

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board
of County Commissioners

DATE: 8/24/2010

FILE: CAO10-3214

THRU: Jeffrey N. Steinsnyder
County Attorney

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SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance
Amending Section 301.3 of the Land
Development Code Relating to
Development Review Committee
Membership – Public Hearing
BOCC Meeting: 9/7/10
1:30 p.m., DC

FROM: 
David A. Goldstein
Chief Assistant County Attorney

REFERENCES: All Commission Districts

It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Please find before you for your consideration a proposed Ordinance amending Section 301.3 of the Land Development Code relating to the Development Review Committee ("DRC") membership. The proposed Ordinance would replace the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services (currently Bipin Parikh) on DRC with the President of the Pasco County Economic Development Council ("PEDC") (currently John Hagen), or his designated employee.

Section 286.011, Florida Statutes (the Government in the Sunshine Law) limits communications between the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services and the other members of DRC relating to DRC agenda items, except at a noticed public meeting. This sometimes presents a problem for the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services, because most of the departments that present agenda items to DRC report to the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services (i.e. the Planning and Growth Management, Zoning and Site Development and Engineering Services Departments). Removing the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services from DRC will allow for greater communication between the members of DRC and the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services, and the departments under his control, which will likely result in more uniform and predictable staff recommendations and decision making for DRC agenda items.

Because of the limited voting authority of the District School Board representative on DRC, there will be a greater possibility of tie votes if the Assistant County Administrator for Development Services is removed from DRC without a replacement. The County Administrator has recommended that the replacement be the President of the PEDC (or his designated employee), in an effort to help increase Pasco County's coordination with the PEDC, attract new value-added target businesses to Pasco County, and remove disincentives to attract such businesses. This action is also consistent with the following strategic challenge in the Board's 2009-2012 Strategic Plan:

STRATEGIC CHALLENGE 1--JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Provide leadership and resources to attract and expand business opportunities through incentives, land use policy, transportation access, and economic development planning, intended to diversify and strengthen our economy; thereby creating job growth for decades to come.

ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:

1. Adopt the attached proposed Ordinance amending Section 301.3 of the Land Development Code.
2. Direct revisions to the attached proposed Ordinance amending Section 301.3 of the Land Development Code.

3. Do not adopt the attached proposed Ordinance amending Section 301.3 of the Land Development Code.

RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING:

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Board of County Commissioners accept public comment, approve Alternative number 1, adopt the attached proposed Ordinance Amending Section 301.3 by role call vote, authorize the Chairman's signature on same, direct Board Records to file a certified copy of the ordinance and the coding form with the Department of State by overnight delivery immediately after enactment so that the ordinance is received by the State on September 8th, retain one (1) original, and send one (1) copy to the County Attorney, New Port Richey along with a copy of the letter from the Department of State showing receipt of the Ordinance.

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Attachment: Proposed Ordinance amending Section 301.3
Relating to Development Review Committee Membership

cc: Debra Zampetti, Zoning/Code Compliance Administrator
Bipin Parikh, Assistant County Administrator, Permits/Development Information Services
James Widman, Engineering Services Director
Richard Gehring, Growth Management Administrator
Bruce E. Kennedy, Assistant County Administrator, Utilities
Dan Johnson, Assistant County Administrator, Public Services
Michael Nurrenbrock, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Chris Williams, Pasco County District School Board
John Hagen, Pasco Economic Development Council
John Walsh, Pasco Economic Development Council