

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL BUILDING, 5120 HIGHWAY US1, GRANT, FL 32949

Special Meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, Town Council was called to order in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2.08 (a) of the Charter of the Town of Grant-Valkaria 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	Town Manager Matthew Brock
Seat No. 1 – Joe Hackford, Vice Mayor	Town Clerk Susanne Krueger
Seat No. 2 – Danielle Morgan	
Seat No. 4 – Cathy DeMott	
Seat No. 5 – Dan Faden	

EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS MAHANEY AND BRYAN

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to excuse Council Members Mahaney and Bryan.

AGENDA ITEM

- 1) Creating/Sending Letter And Preparation of Presentation to County Commissioners Regarding Valkaria Airport Master Plan (Yonts)

Mayor Yonts opened the floor for public comments.

The following people spoke:

- 1) Janis Walters stated that night activity and noise are the complaint and questions the method of determining night operations. Ms. Walters handed out several documents to Council.
- 2) Linn Walters requested the names and numbers of the people that Council Member Faden contacted.
- 3) Jim Stone explained that he has over thirty years of aviation experience in management, safety and as a commercial pilot, and that there seems to be serious issues that need to be addressed.
- 4) Lisette Kolar stated that the Executive Summary does not recognize that the Town has a comprehensive plan, that it will affect the airport, and that it needs to be added into the Master Plan.
- 5) Milo Zonka stated that the Town's comprehensive plan will be addressed in the Master Plan update down the road. He stated that the intent of the plan is a revenue and repair plan, T-hangars don't increase traffic but do increase revenue, and that PAPIs benefit pilots and residents.
- 6) Jim Tonti stated that he agreed in general with the letter, and that we need to be concerned with the safety issues.
- 7) Dan Robino stated that he read the Summary and that it is geared towards student pilots and adding 100 T-hangars is commercial development.

- 8) Lisa McKasty stated her biggest concern is the night lights, helicopter training in the early morning hours and does not want flight schools there.
- 9) Ed Manson stated he is an aircraft mechanic and pilot from Port St. Lucie and wants to open a maintenance facility at the airport. He also stated that normal flight schools usually have about two to four airplanes.
- 10) Leroy Rotgers disagreed with most comments and stated that there have been two accidents within the past six months due to not having aids. He doesn't think the Town wants the responsibility of not having a safety issue addressed and wants Council to support safety aids.

After hearing comments from the public, Mayor Yonts brought the issue to Council with the following comments:

- 1) If you added a 20 unit T-hangar, why do you add 10 aircraft
- 2) Unknown if Mosquito Control needs lights or not
- 3) Concern about safety and the rotating beacons
- 4) Concern about PAPI's opening the door for more students
- 5) Concern about enforcing ordinance or restrictions in Master Plan
- 6) Concern about misplaced priorities are more important than maintenance
- 7) Concern about noise study done within FAA guidelines based on urban study not rural
- 8) Three emails were read into the record from Mr. Zinoni, Ms. Jean Murray and Mike Hoffman

Motions by Council Member Morgan, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to approve to amend the letter based on all the comments.

Mayor Yonts called for a five minute break at 9:24 p.m.

Mayor Yonts called the meeting back to order at 9:34 p.m.

Council discussion on the presentation to County Commissioners was made with the following comments:

- Mayor to speak on behalf of Town and rest of Council speak on behalf of residents
- Utilize the expertise of Mr. Stone
- Review of the Executive Summary resulted in the following, per section:
  - 8.1 Runway:
    - Runway rehabilitation and Maintenance
  - 8.2 Taxiways:
    - Support 14-32a as long as it does not affect the Scrub Jay Habitat.
  - 8.3 Marking and Signage
    - We agree with this except for lighting.
  - 8.5 Hangars

- We support hangars, however we are concerned it may create an excessive number of operation in our rural community.
- 8.6 Aircraft Apron – We support
- 8.7 Golf Course Access Apron – We support
- 8.9 Consolidated Aircraft Fueling Facility – No issues with this.
- 8.10 Airport land use plan – support and recognize the buffers
- 1.3 Brevard County Policy:
  - Should also reference the Grant-Valkaria Comp Plan, and the Town of Malabar’s Comp Plan. (This is just an example, there are other places in the Master Plan that these need to be addressed)
- 3 Aviation Forecast Activity
  - Catch the numbers, they don’t add up.
- 7 Environmental Consideration:
  - This Study was based upon Urban guidelines and not rural like Grant-Valkaria. This airport is not in an Urban area. This didn’t take into consideration that the noise levels in a rural area are very different than that of an Urban area.
- 9.1.3 Federal Fund:
  - As long as this isn’t approving FAA money without having the issue come up before the County Commission for approval (Or even request funding) (putting a procedure on this)
- 9.2 Near-Term Capital Improvement Plan
  - Safety Lighting – Jim Stone will speak
    - Lighted Windsock – if no one is landing at night, why is this necessary? For a daytime VFR airport, this is not needed.
    - Segmented circle – see above
    - PAPI – 10-28 added late - WHY
    - REILS – 10-28 added late – WHY
- 9.3 Mid Term Cap Improvement Plan (2012 – 2016)
  - Airfield Lighting demand Study - To evaluation lighting needs on 134-32 only.
- 9.3.1 & 9.3.2 (MASTER PLAN ITSELF)
  - The town strongly supports the county built hangars and no second or third party builders.
- 6.7.2 (MASTER PLAN)
  - “acceptable” sound levels should be established in a community context.
- 6.6.6 (MASTER PLAN)
  - All clearing of native vegetation will fall under CH 62, Article XII, Division 4, Land Alteration and CH 62, Article XIII, Division 2, Landscaping, Land Clearing and Tree Protection Ordinance of Brevard County.

- Questioning the airport layout plan and the displaced runway plan for runway 14.
- Airport Table regarding (Table 3.9 in executive summary) numbers seem excessive.
- Add Resident Comments from Tonight and From the other night as well.
- Trust and communication issues:
  - Town residents feel that their wishes were ignored in the result of the Master plan and that is why a lot of residents stopped going to the meeting on the Master plan. – disconnect.
  - Make sure changes are clear, explicit, part of the motion if there are going to be changes to the Master plan.
  - Ignored the town
  - Tree Trimming, etc.

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve the presentation based on the items captured above.

Motions by Council Member DeMott, second by Council Member Faden, and vote unanimous to adjourn meetings at 11:15 p.m.

(Signature on file)

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Del Yonts, Mayor

ATTEST:

(Signature on file)

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Susanne Krueger, MMC, Town Clerk