



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016

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The Town Commission of the Town of Sewall’s Point met on Tuesday, April, 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

Commissioner Barile asked that item # 7 Investment Policy and item # 8 Tree Ordinance be removed from the agenda and be placed on a workshop agenda for further discussion. Mayor Morris responded that he feels that the subjects could be discussed. Vice-Mayor Campo stated he feels they should be left on the agenda and Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that she would support Commissioner Barile to have a longer time to discuss the items further.

Town Manager Walker asked that Resolution No. 829 be placed on the agenda as item # 7 and that Mr. Babey’s FEMA contract extension be placed on the agenda as item # 11.

Motion was made by Commissioner Luger, seconded by Vice-Mayor Campo to approve the changes 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**

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was public comment by Traci Booth.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

3. Swearing in of Officer Brian Feddon

Town Manager Walker conducted the swearing in Officer Brian Feddon.

4. Historic Preservation Month Proclamation

Mayor Morris read the Proclamation into record for Historic Preservation Month and Town Manager Walker presented the Proclamation to Douette Pryce a member of the Martin County Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Pryce invited the Commission to the kickoff celebration for Historic Preservation Month that will be held on May 2, 2016 at 5:00 pm located at the Stuart Heritage Museum.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch, seconded by Vice-Mayor Campo to approve the adoption of Historic Preservation Month; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioners Barile, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Municipal Clerk Week Proclamation

Mayor Morris read the Proclamation into read for Municipal Clerk Week and presented the Proclamation to Lakisha Burch, Town Clerk for the Town of Sewall's Point.

6. Resolution No. 829 – Indian River Lagoon Compact

Mayor Morris read Resolution No. 829 into read. Vice-Mayor Campo asked for clarification of the formation of the Indian River Lagoon Compact. Commissioner Barile responded to his question.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barile, seconded by Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch to approve Resolution No. 829 supporting the formation of the Indian River Lagoon Compact; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Morris, Vice-Mayor Campo, Commissioners Barile, Luger and Thurlow-Lippisch. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Presentation by Lego Robotics Team "SPICY"

Lego Robotics Team "SPICY" performed a musical skit.

DISCUSSION

8. Investment Policy

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

There were discussion among the Commission.

The Commission reached a consensus to have Vice-Mayor Campo, Town Manager Walker and a interested citizens to review the Town's Investment Policy and make recommendations regarding the Town's finances to the Commission.

9. Tree Ordinance

Mayor Morris opened this item by stating that he feels the Tree Ordinance is a well written Ordinance but still have some concerns regarding the Tree Ordinance. He then stated his concerns to the Commission.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch stated that she would not be able to support these changes and continued to give her reasons for her decision.

There was discussion among the Commission.

10. Fire Consolidation

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

Mayor Morris stated that there was a misstatement at the Fire Consolidation meeting by the County Administrator regarding Sewall's Point being subsidized and that the statement reflected badly on Sewall's Point.

Commissioner Luger commented he probably would not be at the next meeting but felt that the Commissioners who would be in attendance should mention this mistake to the County Administrator publically.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch suggested that the Town Manager write a letter to the County Administrator.

Commissioner Barile asked what good is the consolidation doing for the Sewall's Point.

Mayor Morris asked whether research should be done regarding private service. Town Manager Walker responded to the Mayor's question.

Vice-Mayor Campo commented that it is important for the Town to keep communication open so that we can be involved in negotiations.

There were public comments made by Traci Booth and Lucy Escue.

There was further discussion among the Commission, Town Manager and Town Attorney.

The Commission reached a consensus directing the Town Manager to write a letter to the County Administrator copying the Commissioners and City Manager of the local municipalities correcting the County Administrator's misstatement regarding the County subsidizing the Town of Sewall's

Point. The Commission also directed the Town Manager to send an email to the residents of Sewall's Point informing them of the upcoming meeting regarding Fire Consolidation.

11. Fote-Babey FEMA Contract Extension

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

There was discussion among the Commission.

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

COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager Walker sought direction from the Commission regarding whether the Town should make formal comments to the All Aboard Florida permits; the Commission reiterated their opposition to the project but recognized that the Town does not have staff resources available for active involvement in the permitting process. The Town Manager sought direction from the Commission regarding the removal of the diseased tree and old vine in the traffic circle at High Point and South River; the Commission acknowledged that the vegetation may require removal and suggested that inquiry be made regarding transplanting the vine due to its botanical significance.

Commissioner Thurlow-Lippisch expressed her support for Commissioner Barile's concern about residents not finishing their FEMA projects on time. There was discussion about the building permit process.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dan Morris, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk