

SPECIAL MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of La Grange, North Carolina met in Special Session at the Town Hall on May 21, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Woodard H. Gurley; Mayor Pro Tem Bobby R. Wooten; Council Members Larry Gladney, Walter Ellis, Jr., George Koonce and Elliott Sutton; Town Manager, John P. Craft; Town Clerk, Nelda H. Johnson, CMC; Town Attorney, George Jenkins, Jr.

Absent: Jeff Thomas, Council Member

Guest: 1

ITEMS 1, 2, 3: CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, WELCOME

Mayor Gurley called the meeting to order and ask Council Member Sutton to offer a prayer. Mayor Gurley welcomed everyone present.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. REZONING REQUEST – ALDO & MARIE WILLIS FOR MW ALLSTARS

Mayor Gurley turned the meeting over to Manager Craft.

Manager Craft stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the approval of an ordinance amending the official zoning map of the Town of La Grange which would rezone Parcel Number 17239 (9.39 acres), located on the west side of Aldridge Store Road, from AR (Agricultural-Residential) to LI (Light Industrial). The rezoning is being request by Aldo and Marie Willis of 26515 Alde Way, Murrieta, California. The applicants are proposing to build an 8,000-10,000 square foot commercial building on the site.

The rezoning is being requested to allow for a base for their business on the east coast. The business is MW Allstars which is a contracting company that does work for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and wish to expand their operations in this area to include the private sector, in addition to their work on the base. They would use this location for their general offices, as well as a storage yard for the equipment while not in use on other jobs. MW Allstars has indicated that much of their storage would be within the 8,000-10,000 square foot building, but have also indicated that they would likely store backhoes, trailers, and trucks on the yard within a six foot high chain like fence.

The Planning and Zoning Board met on Monday, May 14, 2007, and after receiving public comments, voted unanimously to recommend to the Town Council to rezone the property from AR to LI as requested with the provision that a planted buffer be installed along the property line adjoining property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Tart.

Mr. John Cunningham of Goldsboro was present to represent the applicants.

After discussion among Mr. Cunningham, the Town Council and Manager Craft, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Sutton to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, seconded by Council Member Gladney to return to the Special Session. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion.

Motion was made by Council Member Koonce, seconded by Council Member Gladney for approval of the ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town of La Grange which would rezone Parcel Number 17239 from AR to LI as requested and the property owners be required to have a planted buffer on the north and south sides of

their property. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion. Copy of Ordinance hereto attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

Manager Craft shared with the Council that he had met with representatives from ElectriCities to discuss a marketing campaign for the Town of La Grange. They are requesting a meeting of about 25 to 40 interested persons that could include the Town Council, Chamber of Commerce officers, and representative from citizens, civic groups, churches and possibly the local military base for a “swap” or “roundtable” discussion for marketing ideas.

Each Council Member will submit several names to Manager Craft for consideration on the marketing campaign panel. The date, July 16, 2007, has been scheduled for the first meeting to be held at the La Grange-Frink Alumni and Friends Culture Center.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wooten, seconded by Council Member Sutton to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 in favor of motion.

Nelda H. Johnson, CMC, Town Clerk

Woodard H. Gurley, Mayor