



formally discussed in a Regular Meeting and should not be classified as 'Old Business'. Commissioner Sergent suggested moving the item to New Business and leaving it on the agenda.

MPT Herring stated he would not act on Commissioner Cantley's motion, since each Commissioner has a right to place items on the agenda. City Attorney Burnette stated the Board has a right to set its own agenda. A vote can be made to remove an item.

Commissioner Bullock stated he felt (1) the item is new business, and (2) that this is a procedural issue which should go through the Annexation Committee prior to being placed on the agenda. MPT Herring stated what is being presented to the Board is a discussion with information. He did not see anyone making a motion at the regular meeting to annex Thorndale.

Commissioner Cantley stated his motion was still on the floor.

Commissioner Sergent stated she is interested in working through all of the annexation requests and that a solid plan should be devised instead of doing things piecemeal. There is a benefit to working with a committee to consider all the potential properties and then make decisions as a group. Commissioner Sergent did not object, however, to the item being on the agenda for discussion.

MPT Herring stated he will address this issue at the Board Meeting or he will address it during the Comments portion of the meeting. CA Burnette stated that what normally happens is the Board votes as to what goes on the agenda. There is an unwritten rule that any Commissioner can add an item to the agenda so long as it's added the Friday before the meeting. Therefore, if the issue is voted on this evening and the vote is to remove the item from the agenda, MPT Herring could call the Clerk on Friday, ask her to place it on the agenda, thereby the item still ending up on the agenda. What the Board would then do on Tuesday is decide on whether to send the issue to the Annexation Committee or table it or whatever. With this explanation, Commissioner Cantley withdrew his motion. The item will remain on the agenda.

#### **DEMOLITION ORDINANCE FOR 606 RALEIGH STREET DISCUSSED**

Commissioner Harris asked if this item should first go through the Property Committee. CM Donham stated this is not City property but a house. The Property Committee usually discusses only those properties owned by the City. PD Hart stated all properties demolished by the City come out of a line item in her budget, and she works through the Finance Department to collect the funds. She has spoken with the owners several times and there has been no action on their part. PD Hart felt that if the City acts now on this, we would be able to collect the monies moreso than if we wait. The estimated cost of the demolition would be about \$4,000 with no budget amendment. PD Hart clarified this is the second structure from the Housing Authority office and a lien for payment would be put on the property. These funds are not a part of the revitalization grant which was recently received.

## **CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ANNEXATION**

Commissioner Sergent stated that she felt the Board should step back and look at an organized plan of approach to annexations. Is it an appropriate agenda item to move for discussion on annexations? CM Donham stated that on the issue of accepting the annexation reports [for College Street and the Outer Loop and W. Industry Drive and Pine Tree Road], this is one of the earlier steps. Then this would go to a public hearing and to other steps in the future. Commissioner Sergent asked that discussion on creating a plan through the Annexation Committee before any future moves on annexation be added to the agenda.

The Board then moved on to two other items on the Agenda.

### **1-LOT SUBDIVISION CONSISTING OF 1.377 ACRES LOCATED ON IVEY DAY ROAD APPROVED AS A FINAL PLAT**

Commissioner Sergent asked what was the rule of thumb as to why this issue needed to come before this Board, to which PD Hart stated it does not fall under the exception rule. There is a category under which the Planning Director can sign these requests and a person would not need to go before the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners, but this request does not fall under that category. PD Hart stated she has proposed amending the ordinance so that these types of exceptions would not need to go before this Board. PD Hart further explained that because of acreage and this not being a single ownership, this matter had to go through Board approvals.

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

Audience member Chandler Currin, Jr. explained that he wishes to purchase the farm and the owner doesn't want to sell the house with the farm. Commissioner Sergent asked why the Board was being asked to vote on this issue on this night instead of at the regular meeting on Tuesday. PD Hart stated that the owner is in critical condition, and there might be a longer process for the potential buyer if there are delays. Notice has been given to all involved.

ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE; THE MOTION PASSED.

### **INVITING GRANVILLE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON A REGULAR BASIS DISCUSSED**

There was question from the Board as to whether or not this issue was to be decided upon this evening. CM Donham stated that the recommendation came from the EDC Committee. Commissioner Bullock stated the recommendation was to invite the EDC Director [Jay Tilley] on a regular basis, but not necessarily to the next meeting. Commissioner Bullock asked why was this issue being looked at on this evening, to which CM Donham stated that he got information, not from Commissioner Bullock, that the request was for Mr. Tilley to present at the Tuesday meeting – the interpretation from the email from Commissioner Bullock. Commissioner Bullock stated this was

new information to him, and this is yet another time he needed to complain about having insufficient information.

MPT Herring asked the Board did they wish to vote on this issue Tuesday, to which the Board responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Bullock asked how did Mr. Tilley already get on the agenda for Tuesday. CM Donham stated that the Clerk interpreted Commissioner Bullock's email as his wanting Mr. Tilley to speak Tuesday, so he left it up to the Clerk. Mr. Tilley had not, however, been invited.

Commissioner Bullock clarified for City Clerk Hosch that his wish is to have this presentation made on a quarterly basis.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

WITH THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.