

**MINUTES
LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Longboat Key Town Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Commission Chamber, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Approval

February 1, 2010, Regular Meeting; February 12, 2010, Special Meeting; February 12, 2010, Special Workshop; February 18, 2010, Special Meeting; and February 18, 2010, Regular Workshop; February 19, 2010, Special Meeting, and March 1, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes.

There was consensus to approve the Minutes of the meeting as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Governmental Entities

Vice Mayor Jim Brown noted attendance at the Sarasota County Council of Governments meeting and reviewed the issues discussed relating to the State legislators establishing pay scales and other benefits for Florida firefighters and police officers.

B. Town Commission

Commr. Brenner noted attendance at the Vision Subcommittee and Town Investment Committee meetings and the action taken.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

2. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

A. Public Works

Mr. Jeremy Whatmough, Gulf of Mexico Drive, commented on the forthcoming beach renourishment, location of the sand sources, and supported the use of the darker sand and one Beach District at the same taxing rate.

Vice Mayor Brown inquired and Town Manager Bruce St. Denis commented on the quantity of available sand in the Port Dolphin area. Discussion ensued with Town Manager St. Denis on the following topics/issues:

2. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission - Continued

A. Public Works - Continued

- type of sand selected by the Town Commission
- requirement for voters to approve the referendum for renourishment
- impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on sand sources and type of sand available
- type of sand to be utilized for the future renourishment
- time frame for the referendum and placement of sand.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

3. Ordinance 2010-21, Change of Start Time for Regular Workshop Meetings from 2:00 PM to 1:00 PM

At the May 3, 2010 Regular Meeting the Commission directed staff to prepare Ordinance 2010-21 to formalize changing all future Regular Workshop Meeting times from 2:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Ordinance 2010-21 was forwarded from the June 7, 2010 Regular Meeting following first reading. Recommended Action: Pending second reading, public hearing, and discussion, adopt Ordinance 2010-21.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Ordinance 2010-21 on record for second reading and public hearing.

Commr. Lenobel moved to adopt Ordinance 2010-21 on second reading and public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commr. Siekmann.

Mayor Spoll opened the public hearing. As no one wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-21 carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Lenobel, aye; Siekmann, aye; Spoll, aye; Brenner, aye; Brown, aye; Larson, aye; Younger, aye.

4. 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: Pending second reading, public hearing, and discussion, adopt Ordinance 2010-27.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Ordinance 2010-27 on record for second reading and public hearing.

Commr. Larson moved to adopt Ordinance 2010-27 on second reading and public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commr. Brenner.

4. Ordinance 2010-27, Utility Rate Reduction - Continued

Mayor Spoll opened the public hearing. As no one wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-27 carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Larson, aye; Brenner, aye; Siekmann, aye; Lenobel, aye; Younger, aye; Brown, aye; Spoll, aye.

RESOLUTIONS

5. 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: Pending discussion, pass Resolution 2010-30.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Resolution 2010-30 on record by title only.

Commr. Younger moved to adopt Resolution 2010-30. The motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Younger, aye; Brown, aye; Larson, aye; Lenobel, aye; Spoll, aye; Brenner, aye; Siekmann, aye.

6. Resolution 2010-31, Lift Station Rehabilitation Substitution

The Public Works Director recommends substituting rehabilitation of Lift Station 5F in lieu of Lift Station 6F during the current fiscal year. Lift Station 5F rehabilitation 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, pass Resolution 2010-31.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Resolution 2010-31 on record by title only.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2010-31. The motion, seconded by Commr. Larson, carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Brown, aye; Larson, aye; Siekmann, aye; Lenobel, aye; Spoll, aye; Younger, aye; Brenner, aye.

7. Resolution 2010-32, Regarding Recommendation of Town Commission Subcommittee Reviewing Organizational Structure

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 organizational structure. At the June 17, 2010, Regular Workshop Meeting the Town Commission forwarded Resolution 2010-32 to the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting for formal action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, pass Resolution 2010-32.

