

SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY THE TOWN COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005, AT 8:30 AM.

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

Commissioner Bingham
Commissioner Allison

Commissioner Hogan
Mayor Kaleel

It was noted that Comm Pugh arrived but left shortly thereafter to catch a plane.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW CONCEPTUAL TOWN HALL DESIGN

Mayor Kaleel advised that this meeting was called to review the conceptual plan with Mark Marsh, Digby Bridges Marsh and Assoc., and his representatives.

Mr. Marsh summarized the progress leading up to this meeting. He advised that a questionnaire regarding a space and needs study was completed by staff and then reviewed by the Town Manager and his firm which resulted in the briefly described Preliminary Needs/Assessment Study. He stated that approximately 11,000 sq ft of gross area would be required for the new building, adding that the current building was so deficient it must be raised; however, the garage would remain. He showed a colored rendering depicting the building designed in a T-Shape Cape Dutch or Dutch Colonial style. Mr. Marsh commented that they felt the building needed to provide a close presence to SR A1A to reflect the pride of the Town. He stated that the portion closest to A1A would consist of the Town administrative facilities, foyer with a sky tower top, council chambers, community room, library, courtyard, and public restrooms and the police department would primarily consist of the extended "T" portion with a sally port. He added that since there is not a tremendous amount of Town Hall traffic they anticipated a circular type drop off around an information kiosk to make the area pedestrian friendly. He mentioned that the landscape architect, Grant Thornbrough, suggested incorporating some sort of sun dial of events near the entrance. Mr. Marsh stated that Urban Design Studios was currently updating the wetland survey of the Town property.

Concerning funding, Mr. Marsh stated that grant funds through FEMA may be available if the building met certain hardening provisions such as 12" walls, impact windows, etc. He stated that Michael Tait had prepared a very impressive document that was provided to the FEMA representatives.

Mr. Marsh then explained the color rendering of the proposed building also showing the kiosk and possible water feature by the front of the building. He stated that they were considering indigenous planting utilizing native plants and coconut palm trees in a fairly simple pallet with the entrance enhanced.

Comm Hogan expressed a safety concern regarding the receptionist location and not having a visual of the public entering the building. The Commission agreed and Mayor Kaleel suggested that they revisit locating the reception area closer to the front and possibly relocating the restrooms. Comm Hogan mentioned that some of the sentiment involved paying respect to the existing building and questioned if that could be accomplished. Mr. Marsh commented that the new proposed structure would be a southern colonial style and it would give the appearance that the structure has been there

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for a while. He stated that the roof is a higher pitched cement tile roof and the tower top reflects the steeple effect similar to the existing building.

There was minor discussion regarding the kiosk, landscape plans and sign identification.

Speaking from the public, George Bierlin commented that he liked the design.

Mr. Marsh commented that the estimated cost was approximately 2.5 – 3 million, with hopefully \$500,000 funded from FEMA grants and possibly more through other sources and then raising approximately 1.5 million.

Comm Hogan questioned if there was space available for on-site fire service in the future to which she was advised that there was no physical space now, however, the back building could possibly be utilized if needed.

Mayor Kaleel thanked Mr. Marsh for his presentation. Mr. Marsh advised that he would review the entrance area for the Town Hall administrative area and report back to the Commission. He also stated that he would provide a color rendering of the building and site for display in the Town Hall.

DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR SR A1A FOR LANDSCAPING (IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPAVING)

Town Manager Mathis advised that staff had received the ROW plans for the repaving of SR A1A and also the above referenced agreement. He commented that the Mayor and he had met with representatives from FDOT regarding the plan and receiving approximately \$90,000 in landscaping; however, the agreement only reflects receiving \$58,000. He stated that he was still in discussions regarding the amount. He added that the agreement would be placed on the July 11th agenda.

Mayor Kaleel commented that the Town Manager’s vehicle has needed repairs several times and that Mr. Mathis preferred to utilize his own vehicle and a request for a vehicle allowance (possibly \$600 monthly) would be placed on the July 11th agenda.

Comm Hogan mentioned that Adam Hasner had received notice that the bike lane issue was going to be revisited. Mayor Kaleel commented that the concerned bicyclists were planning to approach the Metropolitan Planning Organization again and this does not involve FDOT. He stated that he believed Ocean Ridge’s agreement with FDOT was still intact and actually there really is not a lot of ROW area in the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 A.M.

Attest:

Town Clerk

Mayor Kenneth Kaleel

Comm Bingham

Comm Hogan

Comm Allison