

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION

SWEARING IN/REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Jarvis Hall

4505 Ocean Drive

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

7:00P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

Mayor Roseann Minnet called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Also present were Mayor Elect Scot Sasser, Commissioner Mark Brown, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Chris Vincent, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann, Assistant Town Manager Bud Bentley, Finance Director Tony Bryan and Deputy Town Clerk Tedra Smith.

2. RECEPTION FOR MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

4. INVOCATION - Mayor Elect Scot Sasser

Mayor Elect Scot Sasser gave the Invocation.

5. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Minnet advised that the following changes would be made to the agenda:

- Item 19d was added for discussion

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Proclamation recognizing Mayor Minnet's Service

Mayor Elect Scot Sasser read into the record a proclamation recognizing Mayor Minnet for her years of service to the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

Town Manager Hoffmann presented a photograph of the beautifully renovated downtown area of the Town as a memento of appreciation on behalf of Town Staff to Mayor Minnet. She read into the record the inscription on the photograph.

Broward County Commissioner Chip LaMarca gave a special thanks to Mayor Minnet for her service and positive changes she was instrumental in bringing about to the Town and Broward County.

Mayor Minnet thanked everyone for helping her be able to serve effectively as the Mayor of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, indicating she strove to advocate actions she believed would be to the benefit of all. Their faith in electing her the first time in 2008, and in ensuing mayoral elections, gave her the encouragement and hope to achieve her goals for the Town. She thanked her family and friends who supported her during the darkest of hours in her first term they inspired her to overcome the anger and negativity and take the high road. She felt she was leaving the Town a better place than when she and her fellow Commissioners were first elected. She wished to thank them for their part to achieve the following important goals that benefited the Town and would continue to do so into the future:

- Brought decorum and civility to the dais
- East & West Commercial Boulevard Improvement projects
- Hired an incredibly talented Town Manager Connie Hoffmann and her staff, all of whom believed in the Town itself; it was not just a job for them.

Mayor Minnet commented, though members of the Commission and she did not see eye-to-eye on all issues, she always respected their independence, knowing that they voted, as she did, for what they believed was in the best interest of the Town. She stated without the Town Manager's competence, professionalism, experience and friendship neither the Town nor she could have accomplished so much under such varied and difficult conditions. Mayor Minnet thanked the entire Town staff for working with her to achieve the goals she set. She felt grateful for her family members in her life, especially her son, C.J., who campaigned with her and her fiancé, Chuck, who helped her face the challenges of the position. . She thanked everyone for an opportunity to serve. Mayor Minnet read into the record a quote from "*Gift from the Sea*", a book by Anne Morrow Lindbergh from the chapter entitled The Beach: The Sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy or too impatient. Patience, patience, patience is what the sea teaches, patience and faith. One should lie empty, open, and choiceless as a beach, waiting for a gift from the sea." Mayor Minnet thanked everyone for giving this gift to her.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Minnet opened the meeting for public comment.

Chuck Curtis echoed the expressions of honor and gratitude for the dedicated service Mayor Minnet rendered to the Town's citizens during the years she served as the Town's Mayor. He felt her actions embodied the true concept of heroism.

Sandra Booth remarked on Mayor Minnet's service as Mayor helped change the culture and personality of the Town, working with an exemplary team in the form of her fellow Town Commissioners and staff. She felt privileged to know and work with Mayor Minnet.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Minnet closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS RELATED TO ELECTION RESULTS

a. Certification of Election Results (Acting Town Clerk Tony Bryan)

Finance Director Tony Bryan stated the official election results:

- Seat 1/District 1 - Birute Ann Clotney - 445 votes; Elliot Sokolow - 486 votes; Eric Yankwitt - 203 votes
- Charter Amendments - Amendment 1 passes with 703 yes votes/411 no votes; Amendment 2 passes with 658 yes votes/428 no votes; Amendment 3 fails with 372 yes votes/686 no votes; Amendment 4 passes with 737 yes votes/355 no votes; Amendment 5 fails with 485 yes votes/601 no votes; Amendment six passes with 902 yes votes/183 no votes.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve the election results as presented in the backup. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

b. Seating of new Commission

The new Town Commission assumed their seats on the dais.

c. Oath of Office (Administered by Acting Town Clerk Tony Bryan)

Finance Director Tony Bryan administered the oath of office to each member of the Town Commission accordingly and as noted in the backup.

d. Signature of Personal Code of Conduct by the New Commission

All members of the Town Commission signed the Personal Code of Conduct.

e. Remarks by Newly Seated Commission

Commissioner Sokolow felt gratified to be elected to serve on the Town Commission, and congratulated outgoing Mayor Minnet for a job extremely well done. He spoke about his recent campaign activities, thanking the Town's citizens who voted for him as their expression of confidence in his ability to serve them, and he hoped to gain the same confidence from those who voted for his opponents. Whether or not the Town's

citizens agreed with his position on an item, he would treat their opinions and them with respect listening to all sides and voting his conscience. . He was prepared to do what he could to keep the Town moving forward. Everyone should feel free to call or email him with any concerns or ideas they had that needed attention.

