

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND  
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008  
TOWN HALL BUILDING, 5120 HIGHWAY US1, GRANT VALKARIA, FL 32949

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Del Yonts followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Morgan, and roll call to the Council Members with the following present:

Mayor – Del Yonts	Town Clerk Susanne Krueger
Seat No. 1 – Joe Hackford, Vice Mayor	
Seat No. 2 – Danielle Morgan	
Seat No. 5 – Dan Faden	
Seat No. 6 – Jason Mahaney	

Mayor Yonts stated for the record that Council Member Bryan called staff to advise that he will arrive a little late due to work schedule.

PRESENTATION BY MR. LOU FORESTA REGARDING WARNING SIGNS ALONG INDIAN RIVER

Mr. Lou Foresta stated that he lost his son, father and best friend in a tragic accident in 1994 in the Indian River where they stepped into a dredge hole and drowned; in 1999 he had 26 signs installed with the help of then commissioner Nancy Higgs; in the holes the sand gives away, there is a sucking motion, pulls you in, and you cannot swim out of the holes which are about 20 yards off shore. He stated that he has been asked to take this nationally through the media.

Mayor Yonts stated that staff can check with Florida Department of Transportation to see if they will put the sign up and pay for them which will be placed in their right-of-way and to check the Town's liability. Mr. Foresta agreed to be a watchdog on the signs and help to maintain them. Mayor Yonts requested that this item be placed on the November 12, 2008 agenda.

Note for the record - Council Member DeMott arrived at 7:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2008
- 2) Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2008

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2008 and May 28, 2008.

REPORTS

- 1) Town Manager's Report

Town Clerk Krueger read the Town Administrator Hood's report as follows:

Right-of-way mowing - The mowing of right-of-ways within the Town has been completed by John Conlon. Conlon was also hired to cut back the Brazilian peppers in several areas of Town. Lisette Kolar stated that the mowers did not get Cypress Creek. Council Member Faden stated that the mower cut the grass too high on main roads and too low on side streets, that they were very inconsistent and requests they mow lower on main roads. Linda Landrum stated that Berry Road was cut very high, very inconsistent, and it's already grown back again.

- Road grading - The town began the road grading on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 after our prior grading contractor signed the release statement from the Town. CDM is now under contract for the remainder of the year. CDM's contract stipulates the same pricing as our previous contractor and also has language where the Town can extend the contract if the Town is satisfied with the work being performed. Some of the roads may be a bit rough to begin with as we are also attempting to widen the roads back to the original width. This widening typically results in grass clumps being dragged into the roadway and a rough ride is the result. By the second or third grading, the roads will be back to the intended width and the grass will not be a problem.

- Street lights - He has received email from Mr. John Denninghoff, P. E. of Brevard County Road and Bridge (copy attached). The county has accepted our plan regarding the payment of the street lights. We can now begin the process of meeting with community groups and residents to whittle down the list of lights that the Town is willing to pay for and assume the responsibility of.

- FEMA - He met with a representative of FEMA on Friday, October 17, 2008 to discuss reimbursement of money spent on repairs from damage caused by Tropical Storm Fay. At this time it appears that all monies spent to date will be eligible for reimbursement. It will take another couple of weeks to take the final determination.

- Community Service Work - He has utilized worker that need community service hours to cut back some additional Brazilian peppers adjacent to intersections and along several streets in the Town. He would like to thank Vice Mayor Joe Hackford for donating the equipment for this work, and would like to thank Mr. Dan Robino for looking over the worker this weekend in his absence. Mayor Yonts was concerned about Vice Mayor Hackford being liable for volunteers using his equipment and requested staff to check into this.

## 2) Council Reports and Comments

Council Member Faden stated that the AirFest review meeting will be in one week from today and he will provide the town clerk with a distribution list for the agenda. He also requested that the sidewalk on Valkaria Road is overgrown with grass and needs to be trimmed.

Mayor Yonts stated that he met with Honda on Tuesday and they donated a 2000 watt generator to the town. He also asked Council if they would like to have videos of the forum again this year. Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Morgan, and vote unanimous to allow \$100 towards each of the forums video. Mayor Yonts stated that there have been numerous accidents at the intersection of Valkaria Road and Hideaway Lane, and suggested that the town may need to place reflectors around this area on 4 or 5 posts. Mark Pagliarulo suggested reflectors be placed on the asphalt curb. Mayor Yonts stated that he was not satisfied with the boats next door using a lot of parking spaces during meeting nights; that he will be meeting with Waste Management with Rick Hood to discuss Grant Farm Island,

exemptions, and the bill increase; asked council if they want to proceed with the idea of having a Christmas tree lighting at the Historical House or Depot. Council Member Bryan suggested having a boat parade with all the boats in town. Mr. Tietig donated \$100 towards a tree. It was Council consensus to proceed with the tree lighting. Mayor Yonts stated that the County Commission will be taking their code regarding the Valkaria Airport and converting it to a policy. Council Member Faden stated that he is currently working with the town attorney to rewrite the county ordinance regarding the airport and converting it to the towns. It was Council consensus that they had no issues with what the County is doing.

3) Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Letter Of Engagement For Berman, Hopkins, Wright, & LaHam To Perform Audit For Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (Hood)

Mayor Yonts stated that Council has a copy of the original proposal which has changes made to it as per town attorney. Motions by Vice Mayor Hackford, second by Council Member Mahaney, and vote unanimous to accept the letter of engagement from Berman, Hopkins, Wright & LaHam to perform audit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

- 2) Discussion/Action Re: Resolution No. 34-2008 - A Resolution Of The Town Of Grant-Valkaria, Florida, Recommending The Florida Department Of Transportation To Include Funding For The Widening Of SR 528 Between SR 520 And Port Canaveral In The "2035 Strategic Intermodal System Cost Feasible Plan" (Yonts)

Mayor Yonts read Resolution No. 34-2008 by title only and stated that there were several changes made to the original proposed resolution in that an effective date and to whom to send copies of the resolution were added as per town attorney. Motions by Council Member Mahaney, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to approve Resolution No. 34-2008.

