

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2008

Regular Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Monday, June 2nd, 2008 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Commissioner Bingham	Commissioner Pugh
Commissioner Allison	Commissioner Brown
Mayor Kaleel	

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Comm. Bingham requested to discuss the Issue Forum, as Item #13, and also the Boynton Jamboree as Item #14. Atty. Spillias requested to discuss the appointment of a Construction Board of Appeals under Item #7.

Comm. Bingham motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Comm. Allison.

Motion Carried – yea 5.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Town Commission Meeting of May 5, 2008
2. Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of May 16, 2008
3. Ocean Ridge Resolution No. 2008-06; Providing for Automatic Amendment of the Fiscal Year budget to Reflect Outstanding Encumbered Orders of the Prior Fiscal Year, Providing that the Cost of Those Expenditures are to be Paid from Funds Carried Forward from the Prior Fiscal Year

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. Announcement by Gary Solomon, Sand Sifters, Regarding the “All American Cleanup” on July 5, 2008 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Gary Solomon, Sand Sifters, gave a presentation of the work performed by the Sand Sifters over the past 3 years that resulted in an average of 145 volunteers/month, and a 3 mile radius of beach cleanup. Tons of garbage had been removed with over 26,000 hours of volunteer service. Boca Raton, Delray, Jupiter and Sand Sifters had partnered with Tom’s & Main, natural products to sponsor July 5th, 2008 as All American Clean-up. He asked that Ocean Ridge participate and donate in a September event with a beach tote bag or t-shirts that would display the town’s name on one side and Sand Sifters on the other. Comm. Bingham commented that for approximately 35yrs she had helped to clean the beaches, and felt it a shame that gifts had to be given for volunteers to show up. She asked for stronger code enforcement on the beaches and that an educational program be made available also. Mr. Solomon replied that these items serve as a promotional item for new recruits also, and provides public awareness. The beaches are our main tourist attraction, and their cleanliness reflects on the community and tourists returning to visit our beaches. Comm. Allison complimented Sand Sifters for their wonderful efforts and thanked them for a job well done.

10. Request for \$1,200 Expenditure from the Contingency Account to Assist the Sand Sifters for the Purchase of T-Shirts with the Town Logo on the Back for the National Public Lands Day Cleanup to be Held on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008 8:00 – 10:30 AM

Comm. Allison motioned to authorize the contribution of \$1200.00 from the contingency account to promote beach cleanups. Seconded by Comm. Bingham.

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It was requested to provide \$1200 for promotional tote bags instead of t-shirts to the Sand Sifters. Mayor Kaleel requested that before the tote bags were ordered he wanted to contact a resident who could assist in supplying them

Motion Carried – yea 5.

Comm. Brown questioned if it was Palm Beach County who maintained the Hammock Park as the area needed cleaning and proper signage. Gary Solomon stated that they were only allowed to clean along the walkway; they are restricted from cleaning the wooded area. Palm Bch County was in the process of reducing the signage to 1 sign, and rebuilding the boardwalk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Bonfiglio, 5616 N. Ocean Blvd, stated that there had been a problem with a 911 call that he placed from his cellphone requesting an ambulance for his mother in Lake Park. The Boynton Beach dispatcher could not dispatch to a Lake Park address and he was then directed to contact the Sheriff's Dept, who told him to contact Lake Park directly. It took multiple calls and a three minute time lapse before Lake Park dispatched an ambulance for his mother. He was thankful that it was not a life-threatening or critical situation, but concerned that a better system should be available.

Nancy Hogan, 37 Hibiscus Way, stated the following: 1) She thanked the town for upgrading the e-mail information on the web-site. 2) Asked if fiscal audit had been complete. Clerk Hancsak informed her that the auditor had sustained an auto injury and had not finished yet, and did not have an expected completion date at this time. 3) She thanked Chief Hillery for the burglary update on the webpage. At her home a few weeks ago, someone pounded on her door at 1:30 a.m. She contacted the police department, but was anxious the rest of the night, as the police did not report back to them with an update. 4) She attended a Boynton Beach Fire & EMS Meeting and discovered that the Boynton Fire trucks did not have the capability to control the traffic lights. 5) Congratulated Mayor Kaleel as the new elected President for the League of Cities. , but questioned whose seats the town had paid for with her tax money. Mayor Kaleel explained one table had been purchased by Ocean Ridge, he had purchased another, and he could not say exactly what seats the town had paid for.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REZONING, AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NO.576

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE REVISION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP (FLUM) TO AMEND THE DESIGNATION OF 556 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE LOCATED AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF WOOLBRIGHT ROAD AND A1A, AS DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY HEREIN, FROM CONSERVATION TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO.575

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF 556 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PROPERTY OWNED BY

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THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE LOCATED AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF WOOLBRIGHT ROAD AND A1A, AS DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY HEREIN, FROM PUBLIC OWNERSHIP ("PO") TO THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ("RSF").

Clerk Hancsak stated that no additional correspondence had been received and all fees had been paid. Atty. Spillias stated that as this was quasi-judicial meeting, he asked if there had been any ex parte communications with the homeowner regarding this matter. Response was no. He then swore in those that would be giving testimony regarding this matter. He stated that this was the First Reading and asked for a brief presentation by James Bonfiglio, and that the written records were still part of the record.

Susan Taylor, attorney for James Bonfiglio, stated that she did agree with the staff report and summarized that the applicant was seeking to purchase 556 sq ft of land currently owned by Ocean Ridge as part of the settlement agreement. This involved a zoning change from PO to Single Family Residence. Atty. Spillias stated that the staff recommended both requests, and as it was small scale it did not need approval by DCA. He reminded them they were not bound to approve it and that the commission had the final approval.

