

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
REGULAR WORKSHOP
JUNE 17, 2010 - 1:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor George Spoll, Vice Mayor Jim Brown, Commrs. David Brenner, Lynn Larson, Hal Lenobel, Robert Siekmann, Phillip Younger

Also Present: Town Manager Bruce St. Denis, Town Attorney David Persson, Town Clerk Trish Granger

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Workshop of the Longboat Key Town Commission was called to order at 1:01 p.m., in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Spoll requested and Commr. Younger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

18. Other Business

Mayor Spoll noted the Special Meeting scheduled to follow the Workshop Meeting later this date and advised that Agenda Item 5 on the Special Meeting Agenda pertaining to the amendments to a 1979 Agreement and the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment in the case of Town of Longboat Key, FL, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Key Club Associates, Limited, a Florida Limited Partnership et. al., has been withdrawn from consideration at the request of the Applicant, the Longboat Key Club. Mayor Spoll noted the items would be considered at a future meeting following conclusion of the public hearings on the Longboat Key Club Outline Development Plan (ODP) amendment application.

Mayor Spoll advised that any interested parties should leave contact information with the Town Clerk if they would like to be notified when the item is scheduled for consideration in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Manatee County Special Liaison Report** - No items were presented.
- 2. Sarasota County Special Liaison Report** - No items were presented.
- 3. Other Reports**

A. Organizations

Commr. Brenner noted attendance at the Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation's annual retreat, advised that Town Manager Bruce St. Denis was a panel member along with other public officials, and reviewed the items discussed.

Commr. Brenner noted that Sarasota County has requested the Town's endorsement of the upcoming ballot issue relating to property tax incentives for new businesses and expansions of existing businesses.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

4. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

A. Organizations

Mr. Michael Drake, Longboat Drive South, commented on the status of peafowl removal.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5. Proposed Ordinance 2010-27, Utility Rate Reduction

At the June 8, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting PRMG, the Town's utility rate consultant presented results of the recent utility rate study. As a result of the consultants' recommendation, the Town Commission directed staff to prepare an ordinance formalizing a utility rate decrease for consideration at the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward Ordinance 2010-27 to the June 17, 2010 Special Meeting for first reading.

6. Proposed Resolution 2010-29, Budget Transfer in the Amount of \$165,000 to Provide Funding for Additional Geotechnical Work for the Upcoming Beach Project

At the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting the Town Commission provided direction to utilize sand from the Port Dolphin corridor as well as the .18/Munsell 8 sand in the upcoming beach nourishment project. Resolution 2010-29 provides for funding to proceed with additional geotechnical work for permitting and design based on these project parameters. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, forward Resolution 2010-29 to the June 17, 2010 Special Meeting for formal action.

7. Proposed Resolution 2010-30, Beach Funding Resolution

Each year the Town Commission passes a Beach Funding Resolution in order to remain eligible for State grants. This resolution must accompany applications for beach project funding submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward Resolution 2010-30 to the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting for formal action.

8. Proposed Resolution 2010-31, Lift Station Rehabilitation Substitution

The Public Works Director recommends substituting rehabilitation of Lift Station 6F during the current fiscal year in order to accomplish Lift Station 5F rehabilitation, which is deemed a higher priority at this time. No additional funds are anticipated although Commission authorization is requested as the Lift Station 6F project was approved in the FY 2009-10 Budget. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

9. Request for Letter of Support for Sarasota County Application for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Each year Sarasota County seeks a letter of support for their Countywide JAG Program application for criminal justice projects within the County. This item is placed on the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Consent Agenda for Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda will forward this item to the June 17, 2010 Special Meeting for formal action.

Commr. Brenner inquired and Town Manager Bruce St. Denis confirmed that the Table included in Item 7 was a report from the previous project.

There was consensus to approve Consent Agenda Items 5 through 9 in accordance with the Staff reports and recommendations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

17. Sarasota County and Manatee County Emergency Management Presentation on Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Sarasota County and Manatee County Emergency Management Representatives will attend the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting to provide updated information regarding the County's actions in preparing for potential impacts from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Mayor Spoll noted a request to reorder the discussion items to consider Item 17 at this time.

There was consensus to reorder the Agenda Items.

