MALABAR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 7, 2007 7:30 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Eschenberg. The prayer and pledge were led by Council Member Chuck McClelland.

B. ROLL CALL: MAYOR/CHAIR TOM ESCHENBERG

VICE-CHAIR: CHUCK McCLELLAND COUNCIL MEMBERS: NANCY BORTON

BRIAN VAIL BOBBI MOCCIA PAT DEZMAN

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: BONILYN WILBANKS-FREE

ATTORNEY: KARL BOHNE TOWN CLERK/TREASURER: SUSAN KABANA

C. <u>ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES</u>

Mayor – discussion item #1 added – negotiations with County on MSTU McClelland – discussion item #12 added – Fire Department Shed Doors

McClelland – discussion item #13 added – renaming of Old Mission Road east of Corey Wilbanks-Free – Fire Chief will not be here tonight due to local fires, strike his report Kabana – Mrs. Knudson wants discussion item #8 pulled. Moccia wants to discuss.

MOTION: Moccia/McClelland to approve additions/deletions to agenda. VOTE: All aye.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting – 04/16/07

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1 **Recommendation**: Motion to approve

MOTION: Moccia/Borton to approve. VOTE: All aye.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

National Public Works Week - May 20 - 26, 2007

Mayor read; would like to have this proclamation posted in Public Works Building the week of May 20th.

F. STAFF REPORTS:

ATTORNEY

Bohne has not heard from Gentile's lawyer since the last RTCM of April 16. Sometime this week he will have a motion for sanctions to reimburse attorney fees on this issue. Bohne feels that the Administrator, Moccia and himself had a productive phone conference with the County today regarding the MSTU.

ADMINISTRATOR

Wilbanks-Free – the agenda has a new look, let her know if you like it. Also asks Council to let her know if they like the format of the FYI's. Please let her know if they want more or less information added.

Dezman – feels that Wilbanks-Free has hit the ground running, the agenda is clearer and Dezman feels she is doing a great job. Mayor – agrees; she is doing a great job. McClelland and Moccia agree and they like the new agenda format.

FIRE CHIEF - April Service Report

CLERK

Kabana – thanks Wilbanks-Free, feels she is going to be wonderful for the Town. Notes that the computer server warranty is expiring May 9, 2007, Council will see a new server budgeted in next year's budget.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES - FINAL READING

2. Political Signs – ORD. No. 2007-03

Mayor read without objection:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE XIX OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE LOCATION OF POLITICAL SIGNSAND RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INTO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2

Ordinance No. 2007-03

Recommendation: Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2007-03

Mayor - opens the public hearing and asks for public comment, being none, he

closes the public hearing.

MOTION: McClelland/Vail to approve. VOTE: Aye - Borton, Vail,

McClelland, Moccia, Dezman.

H. ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTIONS

3. Approval of Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement - RESO No. 10-2007

Mayor reads by title only without objection:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF MALABAR AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3

Resolution No. 10-2007

Recommendation: Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2007

MOTION: McClelland/Moccia to approve.

Mayor asks for an explanation. Wilbanks-Free stated that this is one of the key factors FEMA looks for when they make determinations on reimbursements. It needs to be kept current and contact information remains current. Our emergency management plan should be updated yearly. The Fire Chief is working on this with her at this time. It can play a key role during other disasters; especially when going after state resources. This is actually a little late; the letter was dated March 15th.

VOTE: Aye - Borton, Vail, McClelland, Moccia, Dezman.

MISCELLANEOUS

4. Appoint Council Representative to EEL's Advisory Committee - tabled

RTCM 04/16/07

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4

Recommendation: Motion to appoint representative to EEL Advisory

Committee

MOTION: McClelland/Borton to remove from table. VOTE: All aye.

Mayor – at the last meeting Mrs. Borton was not present. Council wanted to wait until she was present to ask her to accept this appointment.

MOTION: McClelland/Vail to appoint Nancy Borton to the EELS

Advisory Committee. VOTE: All aye.

5. Approval of Mitigation Enhancement Agreement

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5

Recommendation: Motion to approve Mitigation Enhancement and Monitoring

Agreement.