Town Clerk Trish Granger placed Resolution 2010-32 on record by title only.

7. Resolution 2010-32, Establishment Town Commission Subcommittee Reviewing Organizational Structure - Continued

Commr. Brenner moved to adopt Resolution 2010-32. The motion, seconded by Commr. Larson, carried by a 6-1 roll call vote, as follows: Brenner, aye; Larson, aye; Lenobel, no; Younger, aye; Siekmann, aye; Brown, aye; Spoll, aye.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Appointment to Town Commission Subcommittee for Review of Town Organization

At the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting the Town Commission discussed Resolution 2010-32 which provides for a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners to conduct a review of the Town's organizational structure. This item is placed on the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting for formal action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, appoint three members to Town Commission Subcommittee.

Mayor Spoll opened the floor for nominations of three Commissioners to the Subcommittee.

Commr. Larson nominated Commr. Brenner. Vice Mayor Brown nominated Commr. Younger. Commr. Brenner nominated Commr. Larson.

Mayor Spoll inquired and as no additional nominations were submitted, noted consensus to appoint Commr. Brenner, Commr. Younger, and Commr. Larson as the Organizational Review Subcommittee.

9. Amendments to a 1979 Agreement between Key Club Associates, Limited Partnership and the Town of Longboat Key, FL

Pursuant to Town Commission discussion at both the February 12, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting and the February 18, 2010, Regular Workshop Meeting, the Town Attorney prepared an amendment to the 1979 Agreement between Key Club Associates, Limited Partnership and the Town of Longboat Key, FL for Commission review and consideration. This amendment was forwarded to the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting for formal action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction.

Following comments, Attorney Jim Syrett, representing the Longboat Key Club, presented an overview of the agreements noting changes: adding an additional party named Islandside Development LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation ("Islandside") who was co-applicant of the Islandside ODP (Outline Development Plan) amendment; and paragraph 2, adding additional language following the words: Tract 1, to be inclusive of the items included in the approval of Ordinance 2009-25.

Commr. Siekmann noted that Exhibit B was not attached and Town Attorney David Persson advised that Exhibit B was the legal description included in the original agreement, and attached to the original agreement.

Attorney Syrett noted Tract II was not affected, and advised that language was added for Tract III and reference to the "warm-up practice range of Tract I" to incorporate the amendments approved to the ODP by Ordinance 2009-25.

9. Amendments to a 1979 Agreement between Key Club Associates, Limited Partnership and the Town of Longboat Key, FL - Continued

Attorney Syprett noted the addition of paragraph 3 to outline the contribution by the Key Club and Islandside for the loss of open space and recreational space areas within the GPD.

Attorney Syprett noted paragraph 4 includes language that renders the agreement null and void if the terms and conditions are not agreed to or completed as outlined in Ordinance 2009-25.

Discussions were held with Attorney Syprett and Town Attorney Persson on the following topics/issues:

- warm-up practice range
- Item 3, authority of the language to utilize funds for public recreation and/or open space to allow for a community center.

Subsequent to comments, there was consensus to modify the phrase “warm-up practice range” to “warm-up practice area.”

Town Attorney Persson noted the existing 1979 Agreement is being modified by this First Amendment to provide for the approvals outlined in Ordinance 2009-25 on June 30, 2010.

Commr. Brenner moved to approve the First Amendment To Agreement Dated March 5, 1979, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commr. Lenobel.

Town Attorney Persson noted the motion includes the word substitution of “area” for “range” in paragraph 2, which amends paragraph 5 of the original agreement.

The motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote, as follows: Brenner, aye; Lenobel, aye; Brown, aye; Siekmann, no; Younger, aye; Larson, aye; Spoll, aye.

10. Amendments to the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment and Town of Longboat Key, FL, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Key Club Associates, Limited, a Florida Limited Partnership et. al.

Pursuant to Town Commission discussion at both the February 12, 2010 Special Workshop Meeting and the February 18, 2010, Regular Workshop Meeting, the Town Attorney prepared an amendment to the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment for Commission review and consideration. This amendment was forwarded to the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting for formal action. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction.

