



TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH

TOWN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JULY 21, 2021

AGENDA PACKET

Town of Melbourne Beach
REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE

AGENDA
PUBLIC NOTICE

**The Town Commission will conduct a Regular Town Commission Meeting
on Wednesday July 21, 2021 in the Community Center
to address the items below**

Commission Members:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton
Commissioner Steve Walters
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Members:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
Town Attorney Clifford Repperger

Notice: Commission discussion and possible action may occur during any Commissioner Meeting. The following sections of the Agenda are always subject to such discussion and possible action without further motion by the Commission: Changes to the Agenda, Public Hearings, Old Business, and New Business.

The public is advised that members of the Town Commission may be in attendance and participate in proceedings of the board. Attorney General Opinions (AGO) AGO 91-95, AGO 98-14, AGO 2000-68.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE TOWN HEREBY ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT: In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim transcript of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made. Such person must provide a method for recording the proceedings verbatim as the Town does not do so.

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**
- 4. Presentations**
- 5. Boards and Committees**
- 6. Public Comments**

After being acknowledged by the Mayor, members of the public should state their name and address for the record. The Commission encourages citizens to prepare their comments in advance. Each individual will have three (3) minutes to address the Commission on any topic(s) related to Town business not on the Agenda.

- 7. Approval of the Agenda**
- 8. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the June 16, 2021 STCM Draft Minutes – Town Clerk Torres
- B. Approval of the June 16, 2021 RTCM Draft Minutes – Town Clerk Torres
- C. Reappointment of Curtis Byrd to the Environmental Advisory Board for a Term of Two (2) Years
- D. Reappointment of Crystal Cain to the History Center Board for a Term of Two (2) Years
- E. Reappointment of Kurt Belsten to the Planning & Zoning Board for a Term of Three (3) Years

- 9. Public Hearings**

- A. Consideration of Ordinance 2021-03 Related to Removing any Potential Prohibition or Limit of the Sale, Purchase, Transfer, Distribution, Display, Possession, or Exchange of any Weapon During a Civil Emergency – Town Attorney Repperger

- 10. Old Business**

- 11. New Business**

- A. Consideration of Designation of the Maximum Millage of \$9.1094%.

Note: The term “Maximum Millage” is the specific term the Town needs to use according to the State Department of Revenue in order for the Town to be Truth in Millage (TRIM) compliant. The term “Maximum Millage”

does not imply that the Town Commission will be levying the maximum taxes to the residents of Melbourne Beach. At this meeting, the Town Commission will be setting an amount (Maximum Millage) that the Town cannot exceed when setting the final budget for FY2022. The Town Commission can reduce the Maximum Millage amount when determining the final budget but cannot exceed this amount once the amount is set.

- B. Consideration of Requiring Commission Approval Prior to Ordinances Being Drafted by Town Attorney – Commissioner Walters
- C. Consideration Limiting the Paperwork from Planning & Zoning and the Board of Adjustment in the RTCM Agenda Packet in Order to Reduce Paper Use and Support Sustainability efforts in Town – Town Clerk Torres
- D. Consideration of Using the Tennis Courts for Pickle Ball – Public Works Director Davis
- E. Consideration of Erecting a Bulletin Board in Ocean Park- Public Works Director Davis
- F. Consideration of Budgeting Funds for Road Repairs at the Intersection of Elm and Redwood – Public Works Director Davis
- G. Consideration of Paving Riverside Drive – Public Works Director Davis

12. Staff Reports

- A. Town Attorney Report
- B. Town Manager Report
- C. Town Clerk Report
- D. Departmental Reports
 - 1. Building Department
 - 2. Public Works Department
 - 3. Code Enforcement
 - 4. Police Department
 - 5. Fire Department
 - 6. Finance Department

13. Town Commission Comments

- A. General Comments
- B. Review of Commission Action List

14. Adjournment

Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: Consent Agenda

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Approval of July Draft Minutes and Reappointment of three Town Board Volunteers.

