

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 8, 2017
Hoke Hall / Lifestyle Center – 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order – Vice-President De Angeles 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, Vice-President De Angeles, Council Members Jerry Collins, Richard Gerold, Terry Locatis and David Wagner
Absent: President Ann Kagdis
- Staff Present – Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil, Town Attorney, Rick Crary, Town Clerk, Pam Orr and Bookkeeper/Clerical Assistant, Kim Stanton

Discussion ensued regarding the motion made and passed at the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting to approve legal staff to look into the matter concerning legacy residents and the letter which was sent to Sun Communities, Inc., on behalf of the Town, by Attorney Turnbull.

Vice-President De Angeles and Council Member Locatis stated their disapproval of the letter going out before approval by the Town Council.

Attorney Crary assured the Mayor and the Town Council that any future correspondence regarding potential enforcement actions or litigation would be reviewed by the Mayor and the Town Council. He stated that the policy had been that Staff was authorized to send out letters before the next monthly meeting; but, that Staff would take direction from the Town Council in the future. He informed the Town Council that the matter was discussed numerous times by Staff and also, at the public meetings. He gave the history and stated the urgency of the matter in question as a possible violation of the PUD by displacing a legacy resident. He informed the Town Council of the positive outcome and resolution of the matter. He clarified that the copy of the letter was inadvertently not attached to the email sent to the Town Clerk.

2. Approval of Minutes – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Collins, made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting and the February 28, 2017 Special Meeting.

All in Favor: De Angeles, Collins, Gerold, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Absent: Kagdis

Motion Passed 5 – 0

3. Budget to Actual Comparison for October 2016 – March 2017 – Kim Stanton presented the Budget to Actual Comparison for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund for the period ending March 31, 2017.

Terry O’Neil gave an update on the Indian River Drive Project. He stated that the bid process ended and the bids are approximately \$300,000 over the estimated cost of the project and that he would be able to give a report at the June meeting.

4. Martin County Fire Rescue Emergency Management – Dan Wouters, Division Chief of Emergency Management and Carol Dryburgh, Martin County Special Needs Program, discussed disaster preparedness, evacuations, brushfires, hazardous spills, code red notification system, special needs shelters and general population shelters.

5. Resolution #255-2017 – Town Clerk read title into the record:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE SUPPORTING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 10 RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR RETAINING AND TREATING POLLUTED WATER, ABATING HARMFUL, TOXIC ALGAL BLOOMS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, ST. LUCIE AND CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVERS AND ESTUARIAL SYSTEMS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Vice-President De Angeles asked for comments from the public.

There were none.

Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Collins, made a motion to adopt Resolution #255-2017.

All in Favor:

Yes: De Angeles, Collins, Gerold, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Absent: Kagdis

Motion Passed 5 – 0

6. Resolution #256-2017 – Town Clerk read title into the record:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADEQUATE FUNDING OF THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Vice-President asked for comments from the public or the Council.

There were none.

Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a motion to adopt Resolution #256-2017.

All in Favor:

Yes: De Angeles, Collins, Gerold, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Absent: Kagdis

Motion Passed 5 – 0

7. Ordinance #257 – Town Clerk read title into the record:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL SEAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 165.043; RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING ALL PRIOR USES THEREOF BY THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR THE RETIRING OF THE PRIOR SEAL EXCEPT FOR HISTORIC PURPOSES; RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING ALL PRIOR USES THEREOF BY THE TOWN AND; ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF A COLORFUL LOGO SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE NEW OFFICIAL MUNICIPAL SEAL; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, APPLICABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Crary presented the legible Exhibit “A” to the Town Council.

Vice-President De Angeles asked for comments from the public.

There were none.

Attorney Crary explained the need for this emergency Ordinance.

Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a motion to adopt Ordinance #257-2017.

Roll Call - Yes: De Angeles, Collins, Gerold, Locatis, Wagner

Opposed: None

Absent: Kagdis

Motion Passed 5 – 0

8. Comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda – Gary Timmons, Sun Communities, stated that Sun Communities was not attempting to displace legacy residents from the property and called for better communication between the Town and Management of Sun Communities.

9. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda – Council Member Wagner discussed the road congestion and cars blocking West End Blvd. and the problem it may cause with emergency vehicles. He expressed his concern that the parked cars would block Fire/EMS entry into the Town.

Mr. Timmons clarified the property lines and explained that Ocean Breeze Resort allows public parking in that area and that he was open to possible solutions. He added that all gates are fully accessible by EMS and that there would be signs indicating that entry was for residents only and that there would be no parking in the area of the gate.

Council Member Wagner clarified that the issue was the parking on the west side of the road.

Mr. Timmons stated that if directed by the Town Council, Sun would put up signs, but not on FEC property.

Vice-President De Angeles stated that he would not be opposed to eliminating parking there because it was a safety hazard.

Mr. Timmons discussed possible solutions to the problem and that he would work with the Town.

Vice-President De Angeles asked about barriers to prevent parking in that area.

Mr. Timmons stated that at one time side-walks were considered for connectivity in that area and he explained the configuration plans of the walks. He discussed an easement previously granted for parking. He commented that he did not know if he needed to work with the Town or the County regarding the issue, but that he would find out. He stated that connectivity to downtown and Publix were important.

Council Member Locatis reported on his attendance at the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments and gathered information for the Town Clerk to distribute. He stated that Ocean Breeze was not a member.

Mayor Ostrand stated that she supported the Town's membership in the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments. She spoke about the parking issue in Jensen Beach and suggested, to deter parking, that signs be posted stating that West End Blvd. was used for emergency vehicles.

10. Comments from Town Management Consultant Terry O'Neil – Mr. O'Neil stated his support for Sun to allow the public to park by West End Blvd. and added that Sun should have an expectation that the parking was well managed. He suggested talking to Martin County, stating to let them know that it would mean additional parking for downtown Jensen Beach, the Chamber, CRA, etc. He stated that, if Sun was willing to fold this into their plans, the Town would not be out of line asking Martin County for enforcement and proper signage. He added that the Town could have a conversation with the CRA and County staff to see if parking would be a good use of that space and not burden Sun, the residents, or jeopardize access.

11. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – There were none.

12. Announcements - Meetings to be held at Hoke Hall / Lifestyle Center

- Monday, June 12, 2017 at 10:30 am – Regular Meeting

Information was provided about Volunteers in Medicine – VIM Clinic 772-463-4128; vinclinic.net

13. Adjourn – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Collins, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

All in Favor:

Yes: De Angeles, Collins, Gerold, Locatwas, Wagner

Opposed: None

Absent: Kagdis

Motion Passed 5 – 0

Minutes approved: June 12, 2017