Commissioner Vincent thanked the residents of the Town for their support over the last four years, stating he was humbled by his unopposed reelection and promised to continue the same respect and decorum on the dais. He stated as a member of the Town Commission, he would continue to keep taxes low while maintaining the services the Town's people expected. He welcomed Commissioner Sokolow to the dais, and he felt sure he would be a tremendous asset to the Commission and the Town. Commissioner Vincent thanked outgoing Mayor Minnet for the positive image and leadership she displayed for the last six years. She was truly a leader. He restated his thanks to the voters for their past and continued support.

Commissioner Dodd stated Mayor Minnet would be missed tremendously on the dais, stating he looked forward to continuing the great improvements achieved under the leadership of Town Manager Hoffmann. He welcomed Mayor Sasser, whom he would do his best to help transition into the seat of Mayor, as well as Commissioner Sokolow who demonstrated that honesty and running a positive campaign was the best way to win the trust of the Town's people. . Having served with Commissioner Sokolow on the Hillsboro Inlet, he had come to appreciate that he was a thinker who only wanted what was best for the people. He looked forward to listening and discussing items the dais would face with a renewed sense of enthusiasm.

Commissioner Brown echoed thanks to Mayor Minnet for her great service to the Town, congratulating Mayor Sasser and Commissioner Vincent on their reelection to the dais, and Commissioner Sokolow as the new member of the Town Commission.

Mayor Sasser commended Mayor Minnet for her hard work, dedication, perseverance, and leadership, noting the proclamation was comprehensive and stuck at the heart of his own thoughts. He wished her the best in her next endeavors. He thanked the residents and business owners for their overwhelming support over the past four years, their enthusiasm for the Town and its unique culture that was rooted in history and held firm to the values of nonconformity. He thanked the voters for their support in protecting the Town's low-rise community, treasured natural resources, and the downtown improvements. He stated he would do his very best as Mayor to continue the course of protecting those things that made the Town unique, while continuing to improve the Town's way of life. He thanked the voters for allowing him to run unopposed, stating though he had not actively campaigned, he spoke with many constituents and clearly heard their request for the Commission to be more active in both small and large decisions that affected their lives. He thanked his fellow Commissioners for a job well done, congratulating Commissioner Vincent on his reelection and running unopposed, a well-deserved acknowledgment by the voters of his hard work and dedication over the last four years. Commissioner Sokolow was congratulated for a well-run and victorious campaign; he looked forward to working with him. He extended thanks to former

Commissioner Clottey and Eric Yankwitt for caring enough to sacrifice the time and effort to run in the recent election. Commissioners Dodd and Brown were thanked for all their thoughts and help. He commended Town Manager Hoffmann and her staff, feeling the Town could not have accomplished as much as it had without her hard work, leadership and dedication. He thanked the Town Attorney for her ability to counsel the Town Commission, never needing to take the spotlight. . Mayor Sasser thanked BSO, AMR and VFD, as they made being accountable for public safety an easy job. He thanked his true friends who stuck with him even when they did not agree with him, thanking everyone who put out the special "congratulations" sign on Terra Mar, noting it was a very special gesture to his family and him. He thanked his family, whose love and support were invaluable to him, as well as their sacrifice and patience that allowed him to serve on the Commission. He felt blessed to live and serve in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, and he would do his best to serve with integrity and humility, thanking everyone for the opportunity.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION

None

10. TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

a. Town Manager's Report (Town Manager Connie Hoffmann)

Accepted without discussion.

11. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

13. CONSENT AGENDA

None

14. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Ordinances 1st Reading

None

b. Ordinances 2nd Reading

None

15. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Resolution 2014-07: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS VINCENT AS VICE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Sasser opened the discussion for public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve item 15a as stated above. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

16. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

17. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

18. OLD BUSINESS

None

19. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Selection of Date & Topic for a Commission Workshop (Town Manager Connie Hoffmann)**

Town Manager Hoffmann mentioned the Commission decided to defer consideration of several items until the new Commission was seated. One of those items was possible amendments to the Town's code to allow the launching of certain types of watercraft from the beach, and allowing those crafts to operate in waters where they were currently prohibited. She indicated the second deferred item was policies proposed by Town staff on the use and rental of the new Dune and Ocean Plazas. Mayor Sasser suggested that staff also include on the workshop agenda the request received from several hoteliers to reconsider closing portions of El Mar Drive for the Friday night music events. And there were a number of issues that Town staff was having with special events they wished to get the Commission's input on how they should be handled going forward. Town Manager Hoffmann noted the Commission also indicated a desire to hold a workshop on the level of noise allowed in the Town. Thus, the question was which items the Commission wished to schedule for its next workshop, and on which date should that workshop be held. She reminded the Commission that they also needed to set the date for the public meeting to discuss possible El Mar Drive renovations. The speaker was only available on a few selected dates, one of which was April 16.