Submitted By: Town Clerk Torres

Background Information:

- Draft Minutes from June 16, 2021 STCM and June 16, 2021 RTCM require approval.
- Reappointment of Curtis Byrd to the Environmental Advisory Board for a term of two (2) years
- Reappointment of Crystal Cain to the History Center Board Center Board for a term of two (2) years
- Reappointment of Kurt Belsten to the Planning & Zoning Board for a term of three (3) years

Recommendation: Approval of Consent Agenda

Attachments:

- Draft Minutes from June 16, 2021 STCM
- Draft Minutes from June 16, 2021 RTCM
- Town Board Application of Curtis Byrd
- Town Board Application of Crystal Cain
- Town Board Application of Kurt Belsten

Town of Melbourne Beach

DRAFT MINUTES

**SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2021 @ 5:30 pm
COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE**

Commission Members:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Vice Mayor Joyce Barton
Commissioner Steve Walters
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Members:

Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton
Commissioner Steve Walters

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Attorney Cliff Repperger
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
Public Works Director Tom Davis
Fire Chief Gavin Brown

III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Led by Mayor Hoover

IV. Public Comment

VI. New Business

A. Consideration and continued review of the proposed FY 2021/2022 Budget

Town Manager Mascaro explained the recent updates and edits to the FY 2021/2022 Budget, including;

- The addition of sidewalk placement from Andrew to Palm with an estimated cost of \$18,000.
- The addition of \$300,000 annually for storm water repair which would result in \$1 million every three years.

Fire Chief Brown reviewed the Fire Department budget and answered Commission questions related to new trucks vs. older models and size variables.

The Fire Department adheres to NFPA guidelines which recommend that a primary fire truck should not be more than 10-15 years-old and after 25 years the vehicle should not be used at all – adding that while they may look nice on the outside – on the inside the parts are old and could pose serious safety issues.

In comparison, both the Indianalantic and Indian Harbour Beach Fire Departments are on a 20 year fire truck replacement cycle. Satellite Beach is on a 15-18 year replacement cycle.

The MBVFD needs two fire engine trucks – so that if one is down for maintenance – there is another that can be used. Maintenance can take two weeks.

The price for a new entry level fire engine is \$550,000, while a used engine from 2012 (with about ten years left on life) is about \$240,000. However a used engine comes with issues such as no warranty and used parts which cause maintenance costs to be higher.

In other municipalities, Satellite Beach is purchasing a new truck for \$550,000 and Indian Harbour Beach is spending \$700,000.

Chief Brown said new trucks come equipped with the newest safety technology and most up-to-date safety standards and suggested the Town purchase one truck new and try to preserve the second one as long as it is feasible. He went on to discuss financing options, saying most municipalities finance at 3-percent for 5-7 years and the last two the Town financed for 15 years each. The current engines include one from 2004 (which he would like to replace in 2024) and the other engine is from 2007 and should be replaced in 2023 because it takes time to order the truck and equip it.

Chief Brown said that in regard to the squad car, they plan to run it to the end of its life span and when the time comes to replace it, they will replace it with a utility vehicle instead.

Financing options were further discussed.

Moving on, Town Manager Mascaro discussed a Mobile Situational Training program for the Police Department at a cost of \$29, 695. This program can be done on-site and is interactive. The department keep the software – so it is able to be used again and again. The program allows officers to keep their skills fresh. Commissioner Walters said he felt this was a good idea.

Town Manager Mascaro said she will adjust the budget again, adding the Fire Department costs.

Mayor Hoover thanked the Town Manager for adding stormwater to the capital plan and said he had no qualms with how much money they are going to spend – but the Commission must justify all expenses and provide residents more specifics. Therefore would like a specific plan as to what projects they are doing, when, and why. The Commission agreed to review the budget again in early July.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Walters moved to adjourn; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Town of Melbourne Beach

DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE

Commission Members:

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Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton
Commissioner Steve Walters
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Members:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
Town Attorney Clifford Repperger

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Hoover called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
 Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton
 Commissioner Steve Walters
 Commissioner Corey Runte

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
 Town Attorney Cliff Repperger
 Town Clerk Jennifer Torres
 Public Works Director Tom Davis
 Fire Chief Gavin Brown

3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

Led by Mayor Hoover

4. **Presentations**

- A. Announcement of Citizen of the Year – postponed

5. **Boards and Committees**

- A. Review Board Application of Haley Conrad for Parks Board

Commissioner Walters moved to approve the volunteer application of Haley Conrad for the Parks Board; Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

