



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

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The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall’s Point met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Luger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Luger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Paul Luger, Vice Mayor Dan Morris, Commissioner Vincent N. Barile, Commissioner James W. Campo, Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch, Town Manager Pamela M. Walker, Town Attorney Glenn Torcivia and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Town Manager Walker asked that the Holiday Party Catering be added to the Consent Agenda as item number 3. Town Manager Walker also proposed an agenda change of the following: the Consent Agenda, the two Proclamations, second reading of the FPL Franchise Agreement, Citizens Against Rail Expansion and Sailfish Regatta Resolution and then wrap it up with the internal business of electing the new Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippish; to approve the amended agenda adding the Holiday Party Catering as item number 3 of the Consent Agenda and reorganizing the agenda as follows: Consent Agenda, the two Proclamations, second reading of the FPL Franchise Agreement, Sailfish Regatta Resolution and Citizens Against Rail Expansion and then wrap it up with the internal business of electing the new Mayor and Vice Mayor; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Luger, Vice Mayor Morris, Commissioners Barile, Campo and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Reports
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Holiday Party Catering (add on)

Motion was made by Commissioner Campo, seconded by Vice Mayor Morris; to approve the Consent Agenda including Holiday Party Catering as item number 3; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Luger, Vice Mayor Morris, Commissioners Barile, Campo and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS

4. Youth in Government

Mayor Luger read the Proclamation into record.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch gave a brief summary of Mrs. Stella Boland.

John Lass, President and CEO of the Treasure Coast YMCA, gave an overview of the origin of the program. He then introduced the officers of the Treasure Coast Youth in Government as Dylan Farnette, President, Sydney Brown, Secretary, Ciera Scott, Legislative Coordinator and Taylor Phillip, District Chair.

Sydney Brown, Secretary of the Treasure Coast Youth in Government, gave an overview of the program.

5. Lego Robotics Team SPICY

Mayor Luger read the Proclamation into record.

Luke Askeland, Gaby Dunn, GiGi Dunn, Anton Fender, Braydon Fender, Matther Nehme, Simon Preissman and Amelia Wyler presented an overview of their tour of the St. Lucie Solid Waste Facility and the Lego Robotics program.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 407 FPL Franchise Agreement

Town Manager Walker gave an overview.

Motion was made by Commissioner Campo, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, to approve Ordinance No. 407 FPL Franchise Agreement on Second Reading; therefore it was read into the record by title by Town Attorney Torcivia; therefore it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Luger, Vice Mayor Morris, Commissioners Barile, Campo and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

7. Citizens Against Rail Expansion – All Aboard Florida

Mayor Luger stated that the presentation that was going to be given by Citizens Against Rail Expansion is being delayed but there was someone who wanted to speak on their behalf.

Ellen Stevenson spoke briefly about Citizen Against Rail Expansion.

There was public comment by Thomas Radarack.

8. Sailfish Regatta Resolution of Support and Agreement of Conditions

Town Manager Walker presented the item.

Sergio Nativi, President of the Stuart Sailfish Regatta, Inc., gave an overview of the event.

There was discussion among the Commission, Mr. Nativi and Robert Pontack.

Motion was made by Commissioner Campo, seconded by Vice Mayor Morris, to approve Resolution 821; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Luger, Vice Mayor Morris, Commissioners Barile, Campo and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were public comments by Darlene Serls and Arthur.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

9. Election of Mayor

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippish nominated Commissioner Barile for Mayor, motion failed due to a lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Campo, seconded by Vice Mayor Morris, to appoint Vice Mayor Morris as Mayor; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Luger, Vice Mayor Morris, Commissioner Barile, Campo and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Morris stated that he would like to thank former Mayor Luger for his service during the past year. He also stated that Commissioner Luger has been a fair minded Mayor, and open to comments and ideas from other Commissioners and the public. Mayor Morris also stated that Commissioner Luger is highly efficient and a fine director of meetings here, both in an efficient and fair way so that all people can express their views. He would like to applaud Commissioner Luger for his service.

10. Election of Vice-Mayor

Motion was made by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, seconded by Commissioner Barile, to appoint Commissioner Barile for Vice Mayor; it was voted as follows: Ayes:

Commissioner Barile and Thurlow-Lippisch. Nye: Mayor Morris and Commissioners Campo and Luger. Motion failed 3 to 2.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that she would like to qualify why she has done what she has done. She stated that she wants everyone to know that she works with everyone and supports everyone. She also stated that Commissioner Barile has shown a lot of diligence and worked very hard; he was passed over last year, it is a heart breaking experience for her to see that occur. Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that even when new power comes in we have to realize that we are a combination of power. In her personal opinion it is really good to always work together and respect each other. She also stated that the Mayor for the Town of Sewall's Point is not a strong Mayor system, you are in essence running the meetings, take more responsibility but we are still an equal vote. Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that she looks forward to working with everyone and congratulates the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Luger, seconded by Mayor Morris; to approve Commissioner Campo as Vice Mayor; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Commissioner Campo, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Nye: Commissioner Barile. Motion passed 4 to 1.

COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Commissioners or staff.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dan Morris, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk