

Council workshop  
January 29, 2008

Mayor Marse called to order council workshop of January 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson and Earl King. Council members Mike Helton and Charlie Simmons were absent. Also present: City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

Councilman King gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Bruce Stitt, Director of Economic Development & Land Use with West Florida Regional Planning Council, introduced himself, Mr. Kevin Wagner, also with West Florida Regional Planning Council, and Mr. Roger Register and Mr. James Hosler with TBE Group. Mr. Register is also the President of the Florida Brownfield Association.

Mr. Stitt updated the council on the history of the West Florida Regional Planning Council and reminded them of the services that they provide to municipalities. He explained that a "brownfield" is a place that either has or is perceived to have environmental contaminations of some sort. The Brownfield Redevelopment Program has several benefits that will assist the property owner in cleaning up the site.

Mr. Register made a presentation to council showing sites throughout Florida that were re-developed under the Brownfield Redevelopment program. He explained the Brownfield program benefits to council and explained how it may be a draw to larger businesses. It is a strictly voluntary program. He recommended that council consider a couple of locations within the City to designate as a "Brownfield area" as a pilot project area.

With no other business, Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, President of Council