6. **Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Walters moved to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of May 16 21, 2021 RTCM Draft Minutes
- B. Approval of June 9, 2021 TCW Draft Minutes
- C. Site Plan Review for 606 Hibiscus Trail, Melbourne Beach
- D. Reappointment of Martha Remark to the History Preservation &

Awareness Board Center Board for a term of 2 years

**Commissioner Walters moved to approve the Consent Agenda;
Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

7. Public Comment

***Denise Leming
Rivers Edge (unincorporated Melbourne Beach)***

Ms. Leming witnessed a group release helium balloons and hoped the Town could help educate the public about the dangers of this practice and add signage. She offered to volunteer in order to help get the project funded.

***Robert Doyle
200 6th Avenue***

Mr. Doyle addressed what he sees as an increase in traffic, trash and graffiti at the crossovers especially on the weekends. He also expressed disappointment in the fact that he feels residents are not able to park because of out-of-town parking.

8. Old Business

- A. Consideration of a traffic light and speed reduction at the intersection of Ocean /Oak/A1A and review of FDOT study – Town Manager Mascaro

Town Manager Mascaro said Chief Griswold contacted FDOT and was made aware of a study that had been done in the area. The study was included in the agenda packet. The suggestion was made for the Town to mark off the straight & right turn lane on Ocean Avenue (at the intersection of Ocean and A1A), leaving enough room for a left-hand turn and after six months, if the Town requests FDOT to look at the area again, they will do so.

Commissioner Walters said the FDOT study was done in September, 2019, using data from traffic crashes that occurred in 2018. He noted that the photo taken as part of the study shows no traffic, adding that it was a slow time in the season. He went on to say that his request was to have the Town Manager write a letter requesting a left-hand arrow and everyone agreed. But now it's still not done. From the input he's received, there are a lot of residents who want this left-turn arrow. He did not feel the FDOT study had any credibility at all.

Mayor Hoover agreed that the quality of the FDOT study wasn't good. He would like to request they come back and do another study but this time, they should collaborate with the Town on the timing. He also was in agreement that the straight/left turn should be painted.

Vice Mayor Barton agreed that the FDOT study they were presented with is too old and just not applicable to the Town's situation right now because traffic has increased dramatically.

Commissioner Runte agreed.

Public Comments

Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B

Mr. Simmons said in the past, the Town spent two years coming up with a design for this intersection, complete with public meetings, discussion and emotion. FDOT wanted people to know that if they made a right to come down Riverside they would be impeded at this light. If you make that an efficient intersection, you will have more traffic. He suggested the Commission members talk to officials in Indialantic as well.

Mayor Hoover asked the Town Manager to coordinate with FDOT on the timing of the study.

Kimberly Collins
217 4th Avenue

Ms. Collins said that twice the DOT out counters just South of Sunset on A1A – so twice she called DOT and asked how long they were going to be on the road – and in doing that they disclosed they lay them down annually – so there may be more recent numbers on file.

Commissioner Walters moved to instruct the Town Manager to write a letter to FDOT requesting an updated study, in particular focusing on the left turn arrow eastbound from Ocean to Oak/AIA with the thought to have it done in tourist season and incorporate diversion of traffic onto Pine; Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

Vice Mayor Barton moved to go forward with painting the straight/right hand turn lane following diagram on page 61 of the packet; Commissioner Walters seconded;

Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B

Mr. Simmons recommended opening this item up for public debate and delay it for a month.

Commissioner Runte said if there is an uproar within the community and people really don't like it, it can easily be removed.

Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Repperger said he was asked for recommendation and guidance related to changing the speed limit. He noted that lowering it to 15 mph is out. However it can be lowered to 20 mph across the board.

Vice Mayor Hoover suggested leaving it at 15 mph at the bend and reducing all other internal streets to 20 mph.

Commissioner Runte moved to modify all existing speed limits on all interior roads to 20 mph throughout the Town; Vice Mayor Hoover seconded;

Danika Warren
406 Coral Avenue

Ms. Warren asked if it was possible to add a sign on Pine and/or Oak that says “local traffic only.”

Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B

Mr. Simmons stated that unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is 30 mph.

Public Works Director Davis estimated that one speed limit sign is \$45. Replacing them all would cost approximately \$2,000.

Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Walters in dissent.

B. Discussion of FDOT Grant status and Ocean Avenue Beautification – Town Manager Mascaro

After consulting with landscape designer Susan Hall, the Town was advised not to pursue the FDOT beautification grant. Town Manager Mascaro said there were many factors involved in the grant that were not cohesive with the Ocean Avenue area.

Based on MS. Hall’s recommendation, Commissioner Runte recommended the Town not move forward with grant application process.

He suggested scheduling a workshop in August or September with Susan Hall where they could invite public input on other ideas for landscape beautification along Ocean Avenue.

Vice Mayor Barton moved not to pursue the FDOT grant; Commissioner Runte seconded;

Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B

Mr. Simmons said that specimen and native trees are good but large trees require too much maintenance. He also advised the Town to use less St. Augustine grass.

Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Consideration of Right of Way License, Use, and Maintenance Agreement, Town of Melbourne Beach-Avenues of Melbourne Beach, Inc. – Town Attorney Repperger

Town Attorney Repperger provided a draft of the agreement he prepared for signature by the Avenues of Melbourne Beach Inc.

Commissioner Runte moved to approve the provided draft of the Right of Way License, Use and Maintenance Agreement between the Town of Melbourne Beach and the Avenues of Melbourne Beach, Inc; Commissioner Walters seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Consideration of amending the Fee Schedule related to facility rentals – Town Clerk Torres

The Commission requested an increase in Community Center rental fees and there were edits needed in other section. Town Clerk Torres distributed the new fee schedule to the Commission for review.

Public Comment

Julie Samuel
304 Ocean Street

Ms. Samuel said she disagrees with charging a cleaning fee.

Public Comments

Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B

Mr. Simmons said he would like to see the security deposit increased to \$350.

Commissioner Runte moved to approve the fee schedule as presented and to include all previous changes in LDC text language as described

by the Town Attorney, and to include an increase in the security deposit to \$350, and to remove the cleaning fee, and to give discretion to the Town Manager; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Walters in dissent.

- E. Consideration of Town Planner memorandum regarding outdoor seating and dining within the Town

Mayor Hoover said parking width should change from 10-feet to 9-feet, to shorten length of parking and suggested considering a conversion of up to 10-percent with the build in a 6-month time frame. He said he would create an email that the Town Manager could send out to the Commission detailing his suggestions and said this will be an action item they can bring back next month for review.

Public Comment

***Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B***

Mr. Simmons said the Planning & Zoning Board must review these issues for LDC requirements and suggested that this was more of a workshop issue, adding that every permitted bar and restaurant would need a special exception to comply with that and reminded the Commission that the Town does have minimum parking for a reason.

Mayor Hoover said he will bring the issue to the July workshop.

9. New Business

- A. Consideration of renewal of PLACE Planning & Design, Inc. contract – Town Manager Mascaro

Town Manager Mascaro said Corey O’Gorman, The Town Planner and PLACE, have done a terrific job for the Town and his contract is up for renewal. He requested a one year renewal.

The Commission agreed he had done a good job and wanted to renew his contract for a longer term.

Commissioner Runte recommended renewing the contract for a three-year term

Commissioner Runte moved to approve the renewal contract of Place Planning & Design, Inc. for a term of three years with a renewal option available at year three; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Walters in dissent.

B. Consideration of organizing a Melbourne Beach Triathlon in 2021 –
Town Manager Mascaro

Local Race Promoter Mitch Varnes offered run a triathlon event this year and the Town would receive a percentage. However, because he doesn't want to overtax the triathlons in the area, he would also be willing to manage a 5K or 10K race in Town instead.

Mayor Hoover agreed he would like to do 5K or 10K.

Public Comment

Jim Simmons
409 Avenue B

Mr. Simmons felt that a race on the beach was a bad idea and it was not conducive with the community, adding that a Triathlon make more money than 10K or 5K and Pineapple Man said they don't want to do it this year.

Joe Watts
223 Melbourne Ave

Mr. Watts said they wanted to have a Pineapple Man this year but due to COVID there was not enough planning time.

