

Indian River County Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners

*Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman, District 2
Peter D. O'Bryan, Vice Chairman, District 4
Susan Adams, District 1
Bob Solari, District 5
Tim Zorc, District 3*

**Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller**

describe the area involved in the improvements to 58th Avenue, as Pulte Homes, Inc. is committed to making four (4) lanes from 49th Street to 53rd Street. He explained that, as a result of new residential developments in the vicinity already initiated, staff is recommending a widening extension to the north, across the North Relief Canal, proceeding to 57th Street.

Commissioner Adams thanked staff for bringing this item forward, and noted that traffic constraints in the area were already present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Zorc, to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Solari, and Commissioner Zorc

12.A.2. [17-0839](#)

Request to Consider Establishing an Exception to Cut and Fill Balance Requirements for Commercial/Industrial Development in Flood Hazard Areas

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners re-affirm the policy of maintaining a CRS classification of "6," consider the provided information, and provide direction to staff regarding the requested cut and fill balance exception.

Attachments: [Staff report](#)

[Attachment 1: Poppell property location map](#)

[Attachment 2: LDR Subsection 930.07\(2\)\(i\)](#)

[Attachment 3: Draft proposed LDR revision](#)

[Attachment 4: FEMA compensatory storage information](#)

[Attachment 5: CRS classification information](#)

[Attachment 6: Comprehensive Plan policies](#)

Community Development Director Stan Boling presented a request received from Ralph Poppell, commercial property owner, to establish an exception to the requirements for cut and fill balances in flood hazard areas. Mr. Poppell would like to fill a 1/2 acre pond at his commercial/industrial property located at 1931 98th Avenue.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board, Environmental Planning & Code Enforcement Chief Roland DeBlois, and Director Boling as to whether allowing for the exception would affect the County's flood insurance premiums. Due to the fact that it was a small area, it was decided to approve a minor code amendment to allow Mr. Poppell to move forward with the project. In addition, the Board concluded that evaluating the entire process would be beneficial in handling future requests.

Ralph Poppell, 525 34th Avenue SW, communicated the reasoning behind his request, along with his knowledge regarding elevation in the Vero Beach area.

Bob Johnson, Coral Wind Subdivision, and Joseph Paladin, President, Atlantic Coast Construction Builders and Black Swan Consulting, both spoke in support of the Board's decision regarding this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Solari, seconded by Chairman Flescher, to: (1) approve the requested minor code amendment to the Land Development Regulations (LDR) County Code Subsection 930.07(2)(i); and (2) direct staff to evaluate the process and report back at a future meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chairman Flescher, Vice Chairman O'Bryan, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Solari, and Commissioner Zorc

B. Emergency Services

C. General Services

1. Human Services

2. Sandridge Golf Club

3. Recreation

D. Human Resources

E. Office of Management and Budget

12.E.1. [17-0882](#) Indian River County Travel Policy

Recommended Action: Staff recommends that the Board approve the proposed Indian River County Travel Policy and incorporate into the Administrative Policy Manual

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Travel Policy](#)

Management & Budget Director Michael Smykowski explained how travel expense reimbursements have been handled for County employees, confirming that there had been no formal written travel policy, as the County had been following Section 112.061 of the Florida Statutes. He proposed that, upon approval, the Indian River County Travel Policy would be added to the current Administrative Policy Manual.

Commissioner Zorc questioned the guidelines used for mileage reimbursement, noting that the amount set by the Internal Revenue Service was much higher. Chairman Flescher felt that the per mile rate currently in effect was adequate.

Commissioner Solari felt strongly that the disciplinary rules had been overstated, and pointed out that he did not want new employees who were provided the Administrative Policy Manual to continually read that they were subject to imprisonment. After much discussion amongst the Board and County Administrator