approve the proposed Creation of Proposed Chapter 46, Article XI, Landscape Irrigation, Relating to Watering Schedules consistent with St. Johns River Water Management District Model Ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING CODE MONTHLY REVIEW

Terry Talbert, Building Official, gave the board a monthly report of building permits. He stated the end of year totals show that work has not slowed down. There were over 200 permits for new homes in the month of December.

Bruce Moia asked about the staffing level. Mr. Talbert replied staffing is pretty good, but there are some plans examiners who will be retiring in the next couple of years, and it is hard to find people to replace them because the State makes it difficult to get certified and all of the municipalities are fighting over the people who are certified.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.