

**MINUTES  
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION  
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2013 – 1:00 P.M.**

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

**Also Present:** Town Manager Dave Bullock, Town Attorney Maggie Mooney-Portale, Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon

**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. Commr. Zunz led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

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

**A. Public Works**

Waste Management Representative Rose Quin-Bare commented on the Waste Watch program instituted by Waste Management, Inc.

**B. Planning, Zoning, and Building**

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding small cell service.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**2. Manatee County Special Liaison Report** - No items were presented.

**3. Sarasota County Special Liaison Report** - No items were presented.

**4. Other Reports**

**A. Organizations**

Vice Mayor Brenner noted attendance at the June 4, 2013, Bradenton Area Economic Development Council tour of Feld Entertainment Center, and explained the Chief Financial Officer of Feld Entertainment lived on Longboat Key.

Vice Mayor Brenner noted attendance at the June 11, 2013, All American City Showcase held at Riverview High School and explained Sarasota County was a top 10 finalist in the All American City awards.

**5. Representative Jim Boyd Legislative Update**

Representative Jim Boyd provided a 2013 Legislative update and noted support in correcting the local impact connected to House Bill 537.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** - Continued

**5. Representative Jim Boyd Legislative Update** - Continued

Vice Mayor Brenner commented on the upcoming Urban Land Institute (ULI) study and the issue of rising sea levels, and requested assistance in researching this State-wide problem. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- Florida League of Cities tracking House Bills (HB)
- HB 537 eliminating the ability of a municipality to utilize a referendum process for land use issues
- Town Charter identifying procedure of referendum regarding density.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6. Consideration of Request for Temporary Closure of Bay Isles Road for July 4, 2013, Freedom Fest**

The Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce requests Commission consideration for temporary closure of Bay Isles Road on July 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:30 and 11:30 AM to hold the annual Freedom Fest parade and festivities. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward this item to the June 17, 2013, Special Meeting for formal action.

**7. Proposed Resolution 2013-21, Supporting the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Membership Reapportionment Plan**

Federal and State Statutes require the MPO to adopt a Membership Apportionment Plan following each decennial census, which establishes membership composition of local governments on the MPO Board. In addition, Florida Statutes require resolutions of support from the MPO member local governments. Proposed Resolution 2013-21 confirms the Town's support of the MPO Membership Reapportionment Plan. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward Resolution 2013-21 to the June 17, 2013, Special Meeting for formal action.

**There was consensus to approve the Consent Agenda items in accordance with Staff's report and recommendations.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION**

**8. Discussion Regarding Beach Nourishment Project Options**

At the June 3, 2013, Regular Meeting the Town Manager discussed the recently received bid for the Town's Beach Nourishment Project. There was consensus to reject the bid and discuss options for moving forward at the June 17, 2013, Regular Workshop Meeting. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock identified the Beach Nourishment Project bid process, receipt of one bid, the circumstances surrounding other dredging projects as a result of Tropical Storm Sandy, and the high cost to relocate required barges.

Public Works Director Juan Florensa gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- placing sand in two areas (6600 Gulf of Mexico Drive/Islander to North of Colony)
- pre- and post- Tropical Storm Andrea affects on the beach
- beach width at various points along the shoreline.

8. Discussion Regarding Beach Nourishment Project Options – Continued

Town Manager Bullock discussed two beach objectives (protection and recreation), the unreasonable cost for the proposed project bid response, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved \$8 million dollars for Tropical Storm Debby funding, and a future combined larger nourishment project. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- engineer's recommendation not to accept the bid and change the borrow areas
- North end structure update (permitting)
- Federal permitting and agency discussions
- 2015 bid for nourishment (possible interim project)
- upcoming West coast nourishment project (coordinate with dredging contractor).

**Following comments on the Beach Nourishment Project Options, there was consensus to proceed with a larger combined nourishment project.**

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, commented on options for beach nourishment projects.

Mr. Larry Grossman, St. Judes Drive North, commented on the habitats of sea turtles and sea birds.

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- turtle nesting locations
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Permit requirements and lobbying efforts
- Longboat Key beaches (consideration to become a Federal beach).

9. Telecommunications Follow-up

At the June 3, 2013, Regular Meeting the Town Commission passed Resolution 2013-09, Future Land Use Element Telecommunications, which authorized transmittal of proposed Comp Plan Amendments to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review and comment. This item is placed on the June 17, 2013, Regular Workshop Agenda for the Commission to provide direction on telecommunications issues related to future Code language to implement the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock discussed Town Commission action at the June 3, 2013, Regular Meeting that amended the proposed language in Future Land Use Element Policy 1.1.10 regarding personal wireless service facilities, and inquired if staff should continue to move forward utilizing the hierarchy language.