Commr. Brenner inquired, and Commr. Lenobel noted the items outlined in the Amendment to the 1992 Stipulation and Order were offered during the public hearing process for the Islandside ODP (Outline Development Plan) amendment.

10. Amendments to the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment and Town of Longboat Key, FL, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Key Club Associates, Limited, a Florida Limited Partnership et. al. - Continued

Attorney Jim Syrett, representing the Longboat Key (LBK) Club, provided an overview of the original Stipulation Agreement and reviewed paragraph 2, deleting paragraph 1e of original agreement; paragraph 3, including additional language; paragraph 4, providing for use of golf course by guests of the proposed hotel and inclusion of guests staying at the condominiums utilizing the rental services of the LBK Club.

Discussion ensued on options to include clarifying language for guests staying at the condominiums in the hotel or in the tourism units located at the south parcel and the 27 units adjacent to the hotel.

Subsequent to comments, Attorney Syrett submitted the following language for consideration (additions shown as underlined text):

4. The **STIPULATION AND ORDER** is hereby amended to allow for play by guests staying at a proposed hotel to be developed in accordance with Ordinance 2009-25. It is the intent of this provision that if the Town grants approval of the hotel, guests staying at the proposed hotel or in the tourism units located on the South Parcel shall be allowed to play the 18 holes on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Islandside Golf Course) and the 27 holes on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Harbourside Golf Course) only under the following terms and conditions:

Following comments on the inclusion of the 27 condominium units adjacent to the hotel building, Town Attorney Persson noted the Commission's determination to not include any subsequent units converted to tourism units pursuant to the agreement and Ordinance 2009-25 outside of the hotel building.

Discussion ensued on the applicability of the provision to utilize the golfing facilities by persons outside the confines of the hotel building. Following comments, Town Attorney Persson suggested the following modification to paragraph 4 (additions shown as underlined text/deletions shown as ~~striketrough~~ text):

4. The **STIPULATION AND ORDER** is hereby amended to allow for play by guests staying at a proposed hotel to be developed in accordance with Ordinance 2009-25. It is the intent of this provision that if the Town grants approval of the hotel, guests staying at in the proposed hotel shall be allowed to play the 18 holes on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Islandside Golf Course) and the 27 holes on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Harbourside Golf Course) only under the following terms and conditions:

Discussion ensued on privately owned condominiums, the ability of guests versus owners to utilize the golf courses, and the requirements of Ordinance 2009-25 providing for the use of the facilities for only those units managed by the LBK Club.

10. Amendments to the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment and Town of Longboat Key, FL, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Key Club Associates, Limited, a Florida Limited Partnership et. al. - Continued

Subsequent to comments, Town Attorney Persson suggested the following modification to paragraph 4 (additions shown as underlined text/deletions shown as ~~striketrough~~ text):

4. The **STIPULATION AND ORDER** is hereby amended to allow for play by guests staying at a proposed hotel to be developed in accordance with Ordinance 2009-25. It is the intent of this provision that if the Town grants approval of the hotel, guests staying at in the proposed hotel and the tourism units therein, shall be allowed to play the 18 holes on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Islandside Golf Course) and the 27 holes on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Harbourside Golf Course) only under the following terms and conditions:

Discussion ensued on the current rental program utilized at the Inn On The Beach facility, use of the on-site amenities during the owners' residential use period (four weeks provided to owners), options to join the club and utilize facilities in lieu of participation in the rental program, and options to provide reference in the amendment to the specific Ordinance provisions to clarify the paragraph.