Cheryl Alberga, BKI Consulting Ecologists – has a client who needs mitigation. She has been to Cameron Preserve and knows we have Melalucas that need to be removed. Her client is willing to spend the money to remove the trees and monitor the area for five years; he will pay to remove and pay BKI to do the monitoring. Ms. Alberga stated they would not go into the Preserve without a contract. The contractor will spray and kill the trees but leave the dead trees for habitat. Vail – stated we have to be aware of the potential of adding to the fire load. Wilbanks-Free – asked if the trees could be removed. Ms. Alberga stated she would have to go back to her client; this is added fees. Council had concerns of not removing the trees. Ms. Alberga stated that the trees would be eradicated not removed; which is what they do with herbicides. She will come back to the client and see if the trees can be removed. She also stated that dragging the trees could spread the seeds around. Vail – state if there are only a few it may be okay. Ms. Alberga stated she can do this.

MOTION: McClelland/Vail to approve as presented.

The discussion turned to the when/how of removing the trees. Moccia – they are also called pepper trees. She notes that we should not tell then how to do their job. Dezman – give direction to Wilbanks-Free to handle what needs to be done between all parties involved. Wilbanks-Free – asked what size of tree would be problem for the trucks to go over. Vail – 8 inches or larger. McClelland – stated after they are dead, paper trees will disintegrate rapidly. Dezman – who maintains the Cameron Preserve? Vail – the Town. Dezman – if we are going to make their client remove the trees then we ourselves must remove all the dead pine trees out there. Ms. Alberga stated they we are talking about approximately seven paper trees at this time. Mayor – let the agreement stand as is with no changes.

VOTE: All aye.

6. Approval to Solicit RFP for Park Services

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Town Administrator to solicit an RFP

for landscaping services for the Town parks.

Wilbanks-Free – the Town used an RFP for Park Maintenance in the past. Notes that the park was previously maintained Public Works. Vail – we have the equipment in house so we should see how much it would cost to add a Public Works employee specifically for park work, versus a contract person. McClelland – prefers going back to Public Works and giving this a try. Dezman – financially/fiscally it will cost more money, we did not pay benefits to Mr. Withers. Moccia – was not happy with the park when it was kept by Public Works. The guys were pulled from the park if something came up. She feels it should go out to bid. Borton – feels it should go out to bid and be done correctly.

MOTION: Borton/Moccia to go out for bid.

Moccia – feels we should use a contractor who will have their own equipment and liability insurance, feels it would be easier and more cost effective. Vail – it needs to be clearly stated whose equipment is to be used. Borton – stated that she has done it both ways. If you have them use their equipment, they are responsible for the maintenance of it, whereas if they use our equipment, we become responsible for the repairs and liability. Wilbanks-Free – we can give Council the total cost; Council may not realize what was spent on the previous contractor, the Town paid for gas, equipment repairs and the purchase of equipment. She will have the information for the next Council meeting.

VOTE: All aye.

7. Approval to Solicit RFP for Planning Services to Complete the Town's EAR Amendments

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Town Administrator to solicit an RFP

for Planning Services to Complete the Town's EAR

Amendments.

MOTION: Borton/Moccia to approve as presented.

VOTE: All aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Negotiations with County on MSTU (added agenda item)

Mayor – notes that after watching the tape of April 25th he felt there would not be another meeting with the County until after tonight's Council meeting, he did not realize Moccia would be talking with the County this afternoon.

Moccia – the fact that the Sheriff was not there on April 25th was not good, we needed to ask him questions. Today she attended a telephone conference with our Attorney Karl Bohne, Town Administrator Bonilyn Wilbanks-Free, Commissioner Helen Voltz, Deputy Lewis and Commander Drinkwater, Sheriff Parker, the County Attorney and the County Manager, Peggy Busaca. Moccia was of the understanding that she was to have this call and report back to Council this evening. She was to find out what our options are. Those options are as follows: A liaison would be appointed to us per Sheriff Parker. As far as what zone we are in, it is zone 74. Mrs. Moccia asked Commander Drinkwater, who is present tonight, for a diagram of this zone before the May 16th Council/Commission meeting. She also asked how many officers would be in this zone. Bohne – stated that Sheriff Parker would ask the Commission to place all the funds collected from the Malabar MSTU for use to place four additional deputies in the south precinct. They will give us more detail. Notes that the drop-dead date for the Sheriff was June 1st. We'd have to have an ordinance in place by July 1st to begin TRIM.

Wilbanks-Free – wants Council to be aware that due to timing the County will be running a legal advertisement for a second reading of an ordinance stating that Malabar will be joining their MSTU, if after the May 16th meeting this is not the case, they will simply pull this from their agenda.

Dezman – stated this is the best communication she's heard between the County and this town.

