

DECEMBER 8, 1986

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in SPECIAL/JOINT SESSION with the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bradenton, in the City Council Chambers (City Hall), Bradenton, Florida, Monday, December 8, 1986, at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss policies adopted under the Southeast Area Task Force recommendations; the manner of response to the request from the Southwest Florida Water Management District for joint resolution/petition to upgrade the classification of the Braden River and such other matters as may be introduced.

FOR MANATEE COUNTY:

Present were Commissioners:

Westwood H. Fletcher, Jr., Chairman
Edward W. Chance, Vice-Chairman
Kent G. Chetlain
Patricia M. Glass
James J. McGrath

Also present were:

Ronald H. Rabun, County Administrator
H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney
Richard H. Ashley, Chief Deputy Clerk, representing
R. B. Shore, Clerk of Circuit Court

FOR CITY OF BRADENTON:

City Council:

Bill Evers, Mayor
Ellie Perkins
Joyce Fulford
Saundra Rahn
Fred Runnels entered during the meeting

Absent: Jim Barfield

Also present was:

George S. Baldwin, City Clerk

Representatives of the various news media were present.

The joint meeting of the City of Bradenton City Council and Manatee County Commission was called to order by Chairman Fletcher.

SOUTHEAST AREA TASK FORCE POLICIES/RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion: Policies adopted by the Board of County Commissioners to protect the Manatee Reservoir Watershed and the Evers Reservoir Watershed, based on the recommendations submitted by Southeast Area Task Force; problems encountered in the past to protect the watershed such as split development in the watershed area; need to purchase land in the watershed area; control land density; design of projects; availability of public services; method of handling stormwater runoff; protection of natural tributaries.

County Staff Report

Karen Collins, Planning and Development, reviewed the density issue and setting of the intensity zone.

Upon question, Ms. Collins said that the Smith and Gillespie Study, (forerunner to the adopted Southeast Area Recommendations) recommended up to five units per acre. In May, however, the Commission decided that three units per acre would be better than five.

Among the restrictions she noted were:

= There would be no more industrial rezones of any type and staff was instructed to work out a new zoning classification for planned office park type development.

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- = There will be no more commercial uses in the low intensity zone. Commercial development has been located away from prime residential areas in the development plan.
- = Developers must make sure that stormwaters coming off their site will be of Outstanding Florida Waters Quality. Stipulations have been adopted concerning design, compatibility with the uses south of University Parkway, and design standards for University Parkway are being worked out.
- = Public facilities have been addressed so that the County will not commit to any development unless public facilities and services are in place or a plant will be there in the near future.
- = The level of service on the road has been taken into consideration and developers are required to submit a traffic analysis with their proposal.

(Enter Councilman Runnels)

Discussion: Smith and Gillespie Study recommendations under the 100 year floodplain zone; land use; adoption of the Southeast Area Task Force recommendations by resolution; level of service at University Parkway; problems with the intensity of developments; purpose of the Southeast Area Task Force; City of Bradenton representatives who attended meetings of the Southeast Area Task Force not being voting members; merging of City/County water and sewer systems; County purchasing property to protect the Evers Reservoir; growth control in southeast sector of the County; establishment of taxing district.

Mayor Bill Evers said that the main concern is to concentrate on protecting the watershed and the County plans for development in the area east of I-75, the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, and setting a special taxing district. He said the City tried to work with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), put up money to try to purchase the land along the reservoir, and encouraged the County to join, but the County turned them down.

Mr. Fletcher said his recollection was that the Commission supported joining the City in the purchase of the property, but suggested that the City first approach the Manasota Basin Board.

RECLASSIFICATION OF BRADEN RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

Mr. Fletcher noted that he had received no response to his letter of April 24, 1986, in which he advised the City the County was willing to join the petition to upgrade the Braden River and all its tributaries as Outstanding Florida Waters.

WATERSHED/DENSITY

Jerry West, City Planning and Development, provided history of zoning density in the watershed beginning with the project TARA. He said that the City's approach has always been that a combination control of the density as well as good storm water management is needed. He noted that at its last meeting the Southeast Area Task Force changed the low intensity from one unit to five units per acre, and the Board lowered it from five to three, and emphasized that was the City's main objection.

Fred Goodrow, County Planning Director, reviewed the density zones as recommended by the following:

	Zones		
	0	Low	Med
Smith Gillespie originally recommended	Zero	one	five
Southeast Area Task Force final recommendation	Zero	one	five
Approved by the Board	Zero	three	five

The final recommendation of the Southeast Area Task Force came to five units per acre in low intensity zones with best management practices and a requirement that outstanding Florida waters be attained in the retention areas.

Discussion: Density recommendations of Smith and Gillespie, Southeast Area Task Force, and those adopted by the Board of County Commissioners; retention, quality control of runoff; non-degradation, testing; enforcement; established monitoring system; stipulation required in project(s) approved in southeast area that developer(s) install monitoring systems which are acceptable to State requirement; requirement that homeowners associations take care of the monitoring and the cost involved.

LAKE MANATEE RESERVOIR CLASSIFICATION

Upon question, Charles Hunsicker said that Lake Manatee Reservoir and its tributaries is under Classification One Drinking Water Standards. He provided history of the County's petition to the Department of Environmental Regulation in 1980 to secure that classification. He recommended a joint City-County petition be submitted to reclassify Lake Manatee watershed and Braden River as Outstanding Florida Waters. He pointed out that expense of the reclassification study, public hearings and data collection study is an expense borne by the State of Florida through the Department of Environmental Regulations.

Gary Kuhl, Executive Director, SWFWMD, stated that the Manasota Basin Board supported the idea of reclassifying the Braden River System to a class one. He concurred that the reclassification is feasible and would assist in enforcing protective land use decisions in the watershed area. He noted that without the reclassification the County would have no foundation to legally challenge someone that is polluting the water supply system.

He advised that a local government can contract with the US Geological Survey for the monitoring and review of water quality information gathered in the watershed, and the agency could split the cost.

Discussion: Contracting with U.S. Geological Group for testing of storm water run-off; whether county share of cost could be passed to homeowners association; benefits of an outstanding Florida Waters Designation; rule on retriggering DRI's; substantial deviation.

MANASOTA BASIN BOARD

Mr. Kuhl, on behalf of Jake Weilan, Manasota Basin Board, gave assurance that the Basin Board would support and assist both City and County in reclassification and land acquisition projects in the watershed area.

SUMMARY

Southeast Area Task Force Density

Mrs. Rahn suggested a change in density numbers in the Southeast Area Task Force area to zero, one in the low density and three in the medium density and west of I-75.

Mayor Evers said he was not agreeing to amend the Comprehensive plan to allow three units per acre east of I-75.

Testing/Monitoring Stormwater Runoff

Upon question by Mr. Fletcher if the City would be in agreement to contacting U. S. Geological Testing/Monitoring on stormwater runoff in the Southeast Area Task Force area, City representatives concurred in looking into it.

Reclassification/Upgrading of Braden River

Upon question by Mr. Fletcher if the City would join the County to request SWFWMD and others for upgrading of tributaries of Braden River from Class three to class one or outstanding Florida Waters Level, City representatives agreed to look into it.

Disposition: Mayor Evers, on behalf of the City, to pursue the reclassification.

Commercial/Industrial in Southeast Area Task Force Area

In responding to inquiry by Mayor Evers, Ms. Collins advised that the Board had decided not to allow any industrial rezone in the whole southeast area, not just the watershed, and there will be no new commercial zoning and no industrial in the low intensity zone.

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EAST BRADENTON/OAK TREES

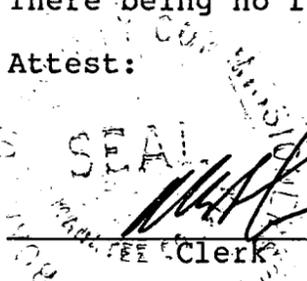
Councilman Runnels invited the Board to meeting on December 9, 1986 at the Longboat Key Civic Center with the Florida Department of Transportation to discuss the future of the oak trees on Manatee Avenue in East Bradenton and construction on State Road 64.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:

 *[Signature]*
Clerk

[Signature]
Chairman 2/10/87

Adj: 5:30 p.m.