Attorney Syprett suggested the following language modifications to paragraph 4 (additions shown as double-underlined text/deletions shown as ~~striketrough~~ text):

4. The **STIPULATION AND ORDER** is hereby amended to allow for play by guests staying at a proposed hotel to be developed in accordance with Ordinance 2009-25. It is the intent of this provision that if the Town grants approval of the hotel, guests staying at in the proposed hotel building and the guests of the Key Club in and the tourism units in the hotel building therein, shall be allowed to play the 18 holes on the west side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Islandside Golf Course) and the 27 holes on the east side of Gulf of Mexico Drive (Harbourside Golf Course) only under the following terms and conditions:

Commr. Younger moved to approve the amendments to the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment, as amended. The motion, seconded by Commr. Lenobel, carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, as follows: Younger, aye; Lenobel, aye; Larson, aye; Siekmann, aye; Brown, aye; Brenner, aye; Spoll, aye.

11. Discussion Regarding Gulf of Mexico Drive Wayfinding Signs

At the June 17, 2010 Regular Workshop Meeting, the Town Manager and Public Works Director requested 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. Following deliberation, the Commission requested staff meet with the Chamber of Commerce and local businessman Andrew Vac to provide a generic scheme for the signs. The resulting report will be presented for Commission consideration at this meeting. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

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

Following comments by Town Manager Bruce St. Denis, Public Works Director Juan Florensa provided background information on the determination and design of the wayfinding signs, appointment of a working group relating to the issues to be addressed, and the recommendations from the working group.

Discussions were held with Mr. Florensa and Mr. Andrew Vac on the following topics/issues:

- determination of sequence of listings/ranking of named sites
- first and second renderings included in the Staff report
- inclusion of the word "public" for the tennis center listing

There was consensus to use Public Tennis Ctr. on the signage.

- change of southbound sign, alphabetical listing for northbound sign, deletion of the Chamber of Commerce sign, standardization of font sizes for all listings.

The following individuals commented on the proposed signs for Bay Isles Road:

Dr. Larry (Lawrence) Kassouf, Dentist, requested consideration for his dental office to be included on a sign

Mr. David Danner, All Angels Church, requested consideration for the Church listing to be included on a sign

Discussion ensued on the use of abbreviations on the signs for All Angels Church and Temple Beth Israel.

Mr. Bill Race, Gulf of Mexico Drive, supported consistent signs in both directions and suggested other opportunities to identify the location of the Chamber of Commerce in lieu of the sign proposed at Bay Isles Road.

Discussion ensued on options to create a taller sign with additional slats, the consistency of the font size, and the inclusion of additional establishments on the proposed signs.

Town Manager St. Denis suggested that the Commission postpone decision on the Bay Isles Road sign until September.

Discussion ensued with Dr. Kassouf and Mr. Race on proposed amendments to the signs to accommodate business entities in Mediterranean Plaza and the placement of an additional sign for Bay Isles Parkway.

Commr. Larson moved to approve the signage for locations other than the Town Hall sign. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Brown.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Florensa provided an overview of the signage for the South end heading northbound on Gulf of Mexico Drive. Discussion ensued on the option to separate "Visitor Information" from the "Chamber of Commerce," consistent font size for all signage, and options to refer the issue back to the Committee for additional review.

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

Rabbi Jonathan Katz, Temple Beth Israel, requested consideration to delete the directional information for the Chamber on the Bay Isles Road signage.

Mr. Andrew Vac, Committee member, commented on the suggestion to remove the Chamber listing and Mr. Florensa advised that unused slats could be removed.

Rabbi Katz suggested that a slat be left blank to provide public information on Commission meetings and other Town events.

Mr. Sheldon Paley, Hornblower Lane, commented on the importance of identifying Houses of Worship on Longboat Key.

Subsequent to comments, Commr. Larson withdrew her motion, without objection.

Subsequent to comments by Town Manager St. Denis, Mayor Spoll noted consensus to postpone action on the issue and to schedule the item for the Regular September Workshop Meeting and to direct the Committee to review and resolve the issues discussed this date.

Commr. Younger suggested that consideration be given towards keeping larger font sizes and to utilize reasonable (recognizable) abbreviations for the organizations/entities to be included on the signage. Commr. Brenner requested that the Committee provide their final recommendations at the Workshop in lieu of options for redesigning the signs in September.

RECESS: 8:42 p.m. - 8:52 p.m.

