

TOWN OF GRANT VALKARIA  
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL BUILDING, 5120 HIGHWAY US1, GRANT VALKARIA, FLORIDA 32949

The Charter Review Committee Meeting of July 14, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Jim Tonti, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Member Mullins, and roll call to the Committee Members with the following present:

Vice Chairperson Jim Tonti	Town Clerk Susanne Krueger
Member Denni Burr	
Member Dave Folts	
Member Linda Landrum	
Member Joe Mullins	
Member Tom Sammon	

Town Clerk Krueger stated for the record that Chairperson Tim Reynolds was sick and would not be attending this meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Charter Review Committee Minutes of June 16, 2009

Motions by Member Burr, second by Member Landrum, and vote unanimous to approve the minutes of June 16, 2009.

#### DISCUSSION OF CHARTER

Member Burr stated that she met with Town Administrator Hood who suggested possibly changing the Charter in Article 2 where it mentions that the Mayor is the only person to sign contracts, deeds and other documents to reflect that the Town Administrator can sign the same documents as authorized by Town Council. He stated that some documents approved by Town Council need signatures as soon as possible after changes made at the meeting and that there may be a time where the Mayor is not as readily available to sign them.

Discussion started at Preamble with Committee Member comments as follows:

- 1) Preamble - No changes were recommended
- 2) Article I - Charter; Creation; Powers; Construction; Form of Government; Boundaries; Intergovernmental Relations
  - Section 1.01 Charter; Creation - No changes were recommended
  - Section 1.02 Powers of the Town
    - Member Tonti recommended adding here or adding Section 1.07 a statement to the effect that the overall operations of the Town will be according to state and federal laws and regulations as application and where it will pertain to the entire Charter. It was decided that it would be left to the Town Attorney as to where it should be located in the Charter.
  - Section 1.03 Construction - No changes were recommended
  - Section 1.04 Form of Government - No changes were recommended
  - Section 1.05 Corporate Boundaries

- Discussion entailed about the where the eastern town boundaries are on Babcock Street and whether or not Palm Bay boundaries and the town's meet.
  - Section 1.06 Intergovernmental Relations
    - Question arose as to whether or not a city is a governmental entity of the state, and it was Committee consensus to ask Town Attorney whether we need to add "municipal entity" or to determine if it is redundant.
- 3) Article II - Town Council; Mayor; Vice Mayor; Ordinances; Eminent Domain
- Section 2.01 Town Council
    - (a) No change recommended
    - (b) It was recommended Town Council draft ordinance to clarify "compel", prescribe penalties and rules that compel presence of Town Council Members, and if tele-presence would be qualified as being present.
    - (c) It was recommended to pull in Section 10.04 (b) Member Folts inquired if you remove, move and change a paragraph number, can you do it administratively legally without voting on referendum especially Section 10.04 regarding the first election. He stated that some things need to be kept and put somewhere else.
  - Section 2.02 Mayor
 

It was consensus to place in Section 3.04 and additional Town Administrator duty as signing of documents as stated above.
  - Section 2.03 Vice Mayor
 

It was consensus to delete "unless no other council member is willing to service as vice mayor" and change second sentence to read "The vice mayor shall be elected by majority vote from council members of council members for a term of 1 year which term shall commence two weeks after general election and end two weeks after general election".
  - Section 2.04 Vacancies - No change recommended
  - Section 2.05 Filling of Vacancies - No change recommended
  - Section 2.06 Compensation; Reimbursement for Expenses - No change recommended
  - Section 2.07 Investigations - No change recommended
  - Section 2.08 Meetings - No change recommended
  - Section 2.09 Ordinances - No change recommended
  - Section 2.10 Eminent Domain - No change recommended
  - Section 2.11 Ordinances in General
    - (c) It was noted that this section was changed by Ordinance No. 2008-04
    - (d) It was consensus to add "modify zoning" in first sentence after "may not levy taxes".
    - (g) Member Folts stated that we may be finding things that may be clarified by ordinance; in fact clarification by ordinance can be incorporated with the other things in the codification where you have cleaned your baseline up.
- 4) Article X - Transition
- It was recommend by the Committee to have Town Attorney ascertain which portions need to be incorporated into the Charter so we do not have holes in the

Charter. It was later decided that the Committee would hold off until they critique Article X.

It was Committee consensus to have the next meeting on August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Articles 10, 3, 4, and 5.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

Motions by Member Landrum, second by Member Burr, and vote unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

(signature on file)

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Jim Tonti, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

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Susanne Krueger, Town Clerk