

Volusia Growth Management Commission

**MEETING MINUTES FOR
REGULAR MEETING HELD
Wednesday, November, 2013**

County Council Chambers
Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center
123 W. Indiana Avenue
DeLand, FL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerald Brandon, Chairman
Jack Hayman, Vice Chairman
James Wachtel, Secretary
Jack Lenzen
Timothy Bustos
Sandy Lou Gallagher
Roger Sonnenfeld
Kenneth Bohannon
Don Romanik
Debbie Connors
Richard Kane
Douglas deLeon
Kenneth Kuhar
Sandra Walters

REPRESENTING

Ormond Beach
Edgewater
Volusia County
DeBary
DeLand
Deltona
Lake Helen
New Smyrna Beach
Ponce Inlet
Port Orange
South Daytona
Volusia County
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MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Richard Walton
Robert Storke

Daytona Beach
Orange City

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Sara Lee Morrissey (not present)
Cathy Foerster (not present)

Volusia Co. School Board
SJRWMD

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Chipok, GrayRobinson, General Counsel
Merry Chris Smith, VGMC Operations Manager

CALL TO ORDER

VGMC Chairman Gerald Brandon called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined there was a quorum present. Chairman Brandon welcomed two new members: Timothy Bustos representing the City of DeLand, and Sandra Walters representing Volusia County.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens present who wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Connors made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 28, 2013 as presented; seconded by James Wachtel. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM PLANNING CONSULTANT

No planning report at this time.

REPORTS FROM LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Chipok stated there are no pending VGMC litigation matters. He also reported that his firm is representing a private company, 316 Main Street, relating to a code enforcement matter in the City of Daytona Beach. Mr. Chipok stated the work is not related to comprehensive planning issues and no conflict exists. He added that a notification of representation has been submitted to the Chairman. There were no questions or comments from the commission.

REPORTS OF COMMISSION COORDINATOR

Ms. Smith provided an update to the pending case log. Since the last update of November 7th included in the agenda package, she stated two additional new amendment applications have been received – a large scale amendment from the City of New Smyrna Beach and a small scale amendment from the City of Ormond Beach. Both applications were just received this week and have been forwarded to planning staff for review.

REPORTS OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Chairman Brandon reminded the commission members if there is a meeting in December, the date will be December 18th due to the Christmas holiday. Ms. Smith added that the December meeting is currently scheduled in the Daytona Beach City Commission Chambers, however, there is a Daytona Beach City Commission meeting scheduled that evening also. Therefore, the location of the December VGMC meeting may change.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

POP Committee Report: Jack Hayman, Chairman of the POP Committee, commended Paul Chipok for his support and efforts relating to the VGMC employee status issues. He also commented favorably on Ms. Smith's recent efforts.

Mr. Hayman reported the Budget and POP Committees met jointly immediately prior to the regular meeting to discuss the VGMC employee status. He stated there were a lot of issues covered at the meeting and it was agreed that we would request a meeting with the County Chairman, Attorney, Personnel Director and any other pertinent staff to hopefully resolve the issues. Once the meeting takes place, Mr. Hayman stated the information will be brought back before the commission for consideration.

Budget Report: Jim Wachtel, Chairman of the Budget Committee, asked Ms. Smith to update the members on the contract services 2012-13 total expenses. Ms. Smith provided a breakdown of the total contract services expenses as follows: 1) Legal expenses were approximately \$26,800; 2) VHB planning expenses approximately \$16,500; 3) PDG planning expenses approximately \$16,700; and 4) Member travel reimbursements approximately \$2,800.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of benefits for the VGMC Operations Manager position – Chairman Brandon stated that Mr. Hayman summarized the current status under POP Committee reports and asked if there were any questions of the commission members relating to this matter. There were none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers:

Sandra Walters nominated James Wachtel as Chairman. Mr. Wachtel accepted the nomination. Jack Hayman nominated Gerald Brandon as Chairman. Mr. Brandon accepted the nomination. Gerald Brandon was elected Chairman by a majority show of hands.

James Wachtel nominated Jack Hayman as Vice Chairman. Mr. Hayman accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations made. Jack Hayman was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

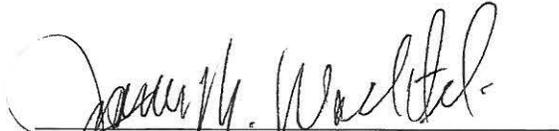
Debbie Connors nominated James Wachtel as Secretary. Mr. Wachtel accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. James Wachtel was unanimously elected Secretary.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS OR REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Attest: Secretary



Chairman