

**MINUTES  
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING WITH  
SARASOTA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 - 1:30 P.M.**

**Present:**

Jim Brown, Mayor, District 4  
David Brenner, Vice Mayor, District 3  
Lynn Larson, District 1  
Jack Duncan, District 2  
Pat Zunz, District 5  
Terry Gans, At Large  
Phillip Younger, At Large

Carolyn J. Mason, Chair, District 1  
Charles D. Hines, Vice Chair, District 5  
Joseph A. Barbetta, District 2  
Christine Robinson, District 3  
Nora Patterson, District 4

**Also Present:**

Town Manager Dave Bullock  
Town Attorney Maggie Mooney-Portale  
Town Clerk Trish Granger

County Administrator Randall Reid  
County Attorney Steve DeMarsh  
Deputy Clerk Debbie Shaffer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sarasota County Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sarasota, Florida and Sarasota County Commr. Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

A. Public Works

Ms. Carol Rutter, Lockwood Ridge Road, commented on the proposed consolidation and privatization of the transit system.

**2. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Update on the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Allocations

Following comments by Town Manager Dave Bullock, Chief Financial Planning Officer Steven Botelho reviewed the current TDT allocations. Town Manager Bullock reviewed the percentage returned and the existing allocations and noted a previous request by the Town to review the allocations. Discussions were held with Mr. Bullock and Financial Planning Budget Management Analyst Doreen Buonpastore on the following topics/issues:

- allocation to beach maintenance versus renourishment
- amount collected and allocated to be returned to Longboat Key
- percentage of collection of TDT funds generated on Longboat Key.

**Commr. Patterson moved to authorize Longboat Key's request for the collection of the first 20% of the 1 penny levy to be calculated and remitted to LBK as long as it is allocated to other entities. The motion was seconded by Commr. Robinson.**

Town Manager Bullock outlined the actions required to modify the current agreement.

## 2. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS - Continued

### A. Update on the TDT Allocations - Continued

**Subsequent to comments, the motion carried unanimously.**

### B. Update on the New Pass Inlet Management Plan and Beach Renourishment Projects

County Administrator Randall Reid thanked the Town Commission for their contribution to the Homeless Study and introduced Environmental Services Coastal Resources Manager Laird Wreford.

Mr. Wreford provided an overview of the New Pass Inlet Management Plan. Discussions were held with Town Manager Dave Bullock and Mr. Wreford on the following topics/issues:

- Town's role in the project
- project funds allocated
- sand sharing agreement.

Mr. Wreford commented on the time frame for the South Siesta Key renourishment and a future opportunity to collaborate with the Town for shared costs on renourishment projects. Following comments by Commr. Patterson on the assessment to Siesta Key property owners, Mr. Wreford commented on the timeframe for the collection of the MSTU (Municipal Services Taxing Unit) funds, installation of groins on the south end of Lido Beach, and the location/utilization of ebb-shoal sand. Upon inquiry, Mr. Wreford reviewed the elements of the renourishment designs developed.

Town Manager Bullock noted the response to the Town's recent Request for Proposal (RFP), the subsequent postponement of the project, and the circumstances affecting the pricing and availability of qualified contractors.

### C. Update on the Discussions with Manatee County Relating to the Potential Consolidation of Transit and the Longboat Key Trolley Services

County Administrator Randall Reid noted discussions with the Manatee County Commission for the potential consolidation of transit services and noted an upcoming Joint Meeting between Sarasota and Manatee County Commissions on October 16, 2013, advising that the issue was still in the discussion stages.

Planning and Development Services Mobility Transit General Manager Glamarier Carter provided an overview of the Route 18 service area and ridership.

Mayor Brown thanked the Sarasota County Commission for their cooperation and services provided by the Sarasota County Area Transit to Longboat Key and commented on the proposed consolidation of services between the Counties. Vice Mayor Brenner commented on the impact on individuals requiring the services of public transit and requested that these issues be considered when negotiating with a vendor/privatization.

## **2. JOINT DISCUSSION ITEMS - Continued**

### D. Update on the Bayfront Park Recreation Center

Mayor Brown noted that no development has taken place as efforts were placed on hold due to economic conditions.

### E. Update on the 800-MHz Public Safety Communication System

Following comments by County Administrator Randall Reid, Deputy County Administrator Thomas Harmer provided an overview of the efforts expended for the replacement of the public safety communications system. Emergency Services Director and Fire Chief Mike Tobias noted that a Request for Proposal was issued, advised that the proposals received are under review, commented on the collaboration with Manatee County for shared expenses, and discussed the timeframe for the upgrade.

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted that Longboat Key supports a collaboration between the Counties and the importance of the efforts relating to Longboat Key public safety to be able to communicate with both Counties.

Following inquiry by Commr. Duncan, Chief Tobias noted that coverage issues have been identified and should be addressed to the fullest extent possible through improved technologies.

### F. To consider County Commission Support for Legislative Action to Address Unintended Consequences of Florida House Bill 537, Growth Management, Regarding the Local Government's Ability to Conduct Referendum Processes Relating to Development Orders, Comprehensive Plan Amendments, or Map Amendments

Town Manager Dave Bullock thanked the Sarasota County Commission for their support and requested continued support of the Town's efforts to have the legislation amended.

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### A. Planning, Zoning, and Building

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted concern with the issue of rising sea level and requested that the County consider a regional approach to address the issue.

County Administrator Randall Reid noted the County is aware of the issue and advised that the insurance industry is considering the issue during property insurance renewal periods.

### B. Public Works

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted the County's ownership of a beach access on Longboat Key (across from Triton Bend) and advised that the Town would prefer to develop an interlocal agreement for improvements of the access in the interest of the County and the Town. (See Item later this meeting.)

### C. Libraries

Vice Mayor Brenner thanked the County Library staff for their assistance to the Longboat Key Library volunteers.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS** - Continued

B. Public Works - Continued

Sarasota County Commr. Robinson advised of the requirements of the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan regarding water access and noted support to develop an interlocal agreement for the property.

D. Homeless Initiative

Sarasota County Commr. Robinson thanked the Longboat Key Commission for their partnership and contribution to the Homeless Initiative Planning effort.

**3. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** - No items were presented.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS** - Continued

D. Homeless Initiative - Continued

Mayor Brown noted attendance at the Florida League of Cities Conference and noted that Mr. Marbut made a presentation on homeless issues.

E. Elections

Commr. Gans noted the Town's General Election scheduled for March 18, 2013, advised that the Sarasota County School Board had indicated their intent to hold a Special Election, and requested support from the County Commission relating to the date proposed by the School Board.

Subsequent to discussion, Sarasota County Commr. Barbetta requested that the Town provided a written request to the County noting the suggested election date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Sarasota County Commission Chair Mason adjourned the September 17, 2013, Joint Meeting at 2:57 p.m.**

Minutes Approved: 10-07-2013