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis commented on the status of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and advised that personnel of Manatee and Sarasota County Governments were in attendance to discuss the anticipated response to the oil spill if there was an impact to the Manatee and Sarasota areas.

Mr. Charlie Hunsicker, Manatee County Natural Resources Director, introduced Manatee Emergency Management Director Laurie Feagans, submitted Manatee County's public information brochure entitled "Deepwater Horizon Oil Watch Information," and discussed the coordination efforts between Manatee and Sarasota County.

Manatee County Emergency Management Director Feagans commented on the concentrated effort between the two Counties to protect the shoreline and waterways.

Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief Edward McCrane introduced Mr. Laird Wreford, Sarasota County Coastal Resources Manager and Mr. Chuck Henry, Sarasota County Health Department. Chief McCrane noted the Unified Response Team, BP's versus the Government's role, current activities in northern Florida, and the issues addressed by the County Commission. Chief McCrane proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation outlining current activities and proposed responses.

Mr. Wreford continued the PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of Sarasota County's Contingency Plan and noted meetings with the Unified Command in the Florida Panhandle area in conjunction with Manatee County to provide information on the environmental concerns and issues throughout the two Counties.

Chief McCrane continued the presentation providing information on identification of tar balls, impacts to sea birds and turtle nesting, opportunities for public involvement and volunteer opportunities, steps required to ensure reimbursement of expenses in response to oil impacts, and active response to any verified oil contamination.

Mr. Hunsicker noted the efforts of both Counties to provide an active response to any oil impacts realized in the area.

17. Sarasota and Manatee County Emergency Management Presentation on Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill - Continued

Mr. Hunsicker gave a PowerPoint presentation commenting on Manatee County's response plan, efforts to coordinate resources between the Counties and the Federal and State Unified Commands, and further actions that local governments can take to protect their shorelines and waterways.

Town Manager St. Denis noted the Town's intent to protect Longboat's natural resources additional action and requested Commission direction if Longboat took the initiative to move forward with a Local Action Plan in advance of a unified response Plan.

Discussion ensued with Town Manager St. Denis, Mr. Hunsicker, and Chief McCrane on the following topics/issues:

- the current plan in place through both Counties
- the State/Federal unified response plan
- the Town's Local Action Plan response
- intent to take action to protect the Town's waterways and shorelines
- Manatee and Sarasota Counties position on a proposed response effort
- inclusion of protection for sea birds/coordination efforts with Florida Fish and Wildlife officials
- anticipated reimbursement for approved contingency plans
- coordinated efforts with the two Counties approved plans
- Coastal Planning and Engineering (CP&E) updates to Town's proposed Local Action Plan based on the results of the response in the Florida Panhandle area.

Following discussion, there was consensus to provide authorization to have the Town Staff respond as necessary, including expenditure of funds that may not be reimbursed, to protect the Town's shorelines (including Sister Key and Jewfish Key) and waterways.

Mr. Hunsicker noted Manatee County's intent to support the efforts of Longboat Key, encouraged citizen involvement through volunteer participation sign-up, advised of local organizations available to provide additional resources for any impact felt in the area, existing conditions and response preparedness, impact of the oil spill to the Gulf of Mexico food chain and unknown long term impacts of the oil spill to the local region, importance of utilizing the preapproval process for any response plan, and Manatee County's dedication to protect the area's natural resources.

Mayor Spoll thanked the County representatives for their presentation and participation.

10. Discussion Regarding Storage of Beach Chairs

At the May 20, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting, the Commission was made aware of issues related to storage of beach chairs in the vicinity of the Gulfside Drive beach access. Commissioners were asked to visit the location in order to provide direction at the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

10. Discussion Regarding Storage of Beach Chairs - Continued

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis requested Commission direction on the issue of chairs left at the beach access in the vicinity of Gulfside Drive relating to code enforcement violations.

The following individuals commented on the issue of beach chairs left at the Gulfside Drive beach access:

Ms. Mindy Rollins, Gulf of Mexico Drive

Mr. Reina Berman, President of Sleepy Lagoon Homeowners Association.

Town Manager St. Denis noted distribution of photos on the condition of the area and discussions were held with Town Manager St. Denis and Planning, Zoning, and Building Director Monica Simpson on the following topics/issues:

- current regulations in place
- property left on private versus Town owned property
- introduction of Code Enforcement Officers Heidi Micale and Ben Bailey
- Town owned property abutting the public beach
- issues (private property left on publicly owned lands) and remedies (storage, code changes, disposal)
- visual impacts to other Town citizens
- lack of chairs at other beach access
- impact to other beach access
- available parking for the area
- current zoning (residential) of the property and inability to provide parking lot
- impact of chairs left on beach during turtle and shorebird season nesting
- past experience and code enforcement issues for the area.

Subsequent to comments, there was consensus to not permit the storage/placement of chairs at the Gulfside Drive Beach Access.

RECESS: 2:25 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

11. Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board and Commission Communication

At the January 21, 2010, Regular Workshop Meeting the Town Commission requested having a discussion regarding the relationship and communication between the Commission and the P&Z Board. This item is placed on the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting for Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Vice Mayor Brown commented on the request to provide a standard procedure for communication guidelines for significant P&Z Board hearings and the reports forwarded to the Town Commission. Discussions were held with Town Attorney David Persson and Planning, Zoning, and Building Department Director Monica Simpson on the following topics/issues:

11. Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board and Commission Communication - Continued

- lack of restrictions for the P&Z Board to present a synopsis (minority and majority reports) as a Board
- documentation presented to the P&Z Board versus the agenda packet for the Town Commission consideration
- current documentation presented to Town Commission
- summary versus verbatim minutes
- lack of understanding on the position reached by the P&Z Board
- distribution of P&Z Board meeting materials to Town Commission
- inclusion of documentation considered and received as part of the record by the P&Z Board
- option for P&Z Board member to attend Town Commission meetings to provide overview of the discussions.

Vice Mayor Brown suggested that all the documentation presented/received at the P&Z Board level be provided to the Town Commission.

Individual comments followed on the option to have a P&Z Board representative present a synopsis of the discussions (for and against a particular application) at the Town Commission meeting.

12. Overview of Process Regarding Petition to the Town Challenging Recently Adopted Zoning Code Amendments (Ordinance 2010-16)

On June 3, 2010, Attorney Michael J. Furen, on behalf of Islandsides Property Owners Coalition (IPOC), LLC, filed a petition challenging the recently adopted amendments to the Town's Land Development Code (Ordinance 2010-16). This item is placed on the June 17, 2010, Regular Workshop Meeting in order to determine if the Commission wishes to take any action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction.

Town Attorney David Persson noted the options outlined in Attorney Kelly Martinson's correspondence relating to the petition filed by Attorney Michael Furen on behalf of IPOC pertaining to the Land Development Regulations amendments.

Attorney Michael Furen, representing IPOC, inquired as to the correspondence from the Town Attorney's office.

Discussion ensued with Town Attorney Persson on the following topics/issues:

- process for consideration of the petition/option for the Town to take no action on the legal challenge filed by IPOC
- options for consideration (reconsider the recently adopted Code changes)
- challenge on the consistency of Comprehensive Plan
- process to be followed if the challenge is supported by the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA)
- result of Florida Department of Community Affairs review and determination and appeal process if IPOC is successful in the challenge
- Town Attorney's opinion of the Commission's authority to amend the Land Development Regulations.

13. Discussion Regarding Fire Marshal Position

At the May 5, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting the Town Commission requested additional information regarding the Fire Marshal position. This item is placed on the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting for Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Mayor Spoll requested and there was consensus to defer consideration of Item 13 following conclusion of Item 16. (See Item 13 later this meeting.)

14. Budget Discussion

This agenda item is a placeholder for follow-up discussion regarding the June 8, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting - Preliminary Budget and subsequent discussion with individual Town Commissioners. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis and Finance Director Thomas Kelley commented on meetings with Commr. Younger and Commr. Brenner and distributed two memorandums from Finance Director Kelley and a budget summary review.

Commr. Younger noted his satisfaction with Staff discussions to date.

Finance Director Kelley presented an overview of the memorandum dated June 17, 2010, entitled "Responses to Commissioner Younger's Budget Questions." Discussions were held with Finance Director Kelley and Town Manager St. Denis on the following topics/issues outlined in the memorandum:

- Item 5 - Repairs and Maintenance/Other Equipment in IT
- lack of available time for Commission review of the issues listed
- number of years included in maintenance contracts and payment of one year within each fiscal year
- options to replace older equipment in lieu of purchasing warranty on older equipment
- Wastewater Department, Item 5, Repairs and Maintenance/Lift Stations and Sewer Lines costs
- Roll-up of Town-wide items, Item 1, Travel/Conference/Training costs and Commission travel
- options for web based training and or scheduling in-house/required training to maintain certifications for job positions.

