

**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
BUILDING HEIGHT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**



**January 6, 2022
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

Call to Order

Chairperson Tipton called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Lynn Tipton, Chairperson
Joseph Lewis, Vice-Chairperson
Nick Girone
James Homich
John Tucker
Thomas Pauls
Andrea Lothar
Michael McGuire (via Zoom)
Greg Beliveau
Tom Dring
Frank Kirwin
Kate Ondrasik
Harris Turner

Also Present

Vince Sandersfeld, Planning Director
Sherry G. Sutphen, City Attorney
Nicole Wisniewski, Deputy City Clerk

Public Comment

Chairperson Tipton opened public comment

No Public Comment

Chairperson Tipton closed public comment

Approval of Minutes

- A. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes
- November 18, 2021 Building Height Advisory Committee Minutes

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIRWIN TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 BUILDING HEIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES; COMMITTEE MEMBER TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Proposed Charter Amendment Language (working document)

Committee member Kate Ondrasik inquired about the pervue of the committee.

Discussion was had regarding the purpose of the committee and how that has changed since the committee was first formed.

Ms. Sutphen, City Attorney, explained the reasons for why the committee was formed and how the purpose of the committee changed at the December 7, 2021 council meeting when Council voted on a motion to have the committee consider language for a charter amendment.

Committee members provided their explanations of why they became a part of the committee, their thoughts on why the committee was formed, and what their role on the committee was.

A majority of the committee members expressed that if they are now limited to only considering language for a charter amendment, then they no longer want to be a part of the Building Height Advisory Committee.

Committee member Harris Turner asked if they could defer action on the charter amendment and do what the committee was originally charged with doing.

Ms. Sutphen, City Attorney, explained that once everyone has given their opinion, she would like a consensus on which members want the charter amendment and which members do not and who would leave the committee if that was the sole focus.

Committee member Tom Dring stated that he listened to the council meeting where council discussed this. Mr. Dring stated he feels that the committee shouldn't be limited to option A, charter amendment or option B, Land Development Code. There should be option C for them to look at every possible scenario about where to put the language for building heights .

Discussion ensued regarding the actual heights of the buildings and how some committee members understood that those numbers weren't being discussed for change.

Vice-Chairperson Joseph Lewis stated that this committee needs to look at what's best for the long term viability of Mount Dora.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TURNER THAT THIS COMMITTEE IS OPPOSED TO THE REQUIREMENT TO ONLY PURSUE A CHARTER AMENDMENT AND IF THAT IS THE SOLE OPTION OF THIS COMMITTEE, IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMITTEE BE DISSOLVED AND THE CITY COUNCIL PREPARE ANY CHARTER AMENDMENT. COMMITTEE MEMBER TUCKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

MS. SUTPHEN INQUIRED IF PART OF THE MOTION IS LEAVING OPEN, IF THEY PROVIDE YOU WITH THE OPTION OF CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES AND BRINGING BACK A RECOMMENDATION FOR ALL ALTERNATIVES, THEN YOU ARE NOT OPPOSED TO STAYING AS A COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE MEMBER TURNER AGREED WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AS WELL AS COMMITTEE MEMBER TUCKER.

YES	Committee member Girone Chairperson Tipton Committee member Pauls Committee member McGuire Committee member Dring Vice-Chairperson Lewis Committee member Turner Committee member Tucker Committee member Beliveau Committee member Kirwin Committee member Ondrasik
NO	Committee member Homich Committee member Lotter

Committee member Frank Kirwin inquired if there is a way the language could be put somewhere outside of a charter such as a protective ordinance and still have the people vote on it at the next election.

Ms. Sutphen, City Attorney, stated that the building heights language can be put in other places, such as ordinances, and that she will look into it.

Committee member Michael McGuire asked how long this committee had to discuss the topic before it is needed to go on the ballot.

Ms. Sutphen, City Attorney, stated that the language needs to be done by August in order to get on the ballot for November.

Committee member Frank Kirwin stated that the committee would make a single recommendation to go to council based on all options.

Ms. Sutphen, City Attorney, clarified that she believes that the options the committee has are an Ordinance to change the Charter or an Ordinance to change the Land Development Code.

Committee member Frank Kirwin asked if the committee could just focus on building height in the downtown Historic District.

Discussion took place regarding the area in which to look at building heights.

B. TAB 1: History of Building Height and Code Amendment Types

C. Tabs 2-5: Building Heights Documents for Discussion

- TAB 2 - Thomas Pauls, summary information
- TAB 3 - John Tucker, Florida City Building Heights
- TAB 4 - Kate Ondrasik , Building Heights in Downtown Historic Districts
- TAB 5 - Frank Kirwin, Building Heights in Aspen and Key West

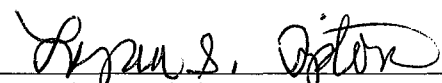
Announcement of next scheduled meeting

A. Scheduled Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment

COMMITTEE MEMBER KIRWIN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMITTEE MEMBER ONDRASIK SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:14 PM.


Nicole Wisniewski, Deputy City Clerk


Lynn Tipton, Chairperson