Commissioner Brown affirmed he wished to schedule the public meeting on El Mar Drive on April 16 to accommodate the special speaker he would be inviting to speak.

Commissioner Dodd wondered if a roundtable discussion was preferable to a workshop to allow a more informal process where ideas could be voiced and discussed. This could help the issues gain momentum and then be moved forward to an agenda item for further, more formalized discussion.

Mayor Sasser believed there was at least a consensus to hold a public meeting on April 16, 2014, to discuss the El Mar Drive renovations. Regarding scheduling a workshop to discuss the items listed in the backup, he wished to hold that discussion prior to the El Mar Drive meeting. He questioned if it were possible to hold the workshop on Monday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m., the day before the April 8 regular Commission meeting.

Town Attorney Trevarthen indicated she had a conflicting meeting on April 7, but she could arrange to have another member of her firm sit in her place at the meeting.

Commissioner Brown sought assurance that for the workshop discussion would include whether to close the lanes on El Mar Drive on Friday nights. He felt representatives from the affected businesses and hotels would be present to give their input.

Mayor Sasser believed there were a number of issues surrounding weekend entertainment, and the workshop was a preliminary conversation about how the individual members of the Town Commission felt on each issue on the list. The meeting would be a form of preparation how the items should be presented on subsequent Commission agendas for feedback from the public.

Vice Mayor Vincent concurred with the comments of Mayor Sasser, asking if the public was allowed to give input at Commission workshops.

Town Attorney Trevarthen replied public comments were permitted at Town Commission workshops.

The Commission reached a consensus to schedule a Commission workshop on April 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the topics as listed in the backup. On April 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., a public meeting would be held to discuss the El Mar Drive Renovation Design Plan. Town Staff was given direction from Mayor Sasser to notify residents by whatever means necessary.

b. Board Appointments (Town Manager Connie Hoffmann)

Town Manager Hoffmann indicated the Town's board terms expired with the seating of the new Commission, so it was important that the Commission moved to appoint new members to the Town boards. She was informed by Town Attorney Trevarthen that the Commission had to appoint the BOA by the second regular meeting after the new

Commission was seated. Thus, the Commission had to act on that matter at the April 8 Commission meeting. Town staff contacted all existing board and committee members, asking them to submit their applications if they were interested in continuing to serve and Town staff had posted a notice inviting Town residents to apply to serve on Boards some weeks ago. She would forward all those applications to the Commission by the end of business day on March 19, 2014, so the Commission could review them. The appointments would be done at the March 25 Commission meeting. The only board the Commission did not have to appoint at that time was the Audit Committee, leaving appointments to be made to Fire Pension Board, the Board of Adjustment and the Planning & Zoning Board.

c. Schedule discussion for Commission Policies and Procedures (Commissioner Mark Brown)

Commissioner Brown proposed a few tweaks in the way the Town did its public comments, thinking after the seating of the new Commission, there was usually a meeting where the Town Commission and staff could discuss procedural changes.

Town Manager Hoffmann clarified the matter was placed on the agenda so the Commission could decide if it wished to hold a special meeting to discuss organizational matters, or should it be placed as an item on the agenda of the next regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner Brown felt his suggestions were simple, and the matter could be placed on the agenda of the next regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dodd inquired if Commissioner Sokolow received a copy of the various policies and procedures to allow him to participate in the discussion if any issues were raised. He requested the documents be placed in the backup for the next meeting to allow the members of the Commission to refresh their memories.

The Commission agreed to place the subject matter on the agenda of the March 25, 2014, Town Commission meeting.

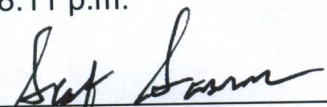
d. Discussion to select a date to have a public meeting to discuss the El Mar Drive Renovation design plan (Commissioner Mark Brown)

Commissioner Brown mentioned Town Manager Hoffmann and he met with representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) about the El Mar Drive project. The Commission had given the approval to schedule a public meeting on the topic. He had two excellent speakers lined up who would get the planning process started. He needed the Commission to set a date for the meeting, which they had done earlier in the meeting, as well as permission to direct the Town's administration to send letters out to all the property owners on El Mar Drive.

The Commission concurred.

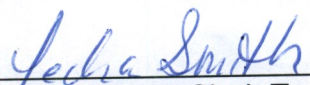
20. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, Mayor Minnet adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.



Mayor Scot Sasser

ATTEST:



Deputy Town Clerk Tedra Smith

5/13/14

Date