Commissioner Runte moved to approve considering a special event in mid-December 2021 that could include a 10k and a 5k race if details merit that, and to approve and authorize the Town Manager to begin negotiations, confirm details and finalize a proposal to be approved at a future date; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Walters in Dissent.

C. Consideration of the status of the History Preservation & Advisory
Board – Town Clerk Torres

Town Clerk Torres explained that the HPAB requires a renewal Resolution to continue as a Town Board. Mayor Hoover suggested they expand some duties to included digital preservation and logging artifacts.

The Commission felt it was reasonable to reauthorize the Resolution for a two-year term and in 2023 consider designating it as a permanent Board by Ordinance.

Public Comment

Dayle Hinman
419 Anchor Key

As a member of the HPAB, Ms. Hinman said they have a very energetic board that wants to do things. She often cleans the Ryckman House and maintains the building. She said the Board will come up with a host of suggestions of fun things they can do and submit it to the Town. She said she is excited and hoping their plans are approved.

Public Works Director Davis mentioned that Ms. Hinman was his mentor in the criminal profiling department and is an inspiring person.

Vice Mayor Hoover moved to create a new Resolution reauthorizing: the History Preservation & Awareness Board in Melbourne Beach; Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

D. Consideration of Memorandum of Agreement for Dispatch Service between the Melbourne Beach Police the Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Runte moved to approve the Memorandum; Commissioner Walters seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

12. Staff Reports

- A. Town Attorney Report
- B. Town Manager Report
- C. Town Clerk Report
- D. Departmental Reports
 - 1. Building Department
 - 2. Public Works Department

PWD Davis said Orange Ave will be a showpiece and it is currently handling water from the rain productively.

- 3. Code Enforcement
- 4. Police Department
- 5. Fire Department
- 6. Finance Department

Commissioner Runte moved to approve the May Finance Report; Vice Mayor Barton Seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Walters in dissent.

13. Town Commission Comments

- A. General Comments
- B. Review of Commission Action List

New

- **Stop Signs:** Evaluate stop sign placement on Palm and Orange Avenue

Updates

- **FDOT Traffic Stanchions:** PWD will ask FDOT if subcontractor (who is restriping cross walks) can also paint stanchions: Update July RTCM
- **Research Charging Stations:** Follow up on “Electrify” a company that leases charging stations. Update July RTCM
- **Research Expanding Outdoor Seating on Ocean Ave and Parking:** Workshop
- **Research Ocean Avenue Beautification:** Commission will no longer pursue FDOT grant but will continue research of other funding and grants. Update July RTCM

14. Adjournment

Commissioner Walters moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: Public Hearings

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: First Reading Ordinance No. 2021-03; Re: Emergency Powers and Measures.

Submitted By: Town Attorney

Background Information:

On May 7, 2021, Governor Desantis approved Senate Bill No. 1884 (Chapter 2021-15, Laws of Florida). The law, effective July 1, 2021, strengthens the State of Florida's legislative preemption of the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition. Section 16-3, Town Code of Melbourne Beach governs the Town's emergency powers and measures during a local civil emergency. Section 16-3 (j), Town Code of Melbourne Beach, currently allows for the potential prohibition or limit on the sale, purchase, transfer, distribution, display, possession, or exchange of any weapon during a declared local civil emergency. In order to ensure compliance with the State of Florida's legislative preemption of the regulation of firearms and ammunition, proposed Ordinance No. 2021-03 removes Section 16-3(j), Town Code of Melbourne Beach.

