

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
REGULAR WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 - 1:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor David Brenner, Comms. Jack Duncan, Terry Gans, Lynn Larson, Phill Younger, Pat Zunz

Also: Town Manager Dave Bullock, Town Attorney David Persson,
Present: Town Clerk Trish Granger

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida and Commr. Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brown noted Representative Jim Boyd was in attendance this date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Manatee County Special Liaison Report - No items were presented.

2. Sarasota County Special Liaison Report

A. Organizations

Commr. Duncan noted that the ManaSota League of Cities would be hosting a Candidate Forum on September 27, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. and invited Commission and citizen participation.

B. Organizations

Commr. Duncan noted discussions at the ManaSota League of Cities relating to the restrictions created by the Sunshine Law.

3. Other Reports

A. Town Commission

Vice Mayor Brenner noted a meeting of the Finance Committee and reviewed the items discussed. Upon inquiry, Vice Mayor Brenner noted the impact of including the Pension liability on the Town's balance sheet and the amount of Business Tax Receipts collected.

Commr. Duncan suggested that all Commissioners speak individually with Finance Director Tom Kelley on issues the Town will be addressing for future budgets.

B. Organizations

Vice Mayor Brenner noted the rebranding of the Manatee County Tourist Development Council (TDC) image/logo and displayed the new logos of the TDC, the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce, and a photo of the advertising accomplished at a recent Tampa Bay Rays baseball game highlighting Longboat Key.

3. Other Reports - Continued

B. Organizations - Continued

Vice Mayor Brenner noted the advertising efforts accomplished which prominently promote Longboat Key and advised that advertising is also included in the "Florida Trend" magazine.

C. Organizations

Vice Mayor Brenner noted attendance at the Sarasota Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting, reviewed items discussed, and suggested that the Town Commissioners visit the EDC website (edcsarasotacounty.com) to view the presentation and learn more about the EDC 's functions.

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4. Employee Service Award

Vice Mayor Brenner presented the Employee Service Award for Public Works Streets Division Crew Leader Doyle Walker. Public Works Director Juan Florensa advised of Mr. Walker's tenure and the services he provides to the Town.

Mr. Walker thanked the Commission for their support.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

5. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

A. Code Enforcement

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, requested that the Town address the visual blight caused by the abandoned gas station on the North end of Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Flood Plain Management Plan 2012 Annual Report & Community Rating System (CRS) Update

The Town participates in a Community Rating System (CRS) that provides flood insurance discounts to the Town's residents. One of the requirements to participate in the CRS is to maintain a floodplain management plan and provide an annual report. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will confirm delivery of the required annual report.

7. Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Holiday Schedule

Each year the Town Commission approves a list of scheduled holidays in accordance with the Town's Personnel Rules and Regulations and Resolution 99-19. Resolution 99-19 provides that the Town Commission may approve one additional holiday, usually the day before or after Christmas. This year Christmas falls on Tuesday, and as such Town offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th. The Manager recommends the additional holiday as Monday, December 24th. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Holiday Schedule to the October 1, 2012 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for formal action.

CONSENT AGENDA- Continued

8. Redistricting Commission District Boundaries

In accordance with the Town Charter, Article II, Section 1, Commission Districts, an update and audit of the Town's registered voters has been completed to determine whether the number of registered voters in any Commission district exceeds the number of registered voters in any other district by 20%. The audit reveals that redistricting is not required for the current year. Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Commr. Larson requested removal of Item 6.

Mayor Brown noted consensus to approve Items 7 and 8 in accordance with Staff's report and recommendations and advised Item 6 would be discussed at the end of the published agenda items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. North End Structures Update

The Town Manager will update the Commission on the current condition of the North end beach, options to address erosion, status of current permit applications, and seek Commission policy direction regarding future actions. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock commented on and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Erosion Control Structures for the North end of Longboat Key and Greer (Beer Can) Island. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- disappearance/erosion of beach at the 360 North Condominiums
- determination of property line of 360 North Condominiums (seaward)
- anticipated costs of three (3) groins
- comparisons of pre- and post-renourishment conditions from 2009 through 2012
- seawall in front of 360 North and determination as an erosion control structure (property protection device)
- protective renourishment on regular basis (annually)
- comparison of conditions (beach aerials) from 1941 through 2012
- modeling results for one versus three
- time frame for construction of North Shore and 360 North Condominiums (approximately 1977).

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, commended the efforts of Town Manager Bullock, noted the systems available and utilized in Deerfield Beach, Florida, and suggested consideration to utilize alternate systems. Upon inquiry, Mr. Jaleski advised that he was not aware if approval of the "sand grabber" had been accomplished by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Mayor Brown noted the representative from the "sand grabber" system had previously advised the Commission that the system had not yet been approved by the FDEP.

Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- installation of rip-rap by property owners
- consideration of funding assistance by Manatee County
- voter referendum approval for financing requirements

9. North End Structures Update - Continued

There was consensus to move forward, as follows:

- **submission of responses to the FDEP**
- **finalize the permitting activity and begin the permitting activity through the United States Army Corps of Engineers**
- **negotiation of permit conditions**
- **moving forward with design and location of structures.**

10. Proposed Revisions to Traffic Code, Chapter 74, Parking Schedules

Owners of Mar Vista and Moore's Stone Crab Restaurants have met with Town staff and are requesting a revision to parking regulations. The amendment would extend allowed parking hours on Broadway, between Lois Avenue and Bayside Drive, an additional 2 hours to accommodate evening diners. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Planning, Zoning, and Building Department Planner Steve Schield presented an overview of the request from Mr. Ed Chiles (Mar Vista Restaurant) and Mr. Alan Moore (Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant).

Commr. Duncan inquired and Town Manager Dave Bullock noted that Staff can meet with residents in the area to receive input on the proposal prior to adoption of future changes. Discussion ensued on community input options.

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, commented in opposition to the extended parking hours.

Discussion ensued on the options to extend the parking hours and notification to the neighbors to provide adequate notice.

There was consensus to move forward with the request to revise the traffic code for extended parking hours on Broadway.

11. Chief of Police Crime Trend Report

The Police Chief will discuss the Town's crime trends over the past 5 years, as well as provide a status report on the license plate recognition camera system proposed for Longboat Key. Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Following comments by Town Manager Dave Bullock, Police Chief Pete Cumming gave a PowerPoint presentation on the crime trends on Longboat Key and surrounding communities. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- larger percentage of gated communities and condominiums on the South end of Longboat Key which have guard stations at the entrance
- 2009 spike in crime rates across community boundaries
- closed versus open investigations
- opportunistic events (Tropical Storm Debby effects)
- consistent record keeping methods across the years

11. Chief of Police Crime Trend Report - Continued

- information provided to residents and visitors (public outreach flyers advising of ways to protect their property)
- options to provide public information
- process for interviewing/interrogate suspects and information collected to assist in protection methods.

Police Chief Cumming noted that the review on the License Plate Recognition (LPR) system has been completed and the equipment will be tested in the near future. Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- LPR review process
- issues to be addressed relating to placement
- function and purpose of the LPR system
- information the system provides
- testing period.

12. Legislative Priorities

Each year the Town establishes legislative priorities for submittal to the Sarasota County Legislative Delegation, Manatee County Legislative Delegation, and the Manasota League of Cities. The Town Manager will seek Commission direction regarding issues to be brought forward for consideration during this legislative session. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Commr. Duncan suggested that Staff submit information on recommendations for the Commission to consider that may impact the functions and services provided by the Town.

Vice Mayor Brenner commented on community based governance and supported the inclusion of protecting Home Rule issues.

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised that Staff will provide a recommendation as quickly as possible.

6. Flood Plain Management Plan 2012 Annual Report & Community Rating System (CRS) Update - Continued

Commr. Larson inquired and Public Works Director Juan Florensa and Public Works Project Manager and Community Rating System Coordinator James Linkogle provided an overview of the Floodplain Management Plan. Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- compliance with Federal and State regulations pertaining to Floodplain Management
- review of existing properties (The Colony) and determination by Citizens' Insurance
- standing water in areas throughout the Town (high tide coinciding with rain events)
- impact of new construction creating standing water areas due to runoff from property

6. Flood Plain Management Plan 2012 Annual Report & Community Rating System (CRS) Update - Continued

- Zoning Codes relating to slope and grade permitted on construction
- repetitive loss outreach/information to residents
- options to post information on the Town's website.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Planning, Zoning, and Building

Vice Mayor Brenner commented on the issues faced by the Colony property on the rebuilding issues and the restrictions in the Voluntary Rebuild program.

Mayor Brown suggested it be addressed during the Planning Review Study to be completed.

TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS

A. Litigation

Town Attorney David Persson commented on the litigation schedule relating to the Longboat Key Club.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Planning, Zoning, and Building

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised that six responses were received on the Planning Consultants' Request For Proposals (RFP) and that

B.

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised of receipt of an e-mail from Manatee County requesting participation of the Island Cities in showcasing the new "branding" for Manatee County on October 3, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., to be held at the Anna Maria Island Community Center.

PRESS TO BE HEARD - No items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the September 24, 2012, Regular Workshop Meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Trish Granger, Town Clerk

James L. Brown, Mayor

Minutes Approved: _____