- 3) Discussion Re: Legislative Priorities For The Town Requested By Space Coast League of Cities (Yonts)

It was Council consensus that there were no priorities for the town.

- 4) Discussion Re: Future Amendment To Unpaved Road Ordinance (Bryan)

Council Member Bryan stated that he was approached regarding an individual (Mr. Vice) trying to put a driveway on the cul-de-sac on Luxury Road. He stated that Mr. Vice is willing to pay for relocating the bulkhead when the road gets extended but we have nothing in the ordinance to address this; suggested to Council to consider amending the ordinance to permit driveway on cul-de-sac with stipulation that person will pay should it be moved. Council Member Faden stated that he is not in favor of changing the road ordinance. Mayor Yonts stated that the ordinance needs to be changed where it refers to County that it should be Town

and needs to be checked throughout entire document. It was requested that town attorney and town administrator review this. It was Council consensus that they support the fact that the road already exists and Mr. Vice does not have to comply with cul-de-sac requirements.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during public forum.

#### ADJOURN REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Motions by Council Member Faden, second by Vice Mayor Hackford, and vote unanimous to adjourn the regular Council meeting.

#### CALL TO ORDER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Mayor Yonts called the Council workshop meeting to order at 8:46 p.m.

#### WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM

##### 1) Continued Review of Comprehensive Plan

Council continued reviewing the comprehensive plan page by page with the following comments:

- Chapter 4 - Recreation and Open Space Element
  - Policy 1.2 - keep “or leased”
  - Policy 1.8 Criteria A - need to check with Town Administrator regarding this; make sure clearing cannot be done before development order; can he clear property and then get development order; add Criteria C that no clearing can be done without a permit; look at revegetation plan for keeping natural vegetation.
  - Policy 2.3 - delete “existing” or come up with right wordage
  - Policy 2.4 - add to front of sentence “if required”
  - Policy 2.5 - change where it refers to “county-owned” to “town-owned”
  - Policy 2.6 - delete “beaches”
  - Section II - Data and Analysis
    - Where it refers to pedestrian or bikeway double check with Barbara Meyer on the correct wordage
    - Existing Recreation Resources - delete “below” after “Table 4-2”
    - In Town provided by Brevard County - validate 1<sup>st</sup> Street board ramp being 160 foot fishing dock; change “South County Boat Launch” to “Christiansen Landing”
    - Open Space - delete “beaches”, “such as the ocean coastline”, and the last sentence in first paragraph.
  - Table 4-2 - add “in Town provided by Town: Bike path”
    - Change “South County Boat Launch” to Christiansen Landing”
- Chapter 5 - Housing Element
  - Policy 1.1 - first paragraph, second sentence, change “complies with requirements of the Standard Housing Code ...amended from time to time” to “complies with requirements of the Florida Building Codes and whatever standard law dictates”
  - Policy 1.1 Criteria C & D probably needs to be modified

- Policy 1.2 - change date to “July 1, 2010”
- Policy 2.2 - Check with town administrator regarding do the policies stand alone or are they only under the objective
- Objective 3 - delete “continue to”
- Policy 3.1 - first paragraph, first sentence, delete “continue to”; Criteria A, B, C, and D delete “continue to”
- Policy 4.1 Criteria B needs to be changed - check on Standard Swimming Pool Code and Standard Aluminum Code, all others are all part of the Florida Building Code except National Electric Code
- Section II - Data and Analysis
  - Need data for housing analysis
- Chapter 7 - Transportation Element
  - Policy 1.1 - where is uses acronyms make sure it is spelled out with the acronym in parenthesis behind it; Criteria C (2) where is Exhibit G and L
  - Objective 2 - change date to “December 31, 2010”
  - Objective 3 - change date to “December 31, 2010”
  - Policy 4.3 - change date to “December 31, 2010”
  - Policy 4.5 - this needs to be reworded - check with town administrator
  - NOTE: where it refers to MPO change it to Brevard MPO
  - Objective 5 - Mayor Yonts stated that we need an interlocal with Florida Department of Transportation like all other cities do
  - Objective 7 - have town administrator check if there are other areas where this can be addressed like Gradick, Henderson, Leghorn, etc.
  - Policy 7.3 - add “Street” to the end of “Babcock”
  - Policy 7.4 (5) - change to “Support intermodal management of surface and water transportation between ports, airports and related facilities.”
  - Section II - Data and Analysis
    - Existing System - where it talks about Babcock make sure it states Babcock Street; change “City Palm Bay” to “City of Palm Bay”; find a better description of the east/west segment of the town where it states Leghorn/Corey Road throughout this section; Existing Traffic Volumes and Level of Service (LOS) - first paragraph, last sentence, delete the second “are” - have town administrator check the percentages; page II-5, third paragraph, last sentence - change “Babcock Street” to “Grant Road”
    - Future Circulation Needs - Projected Traffic Volumes and Future Land Use - first paragraph, last sentence, add “Florida Department of Transportation” after “MPO” and use only one county agency
    - Table 7-2 - validate that Grant and Valkaria numbers are correct

Mayor Yonts stated that at the November 5<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the Local Planning Agency they will be discussing Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Bryan stated that over the next two weeks he will probably be in the hospital again and would not be at the

October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Yonts stated that he would be out of town due to work and that he would not be at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

AJOURN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

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

(signature on file)

ATTEST:

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Del Yonts, Mayor

(signature on file)

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Susanne Krueger, Town Clerk