

Special Meeting of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on March 22, 1999 at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall meeting chambers.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Aaskov and roll call was answered by the following:

Commissioner Bingham Commissioner Bridges
Mayor Aaskov

It was noted for the record that Comm Stamos was absent with notice and Comm Kaleel was running late.

Pledge of Allegiance

Actions and Reports

1. Presentation by Kilday & Associates Re: Town Hall Site Plan By: Gregory L. Dunham, Town Manager

Town Manager Dunham explained that he and Comm Bridges had met with Mike Champagne of Kilday & Associates to develop a revised plan from two weeks ago. Mr. Champagne explained that his new plan included a one-story building which kept the front of the current Town Hall. He advised that other changes included locating the building farther back from the road, removing some of the parking to give more stacking space, staggered parking on the south side of the building to allow emergency vehicles to drive straight out from the garage, a private entrance to the Department of Public Safety, a public outdoor space north of the building in lieu of a play area, the water treatment facility was moved back to allow for more parking, and a traffic signal was added on A1A for the emergency vehicles.

Comm Bridges commented that he liked the new design, but that more handicapped spaces were needed. He also advised that additional landscaping would be needed where there are twelve parking spaces in the back or the number of spaces would have to be reduced to ten.

Comm Bingham stated that she agreed with Comm Bridges' comments adding that she liked the idea of the water treatment and sewage collection facilities being farther apart.

Comm Kaleel stated that he, too, liked the new plans especially that it did not disturb much of the mangroves. He commented that he felt this would show that the town cares about the environment and wants to preserve the area.

Mayor Aaskov stated that she felt it was a great plan.

Comm Kaleel moved to adopt the plan with modifications to include Comm Bridges' comments that there be more handicapped spaces and ten spaces instead of twelve in the back.

Atty Nicoletti suggested that the "water treatment facility" be changed to "water distribution facility" and that the traffic signal be labeled as "suggested."

Comm Kaleel amended his motion to include the suggestions made by Atty Nicoletti and Comm Bridges seconded his motion.

Motion carried – yea 4.

Resolutions

2. Resolution No. 99-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE BY GIFT, PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; FINDING THAT SAID PROPERTY IS NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE EXPANSION OF THE TOWN'S MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, INCLUDING PARKING AND OTHER USES INCIDENTAL THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF APPRAISERS, LAND PLANNERS AND SPECIAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST IN THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Deputy Town Clerk Herrmann read Resolution No. 99-07 by title only.

Comm Kaleel moved to adopt Resolution No. 99-07, seconded by Comm Bridges.

Comm Kaleel advised that he would like to state that the object of the resolution is to acquire the property by purchase and not necessarily by litigation of eminent domain. Comm Bridges agreed stating that he hoped it would work out that Ocean Ridge gets some land as well as Boynton Beach.

Roll call was taken on Comm Kaleel's motion.

Motion carried – yea 4.

Comm Bridges asked what the next step would be for the Town Commission. Atty Nicoletti explained that past dealings at the City Manager/staff level with Boynton Beach have never worked out. He advised that Comm Kaleel was involved before with dealing with Boynton Beach and the town may want to continue that until the point where the two bodies need to meet.

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Comm Bridges stated that he felt it was a good idea to keep Comm Kaleel as representative for the town as he has other connections in Boynton Beach. He added that he feels Comm Kaleel is quite capable of conveying what the town wants to Boynton Beach.

Comm Kaleel stated that he would work with Town Manager Dunham and Atty Nicoletti to decide on a plan to bring to Boynton Beach's interim City Manager.

Comm Bridges stated that he felt the parcel of land owned by the town on the ocean side should definitely be used in any discussions as it would give Boynton Beach the additional parking that they are requesting without making people cross A1A to get to the beach. He questioned if anyone would disagree with letting Boynton Beach use the Town Hall parking lot for overflow beach parking on weekends and for special events. Comm Kaleel stated that he felt the two municipalities could work together on that as he felt there are probably only a half dozen or so times a year when overflow parking would be needed.

Mayor Aaskov stated that she felt Comm Kaleel and Town Manager Dunham should make the initial meeting with Boynton Beach and that if Atty Nicoletti were involved from the beginning, it might send the wrong message.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Aaskov

Commissioner Bingham

Commissioner Bridges

Commissioner Kaleel

Attest By:

Town Clerk