Moccia – the number quoted for the services is \$216,000 not the \$225,000 we heard in the past. She wanted to pass this on to Council. She feels it was a productive meeting. We can now make up our minds as a group now that we have the information we needed. Wilbanks-Free – the \$216,000 is 95% of the \$225,000 which is the maximum you can budget by the TRIM laws.

Mayor – asked about the half million; this is if we have our own MSTU. This is where the 2 ½ times comes into play. Mayor stated it works out to be \$562,000. Mr. Bohne stated he equated it similar to a separate contract because the general MSTU the County has for law enforcement is spread out amongst the unincorporated areas, Palm Shores and Grant-Valkaria. If we do our own MSTU, or equated to a contract, we would have to fund everything. That does spread all costs out amongst everyone else.

Mayor – asked how many deputies this would provide.

Moccia – stated this would be for 5 deputies and relief officers.

Wilbanks-Free – it takes 5 people to cover one shift.

Mayor – asked if they would provide four deputies.

Moccia – they would ask for 4 more officers in the south precinct.

Wilbanks-Free – there are ten zones in the south precinct, but some of those are not manned, they don't require man-power. That doesn't mean — that they never have to go to those places. By adding four people, they would also be able to put someone in our zone.

Bohne – we occupy $\frac{1}{4}$ of zone 74 and there are approx 10 zones in the south precinct.

McClelland – what about the enforcement of Malabar ordinances. Bohne – he understands that traffic laws would be enforced on the side streets but he is not sure so sure of the local ordinances. We may need to ask them what they will enforce.

Moccia – we are still meeting on the 16th of May and everyone is supposed to be there.

Borton – what are we looking to do now? She would like to avoid the 16th of May meeting and just enact an ordinance.

Bohne – meeting worked out better than it was. One thing said at the meeting that he was concerned about. The word going around the jail is that Malabar may be an un-patrolled area; this is coming from the inmates. Sheriff Parker is the one who stated. His bigger concern is what the criminal element is thinking about what is not happening here. Mr. McClelland has a good question.

Dezman – feels with her whole heart that the deputies will respond.

Moccia – has had no problems.

McClelland – he has not seen Sheriff Parker since he's been on Council.

Borton – can we bring Deputy Lewis up to answer any questions that Council may have?

Deputy Mike Lewis – came forward; in the contract with Cape Canaveral, they enforce town code.

Bohne – even if we enact the MSTU, a contact can be used to cover the town code.

Wilbanks-Free – there needs to be added verbiage to our code. When she did this in another town, it was more productive to use the County code.

Bohne – it may or may not be feasible.

Lewis – they will not enforce building code only those things that would result in a misdemeanor.

Moccia – they were asking us to join them but in time if we feel that the service in not up to par we can negotiate those items.

Mayor – a deputy would not do code enforcement.

Lewis – agrees, they will do qualify of life enforcement issues.

Mayor – he can see some irate citizen wanting some code enforced. He is trying to say be sure of what you are asking for.

Borton – asks what Lewis got out of the meeting today.

Lewis – Parker is the sheriff in this town; he feels he is stepping outside the law by using MSTU deputies but in his mind he feels like he is doing the right thing by using MSTU officers. There has to be an end in sight.

Commander Drinkwater – zone 74 is Grant Road to Palm Bay Road but only part of that area is unincorporated. Zones are done by number of calls not square miles. Notes that the Sheriff said he would take the money from this town and get the best bang for the buck and use some of his budget for start-up costs.

Commander Lewis – when the Sheriff said 4 deputies, his jaw dropped because the start-up costs are \$137,000 per sheriff. So the Sheriff is willing to use his own funds to do this.

Dezman – wants them to convey to Sheriff Parker and their workers that they are worth their weight in gold; they are professional and kind. We are not without protection right now but come July 1st we will be. This has conflict on May 16th – has a prior commitment.

Moccia – asked that Mrs. Dezman give her thoughts on paper to be brought to the meeting.

Dezman – she can give her thoughts about this right now.

Mayor – this may be the way to handle this. Let's go around and hear what every Council member has to say about this and what they want to do.

Dezman – is in favor of the MSTU and she feels it had been made very clear – we will get a liaison and at least 3 deputies. For the record she has been in favor since day one.

Borton – would like to have the four deputies.

Mayor – heard the Sheriff is going to try.

Borton – as much as it annoyed her she is now glad we got 4 deputies.

