

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
THRU: Russ Blackburn, City Manager
FROM: Erik A. Bredfeldt
DATE: November 5, 2009
SUBJECT: Community Development Committee Referral
City Commission Agenda Item 090459 – RLUIPA

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Recently, staff submitted this referral from the Community Development Committee to the full Commission for consideration at the November 5, 2009 regular City Commission meeting.

Although staff, with assistance from current and former Committee members, is prepared to review the item with the City Commission, a different forum may be appropriate for the full Commission's consideration of the referral.

This is primarily due to the gravity of the issues involved in this matter and the lack of a unanimous consensus amongst Committee members on recommended modifications to the Gainesville Land Development Code.

In addition, although Committee members participating in this matter are familiar with the issues reviewed during the Committee's hearings, the full Commission may need to be better apprised by staff of the pros and cons associated with each recommended modification.

For this reason, I would recommend that this referral, and related matters, be taken up in a Special Meeting. If the City Commission concurs, staff will work with the Clerk of the Commission to find an appropriate date. This will allow for a more deliberative consideration of the matter and an opportunity for full community participation prior to a formal full Commission vote.

Thank you for your consideration.