

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITIES OF
NORTH PORT, SARASOTA, AND VENICE
JULY 1, 2015 - 2:30 P.M.**

Present: Town of Longboat Key

Mayor Jack Duncan, Commrs. Irwin Pastor, Phill Younger; Town Manager Dave Bullock, Assistant Town Manager Anne Ross, Deputy Town Clerk Jo Ann Mixon

Not: Town of Longboat Key

Present Vice Mayor Terry Gans, Commrs. Jack Daly, Lynn Larson, Pat Zunz

City of North Port

Mayor Rhonda DiFranco, Vice Mayor Jacqueline Moore, Commrs. Cheryl Cook, Tom Jones, Linda Yates; City Manager Jonathan Lewis, City Attorney Mark Moriarty, City Clerk Helen Raimbeau

City of Venice

Mayor John Holic, Council Members Deborah Anderson, Jim Bennett, Emilio Carlesimo, Kit McKeon; City Manager Edward Lavalley, Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor

City of Sarasota

Mayor Willie Charles Shaw, Vice Mayor Suzanne Atwell, Commrs. Liz Alpert, Susan Chapman, Shelli Freeland Eddie; City Manager Thomas Barwin, Deputy City Attorney Michael Connolly, City Auditor and Clerk Pamela Nadalini

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City of Sarasota Mayor Shaw called the July 1, 2015, Joint Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida. Ms. Nadalini conducted the Invocation and City of Sarasota Mayor Shaw lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome

City of Sarasota Mayor Shaw welcomed the assembly, recognized Sarasota County Commr. Charles Hines, Field Representative Danny Bilyeu with Congressman Vern Buchanan's office, and Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Chief Executive Officer Mark Huey.

2. Introductions

City of Sarasota Mayor Shaw introduced the City of Sarasota Commissioners and City Manager, followed by introductions by the Mayors of the City of North Port, City of Venice, and the Town of Longboat Key.

AGENDA ITEMS

3. Transportation Issues

a. Transit

b. Mobility Fees

c. Long-Term Road Plans

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- alternative transportation needs/multi-modal transportation
- declining local gasoline tax revenues
- Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) passenger/ridership/expansion
- Seasonal Master Transportation Plan
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) analysis of traffic
- transportation routes to/from the barrier islands
- Venice Traffic Citizens Group
- scheduled Traffic Summit hosted by the City of Sarasota
- review of the evacuation route and safety issues
- roundabout development/utilizations
- Transportation Network Companies (TNC's)
- City of North Port Mobility Study.

City of Sarasota Commr. Chapman moved to direct Staff to develop a list of municipal issues, address and consider Mobility Fees in a comprehensive manner, and for Longboat Key to consider taking action. The motion, seconded by North Port Commr. Cook, carried unanimously by individual voice votes by the Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice, with the Town of Longboat Key Commissioners abstaining due to the lack of a quorum.

4. Economic Development

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- business issues and standard economic development
- available business opportunities/regional approach
- work force housing
- Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/marketing efforts
- tourism
- Rosemary District density experiment
- economic opportunity
- minority opportunities
- work force development/Suncoast Technical College.

(Note: Commr. Pastor left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.)

City of Venice Council Member McKeon moved to direct staff to obtain information regarding Regional Economic Development, affordable housing, ready-built space, density experiment in the City of Sarasota Rosemary District, economic opportunity, workforce development, marketing, and tourism. The motion, seconded by City of Sarasota Commr. Alpert, carried unanimously by individual voice votes by the Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice, with the Town of Longboat Key Commissioners abstaining due to the lack of a quorum.

AGENDA ITEMS - Continued

5. Coastal Management Plans

Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- dredging costs/project coordination
- beach renourishment mobilization coordination
- West Coast Island Navigation District (WCIND) legislative mandate
- interlocal agreements
- mitigate sand loss
- beach studies by engineering firms
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) model for sea-level
- sea-level rise/global warming
- regional planning
- inlet shoal dredging and coastal dredging for shoreline protection.

City of Venice Council Member Carlesimo moved to direct staff to investigate methods to maximize the dredging process, regional planning for permitting and mobilization, global warming and sea-level rise, and to coordinate a presentation by a representative from the NOAA. The motion, seconded by City of Venice Council Member Bennett, carried unanimously by individual voice votes by the Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice, with the Town of Longboat Key Commissioners abstaining due to the lack of a quorum.

6. Parks and Funding for Parks

Discussion were held on the following topics/issues:

- Park districts
- Sarasota County Master Park Plan
- parks and recreation programs
- regional issues/park connectivity
- support and development to support recreational program
- green space and trees preservation/tree canopy
- funding and grant opportunities.

City of Sarasota Commr. Freeland Eddie moved to direct Staff to coordinate municipal efforts, park development, tree preservation, blue-ways, proactive purchase of land, and to exchange existing municipal tree ordinances. The motion, seconded by the City of Sarasota Vice Mayor Atwell, carried unanimously by individual voice votes by the Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice, with the Town of Longboat Key Commissioners abstaining due to the lack of a quorum.

City of Sarasota Mayor Shaw noted consensus from the voting participants to extend the meeting beyond 4:40 p.m.

7. Issues for Future Consideration

Discussion were held on the following topics/issues:

- regional long-term water needs, deep water injection wells

AGENDA ITEMS - Continued

7. Issues for Future Consideration - Continued

- regional homeless crisis
- inviting Sarasota County Commission to participate in future joint meetings
- utility (water and electric) relocation (undergrounding)
- proactive purchase for properties.

City of North Port Mayor Di Franco moved to place the following topics/issues on a future meeting agenda: regional long-term water needs/deep water injection wells, regional homelessness, and regional facilities. The motion, seconded by City of Venice Council Member McKeon, carried unanimously by individual voice votes by the Cities of North Port, Sarasota, and Venice, with the Town of Longboat Key Commissioners abstaining due to the lack of a quorum.

8. Public to be Heard

The following individuals presented comments at the Special Joint Meeting:

- City of Sarasota resident Shawn Person
- Government Affairs Manager of SWFWMD Kara Poulton
- City of Sarasota resident Millie Small.

ADJOURNMENT

City of Sarasota Mayor Shaw adjourned the July 1, 2015, meeting with the Cities of North Port, Sarasota, Venice, and Town of Longboat Key at 4:49 p.m.

Minutes approved: 09-09-2015