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"The City with a future, watch us grow!"

Groveland City Council
City Manager Report
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Pending Action Items:

- My "Organizational Review" is drafted. The document will be proofed and released to the council before the end of the month.

Report from the Desk of the City Manager:

- Negotiations continue to move forward with Alpha Inspections; legal has forwarded a fist draft that I have reviewed there are some finer points that are being worked out this week, I anticipate having a draft ready to forward to Alpha by the end of this week pending no major issues with the draft that legal has sent to me.
- Met with David Heath the County Manager and Robert L. Chandler regarding providing an economic development presentation to City Council at its August 4th Council meeting. Mr. Heath also agreed to assist the City of Groveland introduce a concept that could help fire service to the Ford Industrial Park. We are currently review possible dates. As developments progress more information will be provided.
- The June 26 Town Hall Meeting regarding "Meet and Greet the Manager and the Mayoral State of the City address" outing, located at the Puryear, Groveland; was well received and a joy to do. The audience seemed inspired and ready to pitch in to move the city forward.
- Met with Little John Engineering regarding the Villa City DRI anticipated to be presented to the City in September.
- The City Manager's Office continues to aggressively move forward with its "Premier City Campaign". The Groveland citizenry have been challenged to review the following "Most Livable Cities" for at least one program, policy, event, or initiative that they will advocate in their prospective department and/or recommend to the City Manager's Office.

1. Sharon, Massachusetts – (781) 784-1500
2. Louisville, Colorado – (303) 666-6565
3. Vienna, Virginia – (703) 255-6300
4. Chanhassen, Minnesota – (952) 227-1100
5. Sherwood, Oregon – (503) 625-5522
6. Berkeley Heights, New Jersey – (908) 464-8150
7. Mason, Ohio – (513) 229-8500
8. Papillion, Nebraska – (402) 597-2000
9. Apex, North Carolina – (919) 249-3400
10. West Goshen Township, Pennsylvania – (610) 696-0900

Citizens and City Council are asked to bring their items to the City Manager Office via e-mail, phone call, or visit with the city manager. This benchmark process will compare our services against 10 of the Top Small Communities in the Country. These communities are not only thriving economically, they maximize family friendly amenities, well ran government, and strong community involvement. Invitations to citizens will be going out with the water bill under the title "DARE TO BE GREAT".

- City Website development is progressing as planned, anticipated to go live in November.
- FDOT met with the Community Develop Director and me, regarding the 50 realignment and the site north of the CITCO gas station as the location for a park and ride. We additionally reviewed a proposal for a wet retention pond east of the proposed 50 realignment. Based on the observations of our Community Development Director we encouraged the proposals with landscaping requirement as required by city ordinance.
- I am continuing meetings with various members of the business community. I met with SECO and South Lake Electric.
- Trilogy Meeting – I the meeting was well attended and for the most part I thought the meeting went well. However, there was apparent mix up on the agenda. Due to the large number of request and complaints from the residents of Trilogy, we amended the agenda from a meet the manager meeting to a water focused Q and A town hall meeting.
- The rumor mill dilemma, rumor unfounded and at times malicious eating away at the organization like a cancer. Despite aggressively adopting measures of transparency, staff has spent an excessive amount of time receiving, investigating, and responding to wild claims that are said to come from responsible unknown sources. I am as Council for a consensus that would direct staff to forward such issues to the public information request process, directly to the city manager office, or to the City Council as a whole, which can direct the city manager office to investigate any inquires deemed to have merit.
- Regarding the City Council Direction to review a request to discuss expanding terms for City Council members to 3 years. I have asked for legal opinion and advice from the Florida League of Cities.

Follow up / Reminder Items:

- Closing out Fourth of July event as it relates to final disposition with vendors, contractors, and work from staff. We expect to have a debriefing at our next council meeting. Mr. Lucas will give a presentation as to the budget, public comments, and closing remarks regarding this event.

Events:

- Town Hall Meeting locations have been identified for the following neighborhoods
 1. Waterside Pointe – (cancelled???)

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