

**TOWN COMMISSION WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018
TOWN MEETING HALL
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Stark called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner McMullen
 Commissioner Polland
 Commissioner Ramos
 Vice Mayor Satterfield
 Mayor Stark

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6:30 p.m. - Interview of Evelyn Pabon / P&Z Board Candidate

Mayor Stark asked Ms. Pabon to introduce herself. The Mayor gave the candidate some background as to what the Commission expects of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Mayor Stark: Please tell us about yourself. What is your professional background?

Ms. Pabon stated that she is an attorney in Orlando and is currently residing in the Oakland Trails subdivision.

Commissioner McMullen: In your opinion what are the most important zoning or planning principles or ideas necessary to maintain the vision and character of the Town?

Ms. Pabon replied that working with the Board and protecting natural resources. It is important to have a comprehensive plan in place. Looking at the future is important.

Vice Mayor Satterfield: What is your opinion of growth and future development in the Town of Oakland?

Ms. Pabon responded that Oakland has great opportunities for growth and attracting great people and businesses to the Town. She thought Oakland has a promising future.

Commissioner Polland: What role should the Planning and Zoning Board play regarding future development in Oakland?

Ms. Pabon stated the Board should have an active role in planning and making sure development fits and is being done the right way.

Commissioner Ramos: What would you do to attract businesses to Oakland?

Ms. Pabon replied that she would like to make people understand how accessible Oakland is.

Mayor Stark: What personal quality would you say makes you a good candidate for the Planning and Zoning Board?

Ms. Pabon stated that being an attorney would be good for this position.

The Commission thanked Ms. Pabon for coming in for the interview.

6:45 p.m. – Interview of Zac Brown / P&Z Board Candidate

The Mayor gave the candidate some background as to what the Commission expects of the Planning and Zoning Board. She asked Mr. Brown to tell them a little about himself.

Mayor Stark: Please tell us about yourself. What is your professional background?

Mr. Brown stated that he spent 18 years in the military. He grew up in Alabama. He did a lot of building construction with David Weekly Homes, some of it in Winters Landing. He also has a lot of experience building hotels.

Commissioner Polland: In your opinion, what are the most important zoning or planning principles or ideas necessary to maintain the vision and character of the Town?

Mr. Brown replied that he has 2 children and wants a safe environment for his family. Oakland is the oldest community in Central Florida. He would like the trees to remain and to have the Craftsman, old Florida feel.

Vice Mayor Satterfield: What is your opinion of growth and future development in the Town of Oakland?

Mr. Brown stated that there are opportunities for industrial and commercial in Oakland, in the right places.

Commissioner Ramos: What role should the Planning and Zoning Board play regarding future development in Oakland?

Mr. Brown stated that the Planning and Zoning Board are the gate keepers. He is good friends with some developers. Knowing what is best for the Town and looking at every opportunity.

Commissioner McMullen: What personal quality would you say makes you a good candidate for the Planning and Zoning Board?

Mr. Brown responded that he eats, drinks and sleeps Oakland. He and his family use the Trail all the time. He wants the things that they enjoy about Oakland to stay like they are.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further questions or discussion, Mayor Stark adjourned the Work Session at 7:03 pm.

TOWN OF OAKLAND:



KATHY STARK, MAYOR



ATTEST:



KIMBERLY GAY, TOWN CLERK