

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2007
TOWN HALL BUILDING, 5120 HIGHWAY US 1, GRANT, FL 32949

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, Town Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Del Yonts followed by the Pledge, and roll call to the Council Members, with the following present:

Mayor – Del Yonts
Seat No. 1 – Joe Hackford, Vice Mayor
Seat No. 2 – Danielle Morgan
Seat No. 3 – Pat Bryan
Seat No. 5 – Dan Faden
Seat No. 6 – Jason Mahaney

Town Manager Matthew Brock
Town Clerk Susanne Krueger
Town Attorney Karl Bohne

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER DEMOTT

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to excuse Council Member DeMott from this meeting.

PRESENTATION - Honda R & D Americas, Inc Re: Honda R & D Site

Bill Bazilla, Chad Near and David Tom gave a presentation of a market research and product validation site plan for Honda to be located on the former Bombardier site on US Highway 1. The project would entail 11,000 square foot building with 3,500 square feet consisting of offices. There would be indoor boat storage, test drives would be 9-5 (no weekends) on the river, no outside maintenance, gas would be purchased from gas stations with no plans to have pumps on premise, perimeter fencing would be chain link, no retail sales, complies with current zoning, and only outboard motors. Mr. Bazilla informed Council that they have a facility located at 1200 Indian River Drive, Sebastian if they want to see how that site looks.

The following people asked questions which are covered in the above description of the project:

- Bonnie Allan
- Jo Faden
- Lisette Kolar
- Dan Robino

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Town Manager Brock requested adding update on Valkaria Lakes project to item I.2.

Mayor Yonts requested that they change the order of agenda items as follows:

- Review/Action Re: Flag Lot Application – Dara Hoover, Applicant – (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Policy For Procedure For Inclusion On Agenda (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Public Records Policy (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Electronic Mail Policy (Brock)

- Review/Action Re: Sending Letter to Valkaria Airport Regarding Their Master Plan (Yonts)
- Update Re: Interlocal Agreement With The County For Municipal Services – Building, Stormwater Management and Contractor Licensing (Brock)
- Consider Proposal For Solid Waste Collection (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Resolution No. 11-2007- A Resolution Of The Town Of Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida; Providing For An Intent To Adopt A Special Assessment For Fire Services In The Fiscal Year 2007-2008; Providing For An Intent To Adopt The Current Brevard County Fire Service Special Assessment; Providing An Intent To Utilize The Uniform Method Of Levy Of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments; Providing For A Need To Levy; Providing For A Legal Description; Providing For A Repeal, Severability And An Effective Date. (Brock)
- Discuss Town Name change (Yonts)
- Consider Adoption Of Town Road Maintenance Schedule (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Ordinance No. 2007-12 – An Ordinance Of The Town Of Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida; Repealing Ordinance No. 2007-10; Creating A Flood Damage Prevention Code; Providing For Statutory Authorization; Providing For Findings Of Fact, Statement Of Purpose And Objectives; Providing For Definitions; Providing For General Provisions And Administration; Providing For Provisions For Flood Hazard Reduction; Providing For Variance Procedures; Providing For Repeal And Severability; Providing For An Effective Date – First Reading (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Municipal Elections Agreement (Brock)
- Review/Action Re: Displaying Artwork At Town Hall (Yonts)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2007
- 2) Council Workshop Minutes of August 14, 2007

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Mahaney, and vote unanimous to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2007.

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve the Council Workshop Minutes of August 14, 2007.

REPORTS

- 1) Town Manager’s Report

Town Manager Brock stated that the pre-bid meeting regarding road maintenance will be on Friday, August 31, 2007 and that he has prepared an advertisement for a part-time financial/admin assistant and he needs to move forward on this. He has received the banking quotes and has determined that

Riverside Bank best fits the needs of the town. He informed Council he has a meeting scheduled with Hoyman, Dobson regarding helping with financial reports.

