

that all agriculture uses need to register with the Environmental Committee who will administer the program. All properties will need to register on an annual basis. Compliance will be monitored by Environmental Committee.

Dell DeChant, Environmental Committee Chairperson, believes urban agriculture improves the look of a community and the proposed ordinance will create a permitted use where one currently does not exist. It would allow residents to grow food on the property. He said permits are designed for one year and if there is a problem with a property, the permit will not be renewed the following year. He believes the Environmental Committee can police the ordinance requirements. Mr. DeChant feels the ordinance is the most user-friendly ordinance pertaining to urban agriculture he has seen and that this would be a model ordinance. He said the Environmental Committee supports the ordinance. He thanked the Development Department for its assistance in preparing both ordinances.

Mr. Maysilles recommended that if the ordinance is approved, the use should not be allowed in front yards since they could become overgrown and unsightly. Dr. Cadle disagreed, noting people who would take the time to install these types of gardens are going to take the time to maintain them.

Mr. Maysilles made the motion to amend the language of Ordinance #2016-2074 to prohibit urban agricultural uses in front yards which was seconded by Ms. Moran. Roll call vote: Ms. Moran, yes; Mr. Maysilles, yes; Ms. Michel, yes; Dr. Cadle, no; Mr. Parillo, no; Mr. Grey, yes. The motion carried (4-2).

Mr. Maysilles made the motion to recommend approval of Ordinance #2016-2074 as amended, which was seconded by Ms. Moran. Roll call vote: Mr. Maysilles, yes; Dr. Cadle, yes; Mr. Grey, no; Ms. Moran, no; Ms. Michel, no; Mr. Parrillo, yes. The motion failed (3-3).

Mr. Maysilles made the motion to amend the language of Ordinance #2016-2073 to prohibit urban agricultural uses in front yards which was seconded by Ms. Moran. Roll call vote: Ms. Moran, yes; Mr. Maysilles, yes; Ms. Michel, yes; Dr. Cadle, no; Mr. Parrillo, yes; Mr. Grey, yes. The motion carried (5-1).

Mr. Maysilles made the motion to recommend approval of Ordinance #2016-2073 as amended, which was seconded by Ms. Moran. Roll call vote: Mr. Maysilles, yes; Dr. Cadle, yes; Mr. Grey, no; Ms. Moran, no; Ms. Michel, no; Mr. Parrillo, no. The motion failed (4-2).

(Mr. Maysilles excused himself at 2:45 p.m.)

V. Code Amendment COD2016-04:

Case: Code Amendment COD2016-04 – Front Porches
Applicant: City of New Port Richey, Debbie L. Manns City Manager, 5919 Main Street, New Port Richey, FL 34652.
Request: Review and recommendation on an amendment to the Land Development Code addressing front porches (Ordinance #2016-2077).

Chris Mettler presented a Power Point presentation for the proposed ordinance. He stated that the proposed ordinance is intended to encourage homeowners to add front porches to their homes by allowing a setback encroachment without a variance, if specific design criteria are met. He reviewed the components of a front porch meeting the criteria, which include: a covered structure, attached to the front of the dwelling (or the side facing a street), providing primary access into the dwelling, having a separate roof, unenclosed except for roof, balustrade & flooring, extending a minimum of 50 percent of the building façade width (excluding garage bays, if applicable), having a minimum 10-foot depth, having a maximum depth no greater than 50 percent of the dwelling's, the floor to be located above the finished horizontal lot elevation, having a design consistent with that of the dwelling's, minimum setback of 10 feet from the property line, not to be enclosed, maintaining a minimum 80 percent openness, not to be screened, one front porch setback encroachment per lot (unless a wraparound porch is proposed) and to be architecturally-integrated with the dwelling. He noted

that the City is currently offering home improvement grants and homeowners may be eligible for grants defraying the cost of a front porch addition meeting the design criteria. Lastly, he reviewed diagrams of front porch layouts meeting the design criteria.

Mr. Grey asked if any consideration has been given in the proposed ordinance to allow for higher fences to be attached to the porches in the front yard. Mr. Mettler said not at this time. Mr. Parrillo clarified the porches must remain open. Mr. Mettler concurred.

Dr. Cadle made the motion to recommend approval of Ordinance #2016-2077 which was seconded by Mr. Parrillo. Roll call vote: Mr. Parrillo, yes; Ms. Michel, yes; Mr. Grey, yes; Dr. Cadle, yes; Ms. Moran, yes. The motion carried (5-0).

VI. Adjourn:

Ms. Fierce thanked the Board Members for attending the meeting. The next meeting is April 21, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Mettler, Senior Planner