



**TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT**  
**TOWN COMMISSION MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKSHOP**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Campo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Campo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Campo led the Moment of Silence.

**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 Carolyn Ansay and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Morris requested that item 5 “Request for Variance Process to address Boat Dock Length” be moved to item 2 on the agenda.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Fender to approve moving item 5 to item 2; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Mayor Campo, Vice Mayor Luger, Commissioners Barile, Fender and Morris. Motion passed unanimously.**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**1. Premier Realty 28th Annual Children’s Pumpkin Carving Contest Awards**

Jessica Bonner of Premier Realty Group presented the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Pumpkin Carving contest awards to this year’s winners. They are as follows: Georgie Ferraro, Kira Lawless, Mira Lerner, Olivia Wakefield and Rachel Goldman.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice Mayor Luger expressed his concerns and thoughts on the Interlocal Agreement with Martin County Utilities, indicating his strong objection to the voting process. Mayor Campo responded to Vice Mayor Luger’s comments. Commissioner Barile stated that he agrees with Vice Mayor Luger’s position.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY TOPIC DISCUSSION**

There were public comments from the following: Scott Berry, Marcela Cambolor-Cutsaimans, Carole Chontos, Jonathan Chontos, Tony Dwyars, Bonnie Flint, Mark Florman, Joe Joyce, Mike Kelly, David Kurmaz, Arlene Lagana, Tony Lagana, Elena Ledon, Elena Ledon for Ashley Vitale, Mona Leonard, James McMahow, James Miscoski, Kathy Miscoski, Donna Olson, David Shore and Veronica Piccolo.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **2. Request for Variance Process to Address Boat Dock Length**

Town Manager Walker present the item to the Commission. Attorney Terry McCarthy addressed the Commission regarding the Town of Sewall's Point variance process.

**The Commission reached a consensus for the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance for the Commission's consideration at a future meeting.**

#### **3. Clarification of Interlocal Agreement Terms**

Commissioner Barile stated that he agrees with Vice Mayor Luger regarding the wording of the Interlocal Agreement with Martin County Utilities with regard to the "50 percent plus one" voting requirement.

Commissioner Fender stated that he doesn't agree with Vice Mayor Luger's position and that he had always understood the process to be interpreted as a regular ballot. He urged the Commission to help make the Town better.

Commissioner Morris stated he will not support the agreement without a change in the "50 percent plus 1" language, citing the permanency of the vote as opposed to a regular election.

Mayor Campo asked Town Manager Walker to show the Florida Chamber of Commerce water quality video. After the video, Mayor Campo stated that there are untrue statements in the petition being circulated in town.

At the request of Mayor Campo, Mr. John Polley, Director of Utilities for Martin County briefly commented on a recently released communication piece developed by Martin County regarding the benefits of sewers over septic systems.

The Commission continued its discussion of the voting requirement set out in the Interlocal Agreement.

**The Commission reached a consensus to have Town Attorney approach the County Attorney with revising the wording of the Interlocal Agreement with Martin County Utilities to require that 50 percent plus 1 of the property owners too be assessed vote in favor of the assessment (instead of 50 percent plus 1 of the responding ballots).**

#### **4. Statement of Work for Legislative Appropriation Agreement for Sewer Conversion**

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

**The Commission reached a consensus directing the Town Manager to continue to develop the statement of work along the lines presented.**

**5. Legislative Appropriation Application for Marguerita Mandalay**

Town Manager Walker presented the item to the Commission.

**The Commission reached a consensus for the Town Manager to move forward with the application form for the Legislative Appropriation request for Marguerita Mandalay as submitted.**

**COMMISSIONERS OR STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Fender reminded the Town Manager of his interest in pursuing a prohibition of lateral overhead lines crossing Sewall's Point Road, and Town Manager Walker advised that she had been working with the Town Attorney on the issue.

Commissioner Barile advised the Commission of a bill filed prohibiting the regulation of tree trimming and another that could affect the future of Community Redevelopment Agencies.

Mayor Campo read into record comments from former Town Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippish.

Town Manager Walker spoke about land acquisition regarding Marguerita Mandalay and acquiring property. There was discussion among the Commission and Town Manager Walker, with direction given by consensus that no action should be taken toward land acquisition at this time.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor James W. Campo, Presiding Officer**

**ATTEST:**

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**Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk**