

Town of Grant-Valkaria
Interim Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
Grant Community Center

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL (by Interim Council Clerk)

Bonnie Allan - present
Denni Burr - present
Lisette Kolar - present
Jim Tonti - present
Tim Reynolds - absent

D. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

New business: G.3. – (Kolar) – Ordinance granting additional homestead exemption for seniors
G.4. – (Kolar) – Request from Grant Library for at least one more copy of October 5th and October 26th forum DVDs
G.5. – (Kolar) – Crystal Bay LLC (aka Sebastian Beach and Tennis Village): Joint acceptance of plat between County and Grant-Valkaria and possible inter-local agreement
G.6. – (Kolar) – Request to change start time of November 21 meeting to 7:30 P.M.
G.7. – (Kolar) – FPL tree-trimming
G.8. – (Allan) – Updates on Grant property
G.9. – (Kolar) – 10/25/06 meeting between the Brevard and Indian River County Commissions

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of 10/18/06 minutes

Allan noted that Kolar's name for agenda item G.14. was incorrect and should read Allan. Motion made to approve the 10/18/06 minutes with the above change made.

MOTION BY ALLAN; SECONDED BY BURR.

VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. (Burr) – Availability of Sunrise Elementary School for the 11/15/06 Interim Council meeting

Burr reported that Principal Pitchard is not available on that date so he is checking to see if someone else at the school can support that meeting date. Burr will follow-up on the Interim Council being able to use the school for that 11/15/06 meeting.

2. (Kolar) – March 1 versus April 1 quarterly insurance premium due date with FMIT

Kolar confirmed that the revised payment schedule provided should have shown April 1st rather than March 1st. Also, Kolar stated that the quarterly payment for the first quarter had been sent.

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3. (Kolar) – Contact with Commissioner Voltz as to concern of blowing dirt from Sebastian Beach and Tennis Village

When contacted, Commissioner Voltz said to keep calling her. That the County is continuing to work this issue and that the County was not aware that they weren't watering it down. Public comments were made that they are unable to water down the entire area stripped down to dirt.

4. (Kolar) – Contact with Bob Kamm and Commissioner Voltz RE: Town representation on MPO Technical Advisory and Citizen's Advisory committees, Growth Management Coalition, and VAAB

Kolar e-mailed Bob Kamm about Grant-Valkaria representation on the MPO Technical Advisory committee. For that committee, the elected Town Council would have to make such an appointment. Kolar also contacted Commissioner Voltz to request she consider appoint a representative from Grant-Valkaria to participate on the MPO's Citizen's Advisory Board. Commissioner Voltz responded that she would see what has to be done to make that happen. Kolar will have to speak with Commissioner Voltz to see about possible representation on the Growth Management Coalition. That is an ad hoc committee and may be open to the public. A public comment was heard that the VAAB might be dissolving due to the master plan. Commissioner Voltz had previously commented about Grant-Valkaria taking Malabar's seat on that board. Kolar agreed to check on the three previously requested seats on the VAAB.

5. (Kolar) – Contact with Leigh Holt RE: Town attendance at Legislative Delegation Workshop

This meeting is 12/19/06 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. Last year's meeting was in Viera in the Florida Room. Kolar contacted Leigh Holt to request an item on the agenda of the 12/19 Brevard Legislative Delegation meeting so the Town might thank the delegation for their assistance throughout the incorporation process.

6. (Reynolds) – Follow-up on Palm Bay's approval of the inter-local agreement on the Royal Palm Charter School

[This agenda item was originally tabled to the 11/1/06 meeting as Reynolds was following up on this action. Later, Mr. Glatz, Manager of Royal Palm Charter School, addressed agenda item G.1. stating that Palm Bay had approved the agreement and he would be arranging a time for all the parties to sign that inter-local agreement.]

7. (Allan) – Regina Mahaney in receipt of documentation related to incorporation superseding the Palm Bay annexation of Royal Palm Charter School property

Allan provided documentation that Regina Mahaney (from Brevard E-911) has obtained stating the incorporation superseded the annexation of the Royal Palm Charter School property. She also stated that the finished map of the Grant-Valkaria area by streets and addresses is available here at the meeting tonight.

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Additionally, Allan spoke about updates on land development around the Grant-Valkaria area. Additional information was made available through public comments heard.

Old Summit Golf Course is about 60 acres with about a 10 acre set-aside in which 42 homes are planned. This is to be a gated community and if the project is gated, the Town is not responsible for upkeep of the roads, lights, and sidewalks.