Town Manager Brock gave a brief synopsis of the upcoming meetings as follows:

- August 29 – Meeting in Viera with County Commissioners regarding Valkaria Airport at 5:30 p.m.
- August 30 – Comprehensive plan meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- August 31 – Pre-bid meeting regarding road maintenance at 10:00 a.m.
- September 5 – Possible Town Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- September 7 – Bids due for road maintenance
- September 8 – Comprehensive Plan Meeting/Name change meeting at Valkaria Airport
- September 10 – Space Coast League of Cities Meeting/Dinner
- September 12 – 1st Reading of budget & name change meeting at Grant Community Center
- September 13 – Comprehensive plan meeting
- September 19 – Planning & Zoning Board meeting
- September 20 – Local Planning Agency meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- September 26 – 2nd Reading of budget & name change meeting at Grant Community Center

2) Town Attorney's Report

Town Attorney Bohne had nothing to report.

3) Council Reports and Comments

Vice Mayor Hackford stated that the comprehensive plan signs should be ready tomorrow. He also stated that he was informed by Jack King that there was a piece of property available for town hall that backs up to the Grant Community Center grounds.

Mayor Yonts informed Council that he and Matt attended the Florida League of Cities conference and returned with a stack of papers.

4) Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)

Curt Lorenc and Janis Walters spoke about the Valkaria Airport Master Plan workshop that is scheduled for August 29th at 5:30 p.m. by the County Commissioners in Viera.

Linn Walters inquired about signs on the telephone poles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Review/Action Re: Flag Lot Application on property located on Parcel ID # 29-37-13-00-00315.0-0000.0 – Dara Hoover, Applicant – (Brock)

Town Manager Brock gave an introduction regarding the flag lot application and Dara Hoover answered numerous questions from Council and the audience. Ms. Hoover stated that there was no reason the access is from the west rather than from the east, she intends to build on the back lot and sell the front lot or build her mother-in-law house there, and would consider moving flag lot to north side.

The following people had issues regarding the flag lot of which are addressed above:

- Doug Bitaliano
- Paul Hurley
- Bonnie Allen

Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Bryan, and vote fails to approve the flag stem with conditions that applicant agrees to move flag stem on north side of lot 340.

The vote is noted as the following:

Ayes-Hackford, Morgan, and Mahaney
Nays-Yonts, Bryan, and Faden.

2) Review/Action Re: Policy For Procedure For Inclusion On Agenda (Brock)

Mayor Yonts brought the issue to public comment.

Curt Lorenc and Janis Walters suggested that this procedure be clear and Council can make a decision at the time the person comes before them that more information will be required.

Mayor Yonts suggested that this be in a policy format which states the purpose, policy, etc. and that it include a deadline no later than Wednesday noon prior to next meeting. Council Member Faden suggested that “it is recommended the speaker include as much information as possible” be added.

Town Manager Brock will make changes and bring before Council again.

3) Review/Action Re: Public Records Policy (Brock)

Mayor Yonts brought the issue to public comment.

Janis Walters and Curt Lorenc spoke opposing the wordage of the original document provided to Council.

It was the consensus of Council to have Town Attorney Bohne review and consider comments.

4) Review/Action Re: Electronic Mail Policy (Brock)

Mayor Yonts requested that wherever “Department” is stated, to change to “Town”.

5) Review/Action Re: Sending Letter to Valkaria Airport Regarding Their Master Plan (Yonts)

Mayor Yonts brought the issue to public comment.

Brevard County Commissioner Helen Voltz handed a copy of the Executive Summary of the Master Plan to Council for review and stated that everyone has insurance at the Airport.

Assistant County Attorney Morris Richardson stated that the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's (DBPR) cease and desist order was closed back in April 2007. Mr. Richardson explained that if we don't accept federal money, the state money will be held back. He also suggested that Council make up their minds based on facts and truth.

