

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA
BUILDING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 28, 2021, 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thornberry, Chair
Arahamian, Gotfredson, Hoff, Merolla, Mueller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Masters

OTHERS PRESENT: Board Attorney David Jackson; Suz Russell, License & Permitting Supervisor; Doris Gomez; Steve Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thornberry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Suz Russell, License & Permit Supervisor, announced Mr. Randy Cole, Chief Building Official, would retire from the Building Division in January 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.a Approval of April 27, 2021 Minutes

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[04-27-2021 Minutes](#)

Ms. Mueller **MOVED** approval of the April 27, 2021, minutes, **SECONDED** by Mr. Hoff. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

1.b Approval of October 26, 2021 Minutes

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[10-26-2021 Minutes](#)

Mr. Hoff **MOVED** approval of the October 26, 2021, minutes, **SECONDED** by Ms. Mueller. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

2) BUILDING CODE CASES

Recording Secretary Welch swore in all participants.

2.a Violation - King's Classic Construction - Scott A. King, qualifier

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Board Attorney David Jackson verified members had no conflicts of interest and had not engaged in ex parte communication regarding this violation.

Ms. Russell stated the following charges, detailed in the agenda material, were brought against King's Classic Construction: Charge 1 – 7-13(a)(25); Charge 2 – 7-13(a)(27); Charge 3 – 7-13(a)(28); Charge 4 – 7-13(a)(29); Charge 5 – 7-13(a)(30).

Mr. Thornberry verified a representative was not present to testify on behalf of King's Classic Construction.

Mr. Gotfredson received confirmation the Board could move forward without the qualifier present as there was proof the qualifier was notified of the meeting and a continuance was not requested.

Mr. Hoff **MOVED** to find the qualifier guilty of all five charges, **SECONDED** by Mr. Gotfredson. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Mr. Thornberry stated staff's recommendation was to permanently revoke Mr. Scott King's, qualifier, permitting privileges in the City.

Ms. Russell clarified permanent revocation meant Mr. King could not apply for a permit in the City unless he appeared before the Board.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the details of staff's recommendation as well as alternative actions the Board could take to allow Mr. King to reapply for a permit after a certain period of time.

Mr. Gotfredson **MOVED** to accept staff's recommendation for permanent revocation of Mr. King's permitting privileges in the City, **SECONDED** by Ms. Mueller. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Ms. Doris Gomez, qualifier for Farfan Development, indicated Mr. King was terminally ill.

2.b [Violation - Farfan Development - Doris Gomez, qualifier](#)

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[Farfan continuance from Sept.](#)

[Doris Gomez - NOV and NOH](#)

Board Attorney Jackson verified members had no conflicts of interest and had not engaged in ex parte communication regarding this violation.

Ms. Russell stated Charge 1: 7-13(a)(28), detailed in the agenda material, was against Farfan Development, concluding staff recommended Farfan Development receive one year of probation based on the charge.

Mr. Steve Smith read a statement from Farfan Development in response to the charge, which included an explanation of the contracted work completed by Farfan Development for King's Classic Construction, requesting the charge be dismissed.

Mr. Thornberry pointed out the contract was not between Farfan Development and the property owner, explaining the proper protocol would have been to list Farfan Development as a subcontractor under Mr. King's permit or to sign a contract directly with the property owner.

Ms. Gomez indicated the property owner did not desire to enter a contract with anyone other than King's Classic Construction, noting the Building Division required Farfan Development to apply for a separate permit.

Mr. Gotfredson opined Ms. Gomez was given insufficient information from the Building Division and was a victim of circumstance.

Mr. Hoff commented the charge was minimal compared to the situation which occurred.

Mr. Smith stated Farfan Development exceeded the work that was required for the property owner, explaining the issues were pointed out to the property owner and were ignored. He concluded King's Classic Construction was at fault for the violations.

Mr. Thornberry questioned whether members found Farfan Development guilty of the charge.

Mr. Hoff **MOVED** to accept staff's recommendation and find the qualifier guilty, **SECONDED** by Ms. Mueller.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Thornberry, Ms. Mueller, Mr. Aprahamian, Mr. Hoff, Ms. Merolla.

VOTING NAY: Mr. Gotfredson

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Hoff **MOVED** to place Farfan Development on one year of probation, **SECONDED** by Mr. Aprahamian.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Thornberry, Ms. Mueller, Mr. Aprahamian, Mr. Hoff, Ms. Merolla.

VOTING NAY: Mr. Gotfredson.

MOTION CARRIED.

3) FALSE ALARM APPEALS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Russell indicated no items were scheduled for January 2022 at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Gotfredson received verification the position for the Building Official was posted internally and would be posted for external applicants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary