

REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the Town Hall Commission Chambers and live audio feed provided through Gotomeeting.com.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor de Haseth at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor de Haseth reminded that the live audio feed is no longer interactive and encouraged those that would like to make a public comment to attend in person, or send comments to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Vice Mayor Coz	Present
Mayor de Haseth	Present
Commissioner Hurlburt	Present
Commissioner Pugh	Present
Commissioner Wiescholek	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor de Haseth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was consensus to suspend the rules of order and procedure to change the sequence of discussion to allow public comment after Commissioner discussion on regular agenda items.

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the agenda as submitted; seconded by Vice Mayor Hurlburt. Motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

a. Employee of the Quarter Award (By: Town Manager Stevens)

Town Manager Stevens presented the employee of the quarter award to Town Treasurer and Human Resource Administrator, Jean Hallahan. Town Manager Stevens detailed many of Mrs. Hallahan's accomplishments, and thanked her for her contributions to the Town. Town Treasurer Hallahan thanked all those that nominated her and discussed how working at Ocean Ridge has positively impacted her personal life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A budget meeting will be held on August 2nd at 2:00 PM at Town Hall. The next Regular Town Commission Meeting will be held on August 2nd at 6:00 PM at Town Hall. The next Planning & Zoning Commission meeting will be held on July 19th at 8:00 AM at Town Hall.
- b. Please join us each month prior to the Town Commission meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the Building Official Educational Forum in the Commission Chambers at Town Hall. Details including topics to be discussed each month are on the Town's website.
- c. Residents who wish to sign up to receive important Town notifications and news through Civic Ready Should sign up on the Town's website or call Town Hall for assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (3 minute individual limit)

Beth Sloat, 6550 N. Ocean Blvd. #7, voiced her concern with the lawsuits from Swaim regarding the canal, and she asked for a status update on where the Town stands in regards to the lawsuits. Mayor de Haseth stated that Commissioners cannot discuss active lawsuits or any information discussed at closed door meetings. She further stated that Mr. Swaim is losing lawsuits in other places that might be in the favor of

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the Ocean Ridge Community. Mrs. Sloat asked if the Town is in active litigation with Swaim, to which Mayor de Haseth confirmed that the Town has been in active litigation for the past five years. Commissioner Coz recommended that Mrs. Sloat speak to residents in the Town that are Attorneys, as they would be able to discuss more freely.

Janice Burnett, 3 Inlet Cay Drive, voiced the issues that arise from requesting a letter of credit from the bank for a demolition. She asked if she could give a check to the Town with the amount needed. Mayor de Haseth referred her to work with the Building Official and the Town Attorney.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items that do not require discussion)

1. a. Adopt Minutes of the Regular Town Commission Meeting of June 7, 2021.
- b. Adopt Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of June 7, 2021.
- c. Adopt Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of June 22, 2021.
- d. Acceptance of the Revenue & Expenditure Report for May 2021.
- e. Approve Lien Satisfaction for 77 Island Drive, Ocean Ridge, FL 33435.
- f. Resolution No. 2021-11: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Authorizing the Execution of a State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Providing an Effective Date.
- g. Designation of Voting Delegate for the Florida League of Cities Annual Meeting

Town Clerk Armstrong stated that she needed to make a change to a public comment on the Special Town Commission Meeting of June 7, 2021.

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the consent agenda with the change to the Special Town Commission Meeting of June 7, 2021; seconded by Vice Mayor Hurlburt. Motion carried 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

2. Appointment of a Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Member for a One-Year Term (By:Town Clerk Armstrong)

Town Clerk Armstrong noted that there is an open position for an Alternate Planning & Zoning Commission Member, and the two candidates that have applied for the position are Roger Brinner and Nicholas Arsali. She asked that the appointment be made contingent on confirming that the appointee be an elector of the Town, as she had not received that information yet from the Supervisor of Elections.

Mayor de Haseth called for public comment, and there was none.

