

MINUTES

Final Public Hearing of the Town Commission

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Present: Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch, Vice Mayor Schoppe (7:05 P.M.), Cmsrs. Bausch, Busha and Luger, and Town Manager Kellogg, Attorney Torcivia, Chief Cerniglia and 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. Hearing none, a motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Cmsr. Busha to approve the agenda as noted. All in favor. (4-0)

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

Opposed: None

2. **Proposed Millage for Fiscal Year 2012-13** - Town Manager Kellogg

Town Manager Kellogg indicated the Hearing was the Final TRIM Hearing on the Proposed Millage for Fiscal Year 2012-13 which reflects maintaining the current millage rate (rollback) of 2.2896 mills. He went on to say the expected revenue to be estimated at \$1,249,819 at 2.2896, total revenue and expenses estimated at \$2,844,700, and \$745,181 coming from reserves for capital improvements – sidewalks, undergrounding, street improvements and tree trimming. No comment from the public. Cmsr. Bausch made a motion, seconded by Cmsr. Busha to approve Resolution No. 765, read into the record by Atty. Torcivia, to adopt the tentative millage rate of 2.2896 for Fiscal Year 2012-13. All in favor. (5-0)

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

Opposed: None

3. **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13** - Town Manager Kellogg

Town Manager Kellogg indicated the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 was estimated at \$2,844,700, saying \$745,181 was coming from reserves, noted above. Cmsr. Bausch made a motion, seconded by Cmsr. Busha to approve Resolution No. 766, read into the record by Atty. Torcivia, to approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 in the amount of \$2,844,700, as amended by Vice Mayor Schoppe. All in favor. (5-0)

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

Opposed: None

Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda (which was left off the agenda) - Residents: Diane Kimes thanked the commission for their service and the sidewalks. She went on to say she did see the proposed expenditures for the Town are 38.5% more than last year, but saw no other information since back in May. She said information needs to be timely. Vinnie Barile questioned the moving of \$21,000 from PW portion of budget 519.462 and would it go back to reserves. Scott Wade said he was trying to understand how the budget has changed over the year. Cmsr. Bausch explain the impact of sidewalks, lighting for the corridor, removal of light poles, major construction, etc., with Town Manager Kellogg supporting Cmsr. Bausch's summary. Don Gleichmann said signs are being moved and asked who was moving them? Discussion followed around how far from the road signs have to be, not in right-of-way, etc. Maria Dunn talked about the Crime Watch and the amount of feedback they have received and asked what was the status of the security cameras, and thanked the Commission for the Crime Watch signs. Town Manager Kellogg said research was being done and hoped to place wireless cameras in four areas in Town.

4. **Public Hearings & Presentations:**

- a. Presentation of Plaque in acknowledgement of Retirement of Eric Cerniglia, Chief of Police – On behalf of the residents and Commission, Town Manager Kellogg thanked Chief Cerniglia for his 5 ½ years of service. He presented him with a plaque. At that time, the Mayor asked for a 10 minute break so everyone could congratulate the Chief and wish him well. She said the Town will miss him and thanked him.

- b. Approval of “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Week” Proclamation – Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch read the proclamation and addressed those Vietnam Veterans in the audience thanking them for their service to the country. Jerry Smith accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans.

- c. Ordinance No. 376 Retaining Wall, First Reading – Building Official Adams explained this ordinance will regulate any construction of retaining walls in view of the St. Lucy River, and will obscure 50% of the wall with vegetation. The Ordinance was read into the record by Atty. Torcivia. Vice Mayor Schoppe made a motion, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch to approve Ordinance No. 376 Retaining Wall, First Reading. All in favor. (5-0)

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

Opposed: None

- d. Approval of Resolution No. 767, Amendment 4 – Town Manager Kellogg presented the information to the Commission. After much discussion, the Mayor called for a motion. Failed for lack of motion.

- e. Approval of Resolution No. 768, Authorizing Transfer of Funds from various accounts listed in the amount of \$50,500.00 – Town Manager Kellogg explained adjustments needed to be made to some accounts and anticipated there would be one more transfer in October. Vice Mayor Schoppe made a motion, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch to approve Resolution No. 768. All in favor. (5-0)

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

Opposed: None

- f. Approval of Motion to Purchase Street Lights – Town Manager Kellogg asked to purchase two additional street lights to match the lights being installed on A1A at a cost of \$6300.00. Vice Mayor Schoppe made a motion, seconded by Cmsr. Bausch to approve the purchase of street lights. All in favor. (5-0)
In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch **Opposed:** None
5. **Consent Agenda:**
a. Approval of Minutes – None
b. Approval of Disbursements #15195-15260 for the Month of August 2012
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Schoppe, seconded by Cmsr. Busha to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. (5-0)
In Favor: Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch **Opposed:** None
6. **Financial Report for August 2012** – Cmsr. Busha asked to have this as a separate agenda item every three months beginning the first of January, April, July, etc., which was agreed to.
7. **Chief of Police Comments** – Chief Cerniglia responded to a question regarding the cost of a resident’s mailbox. He explained the officer failed to concentrate and drifted across and hit the mailbox which cost \$175.00 to replace. The officer was reprimanded and there was no damage to the vehicle. He respectfully disagreed with a comment made awhile ago regarding code enforcement not being handled by the Police Department. He handed out a Code Enforcement Activity sheet showing the numbers of violations made by the officers for the last three years corroborating their efforts. He went on to say this was his final meeting and appreciated the opportunity to be a part of Sewall’s Point, and hoped that the Commission would continue to support the [Police] Department.
8. **Town Manager’s Comments** – Mr. Kellogg indicated the issue of the trees not in alignment had been solved. He shared the email regarding night work (A1A) from the project manager for two nights sometime in October/November from 7 PM to 6 AM, saying a noise permit would have to be pulled. Vice Mayor Schoppe suggested putting this in the Newsletter when we know more.
9. **Comments from Commissioners on topics not on the agenda**
 - Cmsr. Bausch, just returning from New York, recommended visiting the “911” memorial saying it was “humbling.” He said Indialucie homeowners asked to be included in the security cameras,
 - Cmsr. Busha asked why it has taken so long to hire a Police clerk, and the junk behind Town Hall.
 - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch said the River Kidz signs are in. Lt. Tina, she said, came up with the idea of using recycled street signs and the kids painted them and then polyurethaned. She then noted the Police Department garage looked terrible, the planters don’t have plants, etc. and asked for something to be done.
10. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Cmsr. Luger to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. All in favor. (4-0)
In Favor: Busha, Luger, Schoppe, and Thurlow-Lippisch **Opposed:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk