



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2015

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The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point met on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barile asked if the committee appointments could be added to the agenda.

Mayor Morris stated that he has not had a chance to review them as of yet.

Town Manager Walker also responded that the most pressing one is the Regional Planning Council and she has spoken with them and advised it would be on our January agenda.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that she was voted to be the Vice-Chair for the Regional Planning Council at their last meeting, which was held last week. However, if the Commission would like to have a different Commissioner serve as a courtesy we should inform them sooner rather than later.

The Commission reached a consensus to have committee appointments done at the January 26, 2016 Commission meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Financial Reports**

2. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Campo commented that he requested that the Commission receive year to date financials rather than monthly financial statements that stands on their own.

Town Manager Walker stated that she would be happy and that she could produce a report that shows this month, the year to date against the entire budget and the percentage of the entire budget.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

3. Volunteer Appreciation

Mayor Morris read the Certificate of Appreciation for the volunteers into the record.

Town Manager Walker presented the item and presented the certificates to the following volunteers: Bill Escue, Elizabeth Demorest, Ella Ford, Ellen Demorest, Lucy Escue, Paul Heise and Susan Licari was recognized for the volunteer services that they freely give to the Town of Sewall's Point. The volunteers were presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Town of Sewall's Point and a gift certificate donated by Harbour Bay Plaza.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were public comments made by Jody Hart and Shelly Walser.

DISCUSSION

4. Sign Code Update

Town Manager Walker presented the item.

Steve Garrett, from Lucido & Associates, presented a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the sign code.

There was discussion among the Commission and Mr. Garrett.

There were public comments made by Frank Ferraro, Steve Dutcher and Debbie Duval. Town Manager Walker gave a review of the changes and updates regarding the sign code ordinance.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch asked that the Supreme Court ruling on signs be explained to the citizens of Sewall's Point in the newsletter.

The Commission reached a consensus to place the Supreme Court ruling in a newsletter for the citizens to be aware of the sign code changes that will be made and to have ready for first reading in January.

5. Lantana Park Plan/Budget Modification

Town Manager Walker presented the item.

Commissioner Campo stated that he has an issue with spending that kind of money and not having any functionality. He also stated that we are trying to build community, for people to come and share and in order to create communities we have to provide opportunity for that and a place where people can meet and sit at picnic table. A gazebo would be a better use of money.

Commissioner Luger stated that this was his idea and that Commissioner Campo's comments were part of the original plan. He agrees with Commissioner Campo about it being He also stated that he has been in touch with some local community leaders and is trying to get some participation in helping to do this new plan.

Commissioner Barile stated that he does not agree with taking the money from the A1A beautification project, we need to find another place to get the money. He also stated that we have to remember that this is a retention area. Also, we have to be very careful about having ball playing there because of the liability.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that it is a beautiful plan and hopes that we keep it and utilize it more in the future as realty sales improves. She stated that she does not support it at this time because she feels beautification should be spent on A1A. She also thanked Lucido & Associates and stated that she doesn't want to seem ungrateful but doesn't think this is the time for it.

Tom Lucido, Lucido & Associates, addressed the Commission in regards to the design of the park and additional costs.

The Commission reached a consensus and advised the Town Manager to meet with Lucido & Associates for a revised plan.

COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Luger stated that he wanted to express publicly that this Commission is a good group of people and he believes they work well together and regardless of their battles and differences, he believes that we are doing a great service for this Town and he appreciates all the Commissioners individually.

Vice-Mayor Campo thanked Police Chief Ciechanowski, Town Manager Walker and all of the staff for a magnificent Christmas party.

Mayor Morris stated that it was a terrific event and he also thanked the Elliot Museum for their donation and time, Renato and Josephine for the great food, and he stated that the kids had a great time at the park with the pony and it was a wonderful event for all.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch also stated that it was a great party and this was the first time she has sat through the whole magic show and that the magician was great with the kids. She also stated that she noticed that the Town did something a little different by involving Seacoast Bank. She thinks that the involvement was positive.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dan Morris, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk