

TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

7:00 p.m.

1/14/2019

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 – on phone

Commissioner Saeed Khan

Commissioner Richard Busto

Town Attorney William P. Doney

Town Administrator John Pruitt

Others in attendance: 18 members of the community.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Vote: to approve Consent Agenda

- a. December 2018 General Operating Fund Budget Report & Financial Statements

- b. Minutes from December 10, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting

Discussion: None

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block

VOTE: Unanimous

SECOND: Commissioner Busto

Motion passed.

4. Commission and Staff Reports:

- a. Administrative Officer: Chief Pruitt advised residents to not give personal information to strangers who call them and not to click on links in emails. He said to delete them.

- b. Chief of Police: See above.

- c. Code Enforcement: No report.

- d. Town Attorney: No report.

- e. Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Legerton talked about people not stopping at stop signs. The Mayor said that the traffic engineer from Kimley-Horn had recommended an additional stop sign northbound on Colony at Lighthouse. When the engineer comes back in JIC to advise us about lowering the speed limit, he will re-assess the intersection for the third stop sign.

Commissioner Busto: No report.

Commissioner Khan: No report

- f. Vice-Mayor: Vice-Mayor Block reported that he had attended several meetings
- g. Mayor: Mayor Comerford read a thank you card from Cap and Margy Beyer thanking the Commission, Police and Town Staff for their dedication and hard work. He announced the upcoming South Florida Fair and his annual participation in the Mayor's Parade on Sunday.

5. Discussion: to Hire Town Administrator

The Mayor explained the hiring process which included advertising on the Florida League of Cities website. The Town received many applications which were reviewed and narrowed down. The Mayor recommended Kevin Lucas who was interviewed by each Commissioner individually. The Mayor is recommending that the Town hire Kevin. Each Commissioner individually praised Kevin and recommended that he be hired. Kevin accepted the position and introduced himself to the audience.

Discussion:

MOTION: Commissioner Busto

VOTE: Unanimous

SECOND: Vice-Mayor Block

Motion passed.

6. Vote: Ordinance 01-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 4 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, SECTION 4-8 LANDSCAPING OR REGRADING IN SWALE AREAS IN ORDER TO ALLOW CERTAIN LANDSCAPING AND OTHER MATERIALS TO BE PLACED IN THE TOWN SWALE AREA UPON OBTAINING A PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE SAME; BY FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 4-8 TO REGULATE THE TOTAL WIDTH OF DRIVEWAYS AT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO CODIFY; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PUROSES.

Discussion: The ordinance was explained by Dr. Bill Whiteford. The Commission discussed the ordinance in detail. Commissioner Busto made some clarifying remarks and had some questions which it was decided would be resolved by the Building and Zoning Committee.

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block motioned to table the ordinance.

SECOND: Commissioner Khan

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed.

7. Discussion: North Walkway Paddle Board Kayak Launch

The Mayor explained that he, Dr. Bill Whiteford, Chief Pruitt had a meeting at the SFWMD offices with Florida DEP. DEP was receptive but with restrictions which

included mangrove mitigation and waterfront owners who participated in the mangrove replanting having DEP easements on their property. Commissioner Legerton who was in attendance via the telephone spoke in favor of creating the access and reminded the Mayor that it was not only for paddle boards and kayaks, but it was more broadly for water access and would be a great benefit to many people in the community. Vice-Mayor Block was interested in hearing from neighbors who would be directly affected by the access as he had stated that position at a previous meeting. Jerry Burt and his son Zach, who reside at 105 Lighthouse Drive, and Joe DiFeo who resides at 104 Lighthouse Drive were in attendance to vigorously object to the public access through the walkway which divides their two properties. After a long discussion involving all of the Commissioners and many people in the audience, centered around rights of the general public verses individual rights and public safety issues, it was decided by a unanimous vote not to proceed with public access to the water.

MOTION: Commissioner Busto motioned to not proceed with public access to the water.

SECOND: Vice-Mayor Block

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed.

8. Vote: Issuance of RFP for Construction of Security Building at 1 Colony Road

The Mayor explained that even though the building was being paid for by private funding from individuals that an RFP would be issued to solicit bids for the construction of the security building to house the electronics for the security cameras.

MOTION: Vice-Mayor Block

SECOND: Commissioner Busto

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Commissioner Busto raised the issue of the derelict pillars and it was decided that they were beyond repair and that they would be removed and replaced by smaller pillars in the new design. The Mayor was instructed to discuss it with the Architect, Scott Baruch.

There was discussion to remove the old pillars at the front of the community. Smaller pillars will be incorporated into the new design.

MOTION: Commissioner Busto motioned to remove the old pillars

SECOND: Commissioner Khan

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed.

9. Update: Dr. Whiteford's Report

Dr. Whiteford announced that he would have a report at the February meeting.

10. Discussion: Town Speed Limit

Vice-Mayor Block informed the Commission that a resident, Linda Faiola, had written a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation requesting that the speed limits in JIC be lowered from their current speed of 25 mph to 15 mph. The Secretary explained to her that it was a local issue. The Mayor explained that speed limits could only be lowered incrementally based on a study

of current speeds and that he recommended the engagement of the traffic engineer from Kimley-Horn who had previously advised us on the placement of traffic signs and the reduction of speed limits during the construction project. It was agreed to re-engage the engineer to conduct a traffic study.

11. Neighborhood Rehabilitation Project Update

The Mayor explained that the project was still under warranty. We did a final walk-through and there is a section of Lighthouse Drive between 90 and 120 that has to be replaced due to some sinking. There is another small area of Colony in front of 67 Colony that will also be repaired. This will take place in approximately one month. The Mayor reported that the Marina has their own sewer lift station and they are not tied into our system.

12. Vice-Mayor Block motioned to adjourn the meeting. SECOND: Commissioner Khan

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved by:

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Mayor Daniel J. Comerford III	Date

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Town Clerk Jude Goudreau	Date