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Subject: FW: Changing the role of P&Z Board AND the P&Z Department

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Please include this email in the record for Ordinance 20-53. Thanks.

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To All:

I want to comment on the proposal by the P&Z Board to only handle small projects and change the City Code; I strenuously object.

Why? the members of the P&Z Board are appointed by each member of the City Council. While I am gratified that the current City Council is far more informed than previous Councils, the members of the P&Z Board are not qualified. There seems to be no set standard of criteria for their backgrounds and I have found that many times they don't bother to inform themselves of events, rules, issues. I have encountered the situation first hand.

Additionally, what you will do by allowing the P&Z Board to only review small projects thereby averting the need for the City Council to step in, is provide more power to the Planning & Zoning Department.

I've read with apprehension everything that people were stating about how this other city that other place so and so were doing things. Comparing those entities with the City of PSL simply doesn't compute. There is NO comparison.

The City Commission voted for a large pay raise for themselves given that the amount of work that has evolved has become unwieldy. I don't disagree with that premise BUT I do disagree with lightning up the work load by off putting smaller projects onto a group of people who don't know what they're doing is simply untenable.

I would put forth to each and every one of you that prior to making such a substantial change in how the City of Port Saint Lucie will be governed and grow in the future is to ensure that the members of the P&Z Board meet certain base qualifications. That should be a minimum requirement. You cannot have members of the P&Z Board claiming that they have to have AT&T ground lines simply because they don't know how to use wireless AND you cannot have members who are totally ignorant about FCC rules & regulations when voting on issues that are regulated by such government entities.

Please DELAY voting on such a substantial change in the governance of the City of Port Saint Lucie until a better framework has been put in place.

Regards,
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