

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2007

Regular Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Chambers.

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

Commissioner Hogan Commissioner Bingham
Comm Allison Comm Pugh
Mayor Kaleel

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions, Deletions, Modifications and Approval of Agenda

Comm Bingham requested to pull Item #3 and change it to Item #12.

Comm Bingham motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Comm Allison.

Motion Carried - yea 5

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Town Commission Meeting of Dec. 4, 2006
2. Appointment of Poll Workers
3. Ocean Ridge Resolution No. 2007-01; Urging Members of the Florida Legislature to Support the Following Issues During the 2007 Legislative Session

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. The administrative offices will be closed for the official holiday on Monday, Jan. 15, 2007
5. 2007 Municipal Election
 - a. Proclamation for Election Held on February 13, 2007
 - b. One Commission Seat for a Three Year Term/uno (1)
 - c. Candidate Filing Dates run Dec. 26, 2006 through 3:00 PM on Jan. 22, 2007/

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kropp, 16 Tropical Drive, stated that on December 14th, heavy rains caused Tropical Drive to flood with 3½ ft in the middle of the road. There was only 1 pump working and the rain was too intense over a short period of time for only one to handle the problem. She stated her concern that there should have been a second one in place before it flooded out some of properties.

Cheryl Olanoff, 566 David Lane, stated that the drainage worked fine on her street with the heavy rains. She had a complaint of 2 homes with blue tarps, messy properties with trash in the yards. One property seemed to be abandoned and an eye sore with possible mold and a fire hazard. She asked the requirements to have the home condemned. She had complained twice to the police department, but was not sure of the findings. Manager Schenck stated that they would follow-up with the police department to locate the owners and ask them to clean up the properties.

John Wooten, 5907 N Ocean Blvd, noted his concern for residents along Old Ocean Blvd if Briny Breezes approves the sale on Wednesday. Even though it would not be final until 2009 he asked that the town start now with ideas to avoid the traffic problems that would arise from construction, and the higher density. He asked if the town could make every intersection a 3-Way Stop. He was concerned for the safety of the current foot traffic, bicyclists, and families along Old Ocean Blvd, and asked for suggestions to discourage others using it on a daily basis.

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Mayor Kaleel suggested the possibility of making Old Ocean Blvd a one-way street or utilizing speed bumps to slow thru-traffic. Manager Schenck noted that there were liability issues with speed bumps. Clerk Hancsak noted that in the past it had been the decision of the town against speed bumps because of the liability issues.

Comm Bingham suggested a sidewalk or the removal of vegetation in the ROW for the safety of the foot traffic. A brief discussion resulted concerning the vegetation that was in the ROW's on Old Ocean, and the prior recommendations of Planning & Zoning. After the discussion a consensus was made to have the Town Manager comprise of list of the homeowners who have obstructions in the right of ways, and readdress this issue at the next commission meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

REPORTS

6. Town Manager

Manager Schenck stated that the town had received an approval from the Turtle Beach Condo to install the control panel in a location on their south property line. Mark Tomberg Landscape had completed all the installation of the landscaping and fencing for the Woolbright Road detention area. On Wednesday, he would be meeting with an environmental firm regarding ways to resolve the algae in the detention area. It had to be done carefully in accordance with D.E.P., Palm Beach Health Dept, and South Florida Waste Management approvals before spraying the detention area. The cost to remove the cattails from the detention area had been \$4500.

The trailers for the temporary housing of the police department and town hall had been delivered. The paving would be complete by next week and the utility hookups would be proceeding within the next few weeks. By the end of February the portables should be complete and ready to move into.