Town Clerk Armstrong proceeded with handing out the ballots for the Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate Member position. The Commissioners voted, Town Clerk Armstrong tabulated the votes, and the results are as follows:

Roger Brinner - 3 votes

Nicholas Arsali - 2 votes

Commissioner Coz moved to appoint Roger Brinner to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate Member as shown on the ballots with the condition that the appointee is confirmed as an elector of the Town; seconded by Commissioner Wiescholak. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-03: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 64, "Zoning", Article III "Supplemental Regulations", Section 64-41 "Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures Generally" to Address the Allowance of Dune Crossovers by Administrative Special Exception if Seaward of the 1979 Coastal Construction Control Line and to Address Dune**

Crossover Steps; Providing for Codification, Repeal Of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date. (By: Town Attorney Goddeau)

Town Clerk Armstrong read Ordinance No. 2021-03 into the record by title only.

Town Attorney Goddeau introduced the item by noting that it is on second reading, and that the ordinance was changed to highlight that steps and decks are allowed east of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL) as recommended during the first reading of the ordinance. She also noted that there was a minor change to the title.

Mayor de Haseth called for public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Coz moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-03 on second reading; seconded by Commissioner Pugh. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-04: An Ordinance of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending Its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 62, "Waterways", by Renaming Chapter 62 to "Waterways and Parks", Creating a New Article IV, "Parks", and Creating a New Section 62-61 "Hours For Parks", to Address the Operating Hours for Public Parks Located Within the Town; Providing for Codification, Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances, Severability, and an Effective Date. (By: Town Manager Stevens)

Town Clerk Armstrong read Ordinance No. 2021-03 into the record by title only.

Town Manager Stevens provided an overview of the item by noting that the ordinance will allow the Town to regulate hours for any parks within the Town, such as Linear Park, and that the ordinance is on second reading.

Commissioner Wiescholek asked to defer this item for an additional 30 days so that all the parties involved with the Crown Colony crosswalk can come together. He also stated that there is no need for this ordinance based on conversations with Lieutenant Jones.

Commissioner Coz stated that the request came from the residents that are impacted by Linear Park.

Commissioner Pugh clarified that the ordinance would only give the Town the ability to set the hours for parks within the Town, and that the ordinance itself is not setting the hours. He stated that the hours will be set by Resolution.

Town Manager Stevens asked that if an item is to be deferred that it be the Resolution, and not the ordinance.

Commissioner Hurlburt had no issues with the proposed ordinance.

Mayor de Haseth called for public comment.

Gayle Breman, 5590 N. Ocean Blvd unit A, stated that she has not observed any illicit activity in Linear Park, but that many of her neighbors have. She stated that she is in favor of establishing hours for Linear Park, and that other residents from the Yacht Club and Crown Colony are in favor as well.

Vice Mayor Hurlburt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-04 on second reading; seconded by Commissioner Coz. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Wiescholek dissenting.

5. Resolution No. 2021-12: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Setting Park Hours, and Providing an Effective Date.

Town Clerk Armstrong read Resolution No. 2021-12 into the record by title only.

Town Manager Stevens provided an overview of the item by noting that the resolution will establish the hours within Linear Park. Mayor de Haseth asked for the hours, to which Town Manager Stevens stated that the hours will be sunrise to sunset. Mayor de Haseth asked for all the parks and their hours within Ocean Ridge, and Police Chief Hutchins stated that the parks in Ocean Ridge include Ocean Inlet Park, Hammock Park, Oceanfront Park, Ocean Ridge Natural Area, and Linear Park. Police Chief Hutchins added that all other parks besides Linear Park are controlled by other entities and that most are sunrise to sunset with the exception of a portion of the Ocean Inlet Park that stays open 24/7 for fishing.

Mayor de Haseth called for public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Coz asked if sunset to sunrise hours would cause any issues with the Police Department, to which Police Chief Hutchins stated that it does not and that it gives officers leeway to give the benefit of doubt.

Commissioner Wiescholek stated that his concerns mentioned with Ordinance No. 2021-04 stands with this item as well.

