

SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL IN THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1997, 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stamos. After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Bridges	Commissioner Kaleel
Commissioner O'Hare	Mayor Stamos

It was noted for the record that Commissioner Aaskov was absent with notice.

IV. RESOLUTION NO. 97-19; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACT WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1997

Town Clerk Hancsak read Resolution No. 97-19 by title only.

Town Manager Lanker summarized that a better health plan within the current company was introduced by a new insurance agent. He stated that a change effective August 1, 1997 would save approximately \$6,000 for the remainder of this year and approximately \$40,000 for the next fiscal year.

Comm Kaleel asked if this new contract was discussed with the employees. Town Manager Lanker replied that a meeting was scheduled with the agent and the employees for June 20th.

Comm Kaleel moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-19, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Comm O'Hare asked if the list of available doctors was the same. Town Manager Lanker replied that since it was the same company, the majority of the doctors were the same.

Comm O'Hare commented that it was good to see the Town Manager take the initiative of finding a less expensive insurance plan that would save the equivalent of an employee's salary.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

V. RESOLUTION NO. 97-20; INCREASING THE ALARM MONITORING FEES FOR ACCOUNTS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Town Clerk Hancsak read Resolution No. 97-20 by title only.

Director Hillery summarized his memo submitted to the Commission which explained that the fee charged by the Town for this service is well below the fee charged in the private sector. He further explained that the equipment was damaged after the lightning storm earlier in the week. The increase would allow the Department of Public Safety to upgrade the monitoring equipment to state of the art equipment.

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Town Clerk Hancsak advised that she was not aware of any prior increase in the alarm monitoring fees and added that the increase requested would increase from \$10 to \$15 monthly.

Comm O'Hare advised that his alarm contracts not connected with the Town cost approximately \$25 a month. He added that he would see no problem with doubling the Town's monthly charge to \$20.

Comm Bridges asked if residents were charged for false alarms to which Director Hillery replied that they were not. Director Hillery added that he found the false alarms to be a good learning opportunity for the Officers. Comm Bridges advised he would favor the 50% increase rather than the 100% increase.

Comm Kaleel questioned the condition of the current equipment. Director Hillery explained that alarm companies must install an adapter that slows their system down in order to connect to the Public Safety's system.

Comm Kaleel moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-20, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Comm O'Hare asked how much revenue this would generate to which Director Hillery explained that it should create approximately \$15,000 a year additional revenue.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

VI. DISCUSS PROPERTY SURROUNDING TOWN HALL SPECIAL MEETING
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Town Manager Lanker requested that there be a preparatory meeting of the Commission before a joint meeting with Boynton Beach. Atty Nicoletti explained that the Commission will want to discuss all the available options which he should have prepared by Monday, June 30th.

Town Clerk Hancsak asked the Commission on the meeting time to which the Commission concurred their preference for a morning meeting.

Comm Bridges mentioned that he wanted to know if Boynton Beach has anything on the Town's 50' of Oceanfront property. Comm O'Hare added that he believes their shed at the park is right on the property line and not within the setback.

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VII. ORDINANCE NO 497; EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 3, 1997, AS ORDINANCE NO. 491; READOPTING ALL THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THE MORATORIUM ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (2ND READING AND ADOPTION)

Town Clerk Hancsak read Ordinance No. 497 by title only for second reading.

Comm O'Hare moved to approve Ordinance No. 497, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Motion Carried - Yea 4.

VIII. DISCUSS LANDSCAPING FOR THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED INLET CAY AND SABAL ISLAND BRIDGES

Mayor Stamos stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Phyllis Calloway on Inlet Cay regarding his comments at the last Town Commission meeting. He mentioned his concern over the feelings expressed in the letter. He read an excerpt from the letter in which she communicates that she felt the Mayor did not care about the resident's feelings of dissatisfaction over the bridges. Mayor Stamos explained that he received a written transcript from that portion of the meeting which he read to the public. He stated that he did not respond as Ms. Calloway implied in her letter. He commented that he was concerned as she wrote of her lack of trust for the Commission. He concluded that the Commission and the public need to be as honest as possible in order for there to be trust.

Joyce Bruck, 14 Inlet Cay Dr., stated that she thought this meeting was not only to discuss the landscaping, but also to ask questions of the engineer about other issues. Mayor Stamos replied that the residents would be able to discuss any topic they chose. He stated that following normal proceedings, the Commission would discuss their issues before the public comment.

Comm Bridges stated that he wanted the engineer to explain the reasons the bridges are the size that they are.

Brian Rheault, engineer from Bridge Design Associates, explained that the original bridges were severely low graded where legally nothing larger than a car could cross them. He stated that one of the options looked at involved rebuilding the same bridge. This option would necessitate a temporary bridge which would take years and thousands of dollars for the permitting alone. The

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best option as decided by the Commission was to divide the existing bridge in half to build one side while the other side maintained the traffic flow. He explained the reasons why he did not narrow the bridge on the second half when the first half had been repaired and was taking traffic. The reasons included that there would not be safe lane widths and safe buffer zones and the road would have to be relocated as the lanes would be off center. He added that these are legal requirements that could not have been ignored.

Mr. Rheault commented that the guardrails were also mentioned at the previous meeting. He explained that the law dictates that the rails have to continue 63 1/2' off the end of the bridge. He stated that he used the minimum length that he could justify. He added that all bridges are put on a maintenance program monitored by the State. He concluded that the bridges are not load graded now and all types of trucks are able to legally cross.

Comm O'Hare stated that he too was disappointed in the lack of communication. He explained that when the Commission acquired the Bond Issue, they had designated a generous amount of money for the landscaping. He added that he is willing to contribute sculptural panels for the bridges and the Beautification Task Force has had many meetings over options for landscaping.

Mr. Rheault explained that the rails were finished with a vertical face as opposed to an S-Curve to allow for landscaping.

Comm Bridges commented that he had met with residents on Sabal Island and Inlet Cay about the landscaping possibilities. Comm Bridges advised that the feelings of the Sabal Island residents are to keep the landscaping simple using foliage such as Sabal Palms. He added that he believed they should use coastal plants with the lowest maintenance needs. Regarding the letter from Ms. Calloway, he explained that the Commission had to make difficult decisions regarding the size of the bridges which could have been better understood by the residents if they had attended the meetings when it was being discussed.

Comm Kaleel questioned if there was an alternative to striping that would differentiate the sidewalk area from the roadway. Mr. Rheault explained that a sidewalk in the bridge now could only be 2'8" wide and would necessitate the sides of the bridge being raised to 48".

Mayor Stamos inquired about the feasibility of a planting wall to which Mr. Rheault replied that he recommended against it.

Peggy Smith, 69 Spanish River Dr., advised that she feels the rails which are designed to protect the pedestrians currently pull the vehicles towards the side of the bridge. Mr. Rheault explained that once the striping is in place, the tendency to drive toward the edge will stop.

Comm Kaleel questioned if pavers could be installed instead of asphalt in the 4' buffer areas. Mr.

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Rheault stated that it was possible although the asphalt is scheduled to be laid soon and a decision would have to be made before then. Comm Bridges suggested that the asphalt and striping be done as scheduled as it would be easy to dig up asphalt to install brick pavers.

There was discussion between Comm O'Hare and Mr. Rheault over different scenarios including tearing up the asphalt and stopping the job until the Commission decides what they want done. Mr. Rheault explained that the most expedient and cost saving method would be to tear up the fresh asphalt later if a change is desired.

Linda Essig, 12 Inlet Cay Dr., questioned if pavers can be sunk down and Mayor Stamos explained that they could not be sunk into concrete. Mrs. Essig asked if pavers of a different color would direct the drivers away from the sides of the bridge. Mr. Rheault explained that the striping will keep residents from pulling to the sides.

Mrs. Essig commented that the funding should not dictate the decisions regarding the bridges. Comm Kaleel advised that funding had not been part of this discussion and the goal is to make a beautiful presence.

