

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
REGULAR WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2014 - 2:15 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Jim Brown, Vice Mayor Jack Duncan, Commrs. Terry Gans, Lynn Larson, Irwin Pastor, Phill Younger, Pat Zunz

Also: Town Manager Dave Bullock, Town Attorney Maggie Mooney-Portale,
Present: Town Clerk Trish Granger

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the December 10, 2014, Regular Workshop to order at 2:15 p.m., in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, and Commr. Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2. Manatee County Special Liaison Report:

A. Organizations

Commr. Zunz noted attendance at the December 8, 2014, Manatee County Tourist Development Council meeting and reviewed the issues discussed.

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

4. ManaSota League of Cities Report

Vice Mayor Duncan noted completion of the Legislative Delegation presentations for both Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

5. Other Reports - No items were presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Presentation of Crosswalks Study

At the July 1, 2013 Regular Meeting the FDOT presented the results of the Pedestrian-Bicycle Safety Traffic Study on Gulf of Mexico Drive. Since that time FDOT has conducted additional pedestrian counts at selected locations and has updated that report. FDOT representative L.K. Nandem will be present at the December 10, 2014 Regular Workshop Meeting to discuss the updated crosswalk studies conducted by FDOT along the Gulf of Mexico Drive corridor. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Representative L.K. Nandem gave a PowerPoint presentation on the updated Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Study. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- area on Gulf of Mexico Drive across from previously located Hilton Hotel
- attention given to Longboat Key by the FDOT

6. FDOT Presentation of Crosswalks Study - Continued

- participation in funding for improved street lighting
- Gulf of Mexico Drive and Broadway intersection
- traffic back-up through St. Armands Circle during peak season/options presented to City of Sarasota staff
- anticipated improvements in the Bradenton Beach area
- previous agreement for modifications to the St. Armands Circle area
- back-up conditions at the North end during peak season
- Cortez Bridge decisions made in the past
- traffic control options in the Broadway area
- bridge openings during peak season.

Vice Mayor Duncan requested consideration to agenda the issue of a roundabout in the area of Broadway and Gulf of Mexico Drive.

Following comments by Town Manager Dave Bullock, there was consensus to authorize staff to do preliminary review of the feasibility of a roundabout at the North end.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Nandem discussed pedestrian/vehicle interaction at established crosswalks.

Mr. Larry Grossman, St. Judes Drive North, commented on the FDOT report.

RECESS: 3:20 p.m. - 3:34 p.m.

7. Consideration of Parking Restrictions Along Bay Isles Road During March Election Cycle

At the December 2, 2013, Regular Meeting the Town Commission adopted Ordinance 2013-31, which provided for restricted parking along Bay Isles Road during the March election cycle, including early voting days. The Town Commission directed staff to place this item on the December 10, 2014, Regular Workshop Meeting for further consideration. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted Commissioner request for the issue to be included on the agenda.

Discussion ensued on the existing restrictions and options to modify the parking area.

Ms. Madelyn Spoll, Harbourside Drive, commented on the issue.

Following comments, there was majority consensus to amend the parking restrictions on Bay Isles Road.

8. Proposed Ordinance 2015-04, Amending Chapter 34, Employment Policies and Chapter 35, General Policy

Proposed Ordinance 2015-04 is necessary for clarification of leave payout provision; deleting references to Chapters 175 and 185 F.S.; and indemnification language modifications for the Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees. Proposed Ordinance 2015-04 is placed on the December 10, 2014, Regular Workshop Meeting for

8. Proposed Ordinance 2015-04, Amending Chapter 34, Employment Policies and Chapter 35, General Policy - Continued

Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, forward to January 5, 2015, Regular Meeting for first reading.

Town Manager Dave Bullock noted the intent of the Ordinance to clarify the payout provisions, delete references to Florida Statutes Chapters 175 and 185, and to provide protections for the Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Discussion was held on the rate of pay for accrued leave (rate at time earned or rate when retiring).

There was consensus to forward proposed Ordinance 2015-04 to the January 5, 2015, Regular Meeting for first reading.

Town Manager Bullock confirmed that he will provide information on the pay out of accrued leave. Additional discussion ensued.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Advisory Boards

Mayor Brown inquired and there was consensus to direct staff to schedule an agenda item to consider a reduction in the number of members appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS - No items were presented.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Information Technology

Town Manager Bullock advised that he would begin implementation on the recommendations outlined in the consultant's report relating to IT processes in January.

B. Planning, Zoning, and Building Department

Planning, Zoning, and Building Department Director Alaina Ray introduced the department's new Planner Maika Arnold.

PRESS TO BE HEARD - No items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the December 10, 2014, Regular Workshop at 3:59 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 01/05/2015