10. Amendments to the 1992 Stipulated Final Judgment and Town of Longboat Key, FL, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Key Club Associates, Limited, a Florida Limited Partnership et. al. - Continued

Town Attorney David Persson commented on discussion with Attorney Jim Syrett relating to comments earlier this meeting on the rental agreements for Inn On The Beach.

Attorney Jim Syrett noted a mis-statement earlier this meeting relating to the agreement with Inn On The Beach pertaining to rental units, advised that the owners have use of the units for a four-week period, and noted the owners are considered a guest by virtue of the terms of the rental agreements. Attorney Syrett advised that it was probable that a similar procedure would be utilized for the proposed hotel with owners identified as guests if their unit is enrolled in the rental program.

12. Setting of Maximum Millage

In accordance with Florida Statutes the Town must establish a proposed maximum millage rate by July so that it can be included in the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes mailed in August by each County. Although it can be reduced in later budget hearings, these millage rates cannot be increased. Recommended Action: Set Maximum Millage Rates and forward ordinances to adopt millage rates and budget based on these tentative rates to September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting for first reading and public hearing.

12. Setting of Maximum Millage - Continued

Following comments by Town Manager Bruce St. Denis, Finance Director Thomas Kelley reviewed the proposed millage rates, noted alternatives utilizing reserves to cover anticipated Fiscal Year 2011 costs, advised of the required millage for the bond debt, and the roll back rate. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- option to utilize reserves to lower the millage
- previous Workshop discussions relating to the proposed millage of 1.9036
- future impact of oil spill clean-up costs if required
- no millage against beach bonds for upcoming year
- estimated contribution for pension costs
- process to set the maximum millage rate and future hearings to determine/amend final millage rate.

Commr. Siekmann moved to set the maximum operating millage of 1.9036, with an additional millage of 0.716 for general obligation debt service, for a total millage 1.9752 (Scenario 1 of Staff's memorandum dated July 7, 2010). The motion was seconded by Commr. Lenobel.

Discussion ensued on the process for setting the maximum millage with the intent to further review and identify possible cost savings to lower the millage without impacting services.

The motion carried by a 5-2 roll call vote, as follows: Siekmann, aye; Lenobel, aye; Larson, aye; Brenner, aye; Younger, no; Brown, aye; Spoll, no.

13. Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Incident Response-Longboat Key's Local Action Plan (LAP)

On Tuesday, April 20, 2010 an offshore oil drilling platform, Deepwater Horizon, exploded in the Gulf of Mexico near Louisiana. At the May 20, 2010, Regular Workshop meeting, there was consensus for Coastal Planning & Engineering (CP&E), Inc. to develop a local response plan for a potential oil contamination situation. An overview of the proposed plan will be presented. Recommended Action: None, informational only.

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis commented on the status of the oil spill, anticipated impacts to shoreline and unknown impact due to any storm events, lack of adequate response plans to protect areas in North Florida (Panhandle), and the intent to protect the natural resources of Longboat Key. Town Manager St. Denis noted receipt of Local Action Plan (LAP) for Longboat Key, the intent to take action as necessary, the development of a unified command at the County level to be submitted to the Coast Guard, the possibility of non-reimbursement if the LAP is activated without first receiving approval.

Discussion ensued on the following topics/issues:

- payment for report (\$15,000-16,000) - possible reimbursement from BP Oil, claim to be submitted to BP for direct costs

13. Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Incident Response–Longboat Key's LAP - Continued

