

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 10, 2022 10:30AM
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, Bill Arnold, and David Wagner
Absent: Terry Locatis
- Staff Present – Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil; Town Attorney, Rick Crary; Town Clerk, Kim Stanton; and Administrative Assistant, Shannon Roger

2. Approval of Minutes – Council Member Arnold, seconded by Vice President Gerold, made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular meeting.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

There were none.

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

3. Resolution #329-2022 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK, OCTOBER 17-23, 2022 AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES – Kim Stanton read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Mayor Ostrand remarked that as of October, the Town was in its 62nd year, and, she invited residents to help themselves to the patches and pens provided by the Town.

President De Angeles asked for comments from the public.

Council member Arnold, seconded by Council member Docherty, made a motion to approve Resolution 329-2022.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

There were none.

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

4. Comments from the public not on the agenda - Vice President Gerold asked if candidates for Town Council would be able to speak under public comments.

Liz Reece, a resident of Seawalk, introduced herself to the Town Council and the public.

President De Angeles noted that candidates for Town Council are elected by the residents of Ocean Breeze who are registered to vote, and are not elected solely by the current Town Council members.

Sandy Keblbeck, a resident of Seawalk, introduced herself to the Town Council and the public.

Gina Kent, a resident of Seawalk, introduced herself to the Town Council and the public.

Peggy Araco, a resident of Ocean Breeze Resort, asked how many members of the Town Council were residents of the Resort.

President De Angeles responded that all six Council members resided in the resort as well as the Mayor.

Mayor Ostrand clarified that a resident of The Town of Ocean Breeze could run for an elected position within the Town.

Vice-President Gerold commented that Seawalk was still under development during the last election, therefore the candidates came from Ocean Breeze Resort.

A member of the public (unnamed) asked if the Town Council election coincided with the general election in November.

President De Angeles confirmed that the candidates for Town Council would appear on the ballot for the general election.

5. President De Angeles asked for comments from the Council – Vice-President Gerold asked that if there was a candidate who was no longer in the running, was it too late to have him removed from the ballot.

President De Angeles confirmed that, according to the Supervisor of Elections, it was too late to have the candidate removed from the ballot.

Sandy Keblbeck, a resident of Seawalk, asked if an announcement could be made about the candidate who was asking to be removed from the ballot.

Liz Reese, a resident of Seawalk, also asked if the public could be informed about the candidate who no longer wished to run, but whose name would still appear on the ballot.

Vice President Gerold asked for the name of the candidate.

Liz Reese responded that the candidate was Dustin Larew, and commented that he withdrew due to scheduling conflicts.

6. President De Angeles asked for comments from Town Management Consultant Terry O'Neil and Town Attorney Rick Crary – There were none.

7. President De Angeles asked for comments from The Mayor - Mayor Ostrand mentioned that she hoped all residents fared well in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. She advised that a few homes had sustained storm damage and that would require repairs, which would require a permit. She asked that a Resolution be created to waive permit fees for damage that was a direct result of extreme weather.

President De Angeles asked that resolution use the term(s) natural disaster rather than extreme weather.

Mayor Ostrand asked Town attorney Rick Crary and Town Management Consultant Terry O'Neil to work on the proposed Resolution. She asked the Council if they would agree to the Resolution.

President De Angeles responded that the Council would need to review the Resolution before voting, but he did not take issue with the idea.

Council member Arnold said he did not take issue with waiving permit fees as long as it was legal.

Mayor Ostrand spoke about her last meeting with the Florida League of Cities and the topics covered, sovereign immunity, annexation, mobility, mobility fees, impact fees and home-based business regulation. She commented that it was legal in the State of Florida to operate a business out of your home; however, the Florida League of Cities would like to add amendments to the law.

Vice President Gerold asked if a home business included an Airbnb.

Mayor Ostrand confirmed that an Airbnb was included but clarified that HOA's could prohibit home-based businesses. She also remarked that the state was not allowing local governments to prohibit home-based businesses.

Council member Wagner stated that while he was unsure about Seawalk, Ocean Breeze Resort prohibited home-based businesses.

Discussion ensued regarding home-based businesses.

8. Announcements – President De Angeles announced the upcoming meetings to be held at Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, Florida. He stated that the Martin County Sheriff's Department would be present at all Town meetings at no charge to the Town. He continued that the Town of Ocean Breeze would not be hosting a canvassing board meeting because this was a general election year. He also announced the next Regular Town Council meeting would be held on Monday, November 14, 2021, at 10:30 am at which time elected council members will be sworn-in.

12. Adjourn – Council Member Arnold, seconded by Council Member Docherty, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01AM
Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Stanton
Town Clerk

Minutes approved: November 14, 2022