Commissioner Pugh moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12; seconded by Commissioner Coz. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Wiescholek dissenting.

6. Resolution No. 2021-13: A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending the Adopted Schedule of Fees for Various Services and Providing an Effective Date.

Town Clerk Armstrong read Resolution No. 2021-13 into the record by title only.

Building Official Guy stated that the Resolution will allow changes to the Building Department schedule of fees, and that the change is due to a House Bill that requires local governments to give permit reductions to those that will have a private provider do the inspections.

Mayor de Haseth asked if there will be any losses because of the reduction, to which Building Official Guy stated that there will not be any losses since the Town will just provide oversight and not conduct inspections when private providers are used.

Commissioner Wiescholek stated that it is unlikely that it will be common, and Mayor de Haseth agreed.

Mayor de Haseth called for public comment, and there was none.

Commissioner Wiescholek moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13; seconded by Commissioner Pugh. Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor de Haseth invited Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Mark Marsh, to the podium. Mr. Marsh thanked the Commissioners for appointing an alternate member to the Planning & Zoning

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Commission and he read the report into the record. Chair Marsh discussed some of the style issues with the transitional styled homes.

Vice Mayor Hurlburt noted that shade trees give a lot of benefits to the Community.

8. Town Manager

Town Manager Stevens advised that her report was included in the meeting package. She reported on the following:

- In the month of June, we celebrated the following employee anniversaries with the Town: P/T Dispatcher, Gene Rosenberg, 10 years (although he has served the Town in other capacities such as volunteer Reserve Police Officer for many more years). We thank him for his service and dedication to the Town of Ocean Ridge!
- The joint meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m.
- The Town Engineer in conjunction with the lighting contractor are still working with FDOT on the Crown Colony Crosswalk lighting plan. We hope to have this finalized soon.
- Bargaining sessions for the police union contract have commenced and we hope to have a contract finalized by the end of the fiscal year on September 30th.
- The Town's 30-year potable water contract with the City of Boynton Beach ends in November 2021, and negotiations for a new contract with the City of Boynton Beach have begun. I will update you when more information is received.
- The emergency declaration for the Town of Ocean Ridge has expired. Palm Beach County will also not be renewing the emergency declaration for the County as of July 1st. COVID-19 vaccines are readily available for those that wish to receive one. We ask that everyone still remain vigilant as many cases are still being reported in our area, and the pandemic has not ended.

9. Town Attorney

Town Attorney Goddeau did not have a report to present.

10. Police Chief

Chief Hutchins advised that the Police Department report was included in the meeting package. Mayor de Haseth asked if Boynton Beach Fire Department will be able to provide response times as promised, and Police Chief Hutchins stated that there has been a turnover in staff and that he has asked.

11. Town Engineer & Public Works

Mayor de Haseth advised that the report was included in the meeting package. There were no questions from Commissioners.

12. Building Official

Building Official Guy advised that the Building Department report was included in the meeting package. He also discussed new legislative bills that have passed that will be impacting the procedure and policy in the Building Department.

Commissioner Coz stated that he has full support from the Commission on the Building Department software.

Commissioner Wiescholak asked for a status update on 6273 N. Ocean Blvd, and Building Official Guy stated that the project is not finished and will not be finished by the deadline provided by the Town Commission, therefore, they will go to Code Enforcement as instructed by the Town Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

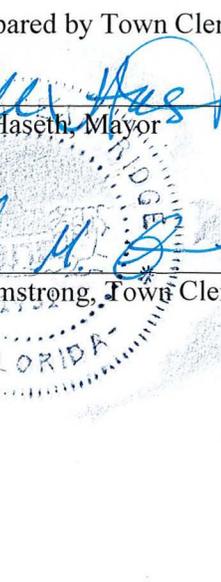
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Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Town Clerk Armstrong, and adopted by the Town Commission on August 2, 2021.



Kristine de Haseth, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karla M. Armstrong, Town Clerk

