



MINUTES

FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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WORKSESSION

Monday November 15, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Mayor Kiker called to order the Management and Planning worksession at 9:00AM. Present for the work session were; Mayor Kiker, Vice Mayor Raymond, Council members Babcock and Mandel, Town Manager Stewart, Community Development Director Fluegel, Town Clerk Michelle Mayher and Town Attorney Miller. Councilmember List was absent.

TDC FUNDING CYCLE (REQUESTS)

Discussion began regarding the upcoming TDC funding cycle for beach maintenance, etcetera, which will occur at the end of February 2011. Public Works Director Cathie Lewis submitted a preliminary summary budget for the FY 12 TDC application. The areas identified were personnel, contracted service, repairs & maintenance, operating supplies, utilities and equipment.

Mayor Kiker requested that future work session packets contain a cover sheet for each supporting item similar to the current 'blue sheets' to help identify an objective, and provide a time estimate.

In response to a question regarding the solid waste removal under Utilities, Director Lewis responded this includes recycling; recycling at all beach accesses, removal of trash in cans on the beach and at the accesses and horticulture waste.

Council discussed a preliminary list of items, which included:
Beach Accesses ADA compliant
Whether beach patrol responsibilities fall under the CIP?

Mound House restoration
Beach Nourishment, new technology for vegetation
Parking lot at 216 Connecticut street
Larger chickee hut at Newton Park
Improvement at Seafarer's
Murals on mobile toilets
Vision on beach accesses

Recess: 10:30 AM

Reconvene: 10:45 AM

COP (Consumption on Premises)

Town Manager Stewart provided background on the issue of COP indicating information was being presented to assist the LPA with a recommendation

Walter Fluegel, Community Development Director presented his analysis to Council per his memorandum dated November 8, 2010.

Discussion began concerning future growth, how the decision would affect future businesses, grandfathering or non-conforming use and most of all consistency for all.

Councilmember Babcock requested an open forum on the issue with input from the public as well as discussion on future land use for Mound House, Bay Oaks and Newton Park.

Town Manager Stewart and Council continued with their thoughts and opinions on the analysis as well as the LPA's report and how to proceed. Mayor Kiker saw the issue being placed on an agenda followed by a motion to approve either option 2 or 3 in Mr. Fluegel's analysis, and then accept public comment. Council then felt it would be necessary to meet again with the input received

Councilmember Babcock felt there were 3 questions, 1. COP on Beach
2. COP off Beach 3. Correct land use for Mound House. Mr. Fluegel addressed Councilmember Babcock's concern over the Mound House by indicating there would be discussion coming soon regarding those issues during the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

Discussion continued with disagreements as to how to proceed regarding LPA direction, public comment and further Council movement.

Vice Mayor Raymond did not want to see a joint meeting with LPA and Council, nor did he want a committee setting policy for Council.

Council's discussion continued on how to move forward regarding direction to staff.

Attorney Miller suggested she and Mr. Fluegel provide a list of policy areas within COP including noise and other possible issues.

Recess: 12:25 PM Reconvene: 12:40 PM

BUDGET 2010 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Town Manager Stewart indicated staff had provided a financial overview of the 2010 budget year noting it was not necessary to take the \$185,000.00 from undesignated reserves as previously thought.

Evelyn Wicks reviewed the budget packet presented to Council then addressed questions and comments by Council.

Items of discussion while reviewing the packet were parking revenue, Times Square table rental, building division, parks and recreation and Bay Oaks.

Ms. Wicks went into great detail to explain the tracking of all donations and the process in place to utilize the funds. Mayor Kiker voiced his disapproval with the process. Council determined a policy needed to be set regarding the donation issue. A decision was made for Ms. Wicks to put together a framework for the town and present it to CRAB for them to work on and present a policy recommendation to Council.

Mayor Kiker felt the need to begin creating Capital Reserve Funds for items such as storm water management, water system, town hall, street improvements and Laguna Shores to name a few.

Recess: 2:15 PM Reconvene: 2:35 PM

RECOGNITION PROGRAM POLICY

Town Manager Stewart brought this item forward from a desire on the part of the Council for a town wide policy of dealing with people who had made donations to the town and how to structure the recognition. It was decided to leave things as they were for now.

Mayor Kiker indicated he had just spoke to Commissioner Ray Judah regarding beach renourishment and the discrepancy with the start and finish dates.

Council discussed the timing of the project voicing frustrations over lack of progress reporting from the county.

Town Manager Stewart informed the Council that staff had been instructed to touch base with each business and property owner in the area of the renourishment.

Mayor Kiker stated he felt the county's reaction to the town's interest regarding the Seafarer's property was strange and then indicated it might be time for the county to turn over all the properties to the town, Lynn Hall, Bowditch and Seafarer Mall along with the TDC money and revenue from Lynn Hall.

After discussion Mayor Kiker indicated he was going to get aggressive in conversations with the county.

After some discussion regarding timing, consensus was to wait until after season before starting the project.

It was decided to invite Steve Boutelle to speak before Council to provide all information relevant to the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Work Session adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Adopted 12/30/10 With/Without changes. Motion by Raymond Babcock

Vote: 5-0


Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

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