River Breeze Townhouse Corporation (formerly American Dream Homes) bought property in March 2006 for \$2.8 million and is in the process of refinancing based on what is going on with the property. To-date, the sign says 44 luxury homes, but no plans have been submitted to anyone yet.

For Guru Development's site just south of Ozzie's at the corner of US 1 and Alexander, Allan was advised to call Land Development and speak with Gwen Heller or Rebecca Regan. Allan will do this and have an update at the next meeting.

Other comments and questions were heard from the public related to 30 acres at Valkaria Road and Old Dixie as well as property near railroad tracks at the corner of Valkaria Road and US 1 South.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. (Reynolds) – Request to authorize Palm Bay to provide city water to Country Beginnings and the Charter School

This agenda item had been tabled from the 10/18/06 Interim Council meeting as the water specialists had not attended the meeting to address the issue. Mr. Chris Glatz introduced Jane Burton and Christopher Pontello as a well system specialist and a water engineer respectively. Ms. Burton explained that the Country Beginnings and charter schools on the property had failed a water test showing copper, lead, and disinfectants in the well water. Currently the water system problem is being dealt with via flushing and monitoring but that soon they will have to go into major renovation of the water system. It was stated that the DEP was encouraging them to pursue connection to a municipal water system. The Interim Council stated that they are not authorized to act upon this request and that this must be brought up to the elected Council. The water specialists stated they would provide collected data related to the well water at this site for consideration of this request by the elected Council.

2. (Reynolds) – Collect resumes from prospective accounting firms

Tabled until the 11/1/06 meeting.

3. [Added agenda item] – (Kolar) – Ordinance granting additional homestead exemption for seniors

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Kolar reported that the Town would need to pass an ordinance to allow an additional homestead exemption for seniors with minimum amounts of income. The County also must pass such an ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County. Karl Bohne provided a draft ordinance. The Town would have to conduct the first reading on 11/1/06 and the second reading on 11/15/06, as it must be presented to the Tax Appraiser on 11/30/06.

4. [Added agenda item] – (Kolar) – Request from Grant Library for at least one more copy of the October 5th and October 26th forum DVDs

The Grant Library requested a third copy of the 10/5/06 Candidate Forum DVD due to present requests. They also requested to receive three copies of the 10/26/06 DVDs when they are available to allow all requesting library patrons viewing of the DVDs. Burr stated that the 5th copy of the 10/5 forum could be put in the Grant Library if needed. Dylan Yonts from Reality's Edge Productions came into the meeting later and stated he had already provided the library with two additional DVDs.

5. [Added agenda item] – (Kolar) – Crystal Bay LLC (aka Sebastian Beach and Tennis Village): Joint acceptance of plat between County and Grant-Valkaria and possible inter-local agreement

Karl Bohne received an e-mail from the attorneys for the Crystal Bay LLC. A plat was sent for review. Chapter 177 indicates a joint approval of the plat layout is needed and an inter-local agreement may also be necessary. Bohne stated the Interim Council did not have such authority.

This item will be tabled until after the election of the permanent Council.

6. [Added agenda item] – (Kolar) – Request to change start time of November 21 meeting to 7:30 P.M.

Kolar had been contacted by Commissioner Voltz asking if the 11/21/06 meeting time of 7:00 P.M. could be changed to 7:30 P.M. so she could attend the swearing in our first elected Council. Discussion was heard as to whether our meetings could be concluded by 10 P.M. if they started at 7:30 P.M. It was determined that our meeting could still meet the 10 P.M. conclusion time so the meeting will now start at 7:30 P.M. to allow Commissioner Voltz to attend the Town's first elected Council meeting.

7. [Added agenda item] – (Kolar) – FPL tree-trimming

FPL notified the Town per protocol that they would be working in our area. FPL presently has Kolar's telephone number. When the elected Council is seated, the contact information should be updated for FPL's notification system.

8. [Added agenda item] – (Allan) – Updates on Grant property

(Allan incorporated this added agenda item into F.7. above.)

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9. [Added agenda item] – (Kolar) – 10/25/06 meeting between the Brevard and Indian River County Commissions

Kolar attended the meeting today between the County Commissions. She said that the Indian River Commission are slow-growth proponents and are concerned about water. Kolar also stated that Representative Poppell was in attendance at this meeting.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn.

MOTION BY ALLAN; SECONDED BY BURR.
VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

BY:
(Signature on file)

Interim Council Chairperson

ATTEST:
(Signature on file)

Karlene Folts
Interim Clerk

DATE: 11/8/06
