

**City of Bonita Springs
City Council Zoning Hearing
Monday, November 16, 2015
9:00 A.M.
Bonita Springs City Hall
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Steve McIntosh called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor McIntosh led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

All Council Members were present, except for Mayor Nelson and Council Member Slachta. Council Member Simmons arrived at 9:02 A.M.

IV.

- A. PD14-16327-BOS, Bonita Grande Mine Industrial Planned Development (IPD) Amendment Extension, District 1

A ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CONSIDERING A REQUEST BY BONITA GRANDE PROPERTIES, LP TO AMEND LEE COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION NO. 98-071 AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO EXTEND THE TERMINATION DATE OF MINING FROM MAY 27, 2020 TO MAY 27, 2030; ON LAND LOCATED AT 25501 BONITA GRANDE DRIVE, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135, ON 1,268.0 +/- ACRES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

9:01:36 AM City Attorney Audrey Vance read the title block of the Zoning Ordinance into the record and stated that the applicant has requested a continuance of the case to May 16, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

9:03:54 AM Patrick McCourt stated he tried to see the applicant's side of the argument and feels the only benefit for the Council to grant the 10 year extension is financial for the mine. He is requesting for the Council to not approve the extension.

9:04:52 AM John Kowinski, a resident of Citrus Park, stated that he is dismayed at the fact that there is a request for a continuance. He does not feel the continuance should be granted because many of the winter residents will not be here if the case is continued. There has been issues with the mining from its inception. He continued to describe the effects of blasting on nearby residents.

9:11:51 AM Donna Stone stated she would like to see an ordinance established for trucks to have reduced speed limits in residential areas around the mine. She believes the noise and traffic are issues that will continue if this ordinance is not adopted.

9:14:12 AM Carolyn Gallagher feels there is no need for a continuance because she does not believe there will be new information that can be established.

9:16:36 AM Jane Truelove questioned the continuance of the case. She believes a decision should be made immediately and does not believe the case should be prolonged.

9:17:36 AM Mr. Schropp stated he is requesting a continuance per the City Zoning Regulations to May 16, 2016.

9:20:05 AM City Attorney Vance explained the reason for the 6 month suggestion for a continuance was due to the availability of witnesses. She then explained that it is a matter of right to grant the applicant a continuance per due process.

9:23:47 AM Council Member Mike Gibson asked the reason for the meeting of the continuance if they are required by law to grant the continuance. City Attorney Vance further explained the process.

9:27:11 AM Council Member Janet Martin motioned to move forward with the continuance to May 16 as proposed by Staff; Deputy Mayor McIntosh seconded the motion; and the motion failed 2-3 (Council Members Simmons, Gibson, and Lonkart opposed).


9:30:25 AM Discussion about the schedule ensued.

9:32:17 AM Council Member Simmons motioned to move forward with the continuance to February 17, 2016 following the regular City Council Meeting; Council Member Gibson seconded the motion; and the motion carried unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

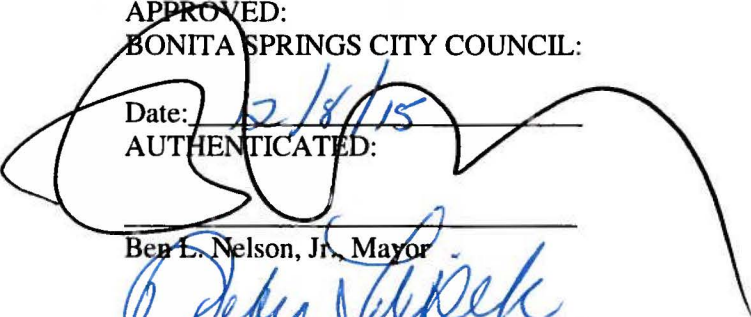
There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

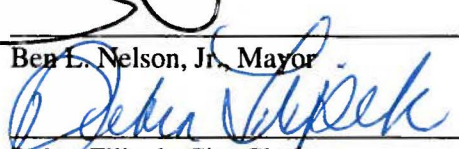
Respectfully submitted,


Charlen Wade, HR/ City Clerk Assistant

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 2/18/15
AUTHENTICATED:


Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor


Debra Filipek, City Clerk