



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers – 340 Ocean Drive and YouTube

PRESENT: ALEXANDER COOKE, MAYOR
PEGGY WHEELER, VICE MAYOR
MARIANNE HOSTA, VICE MAYOR PRO TEM
DD HALPERN, COUNCILMEMBER
JACOB ROSENGARTEN, COUNCILMEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: DAVID DYESS, TOWN MANAGER
LEONARD RUBIN, TOWN ATTORNEY
CAITLIN E. COPELAND-RODRIGUEZ, TOWN CLERK
FRANK DAVILA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING
ANDREA DOBBINS, PROJECT COORDINATOR/RISK MANAGER
STEVEN J. HALLOCK, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

AUDIENCE: 35

CALL TO ORDER – 5:30PM

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Council gave unanimous consensus to move Item #14 to be heard after Item #11.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Sgt. Jose Nunez Ceremonial Promotion to Sergeant

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AND STAFF

Council gave unanimous consensus to amend the Code for the selection process of Planning & Zoning Board members; and have a presentation on Form 6 from an attorney at the February meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

All Non-Agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to complete a comment card with their name and address prior to the start of the meeting as well as state their name and address for the record when called upon to speak (prior to addressing the Town Council). Town Council will not discuss these items at this time. Comments needing a reply will be referred to Staff for research; a report will be forwarded to the Town Council; and citizens will be contacted.

Public Comments Opened at 5:44pm.

Public Comments Closed at 5:55pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Town Council Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2023
3. Town Council Workshop on Mars Way Minutes - January 8, 2024
4. Professional Services Simmons & White, Inc.- Construction Oversight Universe Blvd Drainage Project
5. Special Event Request - Art Fest by the Sea
6. Request to Add the Position of Senior Planner to the Town's Classification and Pay Schedule
7. Approval of 2024 Town Council Meeting Dates
8. Year to Date (YTD) Financial Statements
9. Asset Disposals

MOTION: Wheeler/Halpern made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION: The motion passed 4-0.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS (A Public Comment Period was provided for each item below.)

10. Filling of Town Council Vacancy – Seat #2

MOTION: Halpern/Wheeler made a motion to appoint Jacob Rosengarten to the Town Council effective immediately.

ACTION: The motion passed 4-0.

Town Clerk Copeland-Rodriguez swore in newly appointed Councilmember Jacob Rosengarten.

11. Ord. 779 – Voluntary Annexation of Captain's Key

MOTION: Wheeler/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 779 as amended with the effective date of November 25, 2024, on second and final reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

12. Resolution No. 2024-02 (Acceptance of Ownership and Maintenance of Public Easements within the Plat of Ocean Ridge)

MOTION: Wheeler/Halpern made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-02.

ACTION: The motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Rosengarten opposed.

13. Ordinance 780 – Harmony Criteria (2nd Reading)

MOTION: Halpern/Hosta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 780 on second and final reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

14. Ordinance 781 – Demolition Permits 2nd Reading

MOTION: Rosengarten/Wheeler made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 781 as amended with Sec. 6-111(c) referencing 30 days instead of 14 on second and final reading.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion on Kagan Park Playground

Mayor Cooke recessed the meeting at 6:43pm.

Mayor Cooke reconvened the meeting at 6:48pm.

MOTION: Halpern/Rosengarten made a motion to have staff send out a survey to the residents of the proposed Kompan park renderings along with the costs and bring the results back to Council for review.

***ACTION:** The motion passed unanimously.*

16. Sidewalk Brick Paver Maintenance and Repair

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff reach out to Palm Beach County.

17. FPL Street Light Discussion- Turtle Friendly Light Options

***MOTION:** Halpern made a motion to install sea turtle friendly amber lights along Ocean Drive.*

***ACTION:** Motion failed for lack of a second.*

***MOTION:** Halpern/Hosta made a motion to install ATB-2 amber lights along Ocean Drive where the lights are turned off.*

***ACTION:** The motion failed 3-2 with Mayor Cooke, Vice Mayor Wheeler, and Councilmember Rosengarten opposed.*

***MOTION:** Rosengarten/Halpern made a motion to install ATB-2 amber lights as well as shields along Ocean Drive but continue to keep the lights off during turtle season.*

***ACTION:** The motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Wheeler opposed.*

18. Discussion – Master Development Plan

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff reach out to Kim Delaney from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to moderate a workshop with the Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL

(See attached handouts from Councilmember Halpern and Councilmember Rosengarten.)

Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff amend the Codeto addresses spillover lighting; ask a Palm Beach County representative to conduct a presentation on the upcoming Ocean Drive drainage project; and have staff conduct presentations/updates on the Celestial Way and Universe Boulevard projects.

Mayor Cooke, Councilmember Halpern, and Councilmember Rosengarten gave consensus to have staff create a list five (5) items that would address and lessen the scale of new development by June.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cooke adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

Alexander Cooke, Mayor

Caitlin E. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk