



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

[Verbatim details available at www.sewallspoint.org by clicking the "audio" link for the meeting]

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 (absent), 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

Vice-Mayor Campo asked that the Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Financial Reports
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Resolution No. 824 supporting local regulation of plastic bag use

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Campo, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch to approve item 3 of the Consent Agenda; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioners Barile and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion among the Commission, Town Manager and Town Clerk regarding the Financial Report and Meeting Minutes. After further discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to defer the Meeting Minutes until next month giving Vice-Mayor Campo an opportunity to listen to the minutes and corrections be made.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was public comment by Mr. Joseph Maher and Roger Degraff.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

4. Officer of the Year

Police Chief Tina Ciechanowski presented the award of Officer of the Year to Officer Zachary Transue.

5. American Red Cross

Robin Hicks Nunley gave an overview of the American Red Cross to the Commission. Mayor Morris read and presented the Proclamation to Ms. Robin Hicks Nuley.

6. Florida Oceanographic Society- Oysters Living Shoreline

Dr. Vincent Encomio of the Florida Oceanographic Society gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the use of Oysters to create living shorelines.

There was public comment by Mr. Fred Burkey.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. First Reading of Ordinance No. 408 of Sign Code Ordinance

Town Attorney Torcivia read Ordinance No. 408 into the record.

Town Manager Walker presented the item.

There was discussion among the Commission.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Campo, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch to approve Ordinance No. 408 of Sign Code on First Reading; therefore it was read into the record by title by Town Attorney Torcivia; therefore it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioners Barile and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Campo discussed the Commissioners' defense policy and the Town's insurance coverage. He also discussed the timing of the Town Manager's annual performance review and requested that the review process start now.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch commented that she respectfully disagrees and that the process should start in May as in previous years.

Commissioner Barile stated that the Commission needs to stick to the current process.

Mayor Morris stated that he would review the procedures that were used last year and suggest that Commissioners talk one-on-one with the Town Manager.

Commissioner Barile commented on the Public Records Law and stated that Commissioners should be available for signatures for checks.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch commented on how important it is for the Town to stay involved in the Lake Okeechobee water discharge issue.

Mayor Morris stated that there are plans to have a strategic planning session that will focus on financing future capital budgets in April or May. He also spoke about potentially annexing the Dolphin Bar property into the Town. He suggested that some aspects of the Tree ordinance may need to be reconsidered like the 2 inch caliber of the tree and indicated that Town Manager evaluation process will be discussed at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dan Morris, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk