

Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida**Town Commission Agenda Memorandum****Office of the Town Manager**

Meeting Date: March 1, 2021
Subject: Town Manager's Report

Mayor, Commissioners & Residents of Ocean Ridge:

In the month of February, we celebrated the following employee anniversaries with the Town: Assistant Town Clerk Kathie Gatewood, 2 years; Police Officer Lequandra Beckford, 3 years; Police Investigator Aaron Choban, 3 years; and Dispatch Manager Jessica Simpson, 16 years. We thank them for their service and dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge!

The photometric plan has been completed for the Crown Colony crosswalk. Engenuity submitted the plan and updated drawings to FDOT for final approval of the crosswalk. FDOT reviewed the Town's application and made comments for additional information and paperwork needed, and additional lighting may be required. Town Staff is currently working on those requirements, and we will keep you all updated as to the status of the permit when we receive additional notification from FDOT.

The Anna/Edith Street landscape plans were submitted to the Town by the contractor. Town Staff met with the Citizens' group representative and submitted our comments back to the contractor. We are awaiting the finalized landscape plan from the contractor at this time.

At last month's Town Commission meeting, Town Staff presented an enhanced communications plan. Overall consensus was that the Town was already doing a good job communicating with the public, however, Town Commission consensus was to wait for survey results before any decisions are made. The updated survey results show that 103 people responded to the survey, with 92% agreeing that the communication from the Town to the public is adequate at this time. If the Town Commission would like staff to re-visit this, we would need consensus direction to make changes that would cost the Town for programs that were not budgeted for in the FY21 budget.

FDOT has inspected the Inlet Cay and Sabal Island bridges, and the inspection reports show that the deterioration to the bridges is fairly extensive. Town Engineer Tropepe consulted with a structural engineer who estimates that the cost of the bridge repairs will be around \$200,000 to \$300,000. This will be a budget proposal for FY22.

The South Lake Worth Inlet Management Study that was performed by APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC has been submitted to the Town for review, and the County will be holding a Technical Review Committee meeting on March 31st to review the sediment budget with Town Manager's in Ocean Ridge and Manalapan. The study is on file in the Town Manager's office.

Please check the Town's website regularly for important informational updates regarding COVID-19 vaccine opportunities. Town Staff will continue to gather information regarding vaccines for our residents to ensure everyone who wishes to be vaccinated can do so.

Palm Beach County extended the emergency order until March 19th that mandates facial coverings be worn in all businesses and establishments, in all county and municipal buildings, on Palm Tran, and in any outdoor public places where social distancing cannot be accomplished. We ask that our residents and visitors continue to do your part in wearing a facial covering, maintaining proper social distancing, and washing hands frequently to help slow the spread of this deadly virus. Emergency Orders and other information related to COVID-19 may be reviewed on the Town's website at www.oceanridgeflorida.com. We hope you all continue to remain safe and healthy!

Respectfully,



Tracey L. Stevens, MMC
Town Manager & Finance Director