Discussions were held with Finance Director Kelley and Town Manager St. Denis on the memorandum entitled "Additional Budget Discussion Items" on the following topics/issues outlined in the memorandum:

- building fee study
- revenue streams/options to review existing user fees
- retaining larger Reserve balance
- Scenario 3 relating to millage rates

14. Budget Discussion - Continued

- process/options for notifying citizens of costs associated with utilization of white sand in beach renourishment project
- operating millage assumptions
- options to include monetary cost comparisons for residential properties.

Commr. Younger noted the obsolete utilization of "green bar" accounting paper and advised that he had developed an Excel spreadsheet format and requested consideration for consensus to approve the utilization of a new format for budget preparation.

Town Manager St. Denis noted he was seeking direction on the format to be utilized in the preparation of the preliminary budget for August.

Following individual comments, there was consensus to utilize the Excel format in lieu of the "green bar" process.

Mayor Spoll commended Commr. Younger for his participation in the budget process.

Town Manager St. Denis requested direction on the pension liability in the preparation of the budget.

Subsequent to comments on the Town's reserve funds, there was consensus to reflect the pension liability in the preparation of the preliminary budget.

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis advised that he was available to meet with Commissioners on any budget issues they would like to discuss.

15. Discussion Regarding Gulf of Mexico Drive Wayfinding Signs

The Town Manager and Public Works Director will seek direction regarding information to be included in the wayfinding signs being installed by FDOT as part of the beautification project along Gulf of Mexico Drive. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Following comments from Town Manager Bruce St. Denis, Public Works Director Juan Florensa presented an overview on the status of the wayfinding signs construction and Commission determination for items to include on the signs. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- development of a panel of "experts" to determine signage
- inclusion of business owners' input
- existing signs paid for and permitted by private property owners
- inclusion of names from existing sign on the North end of Town on the new wayfinding sign
- intent of original signs to direct traffic to businesses located off of Gulf of Mexico Drive
- existing code for erection of directory signs for businesses

15. Discussion Regarding Gulf of Mexico Drive Wayfinding Signs - Continued

- limited space to include all businesses
- identification of facilities in close proximity to the sign.

The following individuals commented on the wayfinding signs:

Mr. Alan Moore, Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant, Broadway Street
Mr. Michael Drake, Longboat Drive South, President of Longboat Village
Association
Mr. Andrew Vac, Gulf of Mexico Drive

Discussion ensued on the consideration of identifying businesses on the wayfinding signs.

There was consensus to request the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate with existing businesses to make recommendations for utilization of the signs or additional signs.

Mr. Florensa requested and Mayor Spoll clarified that businesses with exposure on Gulf of Mexico Drive would not be included in the business group discussion.

Discussion ensued on the suggestion to have a generic listing such as "Banks" and "Real Estate" offices.

There was consensus to include Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant, Sand Bar Restaurant, and the Art Center on the sign at the Gulf of Mexico Drive and Broadway intersection.

Mr. Florensa advised that Staff would work with the business community to provide a recommendation by the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting.

RECESS: 3:55 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.

16. Proposed Resolution 2010-32, Regarding Recommendation of Town Commission Subcommittee

At the May 5, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting regarding the FY 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget, the Town Commission established a subcommittee to develop a Mission Statement and Scope for review/examination of the Town's operations. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Following comments by Town Manager Bruce St. Denis, Commr. Brenner noted a meeting of the subcommittee and reviewed the determination of inefficiencies due to the location of the Town within two Counties and the intent to provide existing employees the opportunity to participate.

16. Proposed Resolution 2010-32, Town Commission Subcommittee - Continued

There was consensus to adopt the Mission Statement developed by the subcommittee.

Discussion ensued on the process for selection of participants to serve on the panel and input from Town employees.

There was consensus to forward Resolution 2010-32 to the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting for formal action.

