

**MINUTES  
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING WITH  
SARASOTA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011 - 1:30 P.M.**

**Present:**

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY

Jim Brown, Mayor  
David Brenner, Vice Mayor  
Commr. Jack Duncan  
Commr. Lynn Larson  
Commr. Hal Lenobel  
Commr. Phillip Younger  
Commr. Pat Zunz

SARASOTA COUNTY COMMISSION

Nora Patterson, Chair  
Carolyn Mason, Vice Chair  
Commr. Joseph Barbetta  
Commr. Christine Robinson  
Commr. Jon Thaxton

**Also Present:**

Town Manager David Bullock  
Town Clerk Trish Granger

Interim County Administrator Terry Lewis  
County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh  
Spring Dickson, Deputy Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Sarasota County Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Think Tank, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sarasota, Florida.**

**Sarasota County Vice Chair Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

1. Open To The Public - No items were presented.

2. Financial Planning, Economic Development Update

Sarasota County Chair Patterson introduced Sarasota County Financial Planning, Business, and Economic Development Manager Jeffrey Maultsby who presented an overview of the existing Business Economic Development Incentives.

Individual comments followed on the efforts to promote economic development and the appointment of Longboat Key resident Bob Gault to the Sarasota Film Committee.

Sarasota County Chair Patterson noted that the next Tiger Bay meeting would be providing a presentation on the Sarasota Film Committee. Mayor Brown noted the efforts of the Town and involvement of the Longboat Key, Lido Key, and St. Armands Key (LLSA) Chamber of Commerce and commented on recent events (Triathlon and golf tournament) held on Longboat Key.

Sarasota County Chair Patterson suggested that Longboat Key Commissioners provide Longboat Key residents information on the available opportunities to work with the County on future issues.

2. Financial Planning, Economic Development Update - Continued

Mr. Maulsby noted that he is working with the representative of the Longboat Key Triathlon to determine efforts for collaboration with the Town in the events that are sponsored.

3. Community Services/Public Works

Discussion on a regionalized approach to Beach Management projects.

Sarasota County Environmental Services Coastal Resources Manager Laird Wreford noted distribution of agenda material relating to a regionalized approach to beach management projects and provided an overview of the staff report. Discussions were held with Mr. Wreford on the following topics/issues:

- identification of a staff member(s) to handle management issues relating to beach management/nourishment
- collaboration between County and other municipal governments relating to impacts of beach nourishment to other communities
- direction to Sarasota County staff to have discussions with staff from other entities to determine the ability.

**Sarasota County Commr. Robinson moved to direct staff to coordinate with Longboat Key, other municipalities, and Manatee County to discuss ongoing coastal projects and opportunities to collaborate on the projects. The motion was seconded by Sarasota County Commr. Thaxton. Subsequent to discussion on inclusion of Charlotte County due to the boundary split of Manasota Key and Englewood (located in the unincorporated portions of Sarasota and Charlotte Counties), the motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**Commr. Younger moved to have Town Staff join in the efforts of Sarasota County in the discussion relating to collaboration of coastal projects/issues. The motion was seconded by Commr. Zunz. Commr. Duncan requested that the motion reflect inclusion of Manatee County staff, which was accepted in the motion, without objection. The motion, as amended, carried by a 7-0 voice vote.**

4. Environmental Services

To consider a status report on the New Pass Inlet Management Plan.

Sarasota County Environmental Services Coastal Resources Manager Laird Wreford noted distribution of agenda material and provided an overview of the staff report. Discussions were held with Mr. Wreford and Public Works Director Juan Florensa on the following topics/issues:

- sand distribution from local projects
- inlet management plan
- involvement of the Town, Sarasota County, and the City of Sarasota for sand distribution from New Pass project

4. Environmental Services - Continued

- position of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) relating to New Pass designation as a federal pass and the position of the West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND)
- designation of the New Pass dredging as part of the Lido Beach Renourishment project as a sand source
- identification of structures (groins) in the New Pass study.

**Sarasota County Chair Patterson requested periodic updates regarding discussions with the Federal Government/U.S. ACOE regarding the management of New Pass, without objection.**

5. Public Works

Discussion of traffic issues.

Sarasota County Public Works Executive Director Jim Harriott noted the roadway network from Longboat Key (State Road 789) was managed by the State, confirmed that Longboat Key does collect road impact fees, and advised that the funds are dedicated to capacity adding projects.

Mayor Brown advised that the traffic issue involved decisions made at a Joint Meeting of stakeholders of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and noted that the consensus of the group was reversed unilaterally by the City of Sarasota without input of all participants.

Sarasota County Commr. Barbetta noted that the County has three members on the MPO and advised that the issue could be raised again at that level.

6. Financial Planning

Discussion of opportunities for Sarasota County and the Town of Longboat Key partnerships.

Sarasota County Interim County Administrator Terry Lewis noted the existing collaborations between the Town and the County and requested any additional input for areas to be considered.

Commr. Duncan noted discussions with the Manatee County Commission and the intent to have staff conversations relating to areas that could be utilized, improved on, and efficiencies that could be realized.

Mayor Brown advised that the Town would like to work with Sarasota and Manatee Counties to provide efficiencies for the taxpayers.

Sarasota County Interim Community Services Executive Director John McCarthy commented on areas that may be considered. Individual comments followed on additional areas to share resources.

7. Financial Planning

Discussion on the return of tax dollars to the Town of Longboat Key.

Sarasota County Budget Director and Interim Chief Financial Planning Officer Steve Botelho advised that staff had no formal presentation to make but would assist in the discussion as necessary.

Mayor Brown commented on the agenda item and requested consideration of support on future items that may come forward for funding assistance and thanked Sarasota County Interim Community Services Executive Director John McCarthy on his and his staff's assistance with the purchase of the (Albritton) property on Longboat Key.

Vice Mayor Brenner noted the following items that may be considered over the course of the year:

- funding for Sarasota County Area Transit Route 18 (also known as the Longboat Key Trolley)
- distribution of Tourist Development Tax funds and amendment of projects available for use
- taxing authority of Sarasota Memorial Hospital and support from Sarasota County when Sarasota Memorial Hospital Board is approached for opportunities to provide service to Longboat Key.

8. Open To The Public - No items were presented.

9. Other Business

A. Commission Comments

Sarasota County Commr. Mason thanked the Longboat Key Town Commission for their willingness to collaborate on projects when opportunities are identified.

Sarasota County Commr. Thaxton thanked the residents of Longboat Key for their support in all of the taxing issues that are placed on the ballot and supported by the Longboat Key registered voters.

Sarasota County Commr. Barbetta thanked the Commission and recognized the knowledge and talents of the Town Commissioners in leading Longboat Key through difficult times and issues.

Mayor Brown thanked the County for their willingness to work with Longboat Key, acknowledged the Organizational Review completed by the Town, and noted the talent and knowledge of Longboat Key staff and residents.

B. Meeting Schedule

Sarasota County Chair Patterson suggested an additional meeting at Longboat Key sooner than the end of 2012 and noted the need to diversify and involve residents of Longboat in the issues facing the County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Sarasota County Chair Patterson adjourned the November 7, 2011, Joint Meeting at 3:04 p.m.**

*Trish Granger* \_\_\_\_\_  
Trish Granger, Town Clerk

*James L. Brown* \_\_\_\_\_  
James L. Brown, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 01/09/2012