

**Date:** October 02, 2017  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Commissioners  
**From:** Jamie Titcomb, Town Manager  
**Re:** Town Manager Report – October Commission Meeting

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Happy FY18!

Welcome new fiscal year! Several initiatives emerge in coming months with passage of the FY18 budget, including “phase-two” mil/overlay paving, enhanced beautification & landscaping projects, stepped up infrastructure maintenance, search and hire for new positions budgeted in PD, dispatch and building department areas, as well as upgrading our hardware and software systems for the digital side of the house, including infrastructure and accounting systems. In the next two meeting cycles (Oct & Nov) the Commission will review a short list of budget amendments to close out FY17 in preparation for final year-end accounting procedures toward annual audit readiness.

FY18 - Phase Two Paving Project

Phase-Two prioritized paving projects (mill/overlay) on local streets throughout the town budgeted, are being prepared for quotes from our contract paver, All County Paving, Inc. Two of the street segments originally included on the Phase-One FY17 paving priority list, Island Drive South and Beachway Drive will be prioritized first on the Phase Two list, then fill in the remainder roster within budgeted allowances. Beachway is also still being studied for “One Way” options and traffic calming initiatives.

Columbus Day Holiday – Town Hall Closed Monday, October 9th

Town Hall will be closed October 9<sup>th</sup> for the Federal holiday. No Building/Inspection services are available that day, however contractors may work within standard Town Codes and construction site rules. The Planning and Zoning meeting normally scheduled that day will move to 10/16 as needed.

Hurricane Irma

We dodged a big one! Comparatively our neighbors in the Florida Keys and other parts of Florida, Caribbean island countries and states weren't so lucky. Our sympathy/empathies go out to these hard hit areas. Our Town staff was fantastic and fully mobilized throughout this emergency crisis period, working tirelessly to serve Town residents and protect vital infrastructure and properties. Contract storm debris haulers also worked closely with staff and intergovernmental partners to get our town picked up at a faster rate than many of our neighboring communities. We've all shared frustration over the power, cable and telephone companies reaching full restoration on the electric/communication grid. Hopefully by this meeting, virtually all our residents have been returned to somewhat normal service levels.

As I begin my third year here in Ocean Ridge, my hope is our residents see positive change with progress being made toward providing well-run, service oriented, small town operations. Please let us know how we are doing. Come in to experience “concierge” level service from staff striving to troubleshoot and assist our residents on issues they have navigating the local regulatory maze.

Respectfully,

  
Town Manager