



TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT
TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 18, 2017

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor James W. Campo, Vice-Mayor Paul Luger, Commissioner Vinny Barile, Commissioner Frank Fender, Commissioner Dan Morris, Town Manager Pamela M. Walker, Town Attorney Glen Torcivia and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

The Commission reached a consensus to approve the agenda.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Campo stated that if the Town Manager and Town Clerk would like to leave during the meeting that the Commission would be discussing items 2 and 3 they should feel free. He stated that he understands that discussing such matters may be hard but must be done. Both the Town Manager and Town Clerk acknowledged the offer and respectfully declined.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was public comment by Kathy Miscoski.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Gary Goforth, Ph.D. – Environmental Impacts of Septic Tanks

Joe Capra, Town Engineer introduced Mr. Gary Goforth, Ph.D. Mr. Goforth made a presentation entitled “Perspectives on Septic Tank Loading to the St. Lucie Estuary.” There was discussion among the Commissioners and Dr. Goforth.

There were public comments made by Gloretta H. Hall, Tony Lagana, Mona Leonard, Kathy Miscoski and Veronica Piccolo.

There was consensus by the Commission to put together an outline for an environmental study of the impacts of septic systems in Sewall's Point specifically in order to determine the cost of a study. Dr. Goforth stated that he would not charge the Town for his help in developing the scope of the study.

DISCUSSION

2. Town Manager: Begin Search for Replacement or Negotiations for Renewal

Mayor Campo again mentioned again that if the Town Manager or/and Town Clerk would like to take a break while these items are being discussed he has no problem. Town Manager Walker responded that she appreciates the offer but people should feel free to say what they want, she hears the comments in a professional way and she doesn't take it personally. Town Clerk Burch stated that she was okay with staying since the topic had been discussed before in this setting. Mayor Campo stated that each Commissioner should be heard.

Vice Mayor Luger stated that the Commission should make a decision about whether to renegotiate the Town Manager's contract and that he will offer up his time to help with the guidance of the Town Commission. He also stated that Town Manager Walker has the skill set that the Town needs and recommended renewing her contract.

Commissioner Barile stated that an independent attorney should be designated to negotiate the contract because of Sunshine Law.

Commissioner Morris indicated his support for renewing the contract and for Vice Mayor Luger leading the negotiations.

Commissioner Fender indicated his support for renewal, stating that the town is well managed.

Mayor Campo stated the contract should be renegotiated for one year.

There was consensus by the Commission is to request the assistance of the Town Attorney to negotiate the renewal of the Town Manager's contract.

There were public comments by Phyllis Castro, Debra Duvall, Stacey Osborn and Maureen Clyde.

3. Town Clerk Salary

The Town Manager presented the item. There was discussion among the Commissioners.

There were public comments by Phyllis Castro and Meriliz Cary.

The consensus from the Commission was to not approve the salary increase for the Town Clerk.

4. Marguerita Mandalay Grant Agreements

Town Manager Walker presented the item. There was discussion among the Commission, Town Manager and Town Engineer. Consensus was reached for the Town Manager to execute the Grant agreements.

5. Septic-to-Sewer: County Offer of Master Plan and Appropriations Update

Town Manager Walker presented the item. There was discussion among the Commissioners and Town Manager.

There was consensus by the Commission for the Town Manager to write a letter to Martin County Administrator including specific language agreed on by the Commission regarding the terms of the Master Plan provided for in the County's CIP.

COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Fender asked what the status on the Naming Rights ordinance was. Mayor Campo responded that it is tentatively scheduled for next week.

Commissioner Barile asked about when are their input regarding the Town Manager's contract is due to the Town Attorney. Vice Mayor Luger asked the Town Manager to contact the Town Attorney and have him contact each Commissioner.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor James W. Campo, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk