

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 8, 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 Wagner, seconded by Council Member Arnold, made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting.

President De Angeles asked for any public comments.

There were none.

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

3. Request for authorization for Town Council and Mayor to execute a Letter of Engagement with the firm Nowlen, Holt & Miner, PA for annual auditing services – Mr. O’Neil gave a brief explanation of the process surrounding the Town’s request for proposals for auditing services. He stated that the top ranked firm was Nowlen, Holt & Miner, PA. He recommended that the Town Council authorize the Mayor and Council President to execute the Letter of Engagement.

President De Angeles invited Council Member Arnold to speak about his experience on the Audit Selection Committee.

Council Member Arnold discussed his role and the process of the Audit Selection Committee

Council Member Arnold, seconded Vice-President De Angeles, made a Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Letter of Engagement.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

There were none.

Council Member Wagner asked about the expiration date of the licenses of the four firms that sent proposals. He suggested that some language be added regarding licenses being kept current.

Mr. O’Neil answered that the Town Council could ask the selected firm to add a provision to the Letter of Engagement that they would be properly licensed at all times.

Council Member Arnold, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a Motion to approve execution of the Letter of Engagement with the additional language.

President De Angeles asked for comments from the public.

There were none.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Wagner, De Angeles, Locatis, Arnold, Docherty & Gerold; No: None; Motion Passed: 6 – 0

4. Approval of License Agreement with owners of Ocean Breeze Plaza for the placement of two Town-limit identification signs – President De Angeles spoke about the two Town signs that would be placed at the entrance to Ocean Breeze Plaza off Jensen Beach Boulevard and the entrance to the west off Skyline Drive.

Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Docherty, made a Motion to approve the License Agreement with the owners of Ocean Breeze Plaza.

President De Angeles asked for public comment.

Cathy Berry, resident of Ocean Breeze, asked if the signs were like the sign at the entrance of the Seawalk community.

President De Angeles answered “yes.”

Attorney Crary pointed out that the Motion should also include authorization for the Mayor to sign the License Agreement.

President De Angeles stated that this would be part of the Motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: De Angeles, Wagner, Gerold, Locatis, Docherty & Arnold; No: None; Motion Passed: 6 – 0

5. Resolution #311-2021 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA; OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS IN FLORIDA AS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 62 OR IN SIMILARLY PROPOSED LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE – Mayor Ostrand read the Resolution and provided an explanation.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Bill, the problem of pre-emption within the State of Florida, Gayle Harrell’s positive support of this bill and Representative Overdorf’s position concerning the bill.

President De Angeles asked for a Motion to approve Resolution #311-2021.

Council Member Locatis, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a Motion to approve Resolution #311-2021.

President De Angeles asked for public comment.

Ann Kagdis, resident of Ocean Breeze, gave a brief history of Senate Bill 62 explaining regional planning councils and the importance of belonging to groups. She suggested sending strong letters opposing the elimination of planning councils to Representative Overdorf.

Discussion ensued regarding county, state and municipal jurisdictional rights.

President De Angeles asked for further public comments.

There was none.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Arnold, Docherty, Locatis & Wagner; No: None; Motion Passed: 6 – 0

6. Proclamation for “Problem Gambling Awareness Month” – Mayor Ostrand presented the Proclamation to bring about awareness and provide support.

President De Angeles mentioned that the Proclamation included a support HOTLINE.

Council Member Arnold, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a Motion to approve the Proclamation during the month of March, 2021.

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

7. Comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda – Janet Galante, resident of Ocean Breeze, announced that today was International Woman’s Day and she proceeded to read the announcement. She thanked Mayor Ostrand for her time, interest and support for the betterment of the community.

Ann Kagdis, resident of Ocean Breeze, stated that she was a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Council and she provided an update regarding the proposed Riverwalk and gave an update on the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s plan for a bus route on Jensen Beach Boulevard.

8. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda – Council Member Wagner asked about an update on West End Boulevard.

Mayor Ostrand reported that the Town was contacted by Marcela Camblor, Planner regarding a survey.

Mr. O’Neil answered that the survey was being completed for the intersection at West End Boulevard and Jensen Beach Boulevard. He added that Ms. Camblor was urging the FEC and the County to provide that survey to the Town. He stated that he had asked Ms. Camblor to request the FEC to provide some times when they are planning to begin intersection improvements.

President De Angeles pointed out that the FEC can act quickly.

Mr. O’Neil added that Ms. Camblor also spoke to Commissioner Smith to obtain an update on the progress; and, to express the need to keep a two-way traffic pattern intact.

President De Angeles asked that Mr. O’Neil speak with Ms. Camblor about the Council’s extreme concern because this could start to move very rapidly.

Council Member Wagner stated that the guardrail, that he had mentioned at previous meetings had now become even more dangerous, especially at night.

Vice-President Gerold stated that he had spoken to a resident about a site-improvement form and it was discovered that there were some discrepancies. He stated that this resident was unable to attend the meeting, but that they would like the Town to look into the maps and surveys to find a solution because this discrepancy was affecting making some improvements on their home site.

Mr. O’Neil stated that he believed the question had to do with the exhibit which was submitted with the PUD amendment to allow the docks. He added that there was a question as to whether that exhibit was submitted with the proper scale and commented that any PUD exhibit should have been accurate. He commented that if there was a problem, that staff would speak with Sun Communities about their obligation to submit accurately scaled exhibits.

Vice-President Gerold announced the St. Patrick's Day activities and the parade.

Mayor Ostrand expounded on the parade information.

Council Member Wagner spoke about a Town golf cart.

Council Member Docherty spoke about the increase in police presence throughout the Resort and he thanked the police officers who were in attendance.

9. Comments from the Town Management Consultant Terry O'Neil – He had none.

10. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – Mayor Ostrand recognized Pam Orr and Kim Stanton for National Women's Day.

Mayor Ostrand asked Deputy Joe Angelico about cars traveling north on Indian River Drive approaching the light at Jensen Beach Boulevard. She commented that the cars in the right lane, heading north, were driving onto the grass and sidewalk.

Deputy Joe answered that he had witnessed it and that it was an issue. He stated that the Sheriff's Department would have a presence there as much as possible, but that there might be traffic calming in that area that could be discussed with the County.

Mayor Ostrand suggested putting a few cement triangles in that area to prevent cars from going onto the grass and the sidewalk.

Council Member Wagner spoke about the possibility of a Town patrol as had been done in the past. He stated he believed the patrol was rather affective.

Mayor Ostrand spoke about the times of the day and night in which this occurred.

Pam Orr, Town Clerk stated that Martin County Engineering was working on this issue.

Mayor Ostrand asked for an update on any progress being made by Martin County Engineering.

11. Announcements – President De Angeles announced the regular Town Council meeting Monday, April 12, 2021 at 10:30 am, to be held at Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, Florida.

12. Adjourn – Council Member Arnold, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Orr
Town Clerk

Minutes approved: Pam Orr, 4/12/2021