

7. Discussion Regarding Selection Process for Town Attorney

- firms specializing in governmental laws/complexity of local government and the need for the ability to utilize a staff of attorneys through a contract firm.

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedar Street, commented on the selection process for hiring a new Town Attorney.

Following comments, Town Manager Bullock noted the average range of salaries for Assistant County Attorneys at Sarasota County Government.

There was majority consensus to pursue an outside contract attorney.

Upon inquiry, Town Manager Bullock noted that State law and the Town Code provide governmental entities latitude for procuring legal services, advised of his recommendation to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) and the subsequent procedures to narrow the respondents to an interview process, and suggested continued discussion of the preferred interview process by the Town Commission at the next Commission meeting.

RECESS: 2:46 p.m. - 2:54 p.m.

8. Discussion Regarding Selection of Planning Consultant

On December 10, 2012 two firms were interviewed for Planning Services for the Town's long-range planning needs, as well as amendments to the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan . Staff has continued discussion with both firms to determine if a contract can be reached that addresses the Town's needs. The Town Manager will discuss this effort and seek Commission direction on how to proceed in selection of a Planning Consultant. Recommended Action: Pending discussion, provide direction to Manager.

Town Manager Dave Bullock commented on the timeframe for the selection of a Planning Consultant, the steps accomplished to date, and the options to consider in the selection of the applicants that were interviewed. Discussions were held on the following topics/issues:

- options to consider the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and process to interview the firm
- Joint Workshop of the Town Commission and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Board with ULI present
- option to modify the RFP (Request For Proposal) process and reissue simultaneously
- services provided by ULI.

Mr. Gene Jaleski, Cedars Street, advised that he had no comments.

Mr. Larry Grossman, St. Judes Drive North, commented on the RFP that was issued and the varied components of the Scope of Work outlined.

Ms. B.J. Webb, Chair of the P&Z Board, concurred with a Joint Meeting and opined of the necessity to proceed with the revisions to the Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan.

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There was consensus to direct the Town Manager to contact ULI regarding their participation in the process.

Upon inquiry, Town Manager Bullock confirmed that he is abiding by the Town Procurement Code in the current process and advised of the timeframe for consideration/scheduling the discussion with ULI.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

9. Opportunity for Public to Address Town Commission

Section 30.01.1(B) provides that when the Town Commission conducts a Workshop Meeting wherein a Special Meeting immediately follows, the floor shall be opened for the public to be heard at the conclusion of the Workshop Meeting.

A. Public Works

Mr. Samir Ragheb, Bayside Drive, commented on previous consideration of dogs on the beach and options to support the maintenance of the beach through increased licensing fees for dogs,

Town Manager Dave Bullock requested consideration to postpone the discussion of dogs on the beach until April 2013, without objection.

B. Organizations

Mr. John Wild, representing the Longboat Key Kiwanis Club, provided an overview of the success of the annual Garden Party, noted the donations made to local entities, invited Commissioners to participate in the Kiwanis Valentine's night event (February 14, 2013), and offered an open invitation for Commissioners to attend the regular Kiwanis meetings every Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m..

Mr. Wild commended Mr. James Linkogle for his services to the annual Garden Party and the community.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Organizations

Commr. Duncan noted that the 2013 ManaSota League of Cities (MSLC) Legislative Priorities list has been completed, advised he will be attending the "Fast Fly-In," in Washington D.C., due to the absence of MSLC President Tom Jones.

B. Organizations

Commr. Zunz noted attendance at a meeting with Ms. Mary Solik and Mr. Kevin Barile to receive their input on future Zoning amendments to the telecommunications code and advised that she abstained from talking about cell towers.

TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS: No items were presented.

TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

A. Government Agencies

Town Manager Dave Bullock thanked Congressman Vern Buchanan for his Congressional inquiry into the permit status from the Army Corps of Engineers and advised that a draft permit has been received relating to the beach renourishment.

PRESS TO BE HEARD - No items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the January 22, 2013, Regular Workshop Meeting at 3:31 p.m.


Trish Granger, Town Clerk


James L. Brown, Mayor

Minutes Approved: 2-4-13

