

# MINUTES

Workshop of the Town Commission

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

**Present:** Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch, Vice Mayor Schoppe, Cmsrs. Bausch, Busha and Luger, and Acting Chief Ciechanowski and Building Official Adams

**Absent:** Town Manager Kellogg

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. It was suggested to move Item 4b. *Discussion of High Point Drainage Improvements* up to coincide with Item 3d. *High Point Drainage Issue Presentation*. A motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe 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** - Fred Taylor of Harbour Bay Plaza asked the Commission if they would consider new signage for tenants of the Plaza. He said it would be on the building itself, and that it would be to the benefit of the Town as well as to the shop owners. Vice Mayor Schoppe recommended that "... we become a part of the process in considering what is being proposed." Mr. Taylor expressed his appreciation on behalf of the owners [at Harbour Bay Plaza]. Cmsr. Luger asked to have this item placed on a future agenda.

Letter from Eric J. Ott and Robert J. Ott - Letter read into the record from Mr. Ott, 26 N. Sewall's Point Road, by Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch. (Mr. Ott handed the letter to Town Clerk at the beginning of the meeting and asked her to give it to Mayor to be read in open session.)

### 3. **Public Hearings & Presentations:**

- a. Proclamations "Environmental Studies Awareness Month" and b. Proclamation "Environmental Studies Anniversary Year" - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch asked Kelly Bond Pelletier to read these Proclamations into the record. Mr. Pelletier was commended by Cmsr. Luger who said, "We appreciate [what you have done] and keep up the good work."
- c. Proclamation "Historic Preservation Month" - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch read the Proclamation saying it provides a sense of history and what we strive to do to preserve our heritage. She went on to say there is a road platted and a sign ordered at Emerita/Palmetto in honor of former Mayor Elvin H. Killheffer, in recognition of his sense of historical preservation and his being the first mayor of the Town.
- d. High Point Drainage Issue Presentation/Drainage Improvements - Dr. King gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the water issue he has at his property, the measures he has taken to alleviate the problem, and a request that the Town review and provide assistance, if possible. At that time, Town Engineer Capra reviewed what has been done in the past, and made suggestions to help rid the problem. Costs would be significant and it would require two phases along with an ex-filtration system, curbing, laying piping, repairs to driveway, vegetation, irrigation lines, etc. Also discussed was whether to combine this project with another or not. After further discussion, Dr. King indicated he would be willing to redo the landscaping and irrigation at his cost; and the question arose whether this project would have to go out to bid and if a lesser cost would be possible, along with next steps to be discussed at a future time.

### 4. **Discussion:**

- a. Sidewalk Project - Vice Mayor Schoppe said the sidewalk project at Dr. Nehme's property has a disconnect. He met with Dr. Nehme who would like an amount of money in keeping with the square footage of the property (being waterfront property). He went on to say this is a public safety situation and felt that the cash offer of \$20-25,000.00 was appropriate and should not to be revisited. There was discussion around the size of the property the Town is seeking to obtain - 200' x 10', similar situations where the Town did not pay for the property, and the suggestion of having a condemnation attorney come and speak to the Commission before taking next steps. Cmsr. Bausch supported going ahead with the offer to Dr. Nehme, and Cmsr. Busha questioned the extra expenses for the sidewalk saying she would rather talk to a condemnation attorney first. Vice Mayor Schoppe expressed his concern for 'public safety,'

Cmsr. Luger would like to see the gap closed [at Nehme's property], and his concern was children having to go back out onto the street again; in conclusion, Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch said this project was a commitment and should look at cost of condemnation.

5. **Comments from Commissioners on topics not on the agenda**

- Cmsr. Luger discussed the playground project and said they have a few potential donors.
- Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch brought up concern for political signs at which time Acting Chief Ciechanowski reviewed what has been done in the past, and present.
- Vice Mayor Schoppe touched upon the 'camera system' and Acting Chief Ciechanowski suggested not discussing where or when system would be in place in public.
- Acting Chief Ciechanowski said Officers Downham and Fitzgerald would be accepting an award in Orlando in recognition of Crime Prevention efforts made by the Police Department, and community. She said all officers are working very hard.

6. **Adjourn** - A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schoppe, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 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