TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 p.m.

12/10/2018
Town Administration Building

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Comerford at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call for the record:

Mayor Daniel Comerford
Vice-Mayor Milton Block
Commissioner Jerry Legerton
Commissioner Saeed Khan
Commissioner Richard Busto

Town Attorney William P. Doney
Town Administrator John Pruitt

Others in attendance: 10 members of the community.

2. Guest Speaker: Dr. Albrey Arrington, Loxahatchee River District

This item was added to the agenda. Dr. Albrey Arrington said that he thought the neighborhood came out beautiful. Dr. Arrington explained the segments of the project. The District has gone over the final costs in detail and the final bill that the Colony owes to LRD is $267,394.89. The Mayor explained that we are finishing a few final driveway aprons, etc. Dr. Arrington complimented the Mayor on all of his hard work and dedication.

3. Public Comments: A representative of the Property Appraiser's Office will be here at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning to talk about Homestead Exemptions. Cindy Keim inquired about the project being under budget and where that money is. Vice-Mayor Block explained that the assessment will be lowered next year and for the remaining years due to the project coming in under budget. Commissioner Legerton asked if the marina was required to connect to our sewer. He asked for us to check it out.

4. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda

b. Minutes from November 13, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting

Discussion: None
MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block
SECOND: Commissioner Legerton
VOTE: Unanimous
Motion passed.
5. Commission and Staff Reports:
   a. Administrative Officer: The Mayor and Chief Pruitt were invited to attend the Governor’s Holiday Reception at the Florida Governor’s mansion in Tallahassee last week. We drove to Tallahassee and were honored to attend. We had professional photos taken with Governor Scott and the First Lady of Florida (Mrs. Scott). It was a great experience to attend the reception. This past Saturday evening, we had our annual employee holiday dinner and awards ceremony at the American Legion Post in Tequesta. Officer Bob Beckmann was awarded a life-saving medal for his actions in saving the life of the son of a resident here in the Colony. The young man was experiencing a severe reaction due to an allergy to peanuts. Officer Beckmann rushed him home for an epi-pen injection and called for an ambulance on his police radio. Because of Officer Beckmann’s quick actions, the boy is alive and healthy. You can read about it in this month’s Inlet/Outlet. Beware of increased scams during the holidays. Happy holidays!
   b. Chief of Police: See above.
   d. Town Attorney: No report.
   e. Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Legerton talked about the Zoning Consultant’s contract and scope of work. He said that he noticed that the payment has been trending downward. He thought the first part of the contract involved a review and report and he would like to see that. The second part was planning. Dr. Legerton would like to know if we are going to manage to the contract or if we are going to deviate from the contract. He said Dr. Whiteford is doing an awesome job and it is challenging. He asked if the Mayor could re-visit the agreement. The Mayor said he would do that.

   Commissioner Busto. No report.

   Commissioner Khan asked to see the Zoning Consultant’s contract since it was executed prior to his election. He said Jason Newstead had a fabulous art exhibit in Miami over the weekend.

   f. Vice-Mayor: Vice-Mayor Block reported that he attended the Jupiter meeting last week and the bond referendum was passed to purchase greenspace. It passed unanimously. The voters on March 12th will go to polls to vote for officials and the referendum. He asked for residents to talk to Jupiter residents and let them know we support the referendum. People said they appreciate the lights. He thanked Jan Gardiner for the holiday wreaths. The Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Gasper Taormina and Chief Pruitt attended the Tri-cities BBQ event and we took toys for under-privileged children.

   g. Mayor: Mayor Comerford commended the Garden Club for their successful holiday bazaar. He thanked Jan Gardiner for the wreaths in memory of her husband. He attended the Academy of the Four Arts. He encouraged everyone to see their library as it has been dramatically improved. Today in Quality Cities Magazine, an article on the Greening of Jupiter Inlet Colony appears. It will be on the website tomorrow. It is an excellent article. Bill Getty, former police chief of JICPD passed away and the Town made a donation to his family.
6. Discussion: North Walkway Paddle Board/Kayak Launch

Dr. Whiteford set up meetings with appropriate officials to discuss the possibility of creating a launch at the end of the north walkway. The Mayor and Zoning Consultant will be meeting with them soon. Commissioner Busto said we should talk to neighboring property owners to obtain their input prior to meeting with officials. The Commission discussed the issue. Each Commissioner gave their opinion on the idea. Residents have asked why we don’t have access to the Intra-Coastal. Dr. Legerton explained that there is no access for residents to be able to reach the water to go swimming. Some residents drive to the other side of the bridge to swim on the other side.

7. Discussion: Lot A

The Commission discussed Lot A. The Mayor gave a history of how Lot A came to be owned by the Town. Town Attorney Bill Doney gave us information on our ownership of Lot A. The Mayor explained that in perpetuity every property owner in town has to vote affirmative to sell Lot A. The property can never be leased or sold without every single property owner agreeing to it. Dr. Khan clarified that we have a DEP approved plan and we are allowed to have structures on the property.

8. Update: Town Administrator Search

The Mayor gave an update. We ran ads with the Florida League of Cities and we received 11 responses. Most were not qualified and we are interviewing four candidates on Wednesday. The Commission asked to interview the top two candidates when they are selected by the Committee. The selection process was discussed. The Commission would like to individually interview the top candidates for the position.

9. Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project Update

Given in public comments.

10. Discussion: Security Building

When the survey is received, it will be given to Scott Baruch to place the building on the property and then bids will be sought to build it.

11. Vice-Mayor Block motioned to adjourn the meeting.
    SECOND: Commissioner Khan
The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved by:

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Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III  Date

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Town Clerk Jude Goudreau  Date