

MINUTES

VISION SESSION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

PRESENT: MAYOR THURLOW-LIPPISCH, VICE MAYOR SCHOPPE, CMSRS. BAUSCH, BUSH, AND LUGER, AND TOWN MANAGER KELLOGG, CHIEF CERNIGLIA AND BUILDING OFFICIAL ADAMS

CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR THURLOW-LIPPISCH CALLED THE VISION SESSION TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M. AT THAT TIME SHE NOTED THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT WOULD ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. VICE MAYOR SCHOPPE READ THE TOWN'S VISION STATEMENT ALOUD, WHICH MAYOR THURLOW-LIPPISCH INDICATED HAD BEEN AUTHORED BY FORMER MAYOR KLINGENSMITH AND SHOULD BE FRAMED AND PLACED IN A SPECIAL AREA IN TOWN HALL.

THE FOLLOWING NOTES WERE TAKEN BY MAYOR THURLOW-LIPPISCH AND WILL BE RETAINED AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE VISION MEETING.

MISSION STATEMENT'S 1ST LINE: "THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN ITS SMALL-TOWN CHARACTER...."

"TOP WISHES"

1. **THURLOW-LIPPISCH:** LEGALLY REQUIRED TOWN MEETING FOR NEW RESIDENTS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TSP TO EDUCATE NEW RESIDENTS REGARDING TSP CODE COMPLIANCE AS WELL AS "TOWN PERKS"
2. **BUSH:** DESIGN SUPPORT FOR AIA PROJECT/MS. CAMBLOR'S FINAL REVIEW OF PROJECT
3. **BAUSCH:** QUARTERLY PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE CHECKS OF TOWN PARKS FOR REGULAR ASSESSMENT ON VEGETATION AND TREES AND HOW TO KEEP IT "LOOKING GREAT."
4. **SCHOPPE:** A PRAYER BEFORE THE MEETING.
5. **LUGER:** UPGRADING OF TOWN OWNED LANDS/WATER RETENTION AREAS WITH BENCHES AND IN APPROPRIATE CASES THE MAKING OF A SOCCER FIELD OR OTHER SPORTS AREA.
6. **KELLOGG:** NOTED THAT WITH A TWO PERCENT CONTINUING DECREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES AND THE SAME MILLAGE RATE AS TODAY, COLLECTED AD VALOREM TAXES WOULD BE DOWN BY \$205,000 BY 2015; HIS GOAL IS TO KEEP A "HEALTHY RESERVE," AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

OTHER IDEAS NOTED

THURLOW-LIPPISCH:

AGENDA, PACKET, EMAIL TO COMMUNITY, AND PACKET OUT BY WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING.

-ADD 10 NEW NAMES TO COMMUNITY EMAIL LIST A WEEK THROUGH STAFF

- "GREEN" TOWN CULTURE ALWAYS!

-PRIDE OURSELVES ON AN ATTITUDE OF RESPECT TOWARDS OURSELVES & THE PUBLIC!

-BUDGET FOR THREE TO FIVE YEARS OUT RATHER THAN ONE

-RENOVATE TOWN HALL & GET NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND EDUCATION. BE TECH SAVVY!

BUSH:

PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY!

-BETTER TREES THAN FDOT'S ROOT BOUND ONES.

-IMPROVEMENTS TO INDIALUCIE SUBDIVISION (MEDIAN/BEAUTIFICATION) W/AIA PROJECT

-COVERED BUS STOPS FOR STUDENTS

-UNDERGROUND NORTH THEN SOUTH SEWALL'S POINT

-PLAN FOR A TREE CANOPY

-REVIEW YEARLY WS FOLLOWED BY....(?)

-DON'T DEPEND ON ENGINEERS AND LAWYERS SO MUCH

-PART TIME TOWN MANAGER?

-HARD AND ELECTRONIC COPIES OF PACKETS, ETC...

-HOW STAFF CAME...(?)

-NEW COMMISSIONER CHAIRS (SO UNCOMFORTABLE!)

-NO TINTED WINDOWS IN POLICE CARS/MORE "FRIENDLY"

BUSHA (CONTINUED):

- REMIND POLICE THEY ARE 1ST LINE IN CODE ENFORCEMENT/USE BRIGHT NOTE PADS TO "CITE" THE PUBLIC AND THEN IF REQUESTS NOT FOLLOWED SEND THESE "OFFENDERS" TO CODE ENFORCEMENT.
- REST ROOMS IN TOWN PARK & PLAYGROUND UPDATED
- REDRAW THE PEDESTRIAN CROSS WALKS TO REALISTIC AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY CROSS!
- ARBORIST TO LOOK AT THE S SP CANOPY THAT FPL IS CUTTING BACK SO-O-O FAR. DANGEROUS?
- FISHING PIER FOR TOWN PARK
- WELCOME PACKETS FOR NEW RESIDENTS
- USE VOLUNTEERS FOR TOWN HALL GREETING AND FILING

BAUSCH:

- WATERFRONT LOT AND COMMUNITY CENTER
- PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPER TO CHECK ON PARKS AND ADVISE

SCHOPPE:

- PRAYER BEFORE MEETINGS
- OF COURSE THE SIDEWALK!
- BEAUTIFICATION TO TOWN AND PARKS ESP. GRASS IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL!

LUGER:

- IMPROVEMENTS TO "PARKS" AROUND TOWN (PROVIDED LIST AND AERIAL PHOTOS)
- DEVELOP THESE PROPERTIES AS "POCKET PARKS"
- NOTE THE POSITIVE IMPACT THIS WOULD HAVE ON PROPERTY VALUES.....
- DEFRAY COSTS BY "PUTTING BENCHES, ETC... IN SOMEONE'S NAME.."
- OBESITY GRANT AND SIDEWALKS SHOULD BE RESEARCHED AND TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF!
- NOTED POSSIBLE LOWER AD VALOREM FOR NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS AT LEAST
- PROVIDED "5 YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT LIST"
- PROVIDED "5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN"
- SAID "TYPICAL" RESERVES FOR A TOWN COULD BE 3-6 MONTHS OF REVENUE (\$600,000) BUT THAT HE IS NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THAT NUMBER...
- ASK THE COMMISSION ITS COMFORT LEVEL WHICH THROUGH DISCUSSION WAS DETERMINED TO BE AROUND 1.5 MILLION FOR DISASTER FUND RESERVES. WITH 4.2 MILLION IN "RESERVES," AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EXPENSES FOR AIA ETC....THE GROUP DETERMINED THERE WAS AROUND \$800,000 LEFT "TO SPEND" OR TO SAVE.

MAYOR THURLOW-LIPPISCH THANKED EVERYONE FOR BEING PRESENT AND CMSR. BAUSCH SAID, "THE COMMISSION OWES THE MAYOR A DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR HER EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF." ALL AGREED.

ADJOURN: 7:50 P.M.