

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor George Spoll, Vice Mayor Jim Brown, Commrs. David Brenner, Lynn Larson, Hal Lenobel, Robert Siekmann, Phillip Younger

Also Present: Acting Town Manager Al Hogle, Town Attorney David Persson, Town Clerk Trish Granger

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spoll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Spoll requested and Commr. Younger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Spoll noted attendance of Manatee County Commissioner John Chappie and Police Chief Al Hogle, Acting Town Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Approval

There was consensus to approve the following minutes, as submitted: January 3, 2011 Regular Meeting; January 20, 2011 Regular Workshop Meeting; February 7, 2011 Special Workshop Meeting; and February 7, 2011 Regular Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Legislation

Commr. Larson noted attendance at the Senate Workshop in Tallahassee on pending Legislation relating to public pensions and advised of the status of the legislation.

B. Federal Agencies

Commr. Brenner noted attendance at the recent "Town Hall" meeting held by Congressman Vern Buchanan.

C. Town Manager

Commr. Siekmann noted attendance at the Village Association meeting and the response received to the Beach Presentations being presented by Town Manager Bruce St. Denis.

D. Legislation

Commr. Siekmann noted attendance at the Senate Workshop in Tallahassee relating to the pension legislation and commented on issues discussed.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

2. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

A. Airports

Mr. Andrew Aitken, Emerald Harbor Drive, commented on the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ Airport) flight pattern, reviewed issues discovered upon review of flight patterns, advised that he had addressed the Airport Authority, and noted that an in-house study was to be performed on the issue.

2. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission - Continued

A. Airports - Continued

Upon inquiry, Mr. Aitken advised that the local tower controls the departures from the airport and noted that the Tampa Departure Control does not recognize the noise abatement program in place for the SRQ Airport.

Commr. Brenner advised that the SRQ Airport Authority Executive Director Ric Piccolo will provide the report prior to inclusion on a formal agenda.

B. Planning, Zoning, and Building

Mr. Bob Craft, Vice President of the Emerald Harbor Homeowners' Association, requested consideration for the maintenance of the green open spacespace area between Emerald Harbor and Spanish Main, and requested that the property be correctly designated.

There was consensus for Staff to review the matter and to report back.

C. Public Works/Transit

Mr. Tom Aposporos, President of the Longboat Key, Lido Key, and Siesta Key (LLSA) Chamber of Commerce, provided a status report on the actions of the Trolley Committee and commented on ridership totals compiled. Mr. Aposporos noted that a brochure has been developed for distribution throughout the Town to encourage increased ridership and advertising opportunities in support of the Trolley.

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- development of marketing efforts that are being proposed
- review of the efforts made and results achieved
- revised route schedule
- intent to circulate the brochure throughout neighboring communities
- current passenger fares
- process for evaluating the ridership and service
- prior records when hourly service was provided (2008).

D. Planning, Zoning, and Building

Mr. Larry Grossman, St. Judes Drive, commented on e-mail correspondence relating to the Vision Plan and bicycle signage. Mr. Grossman noted the recommendations in the Vision Plan to appoint a Committee relating to Gulf of Mexico Drive and suggested that the Town Commission proceed with appointing the Committee.

Vice Mayor Brown suggested the issue be placed on a future Workshop agenda for discussion.

E. Airports

Manatee County District 3 Commissioner John Chappie commented on the Sarasota Bradenton Airport Authority and other issues raised at the Manatee County Commission level and advised he would work with the Town, Mr. Aitken, and the Airport Authority on the issues raised.

Commr. Siekmann suggested that the topic be included on the next agenda for the Council of Governments' meetings for both Counties.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

3. Ordinance 2011-11, Application for Change of Street Name

An application has been submitted by Collier-Walker Real Estate Holdings, Ltd., seeking a street name change from Triton Avenue to Triton Bend. The Town Commission considered the request at the February 17, 2011 Regular Workshop Meeting and forwarded Ordinance 2011-11 to the March 7, 2011 Regular Meeting for first reading. Recommended Action: Pending first reading and discussion, forward to April 4, 2011 Regular Meeting for second reading and public hearing.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Ordinance 2011-11 on record by title only for first reading.

