

**MAY 21, 2007
CITY OF SENOIA
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
6:00 PM**

VISITORS: Liz Camp, Paul & Ann Price, Sam & Suzanne Helfman, Debbie Vitiello, Rebecca Neill and Paul Lombardi

COUNCIL PRESENT: Belisle, Owens and Graham

COUNCIL ABSENT: Grover and Harrison

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the work session to order and welcomed all

2. PURPOSE OF WORK SESSION

• **Discussion of proposed Infill Subdivision**

Mr. Ferry informed all that at the May 7th meeting Council heard pros and cons regarding the proposed Infill Ordinance but it is one consistent with smart growth. After many discussions with Mr. Whalen the issue of storm water was still a factor. Mayor Belisle stated that his personal opinion is that this ordinance has become overwhelming and suggests staying with our current guidelines. Councilman Graham also stated that the proposed doesn't seem to make the process any easier. Councilman Owens asks what the present ordinance is lacking & was told that it is overbearing in its stages. Mayor Belisle reminded all that every few years the review process is revisited and the Infill Ordinance can be looked at then.

• **Discussion of proposed Golf Cart Ordinance**

Mr. Whalen informed Council that the only real question is do we want to let unlicensed drivers operate the carts on public streets when State law clearly states they must have a valid license. Councilman Graham stated that he knows that Peachtree City allows 15 year olds to operate and was told that this may be due to local legislation. Councilman Graham then suggested going with the proposed and looking into 15 year old drivers and amend. Mayor Belisle and Councilman Graham would both like to see the operation regulations changed to reflect an operator with a learning permit be accompanied by a parent or guardian instead of licensed driver 18 or older. Councilman Owens feels Council is being "heavy-handed". Mr. Whalen stated that this is a good ordinance, that Peachtree City is a national model for the path systems and asked if Council has issues with the age of 18 or lack of relationship to young operator. Mayor Belisle indicated that age is the issue and suggests listing 21 or older. Debbie Vitiello asks if only over the age of 21 will be able to operate & was told by Mayor Belisle no, this will mean a permitted operator of 15 must have a licensed driver 21 or older with them. Mr. Ferry reminded all that there is the issue with width of the paths, that 10 foot is standard. C. Graham asked if we should include the 10 ft. path wording

in the proposed? Mr. Ferry suggested having it written up and included in the Land Development standards. C. Graham asked that Mr. Whalen check again on the status with the State concerning unlicensed drivers. Mr. Ferry asked if we should get letters out to cart owners regarding registration & was told by Mr. Whalen that this is listed in the ordinance. C. Graham suggests giving owners until September 1st to register with the ordinance going into effect July 1st and Council agreed. Mr. Ferry asked Council if they would like to postpone the first read until the June 4th meeting & was told no.

3. ADJOURN

C. Owens made motion to adjourn the May 21, 2007 Council work session & was 2nd by C. Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk