

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

PREPARED BY: Chester Murray, Development Services Director

DATE: June 04, 2008

SUBJECT: **Volusia Growth Management Commission (VGMC)
Reappointment of Jim Kerr to Orange City's Seat on the VGMC**

PURPOSE

Approve the reappointment of Jim Kerr to represent Orange City on the Volusia Growth Management Commission.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Kerr commenced employment with the City on May 15, 1983, and has been personally involved with the many ongoing processes of the development services department during that time. During his 25-year tenure with the City, he personally processed hundreds of annexation requests wherein the City grew from 1.5 square miles to the current 7.0 square miles. He has written several comprehensive land use plan amendments (large and small) and has processed numerous zoning requests. Mr. Kerr has assisted the development community in the creation of a number of residential and commercial subdivisions and commercial developments that have since become some of the major revenue generators for the City.

Because the City's representative on the Commission requires a certain amount of knowledge of these processes and an institutional knowledge of Orange City; and because of the continuity of the comprehensive plan amendment process and the maximum allowable number of cycles per year, staff believes that the City will be best represented by Mr. Kerr.

Further, Mr. Kerr resides within the City's jurisdictional boundary, which is a policy requirement of the VGMC. Mr. Kerr has been the City's representative for the past 16 years, having been originally appointed in 1992. In a letter dated April 5, 2005, the VGMC Coordinator stated "Mr. Kerr's attendance and participation on the VGMC has been excellent and he has been an asset to the Commission". Although Mr. Kerr has no retirement intentions at this time, if he were to do so at some future date, this would not affect his appointment to the VGMC.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council appoint Jim Kerr to represent Orange City on the Volusia Growth Management Commission.