

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 8, 2018

Sun Communities Clubhouse – Pineapple Bay Room – 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kagdis called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Ostrand led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call – Present: Mayor Karen Ostrand, President Ann Kagdis, Vice-President Ken De Angeles, Council Members Richard Gerold, Mary Jo Geyer, Terry Locatis, David Wagner
- Staff Present – Town Management Consultant, Terry O'Neil, Town Attorney, Rick Crary, Town Clerk, Pam Orr and Bookkeeper/Clerical Assistant, Kim Stanton

2. Oath of Office – Attorney Crary administered the Oath of Office to incoming Town Council Members, Ken De Angeles, Ann Kagdis and Mary Jo Geyer.

3. Reorganization of Town Council – Council Member Locatis, seconded by Council Member Gerold, nominated Ken De Angeles to serve as President. Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Geyer, nominated Ann Kagdis to serve as President.

Roll Call:

In Favor of Ken De Angeles: Locatis, Gerold, De Angeles

In Favor of Ann Kagdis: Wagner, Geyer, Kagdis

Motions Tied: 3-3

Attorney Crary directed the Town Council Members to discuss their nominations and re-vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the reorganization of the Town Council.

Attorney Crary explained that the duty of the Town Council President was to run the meetings, and in his/her absence, it would be the duty of the Vice-President. He stated a viable option was a coin toss to decide the matter and that a Motion would be needed.

Council Member Gerold, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a Motion to decide the Town Council President based on a coin toss.

Roll Call:

In Favor of coin toss: Kagdis, Gerold, Locatis

Not In Favor of coin toss: De Angeles, Geyer, Wagner

Motion Tied: 3-3

Attorney Crary stated that the Town Council would not hold meetings until a President and Vice-President were in place.

Council Member Kagdis withdrew her nomination for President.

Attorney Crary stated that Ken De Angeles would be the nominated President.

President De Angeles requested nominations for Vice-President.

Council Member Gerold, seconded by Council Member Geyer, nominated Ann Kagdis for Vice-President.

President De Angeles asked for any other nominations.

There were none.

President De Angeles moved to close the nominations for Vice-President of the Town Council.

In Favor: De Angeles, Kagdis, Gerold, Geyer, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6 – 0

4. Approval of Minutes – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.

In Favor: De Angeles, Kagdis, Gerold, Geyer, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6 – 0

5. Captec Engineering, Joe Capra – Mr. Capra gave an update on the Indian River Drive Project. He stated that the underground work had been nearly completed and that the contractor would begin work on the sidewalks, asphalt and landscaping. He added that the project was due to be completed by March 21, 2018. He spoke about the various grants and the storm water.

President De Angeles asked about traffic calming devices.

Mr. Capra said that the flashers were up in the air with the County and further explained the raised dividers in the middle of the roadway.

President De Angeles stated that Officer Joe Angelico of Martin County Sheriff's Department was going to make an effort to bring radar signs along the area on a regular basis to slow the traffic.

Mr. Capra stated that the design, from the Environmental Studies Center to the end of the Town, was to allow for a walkable community.

President De Angeles asked for comments or questions from the Council.

There were none.

President De Angeles asked for Comments or questions from the public.

Mary Lefler, 6 NE Nautical Drive, Ocean Breeze, asked if the road was going to be the same width.

Mr. Capra stated that the road width would be the same with core dividers in the designated areas.

Mary Lefler asked if the road would be closer to the homes.

Mr. Capra stated that the road stays within the limited right-of-way.

Mary Lefler asked about noise abatement.

Mr. Capra states there was no noise abatement.

Mary Lefler asked if the landscaping would be obstructing the views.

Mr. Capra stated that the median and the palm trees were narrow.

Vice-President De Angeles asked for further questions from the public.

Troy McDonald, City of Stuart Commissioner advised the Council about a letter being drafted from the four municipalities in Martin County to show solidarity in protecting "Home Rule."

