

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2021, 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 – Present: 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 Arnold, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

There were none.

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

3. Comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda – There were none.

4. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda – Council Member Docherty offered his thanks to Sun Communities for cutting back the trees along Indian River Drive that were blocking the Town’s “your speed” sign.

President De Angeles asked for further comments from the Council Members.

Council Member Gerold asked for an update regarding the railroad improvements on West End Boulevard.

Mr. O’Neil answered that he had a conversation with Marcela Camblor, Planner, on Friday, January 8, 2021, and commented that she had been speaking to the County staff, including Commissioner Smith. He stated that the issue remained under consideration and discussion continued with the railroad designers about the components of the plan. He added that the matter was actively being analyzed and discussed by staff.

5. Comments from the Town Management Consultant Terry O’Neil – Mr. O’Neil gave an update on the status of the Request For Proposal (RFP) for auditing services, noting that the response time had been extended by three weeks. He remarked that it would be February or March before the Council would hear from the Audit Selection Committee with the recommendation of a firm.

Council Member Gerold spoke about how Nettles Island contracted with a company called Medi-Mobile to administer the Covid vaccines and that Nettles Island had 900 vaccinations available for their residents. He asked if anyone would like to pursue the possibility of securing this company to administer the vaccines, it was his recommendation that they do so. He added that Martin County Health Department would have to contact Medi-Mobile to administer the vaccine at Ocean Breeze Resort. He added that the Martin County Health Department would have to contact Medi-Mobile and that the cost of the vaccine was free, however there was a charge of \$25.00 to administer it.

President De Angles asked if Attorney Crary had any comments.

He had none.

6. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – Mayor Ostrand spoke about the poor condition of the plantings along the Indian River Drive sidewalk and that the Town was checking into the replacement of dead plants.

Mayor Ostrand discussed the State Bill which had just gone into the house, HB15, regarding internet sales and the collection of state sales tax. She added that she would be speaking with staff about putting information on the Town website regarding this bill along with information on how to contact local Representatives. She stated that the Florida League of Cities approved this bill, and encouraged everyone to call or email their Representatives in support of it.

Mr. O’Neil asked if the Florida League of Cities were considering a resolution in which local governments would be asked to participate.

Mayor Ostrand answered that there was not a resolution at this point but that she would keep everyone up to date.

7. Announcements – President De Angeles announced the Regular Town Council Meeting to be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 10:30 am at the Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, Florida:

8. Adjourn – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Arnold, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Orr
Town Clerk

Minutes approved: February 8, 2021