



## Town of Longboat Key Town Commission

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### - AGENDA - REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING

1:00 PM

December 10, 2012

#### Pledge of Public Conduct

- We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.
- We will direct all comments to issues.
- We will avoid personal attacks.

#### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Public to be Heard**

##### 1. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

At each meeting the Town Commission sets aside a time for the public to address issues that are not on the agenda.

#### **Committee Reports and Communications**

2. Manatee County Special Liaison Report
3. Sarasota County Special Liaison Report
4. Other Reports

#### **Consent Items for Consideration of the Town Commission**

##### 5. Proposed Resolution 2013-02, Budget Transfers for FY 2011-2012 Year End Reconciliation

The Town Charter requires that sufficient budgets are available in each general ledger account to cover expenditures charged to the account. Each year staff prepares the required budget transfer documentation to balance surplus accounts and those with shortfalls. Proposed Resolution 2013-02, provides a complete listing of recommended transfers for individual accounts, as well as the reason for surplus or shortfall, and is presented for Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward Resolution 2013-02 to the January 7, 2013 Regular Meeting for formal action.

##### 6. Proposed Resolution 2013-04, Expressing Town Commission Support for Police and Firefighter Pension Reform

At the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting the Town Commission expressed support for a Resolution expressing Town Commission support for police and firefighter pension reform. Resolution 2013-04 is presented for Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward Resolution 2013-04 to the January 7, 2013 Regular Meeting for formal action.

*The purpose of the "Workshop Consent Agenda", like the Regular Meeting Consent Agenda, is to expedite those items on an agenda that appear to be of a routine nature. The reason for incorporating items under the Workshop Consent Agenda is to meet the Town Code requirement of having all items presented in a Workshop meeting before scheduling for approval in a formal meeting. Any item on the Consent Agenda can be removed and placed on the Workshop Agenda by any member of the Town Commission or by the Town Manager. All items remaining on the Consent Agenda will be declared by the Mayor as approved for scheduling on a subsequent formal meeting for discussion and action.*

Jim Brown, Mayor; Dave Brenner, Vice-Mayor;  
Lynn Larson, District 1; Jack Duncan, District 2; Pat Zunz, District 5;  
Terry Gans, At-Large; Phill Younger, At-Large

**Discussion Items for Consideration of the Town Commission****7. Florida Power & Light Presentation Regarding Overhead to Underground Conversions**

Rae Dowling, Florida Power & Light Governmental Affairs Coordinator will present information regarding conversion from overhead to underground power at the December 10, 2012 Regular Workshop Meeting. Recommended Action: None, informational only.

**8. Discussion Regarding Changes to Existing Homestead Exemption for Qualifying Seniors and Consideration of Additional Exemption for Qualifying Low Income Seniors**

A recent change to Florida Statutes Section 196.075(2) provides an additional Senior Homestead Exemption as a "flat" amount of \$50,000. The current Town Code provides for a \$25,000 exemption which now conflicts with Florida Statutes. Local property tax officials advise that the Town must amend our local ordinance to provide for a \$50,000 senior homestead exemption for consistency with Florida Statutes if the Town Commission wishes to preserve our senior homestead exemption. An amendment that allows local governments to grant an additional homestead exemption to low-income seniors was approved in the November 6, 2012 election. Staff will seek Commission direction regarding whether to provide for this additional exemption in the Town Code. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

**9. Establishing the Date for the 2013 General Municipal Election and Early Voting Schedule**

The Town's Charter establishes the date for the Town's General Municipal Election as the third Tuesday in March but provides for an option to align the Town's election with any other County administered election. This item is placed on the December 10, 2012 Regular Workshop Meeting to seek Commission direction regarding establishing the General Municipal Election date and associated early voting dates. The appropriate resolution will be drafted and presented at the January 7, 2013 Regular Meeting pursuant to Commission direction. Recommended Action; Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

**10. Proposed Ordinance 2013-01, Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$25,000 for Street Lighting Modifications along Gulf of Mexico Drive**

Each year during sea turtle nesting season the Town turns off most of the street lights along Gulf of Mexico Drive. Many citizens lodge complaints that public safety is compromised due to darkened intersections and stretches of road and they request that lights be turned on. Staff is conducting a comprehensive review to determine which lights may need modification in order to stay on during future turtle seasons. Proposed Ordinance 2013-01 provides funding to retrofit non-compliant lights prior to May 1, 2013. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

**11. Proposed Resolution 2013-01, Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$23,000 for Planning Consultant**

The Town has contracted with Spikowski Planning Associates to provide consulting services for short term and long term changes to the Town Code. Proposed Resolution 2013-01, provides for a budget transfer of \$25,000 from Commission Contingency to replenish the Planning & Zoning Professional Services account. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

**12. Proposed Resolution 2013-03, Budget Transfer for Tennis Center in the Amount of \$67,470 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Year End Reconciliation**

The Town Charter requires that sufficient budgets are available in each general ledger account to cover expenditures charged to the account. Each year staff prepares the required budget transfer documentation to balance surplus accounts and those with shortfalls. Proposed Resolution 2013, 03, provides for a budget transfer to bring the Tennis Center budget into compliance and includes a complete listing of recommended transfers for individual accounts within the Tennis Center. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

**Town Commission Comments****Town Attorney Comments**

<b>Town Manager Comments</b>
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<b>Press to be Heard</b>
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<b>Adjournment</b>
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No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat.).

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