

SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Monday,
September 24, 2018, at 5:01 PM in the Town Hall Commission Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bonfiglio at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Stevens led the roll call, which was answered by the following:

	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Tardy:</u>
Commissioner Besler	x		
Mayor Bonfiglio	x		
Commissioner Coz	x		
Commissioner de Haseth	x		
Vice Mayor MaGruder	x		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bonfiglio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor MaGruder moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Besler.

Commissioner Coz asked why the PBA contract item is on the agenda after the budget discussion, and Town Manager Titcomb explained the timing of the public hearing, and that the budget will need to be adopted tonight due to TRIM guidelines whether the PBA contract is passed or not.

Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Police Chief Hutchins alerted the Commission on a burglary that happened recently on Old Ocean Blvd, and noted that the crime was not specifically targeted based upon the individual; it was targeted based on opportunity and location. He stated that two suspects are in custody, and there are warrants from other agencies. He noted that several residents assisted in the investigation by providing camera footage they had, and the department also used license plate recognition technology.

Police Chief Hutchins advised that the Town is hosting a community-wide beach cleanup event on Saturday, October 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning at Oceanfront Park.

FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

1. a. Presentation of the Final Budget & Final Millage Rate for FY 2018/19

Town Manager Titcomb presented the final FY2018/19 budget and highlighted that the budget has not changed since the tentative adoption on September 6, 2018. The budget is modeled to reflect approvals as of that date, with the addition of the budget summary and proposed tax increase advertisements, new millage rate chart, and a narrative section to explain the budget plus five year comparative sheets provided by the Town Auditor.

b. Announce the Town of Ocean Ridge Computed Millage Rate is Higher Than the Rolled Back Rate of 5.0527 mills by 5.88%. The millage to be levied is 5.35.

Town Clerk Stevens announced that the Town of Ocean Ridge computed millage rate is higher than the rolled back rate of 5.0527 mills by 5.88%. She announced that the millage to be levied is 5.35.

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c. Comments from Commissioners & Public

Mayor Bonfiglio called for public comment and comments from Commissioners, and there was none.

d. Resolution No. 2018-12: Adoption of Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Mayor Bonfiglio read Resolution No. 2018-12 by title only.

Vice Mayor MaGruder moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-12, adopting the final levying of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2018/2019, with a final operating millage rate of 5.35 mils, which is greater than the rolled back rate of 5.0527 mils by 5.88%; seconded by Commissioner Coz.

Mayor Bonfiglio noted that he voiced his opposition to raising the millage rate at the tentative hearing, and he stands by his opposition.

Mayor Bonfiglio called for public comment, and there was none.

Motion carried 4-1 (Mayor Bonfiglio dissenting) at 5:12 p.m.

e. Resolution No. 2018-13: Adoption of Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Mayor Bonfiglio read Resolution No. 2018-13 by title only.

Commissioner de Haseth moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-13, adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2018/2019, setting forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 in the amount of \$7,084,574; seconded by Commissioner Besler.

Mayor Bonfiglio called for public comment, and there was none.

Motion carried 5-0 at 5:13 p.m.

f. Resolution No. 2018-14: Updating and Re-appropriating Funds for the Capital Projects Fund for FY2018/2019

Mayor Bonfiglio read Resolution No. 2018-14 by title only.

Commissioner Besler moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-14, updating and re-appropriating funds for the Capital Projects Fund for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Coz.

Mayor Bonfiglio called for public comment, and there was none.

Motion carried 5-0 at 5:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Ratification of the PBA Contract (By: Matthew Ransdell, Town Labor Attorney)

Town Labor Attorney Matthew Ransdell advised that nothing has changed since he had spoken to Commissioners last. He noted that the union has voted to pass the contract, and they have signed it. He highlighted that this is a three-year agreement, with adjustments in holiday pay, a \$4,500 increase in salary to bring the positions up to market, with an eligibility for a 3% merit increase in the first year, a \$2,000 signing incentive, increase in leave time accrual, an increase in vacation time carryover from 84 hours to 210 hours on a non-specified date to allow more flexibility for staffing, education reimbursement for

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various job related courses with certain conditions on grades and staying with the town for two years, and a promotion process allowing for 3% increase in Sergeant's pay upon completion of a probationary period.

Commissioner Coz stated that the three-year police contract renewal has caused up to \$200,000 increase in the budget, and a lot of that money will be expended on October 1st, so the Commission felt that it was necessary to increase the millage up to 5.35 as it was in year's past.

Mayor Bonfiglio stated that the Commission also needed to make sure that the Town has enough money for the road repaving project and drainage issues we have had in town, as well as increased drainage maintenance. He stated that the money for all of those things could have been taken from reserves as opposed to increasing the millage rate.

Public Comment: Betty Bingham, 1 E. Ocean Ave, asked how much revenue we have gained by more expensive houses being built in Ocean Ridge, and Town Manager Titcomb stated that the valuation increase was 5.8%. Mayor Bonfiglio stated that when old structures are demolished and new houses built in its place, the new assessment happens in the following year. Commissioner Coz mentioned that the \$25,000 additional homestead exemption could be a factor in 2020 as well.

Commissioner Coz moved to ratify the PBA Contract as presented by the Town Labor Attorney; seconded by Vice Mayor MaGruder.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Clerk Stevens, and adopted by the Town Commission on November 5, 2018.

Steve Coz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey L. Stevens, MMC, Town Clerk