

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 12, 2020, 10:30 a.m.
Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room
700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, FL

- 1. Call to Order** – President De Angeles called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Ostrand led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call – Mayor Karen M. Ostrand, President Kenneth De Angeles, Vice-President Richard Gerold, Council Members Bill Arnold, Kevin Docherty, Terry Locatis and David Wagner
 - Staff Present – Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil; Town Attorney, Rick Crary, Town Clerk, Pam Orr; and Bookkeeper/Clerical Assistant, Kim Stanton

2. Approval of Minutes – Council Member Locatis, seconded by Council Member Arnold, made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2020, September 16, 2020 and September 23, 2020 meetings with a correction to the September 23, 2020 Final Budget Hearing.

President De Angeles asked for any other comments, corrections or deletions.

There were none.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

There were none.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Arnold, Docherty, Locatis & Wagner; No: None; Motion Passed - 6 - 0

3. Comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda –President De Angeles asked for public comment on topics not on the Agenda.

There were none.

4. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda – Council Member Locatis asked for an update regarding West End Boulevard.

President De Angeles stated that there was no update.

President De Angeles asked for further comments from the Council.

There were none.

5. Comments from Town Management Consultant – Terry O’Neil – Mr. O’Neil stated that he, as well as the Mayor, were prepared to provide an update on West End Boulevard.

6. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – Mayor Ostrand asked if Council Member Docherty had any further information on the census.

Council Member Docherty stated that after looking into it further with Mr. O'Neil, it was decided that the participation rate was in the high eighties or low nineties.

Mayor Ostrand announced that at the MPO meeting Martin County would be discussing long term plans. The meeting was to be held at the Blake Library, on October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and she spoke about the importance of attending.

President De Angeles stated that he was on that committee and that he would attend.

Mayor Ostrand emphasized that this meeting was open to the public.

Mayor Ostrand gave an update and discussed details on the Town's 60th Anniversary celebration.

Council Member Locatis, seconded by Council Member Arnold, made a Motion to approve the Proclamation regarding the Town's 60th Anniversary.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Arnold, Docherty, Locatis, Wagner; No: None; Motion Passed - 6 - 0

President De Angeles asked for questions from the public.

Mayor Ostrand announced the Blood Drive to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020, which would include covid-19 testing, and that the Bus would be parked in lot #618. She stated that Sun Communities was partnering with the Town and that flyers and emails would be sent. She continued that the Blood Drive was by appointment only and expounded on the safety measures to be taken.

Mayor Ostrand stated that she was on the Land and Economic Development committee for legislation and that she would be attending legislative committee meetings in Orlando through the Florida League of Cities. She asked for any requests for new legislation.

Deidre Henry asked about West End Boulevard.

Mr. O'Neil gave a brief history about Martin County working with the railroad to change the traffic direction on West End Boulevard to a one-way traffic movement. He stated that this impacted the Town, particularly the residents of the Resort. He spoke about a letter sent to Martin County asking them to provide impacts to changing West End Boulevard to either one-way north or one-way south. He described a letter from Martin County in which certain questions by the Mayor and Town Council were not clearly answered. He commented that the Town had reiterated to the County that an analysis was in order, especially relating to the impacted residents, to give them an opportunity to weigh-in on the decision.

Deidre Henry asked about the ownership and location of the Whistle Stop apartments along West End Boulevard.

Mr. O'Neil replied that those locations were located within the unincorporated area of Martin County. He stated that he believed the County was leaning toward southbound traffic movement along West End Boulevard outside of the Town boundaries.

7. Announcements – Council Member De Angeles announced the Regular Town Council meeting to be held at Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, at 10:30 am on Monday, November 9, 2020.

8. Adjourn – Council Member Arnold, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Ann Kagdis, resident of Ocean Breeze Resort, stated that she had attended the CAC meeting and gave a verbal report about public buses along Jensen Beach Boulevard. She stated that she believed the FEC decision making with Martin County was complete as far as West End Boulevard but that they did not involve the small businesses. She added that the NAC, CRA and Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce were also working on the issue.

Ms. Kagdis commented that she believed it was important for at least one member of the Town Council attend the Jensen Beach Chamber events.

Janet Galante, resident of Ocean Breeze Resort, stated that this was the first time she was hearing about the new traffic pattern along West End Boulevard. She suggested a petition within the community to Martin County.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Arnold, Docherty, Locatis, Wagner; No: None; Motion Passed - 6 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Orr
Town Clerk

Minutes approved: November 9, 2020