Comm Bridges introduced the plans he compiled through discussions with the island residents. The proposal he had for the Inlet Cay bridge included painting the rails a Wimbeldon green, Pigeon Plum trees, Confederate Jasmine, and Indian Hawthorne. The proposal for the Sabal Island bridge included Sabal Palms, Confederate Jasmine, and Indian Hawthorne. He added that the Town would have to devise an irrigation plan for both sides of the bridge. Mr. Rheault explained that he believed the four corners of each bridge has a sprinkler system already.

Joyce Bruck, 14 Inlet Cay Dr., suggested that before the Ocean Ave. bridge is done, the plans be made available to all the residents. She added that the trees suggested for landscaping by Comm Bridges may drop branches on the streets during storms that may prohibit driving through. Comm Bridges suggested that the tree be pruned very close to solve that problem.

Mrs. Bruck questioned if lattice work would be acceptable in place of the concrete blocks. Mr. Rheault explained that lattice work is no longer acceptable to State and County.

Mrs. Bruck mentioned that she did not like the metal rails and questioned if there were any alternatives. Mr. Rheault explained that the rails could be painted, camouflaged by landscaping, or the concrete extended before the rails, but the rails are required. Mrs. Bruck added that she believed the curled ends to be unsafe. Mr. Rheault explained that the goal is to slow a vehicle should it hit the end of the rail.

Connie Matuzak, 10 Inlet Cay Dr., commented that landscaping and painting will help make the

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rails less obtrusive. Comm Bridges mentioned that Confederate Jasmine is very healthy when grown and the decorative panels will also help to beautify the area. Comm O'Hare commented that when the bridge is completed it will resemble a bridge found in a small European town.

Patsy Weeks, 2 Sabal Island Dr., thanked Brian Rheault for the expedient method used in completing the job and asked about the power lines. Comm Bridges stated that he believed there could be only one line where there is currently two. He stated that he would discuss it with the Town Manager before FP&L is contacted.

Comm Kaleel asked Comm Bridges if he considered the plantings saved from Ocean Ave. when creating his landscape designs. Comm Bridges stated that he did not have enough trees to complete the whole area and he wanted continuity. He added that the residents from the islands should meet and create plans for the landscaping of their bridges to present to the Commission if they favored something else.

Comm Kaleel asked Mr. Rheault if he knew DOT's position on painting the guardrails. Mr. Rheault stated that he has not experienced any problems from this in other upscale neighborhoods.

Chris Francois, 65 Spanish River Dr., mentioned that there is dirt going into the water where the guardrail starts. Mr. Rheault explained that the area will be sodded once the project is completed.

Lydia Dodge, 9 Sabal Island Dr., questioned if the Town was going to maintain the landscaping to which Comm Bridges replied that it would. Comm O'Hare advised that it is the intention of the Town to maintain all of the improvements made.

Neil Hamilton questioned the plan procedure to which Comm O'Hare stated that the residents should meet and decide on what landscaping plan they desired. Town Clerk Hancsak advised the Commission that the residents of the Islands had agendas hand delivered for this meeting. Comm Bridges commented that he believed the residents of Sabal Island to be happy with the designs that he submitted.

Mr. Hamilton mentioned that there was a temporary telephone pole in his yard that he wanted the Town staff to look into. He added that his sprinkler system had been damaged from the bridge repair to which the Mayor informed him to submit the invoice to the Town for the repair which will be passed on to Bridge Design Associates.

Mrs. Smith commented that she also has problems with her sprinkler system and Mr. Rheault advised her to contact the Town Manager with the problem area so the contractor can be sent to repair any damage.

Mrs. Essig suggested that additional landscaping alternatives and estimates before a decision is

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made. Mayor Stamos advised that the associations need to design plans and present them to the Commission. Town Clerk Hancsak mentioned that the associations could meet in the Town Hall and have Comm Bridges' drawings available for their use.

There were no additional comments from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M..

Mayor Stamos

Comm Bridges

Attest By:

Comm Kaleel

Town Clerk

Comm O'Hare