



MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2010

**ONE BEACHSIDE DRIVE
ORCHID ISLAND GOLF AND BEACH CLUB
ORCHID, FLORIDA**

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

MAYOR DUNLOP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM.

PRESENT:

MAYOR RICHARD DUNLOP
VICE-MAYOR SUE JOYCE
COUNCILMEMBER BILL TROXELL
COUNCILMEMBER BUD OATWAY
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL JOHNSON

ABSENT:

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

DEB C. BRANWELL, TOWN MANAGER
TERRI WALLACE, TOWN CLERK
PHIL REDSTONE, CHIEF OF POLICE

AGENDA ITEM #2 – AGENDA MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

THERE WERE NONE.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2010, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

***COUNCILMEMBER TROXELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2010.
VICE-MAYOR JOYCE SECONDED THE MOTION.
ALL COUNCILMEMBERS AGREED.***

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF'S REPORT

MAYOR DUNLOP BRIEFLY REVIEWED THIS MONTH'S INCIDENT REPORT.

THE CENSUS

MAYOR DUNLOP REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING THE CENSUS FORM AND ITS FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE AREA.

DURING COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR DUNLOP ADDRESSED MR. CHARLES MCGOVERN REGARDING A MARKETING STUDY THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS INTERESTED IN HAVING CONDUCTED. THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FROM THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWN TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK. MRS. TRISH JOAQUIM INTERJECTED THAT THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WAS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE FINANCIALLY.

MAYORS' MEETING

MAYOR DUNLOP REPORTED THAT THIS MEETING WAS CENTERED ON TRYING TO ATTRACT BUSINESSES. FELLSMERE REPORTED THERE IS AN INDUSTRIAL PARK ON CR512 CLOSE TO I-95. AFTER THE MEETING, MAYOR DUNLOP, ALONG WITH MAYOR BILL KENYON OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, DROVE UP TO AND TOOK A LOOK AROUND THE SITE. IN THE MAYOR'S OPINION, IT SHOULD BE CLEANED UP AND IS NOT A WELCOMING, PROFESSIONAL SITE.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

VICE-MAYOR JOYCE REPORTED THAT DODGERTOWN WILL BE HOSTING 60 COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAMS, THIS SPRING, WHICH WILL BRING APPROXIMATELY 3,500 PEOPLE TO VERO – NOT COUNTING FAMILY AND FOLLOWERS. THEY WILL ALSO HOST A WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM MID-MARCH.

ALSO DISCUSSED, THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR BUSINESSES TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND. THE ABATEMENT ONLY APPLIES TO THE STRUCTURE, NOT THE LAND.

THEY WENT ON TO DISCUSS PACE (PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY), WHICH WOULD BE A SOLAR LOAN TAKEN ON YOUR HOME AND REPAID THROUGH YOUR PROPERTY TAXES.

THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

VICE-MAYOR JOYCE REPORTED THAT THEY DISCUSSED THE AMTRAK TRAIN PROPOSAL FROM MIAMI TO JACKSONVILLE AND THAT IT WAS REJECTED. THE TAMPA TO ORLANDO WAS APPROVED, BUT \$2.6 BILLION WAS REQUESTED TO HELP CONSTRUCT IT AND ONLY RECEIVED \$1.3 BILLION. THEY ALSO EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONNECTING TRI-RAIL WITH FEC (FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY) TO MAKE THE MIAMI / JACKSONVILLE CONNECTION.

BEACH AND SHORES PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER TROXELL REPORTED THAT HE HAD JUST SPOKEN WITH JAMES GRAY, COUNTY ENGINEER, REGARDING THE SAND PLACEMENT AND MR. TROXELL WAS TOLD THAT THE MINE COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH THE TRUCKS. HE ALSO ASKED WHY THE PLACEMENT OF THE SAND WAS REARRANGED AND WAS TOLD IT WAS BECAUSE OF DISNEY. MR. TROXELL TOLD MR. GRAY THAT THE TIMING IS CRITICAL FOR THE SAND PLACEMENT AT ORCHID AS EASTER BREAK IS THE SINGLE BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR FOR THE TOWN. MR. TROXELL ALSO ASKED THAT THEY COME BACK NOW AND FINISH ORCHID, SINCE THEY ARE FINISHED WITH DISNEY.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – CONSENT AGENDA

A. 2010 CENSUS PROCLAMATION

*COUNCILMEMBER OATWAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2010 CENSUS PROCLAMATION.
COUNCILMEMBER TROXELL SECONDED THE MOTION.
ALL COUNCILMEMBERS AGREED.*

AGENDA ITEM #6 – TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS

A. ONE-CENT OPTIONAL SALES TAX REVENUE CONTRIBUTION REQUEST BY INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL REPORTED TO COUNCIL THAT INDIAN RIVER COUNTY FORMALLY REQUESTED THE TOWN AND THREE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES CONTRIBUTE A PORTION OF THEIR ONE-CENT OPTIONAL SALES TAX REVENUE TO THE COUNTY TO FUND EMERGENCY SERVICES. MS. BRANWELL STATED THAT THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WERE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THIS REQUEST. COUNCIL AGREED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, AS WELL. COUNCIL ASKED MS. BRANWELL TO PREPARE A LETTER TO INDIAN RIVER COUNTY DECLINING THIS REQUEST.

B. MPO BIKE SAFETY DAY

MAYOR DUNLOP REPORTED THAT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE HAD A HELMET AND BIKE LIGHT DAY. THE STATE IS SUPPLYING THE BIKE LIGHTS AND THE HELMETS ARE AT A REDUCED PRICE. THE TOWN OF ORCHID WILL SPONSOR A HELMET AND BIKE LIGHT DAY AS SOON AS FDOT HAS REPLENISHED THEIR SUPPLY OF HELMETS.

C. STATUS OF 510 PROPERTY DISCUSSION

MR OATWAY OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT HE HAD PUT THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA IN THE HOPE THAT HE COULD GET A SENSE FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF WHERE THEY CURRENTLY STOOD ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT KIND OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE 510 PROPERTY WOULD LIKELY BE VIEWED FAVORABLY BY A MAJORITY OF THE PRESENT COUNCIL. HE STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORED A MIXED RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TYPE THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REJECTED BY THE COUNCIL. HE STATED THAT HE FELT THIS WAY FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE IT WOULD CREATE A NEW POOL OF POTENTIAL CLUB MEMBERS AND HELP ADDRESS A CURRENT CLUB CHALLENGE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT RAISING THIS ISSUE ON BEHALF OF MR. PUTTICK, THE PROPERTY OWNER AND IN FACT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MR. PUTTICK COULD BE PERSUADED TO RECONSIDER THAT PROJECT. HE WAS DOING SO INSTEAD AT THE BEHEST OF A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED TO HIM DISMAY

THAT THE PROPERTY IS LIKELY TO BE DEVELOPED AS A STRICTLY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MAYOR DUNLOP CONFIRMED THE VIEWS THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED WHEN THE EARLIER MIXED RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL PROPOSAL WAS CONSIDERED AND WHEN HE VOTED AGAINST IT. MRS. JOYCE AGAIN REITERATED HER EARLIER VIEW THAT WITH SO MANY HOUSES FOR SALE IN ORCHID SHE WAS OPPOSED TO ADDING MORE. MR. TROXELL EXPRESSED NO VIEW.

MR. OATWAY THANKED THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE CANDID EXPRESSION OF THEIR VIEWS AND ENDED THE DISCUSSION BY STATING THAT HE WOULD DISCOURAGE THE PEOPLE WHO HAD APPROACHED HIM FROM BELIEVING THAT THERE WAS ANY REASONABLE LIKELIHOOD THAT A MIXED RESIDENTIAL PROJECT WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE CURRENT COUNCIL.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – TOWN MANAGER MATTERS

A. CONNECT-CITY RENEWAL

TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL PRESENTED TO COUNCIL THAT THIS SERVICE SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED DUE TO EXORBITANT ANNUAL COSTS AND SO FEW PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE. MS. BRANWELL STATED THAT SHE AND CHIEF REDSTONE ARE RESEARCHING LOWER COST, MORE EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVES. COUNCIL AGREED NOT TO RENEW.

B. CHECK SIGNING / BANKING

TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL PRESENTED TO COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE CHECK SIGNING POLICY. COUNCIL SUGGESTED TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 97-1 AND DRAFT A NEW RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE SINGLE SIGNATURE LIMIT FROM \$500 TO \$1,000 ON VENDOR CHECKS AND EMPLOYEE CHECKS, TO MAKE IT SO THAT ANY TWO COUNCILMEMBERS MAY SIGN CHECKS, AND TO REMOVE THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN CLERK FROM CHECK SIGNING PRIVILEGES.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – PUBLIC COMMENT

MAYOR DUNLOP ASKED MR. JON CIERI ABOUT A LARCENY CALL THAT CAME TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 23RD. MR. CIERI STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO GUESTS AT A BEACH POOL WHO LEFT A BACKPACK UNATTENDED AND THEIR CAMERA AND CELLULAR TELEPHONE WERE TAKEN.

MR. ROB TENCH, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ORCHID ISLAND GOLF AND BEACH, COMPLIMENTED THE TOWN ON THEIR SELECTION OF PAINTING CONTRACTOR FOR THE LIGHT POSTS AS THEY DID A GREAT JOB. ALL PRESENT CONCURRED.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:06 AM.

APPROVED AT THE April 7, 2010 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

TERRI WALLACE

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TOWN CLERK