

Date: September 6, 2018
To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
From: Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager
Re: Town Manager Report – September Commission Meeting Update

PBA Police Collective Bargaining

Multiple sessions were held to negotiate a 2019-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for covered police department members. Commission “Shade” meetings provided direction toward final temporary agreement (TA), next the union members vote, then the CBA comes to the Commission to adopt. Contract cost values are modeled into the FY19 budget presented at this first public hearing.

RSF LDA Moratorium Ordinance Update

The Ordinance 630 providing a “Moratorium of RSF Land Development Applications” continues to place heightened pressures upon the Town staff, increases costs and curtails revenue flows. Applicants seeking “Administrative Exemption” on plans to exceed current Town Code, and contemplated provisional thresholds are having a difficult time receiving clearance to proceed to P&Z “Concept Plan Review”. Staff urges the Commission and advisory boards to implement progress on the issues, definitions and amended code language that will address Town concerns, allowing the moratorium component to be lifted as soon as is practicable. Any incremental adjustments will positively affect current concerns, where future modifications may fix any glitches unforeseen.

Oceanfront Park Operations & Requests

The City of Boynton Beach voted to consider a “Dog Day at the Beach” event sometime this Fall, presumably after the close of Turtle Season (October 31st). Their stated aim is to flush out the logistics of how future uses of this nature may occur. Staff from each municipality have long conversed on this matter and both understand that Town Code of Ocean Ridge formally prohibit dogs on the beach.

Town Administration stated a Special Event Permit may be an appropriate avenue to deploy for the Boynton’s current proposal, which has yet to be presented officially to our Town. A Special Event application helps us to define the scale, scope and vet impacts a proposal may have so that the Town can assess proper resources mandated to be in place to limit liabilities should this event take place.

The town wishes to avoid any legal or logistical conflicts that may be unintended as a result of moving forward on staging the event. I have asked the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer to look more closely into the boundary issues this may raise. Determination of the official boundaries and historical agreements in place with the city of Boynton Beach on Oceanfront Park operations may have implications on other activities beyond the current proposed “dog day” event proposed.

We urge the Commission to give staff, and our contract professionals, clear direction on our parameters moving forward and how to best communicate with officials at Boynton Beach on this matter.

Storm Season is here

Please keep vegetation properly trimmed and away from utility lines, help us to keep the ROW drain systems and grates clear from debris and obstructions at all times, protection against high tides and tropical flooding affecting your properties depend upon it... Thank you!

 Respectfully,
Town Manager