Moccia – feels we should pay the MSTU she has been agreement but we eeded the blanks filled in, we have all the information and they have provided a good service. There can be no one more for this than her. She would like the 4 officers, the liaison, and the information on the zones.

McClelland – has been one of the people more against this but he feels we need to go forward. He wants a binding referendum every two years. Mrs. Moccia is in agreement.

Vail – he wants the binding referendum every two years and is in favor of the MSTU.

Lewis – if, down the road, the town chooses to do something else for police protection, the Sheriff's office is here to assist the Town. We consider this a partnership and we want to continue to serve in the best way possible for everyone concerned.

MOTION: Moccia/Borton go ahead and take care of this and omit the May meeting. Pay the MSTU with the option as a town we can revisit this during election years that we can revisit this.

Dezman – feels we should have the meeting knowing that she has a conflict.

Bohne – asked Council to give authorization to draft two ordinances; one for the MSTU and one for the two year referendum.

AMENDED MOTION: Moccia/Borton go forward with the MSTU as a Town and also construct an ordinance as a Town that says we can vote a binding referendum. VOTE: All aye.

Dezman - this will commence in 2008.

Bohne – have Wilbanks-Free contact the County and advise that we are moving forward with an ordinance to opt into the MSTU and we don't need the meeting on May 16th.

Bohne – we still have to go through with the ordinance procedure.

Mayor – who is going to call the County Manager? Council – Bonnie will call County and ask if second meeting on May 16th is necessary.

Drinkwater – feels there is a lot of things we can do and move forward with when we are on the same side. There was discussion about the relationship with regards to the liaison. He will appoint a deputy for the town to attend some of the meetings; he may have someone come in off the road to see if Council needs anything addressed. One thing Mr. Drinkwater has is a direct e-mail with all the town members. He can answer any questions that Council may have. It has been an outstanding relationship with the town. He would like to come back and discuss some other options that involve volunteers.

Lewis – we need to foster better communication.

8. Malabar Representative for the Valkaria Airport Advisory Board Exhibit: Agenda Report No.8

Recommendation: Discussion and direction by Town Council Moccia – watched the DVD and it upset her. Feels the dissenting voter had some valid points.

Vail – there wasn't enough participation by the residents of the Town and his question is why?

Moccia – somebody has to tell somebody and Dr. McClure didn't.

Mayor – but he has not been asked to do that. He was only asked to report after the meeting. He advised Council that after the County Commission didn't want to deal with the residents down there the commissioners revamped the board so they went to quarterly meetings. He also noted that they had hearings on the master plan.

Vail – the lights to be installed are not for night use.

Mayor – does not feel this Council is informed enough about the Master Plan to make any decisions. Maybe ask Dr. McClure to come to the next Council meeting.

Vail – feels this was big enough for him to come to Council to discuss this.

Moccia – she is not going to be doing this position much longer and she would do the position and then report to the Council.

MOTION: Dezman/Moccia to ask County Commission to remove McClure from the Valkaria Board and replace him with Council woman Bobbi Moccia.

McClelland – asks if we should ask Dr. McClure to come before Council at the next meeting and address Council.

VOTE: All aye.

Moccia – asks Wilbanks-Free to inform all parties.

9. Consideration of an Amendment to the Town Code Article V Section 1.5.30.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE TOWN; AMENDING SECTIONS 1.5.30 RELATING TO SITE LIGHTING EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 9

Recommendation: Discussion and direction by Town Council

Bohne – he wrote this per the direction of the Council at the last RTCM.

Vail – he still has to insist on the down-lighting and shielded lighting. Bohne – he can do that.

Moccia – this is like grandfathering and it should be extended to the applicant.

10. Suggested Changes to the Town Code - Chapter 13, Article 2 Streets AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN; AMENDING SECTION 13-38; CREATING A SUBSECTION (d); PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR THE COMPLETION OF ROADS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 13-39; CREATING A NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH AT THE END OF SAID SECTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE DEDICATION OF SUFFICIENT RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 10

Recommendation: Discussion and direction by Town Council

Mayor – would like to cover his recommended changes. It allows existing homes to get a permit for an air conditioner.

MOTION: Dezman/McClelland - to table. VOTE: All aye.

Kabana – will get all information to Bohne.

11. Council Input from How Shall We Grow? (myregion.org)

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 11

Recommendation: Discussion and direction by Town Council

Mayor – this was something that Council needs to say if they are likely or unlikely to sign off on this. It was a homework assignment for Council to read; the survey didn't have to be completed; they are trying to get a feel for the areas as to how they feel about this issue.