- utilizing an engineered ACP (Area Contingency Plan)
- cost estimate from CPE (range of potential costs whether or not reimbursable by BP)
- unknown threats from Gulf versus Passes versus through Tampa Bay and/or both and impact on costs to protect resources
- high demand for booms/availability of booms
- boom services available by present debris contractor
- proposal on page 12 relating to canal entry
- lack of protection by attempting to block specific canal entries
- page 11 proposal to block entry in Country Club Shores area
- discussions at Sarasota County Council of Governments
- ineffectiveness if oil spill comes in through bay areas
- intent to provide an alternative protection method if ACP is unsuccessful
- process for approval of the LAP
- lack of knowledge of the Unified Command of existing Longboat waterways to determine a plan that may work
- options to direct Engineering Firm to reassess recommended protection areas
- intent to have the LAP as a secondary response option in addition to the ACP
- proposed areas shown on the LAP for protection and lack of protection in some areas
- options to relay concerns back to CP&E to request further clarification.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to forward the proposed LAP as suggested by Town Manager with the primary focus to be the Passes, to request clarification from CP&E on the “weak” areas in the plan submitted, and to continue pressing for the North end of Sarasota Bay to be better protected. The motion was seconded by Commr. Siekmann.

Subsequent to comments, Commr. Brenner suggested that a meeting be scheduled with CP&E to show them the waterway layouts.

The motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote, as follows: Brown, aye; Siekmann, aye; Larson, aye; Younger, no; Lenobel, aye; Spoll, aye; Brenner, aye.

Individual comments followed on the option to withhold payment until the LAP was revised.

14. Discussion of Sarasota County's Efforts Concerning Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program

Sarasota County Economic Development Committee is asking for support of the Town of Longboat Key regarding an initiative to provide ad valorem tax exemption program for new businesses and expanding businesses within Sarasota County. This item is placed on the July 12, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda based on a request by Commissioner Brenner.

14. Discussion of Sarasota County's Efforts Concerning Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program - Continued

Commr. Brenner noted a ballot issue on August 24, 2010, for an ad valorem tax incentive program for businesses and Sarasota County's request for the Commission's support of the ballot issue.

Following comments, Commr. Brenner moved to support the Sarasota County initiative. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. Subsequent to discussion, the motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Governmental Entities

Vice Mayor Brown noted attendance at the Sarasota County Council of Governments meeting and noted a presentation relating to Condor Airlines and consideration to support bringing the airline provider from Germany to provide service to the Sarasota-Manatee International Airport.

B. Governmental Entities

Vice Mayor Brown noted three uncontested seats to the Hospital Board and suggested that the Town should support a Longboat Key citizen who may be interested in serving and commented on the utilization of taxes providing luxury meeting rooms and other amenities.

Following individual comments, Mayor Spoll suggested the Longboat Key newspapers provide information to citizens on the uncontested seats.

C. Budget

Commr. Larson commented on inclusion of two police officers in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget and suggested that existing staff be considered for any promotions that become available.

D. Government Entities/Public Works

Commr. Brenner requested the Town Manager address the Trolley issue and provide information on the North end sand placement later this meeting.

E. Utility Franchises

Commr. Siekmann commented on the North end power outages and the actions taken by Florida Power and Light Company, and further advised that power outages continue.

F. Town Commission

Commr. Siekmann noted the number and types of e-mails distributed and requested to review with the Town Manager.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Town Manager/Public Works

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis advised that a waiver will be granted related to sound restrictions for the North end project.

B. Public Works

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis advised that the North end sand placement has been authorized through the budget, noted the bid will be released soon, and that work is expected to begin in November.

C. Governmental Entities

Town Manager Bruce St. Denis advised that Staff and Commr. Siekmann were working with Manatee County officials relating to the continuation of the Trolley Service on Longboat Key.

TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS

A. Town Attorney

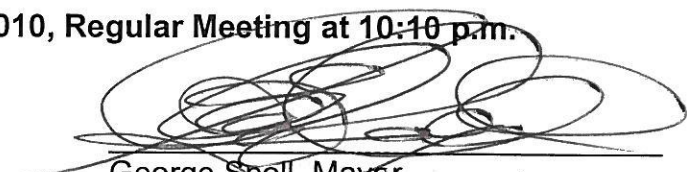
Town Attorney David Persson advised that Assistant Town Attorney Kelly Martinson would be attending the September 13, 2010, Town Commission Regular Meeting.

PRESS TO BE HEARD - No items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Spoll adjourned the July 12, 2010, Regular Meeting at 10:10 p.m.


Trish Granger, Town Clerk


George Spoll, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 10/4/10