

Memorandum

Town of Ocean Ridge

Date: August 1, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager

Re: Town Manager Report – Regular Town Commission Meeting

Ocean Avenue Tree Removal

On July 29th, select diseased and damaged (7) Calophyllum Trees are scheduled to be removed, including stump grinding. Letters were sent to Ocean Avenue residents alerting them, and the vendor met with Police and Administration for an MOT (traffic) plan. The town seeks resident input for selecting infill plantings to replace the removed damaged trees along this main town corridor.

Stormwater Detention Update

Staff is making arrangements with our contractor Rockline for probe/camera inspection of the subterranean drainpipe infrastructure located in the bed of the Woolbright Detention area to determine its current condition, function and effectiveness under the SFWMD permitted system. Generator pump systems controls are being upgraded/installed with original brand components for optimal performance. Secondary pumps (portable backup) are updated and being maintained for any emergency situation.

PBA Contract Update

The PBA reopener on “third year” wages increases through merit based evaluations was conceptually accepted by both the PBA bargaining unit and administration. The PBA submitted an evaluation table for merit raises that town administration has tweaked into simplified tiers and is returning to the bargaining unit for acceptance. A final proposal, along with any issues that may arise will be brought forward to Commission attention in the near future. The funding of the program is already contemplated in the FY17 Budget development process to be workshopped in August and on to Public Hearings in September. We do not anticipate any significant issues with this matter for the final year.

Barrier Island Fire District Services Study Final

I’ve attached a final copy of the multi-community Barrier Island Fire District Feasibility Study commissioned and paid for by the towns of Highland Beach, Gulf Stream, Briny Breezes, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan and South Palm Beach. It appears through staff level meetings commentary that the coalition of communities are not unanimous in collaboration to pursue the establishment of a new Barrier Island Fire District for the exclusive staging and services along the linear barrier island model. With any one or more of the partners removed, the cost metrics and feasibility probability goes from apparent “at par” costs plus infrastructure costs, to unjustifiable altogether without some compelling motivation other than cost for service savings. Town administration thanks and appreciates the due diligence and hard dedicated work from all the participating municipal partners and agencies. The value of the study is

evident in codifying the size, scope, costs and considerations as well as current figures for all the aggregated service delivery models in place today as well as to replicate or replace with a new model. It is apparent that the communities involved are getting pretty good value presently. (Attachment)

Traffic Calming Infrastructure Costing

Town Engineers have taken a look at the request for costs associated with design, engineering and construction of various traffic calming infrastructure that might work well for the Town of Ocean Ridge to help create the atmosphere and brand of slower and leisurely traffic movement within the Town. Actual costs are still site and condition specific. The election of multiple structures implemented at the same time will impact (possibly lower) costs as well, such as shared engineering of multiple designs along the same street. The time off year and the availability of contractors and paving initiatives may also impact costs favorably. (Attachments)

Town Code Updates & Revisions

Town staff and Attorneys have been in discussion about the need for an extensive review and update of many sections within the Town's Code of Ordinances for legal and practical compliance along with comparative current laws and practices. Staff seeks Town Commission input to direct and implement a process for the systematic review and vetting of the code. In example, might the Planning and Zoning Board be tasked to take on a review of the Land Development Code Subpart, and staff take on an initial review of general sections of concern, while the Commission reviews all Charter and general Code provisions, vetting issues and recommendations, and the Town Attorney to direct most critical updates for statute compliance. Discuss...

Budget Workbook V2 Update

The Town budget workbook document was re-released (FY17 Budget Workbook FULL-V2-071516) since the Special Meeting held on July 13th to set maximum millage. The updated version of the complete FY17 workbook was released for correcting minor edits and catching scrivener's errors brought to light since first released. Changes are corrective to the formatting and typographical errors, but not budget calculations as shown in version 1. A new replacement workbook will be printed and distributed prior to any subsequent official budget meeting(s). This corrected PDF is mounted to the Town's website under the "Budgets" link, while the previous book and its addendum sheets remain linked under the meeting agenda/minutes link for that meeting on the website.

Best Regards,



Town Manager