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Town Manager Bruce St. Denis noted Staff review of the functions of the Fire Marshal and the performance of those duties if the position were to be eliminated and noted his recommendation to retain the position.

Following comments by Mayor Spoll, discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- organization of Altamonte Springs fire services
- option to have the issue reviewed by the future subcommittee that will review Town operations
- option for determination by the Town Commission.

There was majority consensus for review of the issue by the future subcommittee.

Following additional discussion, there was majority consensus to retain the Fire Marshal's position in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Town Commission Vision Subcommittee

Commr. Brenner noted the anticipated appointment of a Planning and Zoning Board member to the Vision Subcommittee and requested information on the procedure to establish and hold meetings.

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis advised that meeting notices and minutes were required and confirmed all meetings were governed by the Sunshine and Public Meetings requirements.

B. Public Works

Commr. Younger noted review of Coastal Planning and Engineering (CP&E) reports and the historical information provided in the reports, advised of the request for the supporting data from CP&E and the costs associated to provide the additional data.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS - Continued

B. Public Works - Continued

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis advised that the information would have to be reformatted to provide the information in the requested style.

Public Works Director Juan Florensa noted previous meetings with Mr. Lenny Landau and Commr. Younger on data provided at no cost and noted the nature of the current request in a specific format would require CP&E to create the document in a non-standard format and would result in costs to the Town.

Commr. Younger advised that the request will be modified to provide the information in the format the data is stored. Discussion ensued on the type of program supporting the data storage, previous information provided, and associated costs to provide the recently requested records.

Town Manager St. Denis advised that he would follow up with CP&E to provide the information to Mr. Landau.

TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS

A. Town Commission

Town Attorney David Persson advised that a majority vote of Commissioners in attendance, in lieu of unanimous vote, at Special Meetings.

B. Legal

Town Attorney David Persson commented on the United States Supreme Court advising that it was ruled that the erosion control line does not constitute a taking of private property.

C. Town Attorney

Town Attorney David Persson advised that his office is available to assist or review any Commissioner on matters they are working on or require information on.

Commr. Larson inquired as to the process to distribute information to other Commissioners of a draft document. Town Attorney Persson advised of restrictions of the Sunshine and Public Meeting laws in providing information outside of a meeting format.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Telecommunications

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis provided an update on the review of the MDI service and noted Staff focus on improvements to wireless communications and other media options.

B. Public Works/State Agencies

Mayor Spoll inquired and Public Works Director Juan Florensa advised that the Contractor retained by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has been notified of the issues with the Welcome Signs at each entry to the Town and Town Manager Bruce St. Denis provided a status report on the correction to the signs.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS - Continued

B. Public Works/State Agencies - Continued

Mr. Florensa requested consideration to have Staff meet with the Contractor and Vice Mayor Brown to address the issues of concern.

No objections were stated for the participation of Vice Mayor Brown.

Town Manager St. Denis inquired as to the status of the subcommittee meeting again on the outstanding issues and Town Attorney David Persson advised that the committee could be re-established by motion.

There was consensus to re-establish the Sign Subcommittee to address outstanding issues.

C. Public Works

Public Works Director Juan Florensa noted that the signs for the Islander groins are in production and should be ready for installation in the next few weeks.

PRESS TO BE HEARD - No items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Spoll noted the Special Meeting subsequent to the Regular Workshop and adjourned the June 17, 2010, Regular Workshop Meeting at 5:07 p.m.

s/s/ Trish Granger
Trish Granger, Town Clerk

/s/ George Spoll
George Spoll, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 09/13/2010

Meeting for Commission consideration. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

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Town Commission Comments

Town Attorney Comments

Town Manager Comments

Press to be Heard

No verbatim record by a certified court reporter is made of these proceedings. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these proceedings upon which any appeal is to be based (see Section 286.0105, Fla. Stat.).

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Town Clerk's office at 941-316-1999 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of this proceeding. If you are hearing impaired, please call 941-373-7002.

Regular Workshop – June 17, 2010
Agenda Item 17

Agenda Item: Emergency Management Presentation on Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Presenter: Town Manager and Emergency Management Representatives

Summary: Sarasota and Manatee County Emergency Management representatives will be at the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting to provide updated information regarding the County's actions in preparing for potential impacts from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Attachments: 6-11-10 Memo, Manager to Commission.

Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: June 11, 2010

TO: Town Commission

FROM: Bruce St. Denis, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Sarasota County Emergency Management Presentation on
Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

At the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting the Town Public Works Director provided a report regarding actions Town staff is taking to address any potential for impacts from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster.

Town staff continues to coordinate with both County Emergency Operations Centers to monitor the developments related to this disaster as well as any anticipated impacts. The Public Works Director and Public Information Officer have been active participants in scheduled Conference Calls with Federal, State and local oil spill disaster coordinators to stay abreast of any issues that could affect Southwest Florida. Additionally, staff has posted updated information to the Town's website as well as providing information to the local media.

Representatives of both County Emergency Operations Centers are scheduled to make a presentation regarding their preparedness measures as well as providing updated information on this issue at the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Who can I contact?

The recent offshore oil incident has yet to impact Manatee County, and there has been no impact to public safety or wildlife. In the event of the appearance of oil please use the following contact numbers to report an oil sighting and/or injured wildlife.

**Manatee County's
"Oil Spill Watch Hotline"**

941-749-3547

State Warning Lines

1-850-413-9900
1-800-320-0519

BP Company Phone Numbers

Public Information
Volunteer Information

1-866-448-5816

Report Wildlife in Distress

1-866-557-1401

General Assistance for Vendors

1-281-366-5511

Photo by
Charles Taylor

Online Resources

Manatee County Website
www.mymanatee.org

Deepwater Horizon Response
www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com

US EPA Response
www.epa.gov/bpspill/

NOAA Deepwater Website
www.deepwaterhorizon.noaa.gov

Florida Deepwater Response
www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/

Mote Marine Lab Beach Conditions
www.mote.org/beaches

Florida Air Quality Monitoring
www.airnow.gov

Florida Health Effects FAQ:
www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/files/faq_doh_051010.pdf

ArcGIS Mapping of Spill Area
www.geoss.esri.com/geoviewer

Current as of June 15, 2010

Manatee County Natural Resources

Oil Watch Information



Photo by Vanessa Rogers

Submitted by Charlie Hunsicker
Manatee County, Deepwater



What is the County doing?

Manatee County's staff has formed an emergency response team to address and monitor the situation. A strategy to combat any issues that might arise in the local waterways or on the beaches has also been developed.

Manatee County continues to monitor the situation through coordination with our State and Federal partners. While briefings have thus far focused on prevention and recovery strategies for the Florida Panhandle, at this time no one can be certain whether the effects of the spill will be seen on Manatee County's shores.



What are the health risks?

"Health Risks" taken from the State of Florida's Deepwater Horizon Health Info and FAQs Handout

What should I do if I find oil?

In the unlikely event you suspect oil on Manatee County's beaches, riversides, or coastal mangrove and marsh areas:

- Call the County's "Oil Watch Hotline" at **941-749-3547**.
- Be sure to note your location and nearby landmarks, and be ready to give a physical description of the material you saw.
- Help us find your site! If you have a camera or camera phone, please include a nearby landmark so we can find it on the beach and email it to oilwatch@mymanatee.org.

After you report suspicious material, a County responder will travel to the scene to verify whether the substance is oil. You do not need to wait at the location as responders may be working at another site before they reach yours.

REMEMBER:

- DO** call in materials that might be oil
- DO** call in injured or oiled wildlife
- DON'T** try to collect the oiled material
- DON'T** touch or handle oiled material
- DON'T** try to catch or restrain wildlife

How can I help?

Become a Volunteer

- **Register with Volunteer Florida** at www.volunteerflorida.org. We recommend that all interested individuals register with this site, even if you are already a member of another volunteer organization as Volunteer Florida is the state coordinator and will distribute information.

- **Get affiliated.** Volunteer Florida will provide you with a list of **local** organizations once you register. You can also contact Melissa.nell@mymanatee.org for more information on local organizations in need of volunteer help.

- **Get informed.** Check out www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com to learn more about the oil spill and response efforts. Visit our website at www.mymanatee.org to view the status of the situation locally and to obtain downloadable resources and state situation reports.

- **Contact your federal legislators.** Urge them to mobilize federal resources with urgency and to work across the global community to solve the problem.

Volunteers will not be handling oil or oiled wildlife. But there are still lots of ways to help!