

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Town Commission

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Present: Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch, Vice Mayor Schoppe (7:03 P.M.), Cmsrs. Bausch, Busha and Luger, and Town Manager Kellogg, Attorney Torcivia, and Acting Chief Ciechanowski,

Absent: Building Official Adams

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch called the Meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Town Manager Kellogg asked to remove *Item 3d. Approval of Resolution No. 770 Easement to Florida Power & Light for Undergrounding*. A motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Cmsr. Busha to approve the agenda with the change indicated. All in favor. (5-0)

In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch

Opposed: None

2. **Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda** - None

3. **Public Hearings & Presentations:**

- a. **Proclamation "Recognizing Justin Riney Indian River Lagoon Conservation Paddle"** - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch said she had presented Justin Riney, ocean activist, with the Proclamation in appreciation for all of his efforts last weekend and talked about the importance of our waterways. Cmsr. Bausch congratulated Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch for her work [with children] by drawing attention to the seriousness of how poor our estuaries are and suggested everyone contact their legislators about this issue.

- b. **Discussion of 2013 Sailfish Regatta** – Toby Overdorf began by saying next year's Sailfish Regatta will be held April 19-21, 2013, after Easter and after Tax Day. He then reviewed the costs associated with last year's event, and said donations of \$500 were given to each of the charities decided upon [last year]. To date they have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$14,500 and have two cash sponsors, so they are "already ahead of last year." He went on to say they were seeking approval of the Commission to close the bridge during next year's event. Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch explained the Commission would like to have more conversation on this and asked him to come back to the meeting scheduled on October 29th where they would present a resolution. General Manager Ewing from Sailfish Point also attended the meeting saying, "... they would prefer not to close the bridge, but would support whatever decision the Town of Sewall's Point made."

- c. **Ordinance No. 376 Retaining Walls, Second Reading & Adoption** - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch said this ordinance had been discussed at length and workshopped at least twice. The ordinance stipulates retaining/ seawalls must be designed and constructed so that at least 50% of the wall is obscured by vegetation; no other changes were made. Attorney Torcivia read Ordinance No. 376 Retaining Walls into the record. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schoppe, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch to approve Ordinance No. 376 as submitted. All in favor. (5-0)

- d. **Approval of Resolution No. 770 Easement to Florida Power & Light** - Removed

- e. **Approval of Resolution No. 771 Authorizing Contract for Security Cameras** – Town Manager Kellogg said he received only one bid from Wild Fire and reiterated his discussions with them regarding costs involved, i.e., installation and monthly fee, number of cameras to be installed, licensing, etc. He also noted he was working with FP&L to install the receiver on the siren pole at Town Hall. Cmsr. Bausch indicated residents at IndiaLucie were interested in having a camera in their area and Cmsr. Busha asked how much it would cost to add a camera to the Plaza. **Residents:** Scott Wade reiterated his feeling about how the Police Department does its day-to-day business and should it be done differently. Vinnie Barile said cameras will only help after the fact and he did not want to see [video] screens in patrol cars – 'patrol by video.' Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch read Resolution No. 771 Authorizing Contract for Security Cameras into the record. A motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to approve Resolution No. 771 authorizing a contract with Wild Fire for security cameras.

All in favor. (5-0)

In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch

Opposed: None

Town Manager Kellogg announced his selection of John "Jack" Donadio as the new Chief of Police. At that time Mr. Donadio said he was "looking forward to becoming a leader of the Police Department and was anxious to start."

- f. Approval of Resolution No. 772 Budget Transfer – Town Manager Kellogg explained his rationale for the budget transfer (with accounts listed) outlined to the Commission totaling \$28,120.00. Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch read Resolution No. 772 Budget Transfer into the record. Cmsr. Bausch made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to approve Resolution No. 772 Budget Transfer for the end of the year in the amount indicated. All in favor. (5-0)
In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch Opposed: None
4. **Consent Agenda:**
a. Approval of Minutes: August 28 and 30, and September 13 and 25, 2012
b. Approval of Disbursements for September 2012 - #1002, and #15261-15329 - Pulled
A motion was made by Cmsr. Busha, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to approve the minutes only, and pull the disbursements. All in favor. (5-0)
In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch Opposed: None
5. **Financial Report for September 2012** – Town Manager Kellogg recommended approval of the End of Year financial report. After discussion, Vice Mayor Schoppe made a motion, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch to approve the Financial Report for September 2012. All in favor. (5-0)
In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch Opposed: None
6. **Chief of Police Report** – Acting Chief Ciechanowski gave a brief overview of what the officers were doing on the latest burglary case and indicated some stolen property had been found. She continued by saying the Holiday Open House would be held on December 9th, and also that a new police clerk had been hired. Responding to Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch, Acting Chief Ciechanowski said persons involved with the Castle Hill burglary have been arrested.
7. **Town Manager’s Comments** – Town Manager Kellogg reiterated what was said previously discussed about sidewalks and eminent domain and will be working with Atty. Torcivia on this issue. He talked about the trees on A1A and indicated pictures of trees from Central Florida were included in Commission packets and asked for direction from the Commission. They directed Mr. Kellogg to get standard Live Oaks to be installed on the west side of the bump-outs (on A1A).
Town Manager Kellogg told the Commission that we had been informed by DOR that our Public Hearing Notice and Resolution (budget) did not comply with the State standard and that we would have to hold another meeting in order to comply. A Public Hearing was then scheduled for Monday, October 29th at 7 PM.
8. **Comments from Commissioners on topics not on the agenda**
 - Cmsr. Bausch said he was proud of this Commission, and he would like to revisit hiring a tenth officer as there is justification, and said people who live here want to because they know we have a wonderful Police Department.
 - Vice Mayor Schoppe said he was looking forward to hearing from the new Police Chief as to the needs [of our community].
 - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch talked about the letter she received from the Jehovah Witnesses regarding solicitation. She also gave a hand-out on “Speak Up for the St. Lucie” campaign.
9. **Adjourn** - A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schoppe, seconded by Cmsr. Luger to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM. All in favor. (5-0)
In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe, and Thurlow-Lippisch Opposed: No

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk