



## SARASOTA COUNTY

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May 16, 2019

Mr. Ed Lavalley, City Manager  
City of Venice  
401 W. Venice Ave.  
Venice, Florida 34285

Subject: *Rustic Road and Hurt Properties*

Thank you for meeting with myself and our staff on May 3, 2019 to discuss the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) as it relates to the subject properties. As we discussed in the meeting, the JPA is an agreement between the City of Venice and Sarasota County that contains specific provisions that must be met to ensure compliance with the agreement, as well as specifying which jurisdiction will ensure those provisions are met. Thank you for agreeing to the City of Venice providing the County with information to demonstrate how the City will address compliance with all provisions of the JPA. Please keep us informed on the timing of the submittals going before the City's Planning Commission so that we can plan accordingly.

We look forward to receiving the information from the City. Please let us know if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Jonathan R. Lewis, ICMA – CM  
County Administrator

c: Brad Johnson, Assistant County Administrator  
Matt Osterhoudt, Director, Planning & Development Services

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## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

June 10, 2019

Mr. Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator  
Sarasota County  
1660 Ringling Boulevard, Second Floor  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

In response to your letter dated May 16, 2019 concerning the Rustic Road and the Hurt-Knights Trail properties, following is an update on the proposed annexations of those two properties. The following petitions were placed on the June 4, 2019 Planning Commission agenda with a provision for CONTINUANCE to the June 18, 2019 meeting:

- Annexation of the Hurt-Knights Trail property
- Annexation of the Rustic Road property
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment – addition to the Joint Planning and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement Amendment #3 between the City and the County
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Rustic Road property
- Zoning Map Amendment – Rustic Road property

Presumably, these petitions will be heard at the June 18 meeting. If you or any members of your staff are interested in attending or participating in any way, please notify Jeff Shrum's office. You would certainly be welcome. As part of the annexation process for the two subject properties, if the County has stipulations that you would like considered, please provide them in writing prior to the June 18 hearing date so that they can be distributed to the Planning Commission.

Relative to the annexation of these properties, as we have discussed, the Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) makes specific reference to roadway improvements:

- The County's Future Thoroughfare Plan Maps includes a future north-south connector (Lorraine Road) running south from Clark Road and connecting to

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Knights Trail. A recent County staff initiative approved by the County Commission may result in a realignment of that road to connect to Knights Trail north of the two subject properties. The County maps currently show the north south connector passing thorough the subject properties. I would appreciate any updates that you can provide concerning the potential realignment of the Lorraine Road north-south connector, with an estimated timeframe, if known, for a determination of whether the road will be realigned as described.

- The JPA indicates that the party with jurisdiction over the development application will require transportation improvements to the intersection of Knights Trail and Rustic Road to meet County standards. This intersection is not located adjacent to the subject properties, and if Lorraine Road is realigned to intersect Knights Trail north of Rustic Road then it would be the City's position that the Rustic Road/Knights Trail intersection is not a relevant issue with respect to these annexations.
- The JPA states that for future expansion of Knights Trail Road the party with jurisdiction over the development application will require the reservation of the necessary right-of-way (ROW) consistent with the County's roadway standard for a four-lane roadway. In conversation, County staff has indicated that the County will not be responsible for construction (including ROW acquisition costs) of any improvements to County roadways within the City's jurisdiction cited herein. For purposes of City consideration of these, is that the County's official position on the potential dedication of space and expansion of Knights Trail, and Lorraine Road should it not be realigned?

Any information relative to these issues that you or your staff can provide will be of assistance to the City in determining the future development of the subject properties. Thanks to you and your staff for continued collaboration on this project.

Respectfully,



Edward F. Lavallee  
City Manager

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cc Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney  
Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director  
Roger Clark, Planning Manager

## Jeff Shrum

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**From:** Edward Lavallee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 8:38 PM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Cc:** Jonathan Lewis; Matthew Osterhoudt; Jeff Shrum; Edward Lavallee; Judy Gamel  
**Subject:** RE: JPA

Brad

Thanks for the e-mail. When you and I spoke this annexation item was already on the printed Planning Committee agenda-scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> with a planned continuance to June 18<sup>th</sup>. I had previously refused to put the item on the agenda and finally allowed it to go forward to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with the provision that it be continued again. I was prepared to continue it again but at the advice of our City Attorney, I was advised that I should not keep continuing it and that I could not continue it to a date uncertain. So I sent a letter to Jonathan asking if there was a time table I could provide to the Planning Commission. I also provided an invitation to your staff to provide any relevant information or to be present. Absent that, our staff will present the time table you and I discussed with regard to the County's reconsideration of the thoroughfare plan and present our position of uncertainty about the thoroughfare elements as they affect Venice. In the correspondence to Jonathan I am essentially asking for the County's position on issues referenced in the JPA. I have no desire to promote this annexation if it creates a financial liability for the City. I am expecting the Planning Commission to recognize our dependence on the County's determination of a realignment of the north-south connector road as critical to our of the benefit or liability to the City. I will call you and give you further details. Thanks again for the communication.

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**From:** Brad Johnson <Brad.Johnson@scgov.net>  
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**Cc:** Jonathan Lewis <jrlewis@scgov.net>; Matthew Osterhoudt <mosterho@scgov.net>  
**Subject:** JPA

Ed,

We are in receipt of your letter related to the Rustic Road properties and the JPA. However, based on the conversation you and I had at FCCMA two weeks ago I am a little confused. In our conversation said that the City was going to wait to process the petitions for these properties until the County was able to revise the thoroughfare plan through the Comp Plan Amendment process we initiated a couple months ago. As mentioned we think we should be able to get through that process sometime in the Fall 2019. In your letter, however, you reference that the petitions will be heard by the Planning Commission on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Can you clarify what the City's intentions are once this is heard by the Planning Commission? If approved will you be scheduling it to go to your Council for consideration right afterwards?

Thanks. I just want to make sure I understood you correctly when we spoke.

**Brad E. Johnson, ICMA-CM**  
Assistant County Administrator

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