

# MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2009

*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 9:02 am.

### **Present:**

Mayor Richard Dunlop  
Vice-Mayor Sue Joyce  
Councilmember Paul Johnson – departed at 10:20  
Councilmember Bud Oatway – arrived at 9:08  
Councilmember Bill Troxell

### **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**

Mayor Dunlop asked if there were any modifications, additions or deletions. There were none.

## **Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes**

### **Minutes Regular Town Council Meeting – February 4, 2009**

*Councilmember Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2009.  
Vice-Mayor Joyce seconded the motion.  
All Councilmembers present agreed.*

## **Agenda Item #4 – Committee Reports**

**Metropolitan Planning Organization:** Mayor Dunlop stated that the Stimulus Bill had \$30B in Transportation and \$12B in Transits. The State is expected to receive \$1.4B of which 45% will be distributed to the MPO. Indian River County is expecting to receive \$2 - \$3M, of which 10% is to go to sidewalks and/or landscaping.

**The Leadership Summit:** Vice-Mayor Joyce along with Councilmembers Johnson and Troxell attended this meeting. Vice-Mayor Joyce told Council that a representative from Indian River State College asked attendees to sign an Accord establishing a Consortium for Life Science Research and Technology Advancement in Indian River County hoping this will help attract businesses of this nature to Indian River County.

*Vice-Mayor Joyce moved to Accept and Sign the Accord to  
Establish The Indian River County Consortium for Life Science Research and Technology Advancement.  
Councilmember Troxell seconded the motion.*

**Upon discussion initiated by Councilmember Oatway, the wording of the Accord required amending. Councilmember Johnson stated the document should be signed on behalf of the Town of Orchid by Mayor Dunlop. This change was acceptable to Councilmember Oatway.**

*With amended wording in place, all Councilmembers agreed to the Accord.*

**Interlocal Service Boundary Area (ISBA):** Mayor Dunlop stated he received a letter from the Mayor of the Town of Indian River Shores which confirmed that they had pulled out of ISBA. Mayor Dunlop said that this would not preclude the other municipalities and the City of Vero Beach from continuing on with ISBA. By consensus, Council agreed to proceed with ISBA.

**Agenda Item #5 – Town Council Matters**

**A. Auditor Selection Committee Recommendation – Councilmember Oatway**

Councilmember Oatway stated that the Auditor Selection Committee received proposals from three (3) auditing firms.

The Committee opted to not interview the incumbent firm – Harris, Cotherman, Jones, Price & Associates – as they were all well aware of their staff and capabilities.

The Committee interviewed J. W. Gaines, with Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank, CPAs.

The Committee then interviewed Michael Kmetz, with O’Haire, Kmetz, Nuttall, Ewell & Company.

Mr. Oatway gave Council a brief overview of the interviews and then conveyed the Committee’s recommendation of retaining the incumbent firm of Harris, Cotherman, Jones, Price & Associates.

*Councilmember Johnson moved to Approve the Auditor Selection Committee’s Recommendation to Retain the Incumbent Firm of Harris, Cotherman, Jones, Price & Associates.*

*Councilmember Troxell seconded the motion.*

*All Councilmembers agreed.*

**B. Future Town Facility Requirements – Councilmember Oatway**

Councilmember Oatway asked to strike the word ‘Hall’ from Item 5. B. and refer to the proposed new building as an administrative facility.

Mr. Joe Joyce was asked, by the Club Board, to approach Mr. Oatway regarding the Town requirements for an administrative facility. Mr. Oatway gave Council a brief overview of his and Mr. Joyce’s discussion. After a lively exchange between the Public and Council, Council agreed that Messrs Oatway and Joyce should pursue further discussions on this matter.

**Agenda Item #6 – Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ May 6, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Town Council Meeting.

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**Terri Wallace**  
**Town Clerk**