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McDonald requested the Town of Ocean Breeze join the efforts by preparing a generic letter showing the solidarity between the municipalities and the County so that the members of the delegation could see that this area was unified. He stated that the Town Manager of Jupiter Island was drafting a letter.

Vice-President Kagdis, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a motion to authorize the Mayor and the Council President to sign the letter and hand-deliver it to the Legislative Policy Committees during the trip to Tallahassee.

President De Angeles asked for discussion.

Council Member Locatis asked if the Council Members would be able to read the letter.

President De Angeles answered "yes."

In Favor: De Angeles, Kagdis, Gerold, Geyer, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6 – 0

6. Supervisor of Elections Office – Vicki Davis, Supervisor of Elections, spoke about the different duties of the Town and the Supervisor of Elections during an election cycle. She spoke about services that could be provided to the Town by the Supervisor of Elections office regarding the vote by mail ballots. She answered questions regarding the vote by mail procedures. She spoke about changing the Town's Charter to align the Town elections with the Supervisor of Elections election cycle.

President De Angeles asked for comments or questions from the Council.

Council Member Locatis stated that he believed this was a good idea.

President De Angeles asked for comments from the public.

Ron Reilly, 10 NE Nautical Way, Ocean Breeze, asked when the vote by mail ballots would be due back at the Supervisor of Elections office.

Supervisor Davis answered that Florida law stated that the ballots must be in the Supervisor's office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Attorney Crary stated that a Charter change would probably need to be done. He remarked that the Council could instruct Mr. O'Neil and himself to investigate the matter to see what would need to be done.

Vice-President Kagdis presented Council Member Jerry Collins with a plaque and thanked him for his service on the Town Council.

7. Comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda – There were none.

8. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda – Vice-President Kagdis discussed the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities and recommended that an additional Town Council Member attend the monthly meetings. She stated that the Mayor was going to start attending the Florida League of Mayors' meetings.

Council Member Geyer stated that she was willing to attend these meetings and that she would be willing to drive others who wish to attend.

Vice-President Kagdis stated that these were open meetings so more than one Council Member could attend. She announced the next meeting on January 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Vice-President Kagdis announced that the Legislative Policy Committee was meeting January 29, 30 and 31st, 2018 in Tallahassee. She stated that the Mayor was going as part of the League of Mayors. She commented this trip was not reimbursable by the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities or the Florida League of Cities and asked for authorization in order for the Mayor to receive reimbursement.

Vice-President Kagdis, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a Motion to approve reimbursement to the Mayor for the trip to Tallahassee because she would be representing the Town.

In Favor: De Angeles, Kagdis, Gerold, Geyer, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6 – 0

Attorney Crary reminded the Town Council about specifics regarding the Sunshine Law.

Vice-President Kagdis announced that the Ethics class was being offered in April, 2018 and attendance was mandatory.

Vice-President Kagdis announced the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials training was being held in July, 2018 in Jupiter. She suggested sending two Council Members along with the Mayor.

President De Angeles stated that he would like to attend this training and suggested the entire Council attend.

Mr. O'Neil commented about the training being of benefit for Council Members and if necessary, a budget amendment could be done.

9. Comments from Town Management Consultant Terry O'Neil – There were none.

10. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – Mayor Ostrand welcomed Council Member Mary Jo Geyer to the Council and spoke about her upcoming trip to Tallahassee with the League of Mayors.

11. Announcements – Meetings to be held at Ocean Breeze Resort, Pineapple Shores

- Zoning Board Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018 at 11:00 am, or as soon thereafter completion of the Town Council Meeting.
- Special Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018, as soon thereafter completion of the Zoning Board meeting
- Special Meeting, Monday, January 24, 2018 at 5:30 pm to consider second reading of Ordinance No. 274-2017
- Regular Town Council Meeting, Monday, February, 12, 2018 at 10:30 am

12. Adjourn – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Vice-President Kagdis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon

All in Favor:

Yes: Kagdis, De Angeles, Gerold, Geyer, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Motion Passed 6 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Orr

Town Clerk

Minutes approved: February 12, 2018