Vic Archibald, Silver State Helicopters, stated that they have no plans to have night operations in Valkaria and that he recommended night lights for safety. Wayne Lanza spoke about lighting not being an issue. Linn Walters stated that we don't need to be in a fight with the County, and that instead of attacking the Master Plan we need to work with and understand it. Janis Walters disputed what Mr. Lanza, Mr. Walters, and county representatives had to say. Ms. Walters handed out a paper that showed her survey results. John Redenza stated he was against the lights. Jo Faden agreed with Mr. Redenza. Don Darby stated that the role of the Council is to be leaders, representing the citizens. Curt Lorenc stated he was disappointed on the personal attacks of self and board. Mr. Lorenc handed out several papers to Council. Mr. Leroy Rotgers stated that everyone in this room has invaded him. Mr. Rotgers stated that he has lived in Grant-Valkaria for over fifty years and the airport is part of the community.

Mayor Yonts brought the issue back to Council. The following issues were brought up:

- Will the PAPIs in the daytime draw more students?
- We need to look at student training activity being controlled by having PAPIs on only major runway, not on secondary
- If cease and desist order is mute, it needs to be removed from letter
- Impact of future hangars
- Need conflict of interest issue in letter regarding FIT students attending Master Plan meeting and submitting comments
- Consideration of workshop to address above and put in presentation format for County Commissioners

Curt Lorenc informed Council that he has filed an additional complaint with DBPR and has filed a second complaint based on engineering.

It was determined by Mayor Yonts that a special meeting will be called for Monday, August 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Valkaria airport letter and presentation to the County Commission.

Due to the time being 11:00 p.m., it was determined to move the following items to the September 5, 2007 Council Meeting:

- Review/Action Re: Interlocal agreement with the County for municipal services
- Update Re: Interlocal agreement with the county for transfer of Valkaria Road
- Consider adoption of town road maintenance schedule
- Review/Action Re: Municipal elections agreement
- Review/Action Re: Public records policy
- Review/Action Re: Electronic mail policy
- Review/Action Re: Displaying artwork at town hall
- Review/Action Re: Resolution No. 11-2007

Motions by Council Member Bryan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to continue the meeting with the following agenda items:

- Discuss town name change
- Consider proposal for solid waste collection
- Review/Action Re: Ordinance No. 2007-12

6) Discuss Town Name Change (Yonts)

No one spoke regarding this item.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Consider Proposal For Solid Waste (Brock)

Town Manager Brock gave a brief introduction of George Geletko from Waste Management and Bob Hyres from Waste Pro.

George Geletko and Bob Hyres gave a presentation of their bid proposal and clarified several aspects of their bids.

Discussion was made regarding putting some flexibility in the contract language to address the fees being changed when they go on the tax roll and offering a discount if paid for one year in advance rather than paying three times a year.

Motions made by Council Member Bryan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to continue with Waste Management.

2) Review/Action Re: Ordinance No. 2007-12 – An Ordinance Of The Town Of Grant-Valkaria, Brevard County, Florida; Repealing Ordinance No. 2007-10; Creating A Flood Damage Prevention Code; Providing For Statutory Authorization; Providing For Findings Of Fact, Statement Of Purpose And Objectives; Providing For Definitions; Providing For General Provisions And Administration; Providing For Provisions For Flood Hazard Reduction; Providing For Variance Procedures; Providing For Repeal And Severability; Providing For An Effective Date – First Reading (Brock)

Mayor Yonts read Ordinance No. 2007-12 by title only.

Motions by Council Member Mahaney, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve Ordinance No. 2007-12, first reading, with corrections of scrivener's error.

PUBLIC FORUM

Shannon Smith, American Land Lease, spoke regarding unifying two tracts of lands and annexing the entire property into the town. Twenty percent of the property is currently in the unincorporated area of Brevard County.

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Council Member Bryan, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

(Signature on file)

ATTEST:

Del Yonts, Mayor

(signature on file)

Susanne Krueger, MMC, Town Clerk