

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

TOWN COMMISSION CONFERENCE MINUTES

Town Commission Meeting Room

4501 Ocean Drive

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Roseann Minnet, Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee, Commissioner Jim Silverstone, Commissioner Stuart Dodd, Commissioner Birute Ann Clotley.

Commissioner Dodd explained that the roundtable meeting was an informal meeting that gave the Commission an opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

The Commission talked about conducting sweeps throughout Town. It was explained that when a complaint was received the Town Manager had to enforce the Code of Ordinances and she could not be selective in her action; if there were others in violation she had to cite them as well.

Commissioner Dodd expressed dissatisfaction with the way items were presented for consideration at the Workshop. He said he did not know what the changes were or why. It was suggested that in the future a short summary explaining the change should accompany each item.

The Commission agreed there were problems that arose with the annexation of the north part of Town and that some of those issues were currently being worked through.

The Commission recognized there was a serious problem with dispatch locating 911 calls. It was suggested the Commission get together and either re-name streets or place it on the next agenda.

The Commission also recognized there were problems associated with rental properties. Commissioner Dodd floated the idea that the owner of a rental property should be billed for the number of times BSO had to respond to that property. Commissioner Clotley thought the short term rental issues should be re-examined regularly. Commissioner Silverstone suggested that if more than one or two complaints were filed against the same rental unit then the owner should lose their business license. Mayor Minnet thought it was more of an enforcement issue. Vice Mayor McIntee suggested putting it on the agenda for people to call the Commission with their complaints so that they could get an idea of how bad the problem really was. It was suggested that an Ordinance be created and directed toward duplexes as the condominiums had their own regulations.

Mayor Minnet pointed out there were more children coming into town. She suggested placing signs that said "Slow down, Children at Play". Commissioner Silverstone thought it was a great idea.

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Commissioner Clotley saw no reason for the 2 stop signs by the Park on El Mar Drive. Vice Mayor McIntee believed the signs, which were 100 feet apart, were there for the flow of traffic. Commissioner Silverstone agreed that the signage made sense if going south, but not heading north.

The Commission discussed putting something on Commercial Boulevard, by the Blue Moon Restaurant, so that an 18 wheeler could make a U turn without tearing up the swale.

Mayor Minnet mentioned the need for riders on the Pelican Hopper. Commissioner Clotley felt the Commission should tell people to ride the Pelican Hopper for two blocks and get off.

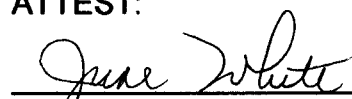
The Commission agreed to begin future Commission meetings at 6:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Dodd suggested moving the agenda along quicker by having more conferences. It was agreed that if discussion took place at a conference there would not be any discussion on that item at the regular meeting.

Discussion continued as to whether Ordinances should be considered on a monthly basis with the 1st reading one month and the 2nd reading the following month to give people more time to digest it. They discussed the possibility of allowing discussion only on the 1st or the 2nd reading and decided it was not a good idea.

The Commission discussed people signing in for public comments and whether or not they should be allowed to speak if someone else signed them in. Mayor Minnet felt that if someone made the effort to come to the meeting they should be allowed to speak.


Mayor Roseann Minnet

ATTEST:

 2/12/09
June White, Town Clerk