7. Town Attorney

Nothing to report

8. Director of Public Safety

Chief Hillery was absent with notice. Lieutenant Katz was present and stated that there was nothing to report

9. Town Engineer (SFRN, Inc.) – Drainage Update

Engineer Tropepe stated that at the last meeting questions were raised regarding the standing water in the detention area. She said there were several possible reasons why the Detention Area had 6"-8" of standing water. There is continual infiltration of water from the old existing system. Even though the south part of Town has been somewhat rehabilitated, the system is decades old and would never be leak proof. Also the month of December had been exceptionally rainy with a total rainfall of approximately 5". The saturated soil during high tides may hinder stormwater from percolating into the ground and the drainage system. The algae from the bottom of the detention bottom may be hindering evaporation. There was a barnacle build up on the flap gate allowing the intracoastal water to back into the system during high tides, which they are now monitoring. The berm area around the sump area was altered last week, and today the Detention Area is 80% dry. SFRN, Inc reminded the commission that they had not recommended the current design for the Detention Area. Their recommendation was for the interior to be wet with a fountain to aerate the water. The Detention Area was redesigned and re-permitted at the request of the adjacent property owners. The redesign has raised the interior to the highest elevations possible. She reassured the public that their goal was to improve the drainage whenever possible to achieve a dry detention pond concept.

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Comm Bingham noted that the Detention Area had always been wet, even before the project was started, and thought it was drier now with the improvements. Comm Hogan felt that the area looked too industrial, and asked if the area had been regraded yet. Manager Schenck noted that there were 2 small areas that were slightly lower than permitted (possibly 1"), and that the regrading could not be done while the area was wet. Their intent is to regrade when the area dries out, but it hadn't been dry enough yet. The 2 areas were so small that the improvement to raise them 1" would yield minimal results. Comm Hogan asked why the cameras had been ineffective to find the leaks. Engineer Tropepe noted that the CTV cameras can detect the larger leaks in the pipes, but not small pin-hole leaks. As these leaks are found they are being repaired. The metal pipes are also 70 years old, and the leaks are numerous.

Mayor Kaleel thanked the engineers for an excellent job in trying to correct and improve the drainage. He had received several compliments of the current Detention area, and thought that the area was a great improvement than before.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Authorize Contract Addendum #3 with Chaz Equipment Co., Inc. for Tropical Drive Control Panel Installation for an Additional Cost of \$61,250

Comm Bingham motioned to authorize Contract Addendum #3 with Chaz Equipment Co., Inc. for Tropical Drive Control Panel Installation for an additional cost of \$61,250 to paid from the capital funds project. Seconded by Comm Pugh.

Motion Carried - yea 5

11. Authorize Public Sale of Excess Generator from Drainage Project

Comm Pugh motioned to authorize the public sale of the excess generator from the drainage project. Seconded by Comm Allison.

Mayor Kaleel asked the amount that was paid for the generator. Manager Schenck noted that it was \$76,565 and that he would try to resell it for this same amount if possible. He also noted that the Commission could reject any offer that they felt was too low.

Motion Carried - yea 5

12. Ocean Ridge Resolution No. 2007-01; Urging Members of the Florida Legislature to Support the Following Issues During the 2007 Legislative Session

Comm Bingham asked that the representatives in Tallahassee be directed to restore the Home Rule Authority as part of this resolution. Mayor Kaleel agreed and stated that this could have a direct effect on how the municipalities are governed.

Comm Bingham motioned to approve the Ocean Ridge Resolution No. 2007-01; Urging Members of the Florida Legislature to Support the Following Issues During the 2007 Legislative Session. Seconded by Comm Allison.

Motion Carried - yea 5

Comm Allison mentioned that she had just returned from Orlando where she had completed a marathon for Leukemia. She thanked those that had sponsored her, and said it was a wonderful experience.

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Comm Hogan noted that she had been to the funeral service of Bob Ensler, a prior Vice Mayor of Boynton Beach. He had been a wonderful councilman, and of great service to the area. Condolences went out to his friends and family as he would be greatly missed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15pm.

Attest By:

Town Clerk

Mayor Kaleel

Commissioner Allison

Commissioner Bingham

Commissioner Hogan

Commissioner Pugh