Commr. Younger moved to pass Ordinance 2011-11 and to forward to the April 4, 2011, Regular Meeting for second reading and public hearing. The motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Younger, aye; Brown, aye; Lenobel, aye; Larson, aye; Siekmann, aye; Brenner, aye; Spoll, aye.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

4. Ordinance 2011-06, Firefighters' Retirement System IRS Compliance Determination

Proposed Ordinance 2011-06 provides for compliance with all current qualification requirements, including Section 401(a)(9); and Section 415. The Firefighters' Retirement System Board Attorney advises that these are technical amendments that will not increase or decrease benefits payable by the pension plan. Recommended Action: Pending second reading, public hearing, and discussion, adopt Ordinance 2011-06.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Ordinance 2011-11 on record by title only for first reading.

Commr. Siekmann moved to postpone consideration of Ordinance 2011-06 and to continue the public hearing to May 2, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., to be held in the Commission Chamber. The motion was seconded by Commr. Younger.

Following individual comments, the motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Siekmann, aye; Younger, aye; Spoll, aye; Larson, aye; Brown, aye; Lenobel, aye; Brenner, aye.

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

5. Resolution 2011-01, Future Land Use Element Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Public hearing to consider Resolution 2011-01 which provides for transmittal of proposed changes to the Town's Comprehensive Plan related to the Future Land Use Element and Future Land Use Map to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and other regulatory agencies. This item was forwarded from the January 20, 2011 Regular Workshop Meeting for formal action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, pass Resolution 2011-01.

Town Clerk Trish Granger place Resolution 2011-01 on record by title only for public hearing.

5. Resolution 2011-01, Future Land Use Element Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Town Attorney David Persson requested that the public hearing be continued until March 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., in the Commission Chamber.

Commr. Brenner moved to continue the public hearing on Resolution 2011-01 to March 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., in the Town Commission Chamber. The motion, seconded by Commr. Larson, carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Brenner, aye; Larson, aye; Siekmann, aye; Younger, aye; Lenobel, aye; Brown, aye; Spoll, aye.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Resolution 2011-12, Authorization to Execute Renewal Agreement Between Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Town for Rights-of-Way Mowing and Litter Collection on Gulf of Mexico Drive

The Agreement between the Town of Longboat Key and FDOT for enhanced right of way maintenance expires on May 31, 2011 but allows for an optional three-year renewal. Resolution 2011-12 provides for renewal of the maintenance agreement through May 31, 2014. This item was forwarded from the February 17, 2011 Regular Workshop Meeting for formal action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, pass Resolution 2011-12.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Resolution 2011-12 on record by title only.

Commr. Siekmann moved to pass Resolution 2011-12. The motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Siekmann, aye; Brown, aye, Lenobel, aye; Spoll, aye; Brenner, aye; Larson, aye; Younger, aye.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Town Commission

Commr. Brenner requested that the following items be included on either the March 2011 Regular Workshop agenda or future Workshop agendas: budget process and time frame, Organizational Review recommendations, beach process, pension and related issues, firefighters response to proposed contract, and economic revitalization options.

B. Legislation

Commr. Siekmann noted upcoming opportunities to travel to Tallahassee to speak on upcoming legislation and suggested that representatives of the Town's citizen and business groups participate.

Individual comments followed on the coordination of efforts to provide and the dates to be considered.

C. Elections

Mayor Spoll noted presentations by Town Manager Bruce St. Denis and himself relating to the Beach Referendum questions, reviewed the issues discussed relating to sand color, financing options, renourishing processes and permitting suggestions.

Mayor Spoll noted the additional referendum question relating to term limits.

TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS

A. Public Works

Town Attorney David Persson noted distribution of a letter relating to Port Dolphin and Public Works Director Juan Florensa noted that Port Dolphin has filed a request to the State of Florida for an extension of 1-year on the project.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Florensa advised that Coastal Planning and Engineering has opined that the Town needs to proceed with the renourishment schedule for the North end if the referendum is approved.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS - Continued

A. Town Administration

Mayor Spoll noted the next Citizens Academy of Government sessions would begin on March 16, 2011, and encouraged citizen participation.

PRESS TO BE HEARD - No items were presented.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Legislation

Acting Town Manager Al Hogle noted the legislative session and issues to be considered.

B. Town Commission

Acting Town Manager Al Hogle commended Mayor Spoll on his service to the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Spoll adjourned the March 7, 2011, Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

/s/ Trish Granger
Trish Granger, Town Clerk

/s/ James L. Brown
James L. Brown, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 04/04/2011