



**TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT**  
**TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 22, 2016**

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The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall’s Point met on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 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**

Mayor Morris asked that item # 8 (Second Reading of Ordinance No. 408) be moved to item # 3 due to him having to leave for family reasons. Town Manager Walker also added the Financial Balance Sheet to the Financial Report due to it being omitted by accident. She also asked if item # 3 (Proclamation Keep Martin Beautiful/Great American Cleanup) could be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Financial Reports
2. Meeting Minutes
3. Proclamation Keep Martin Beautiful/Great American Cleanup

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY TOPIC**

There was public comment by Ella Ford.

**PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION**

**4. Proclamation Keep Martin Beautiful/Great American Cleanup**

Moved to item # 3 on the Consent Agenda.

**5. Martin County Historical Preservation Board applicability to municipalities.**

**Mr. Douette Pryce of the Martin County Historical Preservation Board presented this item before the Commission.**

**DISCUSSION**

**6. Request for FEMA Grant Extension support by Fote/Baby**

Town Manager Walker presented the item.

Mr. Baby addressed the Commission.

There was public comment by Mr. Douette Pryce.

**The Commission reached a consensus to allow the FEMA Grant Extension support for Mr. Baby.**

**RESOLUTION**

**7. Resolution No. 827 Re-adopting the Governmental Money Purchase Plan and Trust and re-designating ICMA Retirement Corporation as the Plan Administrator**

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

Vice-Mayor Campo commented that ICMA is industry standard and that he supports adoption as proposed, but he asked the Commission to direct the Town Manager to get competitive quotes and consider the benefits of using someone local for more direct assistance to staff in order to avoid liability and to increase financial planning education to staff. Commissioner Luger stated that he has no objection with Vice-Mayor Campo's suggestion as long as it stays in the confines of industry standards for a municipality and that it will benefit the employees.

Town Manager Walker responded that she had had the same concerns as Vice-Mayor Campo about the liability issue but that ICMA has agreed to provide "in person" consultation with staff, and that there is resistance among staff to any change in the current arrangement.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch asked whether Police Chief Ciechanowski had her input in this matter. Town Manager Walker responded that as a long-time employee she had been asked for input and opined that she is happy with ICMA.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Luger, seconded by Commissioner Barile to approve Resolution No. 827 Re-adopting the Governmental Money Purchase Plan and Trust and re-designating ICMA Retirement Corporation as the Plan Administrator; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioners Barile, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Absent: Mayor Morris. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Resolution No. 828 Adopting the Defense of Public Officers Policy**

Vice-Mayor Campo introduced the item.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Luger, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch to approve Resolution No. 828 adopting the Defense of Public Officers Policy; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioners Barile, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Absent: Mayor Morris. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**9. First Reading of Ordinance No. 409 to Repeal Prohibition of the Use of Structural Fill in Zone A Flood Hazard Areas**

Town Attorney read the Ordinance No. 409 into the record.

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

John Adams, Town of Sewall's Point Building Official, addressed the Commission on the item.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch expressed disappointment in the possibility of un-doing this change, expressing her desire that the Town of Sewall's Point continue to be a leader in issues such as this. She expressed her pride in the Town's FEMA projects and planning.

Discussion continued.

There were public comments by Marcela Cambler and Anna Bersdis.

**There were various motions which no action was taken and direction was given to staff to bring this issue for discussion at a workshop.**

**10. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 408 Sign Code Ordinance – Moved to agenda item # 4 on the agenda.**

Town Attorney Torcivia read the Ordinance into the record.

Town Manager Walker presented the item.

There was public comment by Mr. Don Winer.

**Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Campo, seconded by Commissioner Luger, to approve Ordinance No. 408 Sign Code on Second 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, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Barile stated his concerns about advertising and soliciting in the Town's newsletter. Town Manager Walker responded to Commissioner Barile's concerns and stated her would be more mindful and careful about what is placed in the Town's newsletter in the future.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch thanked the Commission she also apologized to the Commission and stated that she never means to make her comments personal.

Vice-Mayor Campo stated that the Commission received the packets for the Town Manager's evaluation. He also commented on the Town Manager's personal time and record keeping of Town Manager's time. Town Manager Walker and Town Clerk Burch addressed Vice-Mayor Campo's concerns.

Town Manager Walker stated that City of Stuart's City Manager Paul Nicoletti is trying to schedule a meeting for April 21, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to discuss the Fire Consolidation and would like to know which Commissioner would be available.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor Dan Morris, Presiding Officer**

**ATTEST:**

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**Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk**