



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

TOWN OF ORCHID TOWN HALL
7707-3 US HIGHWAY 1, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32967

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

MAYOR DUNLOP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:26 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR RICHARD DUNLOP
VICE-MAYOR BUD OATWAY,
VIA TELEPHONE @ 4:40
COUNCILMEMBER PAUL JOHNSON
VIA TELEPHONE
COUNCILMEMBER BILL TROXELL
COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS WEBBER

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

DEB BRANWELL, TOWN MANAGER
TERRI WALLACE, TOWN CLERK
ANTHONY GARGANESE, TOWN ATTORNEY,
VIA TELEPHONE

AGENDA ITEM #2 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR MODIFICATIONS

THERE WERE NONE.

B. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2011

*COUNCILMEMBER TROXELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 4, 2011, TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.
COUNCILMEMBER WEBBER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ALL COUNCILMEMBERS AGREED.*

AGENDA ITEM #3 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

THE MAYOR REPORTED THE 'GO-LINE,' THIS PAST YEAR, HAD APPROXIMATELY 896,000 RIDERS.

BEACH AND SHORES COMMITTEE/THE COUNTY COMMISSION/THE MAYORS

THE MAYOR REPORTED THIS MEETING, ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2011, IS INTENDED FOR THE REVIEW THE PAST 10 TO 15 YEARS OF BEACH AND SAND. THEY ARE ALSO DISCUSSING THE SUCCESS OF PREFABRICATED EROSION PREVENTION (PEP) REEFS AND TO DISCUSS AUTHORIZING A STUDY OF PLACING PEP REEFS ALONG THE ELEVEN MILE STRETCH OF BEACH NORTH OF THE TWIN TOWERS. THE COST OF THE STUDY IS DROPPING AND HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS YET.

COUNCILMEMBER TROXELL COMMENTED ON THE TOWN'S ERRATIC EROSION AND THAT HE BELIEVES ARTIFICIAL REEFS WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL. VICE-MAYOR OATWAY ASKED WHO WAS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUNDING OF THE REEFS. MAYOR DUNLOP RELAYED THAT THE STATE AND THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS WOULD BE APPROACHED.

OFF-TOPIC OF COMMITTEE REPORTS: COUNCILMEMBER WEBBER BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTING ROOFING REPAIRS. TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL INFORMED MR. WEBBER THAT NO ACTION WAS EVER TAKEN, BY COUNCIL, TO PUT THE TEN BY TEN SQUARE REQUIREMENT IN PLACE; THEREFORE, COUNCIL NEED NOT TAKE REVERSAL IS NEEDED. MS. BRANWELL FURTHER INFORMED COUNCIL THAT ACTION WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE MARCH 2012 MEETING ON THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AND THIS ITEM CAN BE ADDRESSED AT THAT TIME. COUNCIL AGREED.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS

A. TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT

MAYOR DUNLOP POINTED OUT, FOR COUNCIL, THAT ONE CHANGE HAD BEEN MADE TO MS. BRANWELL'S CONTRACT. PER FLORIDA STATUTE, SEVERANCE PAY CANNOT EXCEED MORE THAN TWENTY WEEKS.

*COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON MOVED TO RENEW THE TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT.
COUNCILMEMBER TROXELL SECONDED THE MOTION.
ALL COUNCILMEMBERS AGREED.*

B. BUILDING PERMIT PROCEDURE CONTRACTOR VIOLATION FEES

MAYOR DUNLOP STATED THAT COUNCILMEMBER WEBBER VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK OF PROPOSING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TOWN'S PRESENT VIOLATION FEES. DISCUSSION ENSUED AS TO HOW TO PUT THE NEW FEES IN PLACE AND COMPLYING WITH FLORIDA BUILDING CODE.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL TABLE THIS SUBJECT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING AND UNTIL FURTHER INVESTIGATION ON THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

MAYOR DUNLOP SUGGESTED, INSTEAD OF TABLING THE MATTER, THAT COUNCILMEMBER WEBBER TO DELVE FURTHER INTO THE SUBJECT WITH THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF TOWN ATTORNEY GARGANESE. COUNCIL AGREED TO THIS.

C. ORCHID ISLAND GOLF AND BEACH CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STREET LIGHT ADDITION REQUEST

MAYOR DUNLOP REVIEWED THE SUCCESS OF THE 'TEST' LIGHTS THAT HAD BEEN INSTALLED THE YEAR PRIOR AND STATED HE THOUGHT THE ADDITION OF ELEVEN (11) NEW LIGHTS WAS A GOOD IDEA. TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL HAD RESEARCHED THE COSTS OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLATION OF THESE LIGHTS, WHICH WAS QUOTED BY REXEL (SUPPLIER) AND BLAIS ELECTRIC (INSTALLER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,343.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER ANY OF THE STATE REVENUES THE TOWN RECEIVES WOULD BE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THIS PROJECT TO OFFSET THE TOWN'S COSTS. MAYOR DUNLOP REPLIED THERE ARE REVENUES THAT THE TOWN RECEIVES THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO THIS PROJECT.

COUNCILMEMBER WEBBER ASKED THAT THE TOWN PROCURE AT LEAST TWO (2) MORE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THESE LIGHTS. THE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL AGREED. THEREFORE, COUNCIL INSTRUCTED TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL TO PROCURE THE ADDITIONAL RFPs.

D. TORWEST RESPONSE TO TOWN INQUIRY TO LEASE BUILDING SPACE

MAYOR DUNLOP STATED FOR COUNCIL THAT THEY HAD, IN THEIR PACKET, THE RESPONSE/ PROPOSAL FROM TORWEST AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF LEASE SPACE. COUNCIL AGREED NOT TO GO FORWARD WITH THE LEASE.

COUNCIL DIRECTED TOWN MANAGER BRANWELL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATING AN EXTENDED LEASE ON THE CURRENT LOCATION.

MAYOR DUNLOP STATED FOR COUNCIL THAT THE STREETLIGHTS, WITHIN THE TOWN, NEED THEIR ANNUAL FOLIAGE TRIMMING. MS. BRANWELL STATED SHE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF COLLECTING BIDS.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – PUBLIC COMMENT

MARY LOU NORRIS ASKED TO TAKE THE DISCUSSION BACK TO THE STREETLIGHTS AND ASKED IF COUNCIL HAD CONSIDERED USING TIMERS, INSTEAD OF PHOTOCELLS, FOR MORE LIGHTING ACCURACY. MS. BRANWELL REPLIED THAT THE ELECTRICIAN REPORTED TO HER THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH THIS TYPE OF LAMP POSTS.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:27 PM.

APPROVED AT THE _____ TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

TERRI WALLACE
TOWN CLERK