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## Public Hearings for Surfview, Los Lagos and Las Casitas to be postponed to December 18

**November 17, 2017** – Several public hearing items on the agenda for Monday’s regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be postponed until December 18. This is at the request of attorneys representing the applicant for the Surfview, Los Lagos and Las Casitas developments, the Lakeside Homeowners Association, and a group of homeowners from the adjoining Lakeside neighborhoods.

“Due to the requirements of constitutional due process as articulated by the courts of our state and the particular facts and complexities of these land use agenda items, I have determined that for the Commission not to grant the continuance could be asserted as a due process violation by one or more of the parties,” Flagler County Attorney Al Hadeed wrote in a memo to the Commission.

At the open session on Monday, County Administrator Craig Coffey will adding the memo to the start of the agenda backup materials for these items. This action will allow for a vote on the record and determination to adopt this postponement with a continuation to the time certain of December 18.

The standard procedures is that public hearings on land use are held in the evenings to allow for broader participation.

The memo also serves to confirm that Hadeed did not discuss the matter with the County Commission in advance of its drafting. Hadeed also sent a note to the attorneys who had requested the postponement.

“These are complex cases subject to standards of judicial review involving comprehensive plan consistency determinations and establishing their positions by the presentation of competent substantial evidence,” Hadeed said. “All of this is within the context of property rights, which we are bound to honor constitutionally.”

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