Public Comment

Nancy Hogan, 37 Hibiscus Way, wanted it on the record that he agreed with Mark Marsh's statement that the town should not make it a habit to give away public property to private citizens. Atty Spillias commented that it was not being given away; Mr. Bonfiglio was paying \$10,000.

Public comment closed.

Comm. Bingham motioned to approve Ordinance No.576. Seconded by Comm. Pugh.

Motion Carried – yea 5.

Comm. Brown motioned to approve Ordinance No. 575. Seconded by Comm. Allison

Motion Carried – yea 5.

REPORTS

6. Town Manager

Mayor Kaleel announced that Manager Schenck had sustained an injury and would be out on medical leave for a couple of months. He had contacted Bill Mathis and asked if he could fill in as interim manager. Mr. Mathis had consented to return again and help us.

Interim Mathis gave the following update: 1) Stormwater Drainage Project, South Phase. The generator pad for Turtle Beach would be complete within the week. 2) Townhall was progressing nicely, and colors of carpets and walls and furniture were being chosen. Mark Marsh, Bridges & Marsh then gave a presentation showing colors and charts for color schemes of walls, flooring and furniture. Interim Mathis continued his report: 3) Coconut Lane Drainage. SFWMD determined that the staked locations did not impact the mangroves. 4) Harbour Dr S was complete except for the valves which are on order. 5) Ocean Ave. Landscape. The permit request from FDOT has been withdrawn. We will be meeting again with the landscape architect, to review the FDOT plan for the road. 6) Island Dr. Bridge is being designed by Bridge Design Associates, Inc. and is 80% complete. 7) Old Ocean Blvd. All of the properties have complied except those north of Corrine, who will comply as a part of their underground utility project. 8) Inlet Cay Drainage. DBF was awarded the contract with the lowest price of \$119,220. The notice to proceed was signed on 5/28/08 and the work should begin within one week. 9) A1A Problems. FDOT is continuing to fix the complaints. 10) Hurricane Information was sent from the Police

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Dept reminding the residents to trim all vegetation and trees that are located near or under power lines or other service lines that are suspended above the ground on poles, giving them a 2-week deadline.

7. Town Attorney

Atty. Spillias clarified that the next Code Enforcement Hearing would be on June 3rd, 2008, not July 3rd as noted in the Agenda.

Atty Spillias stated that there is a contractor requesting an appeal from the decision of the building official. When Palm Beach County did Ocean Ridge's permitting they handled any appeals. Atty. Spillias asked that a Construction Board of Appeal be appointed. It is suggested that the Board should consist of a 5 specific positions such as an architect, contractor and engineer. The commission has the right to appoint themselves or a special master to hear testimony and give recommendation. It was also discussed that there were qualified candidates on both the Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment, and which one would best satisfy the specifications.

Bernde Shulte, 5 Osprey Court, asked if temporary appointments could be made for the five positions. It was discussed that it would take time to contact and get approval from each candidate.

Comm. Brown motioned to appoint the members of the Planning & Zoning as the Construction Board of Appeal for Ocean Ridge. Seconded by Comm. Allison.

Motion Carried – yea 5.

8. Director of Public Safety

Chief Hillery had nothing to report.

9. Town Engineer

Engineer Tropepe was absent with notice.

11. Discuss and Possibly Approve Employee Manual

Atty. Spillias thanked Zoanne Hennigan and Comm. Allison and staff for the tremendous effort and input in preparing the employee manual. There were still some minor legal changes needed, and there were unwritten policies that needed to be addressed or implemented. Atty. Spillias asked to defer this and talk individually to each commissioner and address any policy issues. The commission agreed.

TOWN COMMISSION COMMENTS

12. Discuss Parking Ordinances as it Relates to Minor Violations

Comm Bingham stated that Ocean Avenue, Inlet Cay and Old Ocean have had parking problems with cars parked everywhere. She asked that the parking ordinance be enforced. Chief Hillery stated that there is nothing that prohibits parking on the roads during the day. A consensus was made to ask Planning & Zoning to come back with proposed parking ordinances to prohibit parking in the streets during the day and yards.

13. Discuss Jamboree Held on Good Friday.

Comm. Bingham stated that for the last few years, the City of Boynton Beach has held a Jamboree on Good Friday. She asked that they change this Jamboree another day of the week rather than having it on "Good Friday", as it may hurt people's religious beliefs.

14. Discuss Issues Forum.

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Comm. Bingham stated that Palm Beach County has been given \$225,000 to study trains, roads and waterways. They were looking for a potential ferry service to relieve some of the traffic. Areas for canoeing & kayaking landing were also being researched.

Mayor Kaleel reported that Briny Breezes and their DCA plans are still being monitored. In hopes of their development, Briny Breezes had requested for additional water supply from the City of Boynton Beach, but had been denied. He would keep the town informed of any new developments. Mayor Kaleel congratulated Comm. Allison on her recent engagement. He commented that the League of Cities had a Gala Luncheon and that Ocean Ridge's Honor Guard was present. He thanked them for a job well done at the ceremony.

Comm. Allison thanked the commissioners, town manager, town clerk and deputy clerk for attending the Garden Club Luncheon, and felt it was a wonderful turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Attest By:

Town Clerk

Mayor Kaleel

Commissioner Allison

Commissioner Bingham

Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Pugh