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MALABAR TEEN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2013

7:00 PM

Purpose: This program provides the opportunity to teenage students to learn first-hand how a local government operates by participating in simulated town council meetings. The Teen Council will meet once a month on Tuesday during the school year.

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 7:00 pm by Chair Connor Mahoney. Prayer and pledge were led by Chair Connor Mahoney.

B. ROLL CALL:

CHAIR

CONNOR MAHONEY

TEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

BRIANA MAHONEY

DARIEN MAHONEY

JACOB ADKINS, excused

DENIS RIVET, not present

BECKY VAIL, not present

JERRY VAIL, not present

SAM RITTER

MAYOR:

CARL BEATTY

RECORDING SECRETARY:

CYNTHIA KELLEY

C. 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Discussion:

MOTION: D. Mahoney/Ritter to approve the minutes from October 16, 2012 as presented. VOTE: ALL AYES.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

Mayor doesn't feel he should chair the meetings; should be done by the teens. Also, he doesn't want to be called an attorney but a technical advisor. He also would like to have some house-keeping and introduce the teens so he is familiar with who everyone is. The Chair is to be neutral in all discussions. The Chair usually votes last.

E. DISCUSSION:

Mayor asked if they would like to discussion and then go into the aspect of the chicken issue(s). He would like to know what the Council feels about this issue and if the community should be allowed to have chickens. Kelley stated that this Council is run just like the Town Council. The Chair opens the discussion to the public and then brings it back to the Council for a motion, discussion and vote. Mayor stated this is fine. He just wants to understand how the process works.

2. BACKYARD CHICKENS

Chair gave background to the public to Council and the audience. Hhe He then opened up to public comments.

Public Comments:

Liz Ritter, 2860 Orange Avenue, came forward and addressed the Council. She felt that since Malabar is a rural community, chickens should be allowed. If the chickens don't become a nuisance, they can be beneficial to the residents by providing eggs and meat for consumption. With the economy, it would be a good thing to allow them. She is for more chickens.

MOTION: Ritter/D. Mahoney to allow chickens in all the zones of Malabar.

Discussion: Ritter stated that chickens can be very noisy; they can get really loud. But they don't really take up that much space and can be trained to stay in a specific area. He also stated that chickens would help the residents with the way the economy is. They would help residents save money at the grocery store. They can be kept in a small area of the property in coops or pens. D. Mahoney felt that animals are animals and they all make noises. If any issues arise, Council will deal with them as they come. She didn't feel there ~~are~~ would be any issues with people having animals on their property. It is their property and they should be allowed to have whatever animal(s) they want.

Mayor Beatty stated that we are discussing having chickens in the community; he did not see the ordinance from Brevard County, but felt they are for domestic chickens. The ordinance allows for a total of four hens. Ritter stated also one rooster. Mayor Beatty stated no roosters are allowed. They don't want the noise of a rooster. He stated that years ago, roosters were neutered to keep them from crowing to keep the noise under control.

Chair Mahoney stated that we should allow chickens in all zones of Malabar. Kelley stated that they are only allowed in RR65 at this time. Liz Ritter stated that you don't want them to be in commercial areas as people won't be there to take care of them and their needs, they should be in residential zones only. Kelley stated that if you allow in all residential zonings, you need to have the ordinance changed and the zoning changed. Chair Mahoney stated the zoning wouldn't have to be changed, just the ordinance stating that chickens would be allowed in all residential zones. Chair Mahoney stated that we would need to amend the motion to state all residential zones be allowed to have chickens.

AMENDED MOTION: Ritter/D. Mahoney to allow chickens in all residential zones in Malabar.

Kelley asked if Council if they wanted to put a number limit on the amount of chickens allowed in residential zoning. D. Mahoney stated she wanted to keep it open in the beginning and see what happens. If issues arise, they will be addressed at that time.

VOTE: All Ayes.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

H. SCHEDULE NEXT TEEN COUNCIL MEETING

Next scheduled meeting is February 19, 2013

Mayor Beatty stated that the main subject matter for next month's ~~month's~~ meeting will be vegetable gardening in the front yard.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, **MOTION: Ritter/D. Mahoney**, meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. **VOTE: All Ayes.**

BY: Connor Mahoney
Connor Mahoney, Chair

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