Discussions were held on previous Town Commission action to have hierarchy and other considerations addressed in the Land Use Codes, and to number future drafts.

Mr. Jeremy Whatmough, Gulf of Mexico Drive, commented on the maximum height limits.

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, commented on telecommunication alternatives.

9. Telecommunications Follow-up – Continued

Mr. Larry Grossman, St. Judes Drive North, commented on the policy statement.

Attorney Michael Furen, Main Street, Sarasota, commented on hiring an expert to write the Code.

**Following comments on Telecommunications, there was consensus to move forward with this issue.**

**RECESS: 2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.**

10. Urban Land Institute (ULI) – Proposed Contract and Draft Questions

At the June 3, 2013, Special Meeting the Town Commission considered draft questions and discussed the focus of the ULI study. The Commission established a work group, which held work sessions on June 10 and 14, 2013, in order to refine the draft questions. The Commission will consider the work group's recommended questions and proposed contract at the June 17, 2013, Regular Workshop Meeting. Recommended Action: Pending discussion forward draft questions and proposed contract to the June 17, 2013, Special Meeting for formal action.

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised on efforts of the ULI Subcommittee, and discussed the ten questions under review and consideration.

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- question order
- the difference between a community center and a town center
- developing a briefing book
- continuing the ULI Subcommittee.

The following individuals commented on the ULI Subcommittee and proposed questions:

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street  
Mr. George Spoll, Harbourside Drive  
Mr. Larry Grossman, St. Judes Drive North  
Ms. B.J. Webb, Buttonwood Drive.

**Following discussion, there was consensus to forward the draft questions and proposed contract to the June 17, 2013, Special Meeting for formal action.**

Town Manager Bullock advised the ULI Subcommittee continuance would be formalized at the July 1, 2013, Town Commission Regular Meeting.

11. Discussion Regarding Continuation of Gulf of Mexico Drive Sign Removal Efforts

Commissioner Duncan requested the Commission hold discussion regarding continuation of efforts for removal of unnecessary signage along the Gulf of Mexico Drive right-of-way. He recommends the Commission appoint a Citizen Committee to investigate opportunities for further reduction of signs on Gulf of Mexico Drive. Recommended Action: Pending discussion provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock provided historical information (report dated February 2011) that identified a 28% reduction in sign posts.

11. Continuation of Gulf of Mexico Drive Sign Removal Efforts - Continued

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- formalizing a committee to explore additional sign removal from the Town
- reduce governmental agency signage
- Florida Department of Transportation signage
- pedestrian safety
- appointing a sign committee.

**Following discussion, there was consensus to allow Town Manager Bullock and staff to review the issues and report to the Commission prior to creating a committee.**

Mr. George Spoll, Harbourside Drive, discussed voluntary citizen involvement, and requested consideration for a unique community sign.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**Town Code Section 30.01.1(B) provides that when the Town Commission conducts a Workshop Meeting wherein a Special Meeting immediately follows, the floor shall be opened for the public to be heard at the conclusion of the Workshop Meeting.**

12. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission - No items were presented.

**TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS**

A. Long Bar Pointe Development (Manatee County)

Vice Mayor Brenner discussed the Long Bar Pointe project, and noted the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners August 6, 2013, meeting scheduled on this issue.

Town Manager Dave Bullock advised on the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan amendment and identified the Long Bar Pointe website as a source of additional information.

B. Colony Property (1620 Gulf of Mexico Drive) Update

Commissioner Gans requested and Town Manager Dave Bullock provided an update on the proposed redevelopment of the Colony Property.

**TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS** – No items were presented.

**TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS**

A. Town Manager Update

Town Manager Dave Bullock discussed the following topics/issues:

- upcoming Police Department negotiations meeting
- the new fire truck purchased with Infrastructure Surtax funds

**TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS** - Continued

**A. Town Manager Update** - Continued

- utilizing a flag system to identify hazardous water conditions and posting the surf conditions to the website
- the Town Attorney's contract
- annual Hurricane Seminar
- correspondence from Manatee County Commission regarding Transit Funding and a request for payment of a \$42,000 annual subsidy.

**PRESS TO BE HEARD** - No items were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Brown adjourned the June 17, 2013, Regular Workshop Meeting at 3:53 p.m.**

Minutes Approved: 09-03-2013