MOTION: Moccia/Dezman VOTE: All Aye.

MOTION: Vail/Borton to remove from table. VOTE: Vail, Borton,

McClelland. Nay - Moccia, Dezman.

Mayor – asks if Council would be likely or unlikely to sign off on this. They are trying to get some feel. He has some problems with what is written. He probably would not sign off on it.

Moccia – she attended a water meeting and was a bit shocked.

Mayor – they want regional cooperation; like where the green areas are and have them link. They are also in favor of dense areas so there will be no urban sprawl.

Dezman – no, Moccia – no, McClelland – no, Borton – no. The consensus for Malabar is no; not every aspect is conducive to Malabar.

12. Fire Department Shed, Proposed Doors

Wilbanks-Free – staff is still providing documentation to her. She found out that a certificate of completion was never issued by the Building Official; until this is done, we really cannot do a scope of services for the doors. In speaking with staff, a punch list of things that were not completed and to this date, they have not been finished. This was not ready for you to move forward with nor was it ready to invite the Forestry Service to come into the building.

Vail – he will get with Wilbanks-Free on this.

McClelland – his concern is to get the building closed up before the hurricane season.

Wilbanks-Free – she can't put a scope of services out because the engineering; they need all items on the punch list to be complete before hanging the doors to the building. Staff has advised that we are not ready until the punch list has been followed through on.

Mayor – will it be ready by the next meeting?

Wilbanks-Free – it will be ready by the next meeting or the meeting after May 21st.

13. Naming of Old Mission Road east of Corey Road

Mayor – as it turns out, there was a good size fire off on Old Mission off Corey Road.

Kabana – gave a brief overview of how the E911 works.

Moccia - Honey Bee Road; submit to Debby Franklin to send to E911;

Kabana – stated Debby Franklin has already submitted Witt Road.

I. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Moccia – she advised Council that she went to the Palm Bay Council meeting on adult entertainment sighting. It makes you realize how dedicated people are. She made note that the City of Palm Bay's attorney has the gift to gab. He took a lot of time explaining things to the audience. Our meetings are run with more respect to the people's time. We did get our point across to their Council.

Thanks to Nancy Borton for attending luncheon and wanting to continue the partnership.

McClelland – asks about the dome letter. Do we have a surplus dome? Wilbanks-Free – has received a briefing from Mr. Beatty.

McClelland – what about the cost of relocation? It was not a cheap undertaking.

Mayor – spoke to Mr. Rivet about this. Mr. Rivet is very much in favor of the Town donating the dome to the school for this purpose; astronomy. They discussed who would be responsible for relocating it. If the Town donates it, they can probably get the relocation costs donated as well.

The only thing that Town may ask for once the dome is in place; a plaque stating "Donated by the Town of Malabar".

Dezman – are any schools in Brevard County interested in this dome? Vail – we should check our local interest first.

Mayor – how do we check this out? Who can make the call?

Council – Wilbanks-Free was asked to call Dr. Deapatrie's office. Mayor also volunteered to take care of this; he'll follow up on this and bring back to Council.

McClelland – received an email today regarding a north boundary paved trail gate; feels it should go through the fire department. The gate at the north Corey into the Cameron Preserve was taking off light of the vehicles when going in to fight fire.

Vail – the radius needs to be factored in this as well.

Wilbanks-Free – will check into this.

Vail – asked how Springfest was?

Kabana – stated that we deposited \$4,235.

Vail – the fire on Old Mission was not too bad; no more than 20 acres.

Borton – nothing to report at this time.

Dezman – she asked how the meetings are set for Monday evenings; it is by resolution, ordinance or consensus. She has a conflict with Monday nights in the fall with a class she is taking.

Bohne – he just looked at the charter; it says we have to have a meeting once a month. He feels is it set by resolution.

Kabana – feels it is resolution 4-97.

Mayor – he was very impressed with the entire fire operation.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS: GENERAL ITEMS

Jim Roulston – 2480 Malabar Road, Taxpayer, Fire Fighter. As a fire fighter, he feels that the fire department needs some additional equipment and maintenance on the equipment that is already there. As a taxpayer, he feels that a new town hall is not needed at this time and some of the funds that have been set aside should be given to the fire department to assist them in better fire protection for the citizens of Malabar.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dezman/Moccia to adjourn. VOTE: All Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

	BY:	
	Mayor Thomas Eschenberg, Chair	
ATTEST:		
Susan Kabana, CMC		