

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2022, 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 Kevin Docherty, Terry Locatis and David Wagner
Absent – Bill Arnold
- Staff Present –Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil; Town Attorney, Rick Crary;
Town Clerk, Pam Orr

2. Approval of Minutes – Council Member Docherty, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 regular meeting with a correction per Council Member Wagner’s instruction to Page 6 (top of the page), which should be “President” De Angeles, not “Vice-President” De Angeles.

President De Angeles asked for further comments from the Council.

There were none.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

There were none.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Docherty, Locatis, Wagner; No: None; Absent: Arnold; Motion Passed - 5 - 0

3. Martin County Fire Rescue Hurricane Preparedness – Sonji Hawkins, Deputy Emergency Management Director, Martin County – Ms. Hawkins provided materials and gave a brief presentation regarding hurricane preparedness, special needs shelters, pets, and evacuations of transient recreational vehicles. She took questions from staff and stated that she would double-check and get back with staff regarding the county’s posture toward evacuation of transient recreational vehicles.

Mr. O’Neil stated that staff would investigate the posture of the Resort and the County regarding evacuation of recreational vehicles.

Council Member Wagner spoke about the problem of loose items left behind during a hurricane.

4. November, 2022 Town Council Election Proclamation – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Docherty, made a motion to approve the Election Proclamation.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: Locatis, Wagner, Docherty, De Angeles, Gerold; No: None; Absent: Arnold; Motion Passed - 5 - 0

5. Authorization to Negotiate a Lease Extension for the Town Office – Continued from June 13, 2022 Town Council Meeting – Mayor Ostrand provided an update on the lease of the Town’s office facility on Jensen Beach Boulevard.

Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Docherty, made a Motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the 5-year lease extension agreement following review of the documentation and approval by the Town's attorney.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: Gerold, Docherty, Wagner, De Angeles, Locatis; No: None; Absent: Arnold; Motion Passed - 5 - 0
Vice-President Gerold advised the audience that this agenda item had been a topic of discussion during the last two meetings.

6. Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda – Deidra Henry, resident of Ocean Breeze, thanked the Mayor for assisting her with obtaining a building permit for her home.

President De Angeles asked for further comments from the public.

There were none.

7. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda – Council Member Docherty introduced a scholarship fund associated with The National Bowling League for the benefit of local students. He asked for a donation from the Town for this scholarship fund for the benefit of Martin County students only. He spoke about the students, their bowling skills and excellent scholastics. He stated that the funds were restricted to tuition, books and housing.

Discussion ensued regarding a contribution, the amount of a potential contribution, other contributions the Town had pledged, the students' excellent scholastic abilities, bowling tournaments, scholarship rules, budget items, timing of the potential contribution, etc.

Council Member Locatis, seconded by Council Member Wagner, made a motion to donate \$500 for this cause for this year.

Mr. O'Neil asked if this donation was to be contributed during the current fiscal budget year.

Council Member Locatis answered "yes."

President De Angeles asked for further comments from the Council.

There were none.

President De Angeles asked for comments from the public.

There were none.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: Docherty, Locatis, Wagner, Gerold, De Angeles; No: None; Absent: Arnold; Motion Passed - 5 - 0

8. Comments from Town Management Consultant, Terry O'Neil – There were none.

9. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – Mayor Ostrand reminded the Council about the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities luncheon. She spoke about her meetings with the Town's State Representative John Snyder and Senator Gayle Harrell regarding the high costs of homeowners' insurance. She stated that she would gather more information at the upcoming conference of the Florida League of Cities, and added that she would report back to the Council after the conference.

10. Announcements – Meetings to be held at Ocean Breeze Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze:

- Budget Workshop and Setting of the Tentative Millage Rate, Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 5:01 pm
- Regular Town Council Meeting, Monday, August 8, 2022 at 10:30 am
- Regular Town Council Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:30 am
- Proposed Budget and Tentative Millage Hearing, Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 5:01 pm
- Final Budget and Millage Rate Hearing, Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:01 pm

Attorney Crary spoke about his conversation with the Resort's attorney regarding the tolling extension executive order. He remarked that the law had not been challenged and that other communities were accepting the order. He stated that he advised the Resort's attorney that he did not believe the law was constitutional and that at some point, a major municipality or government would challenge the order. He commented that the Town was not required take any action. He added that if too many of these toll extensions started stacking up, the matter might have to be challenged in court.

11. Adjourn – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Vice-President Gerold, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 am.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Wagner, Locatis, Docherty; No: None; Absent: Arnold; Motion Passed – 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Orr
Town Clerk

Minutes approved: August 8, 2022