Attachments:

- Chapter 2021-15
- Proposed Ordinance 2021-03

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 16-3, CODE OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH REGARDING EMERGENCY POWERS AND MEASURES BY REMOVING ANY POTENTIAL PROHIBITION OR LIMIT OF THE SALE, PURCHASE, TRANSFER, DISTRIBUTION, DISPLAY, POSSESSION, OR EXCHANGE OF ANY WEAPON DURING A CIVIL EMERGENCY; PROVIDING A SERVERABILITY/ INTERPRETATION CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND RENUMBERING; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN ADOPTION SCHEDULE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 16, Code of the Town of Melbourne Beach, governs civil emergencies within the Town of Melbourne Beach; and,

WHEREAS, Section 16-3, Code of the Town of Melbourne Beach, defines “Emergency Powers and Measures” during a declared local civil emergency within the Town of Melbourne Beach; and,

WHEREAS, Section 16-3 (j), Code of the Town of Melbourne Beach currently allows for the potential prohibition or limit on the sale, purchase, transfer, distribution, display, possession, or exchange of any weapon during a declared local civil emergency within the Town of Melbourne Beach; and,

WHEREAS, Fla. Stat. Sec. 790.33 (1), provides that the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition is preempted to the State of Florida Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 2021-15, Laws of Florida, effective July 1, 2021, further strengthens the preemption of the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition to the State of Florida Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach desires to ensure that its Code is consistent with the preemption of the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition to the State of Florida Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 16-3, Code of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§16-3. EMERGENCY POWERS AND MEASURES .

Whenever a civil emergency is declared pursuant to § 16-2, the written instrument of the Mayor, Vice- Mayor, or Chief of Police shall set forth the nature of the civil emergency, any lawful measures deemed necessary to preserve and protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and the duration said measures shall remain in effect. Any measure promulgated under this section shall have the force and effect of law. Such measures shall only be effective during the state of civil emergency. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Establish curfews, including, but not limited to, the prohibition of or restrictions on pedestrian and vehicular movement, standing and parking, except for the provisions of designated essential services, such as fire, police, emergency medical services (including the transportation of patients and emergency calls by physicians or other approved medical personnel), and public works services (including utility emergency repairs).

(b) Utilize all available resources of the town government as reasonably necessary to cope with the civil emergency, including emergency expenditures. However, in the case of a declaration of civil emergency by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, or Chief of Police, such emergency expenditure shall not exceed \$50,000.00.

(c) Declare certain areas of the city off limits and closed to all nonessential personnel.

(d) Make provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing and the emergency warehousing of materials.

(e) Establish an emergency operating center and employee shelter in addition to or in place of those provided for in the Brevard County's emergency plan.

(f) Establish price controls pursuant to § 16-5.

(g) Confiscate merchandise, equipment, vehicles, or property needed to alleviate the emergency. Reimbursement shall be within 60 days and at customary value charged for the items during the 90 days previous to the emergency.

(h) In cooperation with Brevard County emergency management and on behalf of the

town, call on the National Guard or the Army, Coast Guard or other law enforcement divisions as necessary to assist in the mitigation of the emergency or to help maintain law and order, rescue and traffic control.

(i) Activate the statewide mutual-aid system.

~~(j) Prohibit or limit the sale, purchase, transfer, distribution, display, possession, or exchange of any weapon; except that this provision shall not apply to duly authorized law enforcement officials acting in an official capacity.~~

(k) Prohibit or limit the sale, purchase, transfer, distribution, display, possession, exchange of any alcoholic beverage, flammable liquid, explosive substance or hazardous material or substance.

(l) Prohibit or limit any person or persons from assembling in public places.

(m) Prohibit or limit the public's use of public facilities including but not limited to, parks, government buildings, rights-of-way, and beaches.

SECTION 2. Severability/Interpretation Clause.

(a) In the event that any term, provision, clause, sentence or section of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be partially or wholly unenforceable or invalid for any reason whatsoever, any such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any of the other or remaining terms, provisions, clauses, sentences, or sections of this Ordinance, and this Ordinance shall be read and/or applied as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable term, provision, clause, sentence, or section did not exist.

(b) In interpreting the provisions of this Ordinance, the following rules and symbols shall apply:

(1) Words underlined are additions to existing text.

(2) Words ~~stricken through~~ are deletions from existing text.

(3) Asterisks (* * *) indicates a deletion from the Ordinance of text existing in the Code of Ordinances. It is intended that the text in the Code of Ordinance denoted by the asterisks and not set forth in this Ordinance shall remain unchanged from the language existing prior to adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Codification and Renumbering. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified as, and become and be made a part of, the Town of Melbourne Beach Code of Ordinances. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention.

SECTION 4. Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict. All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof that may be determined to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

SECTION 6. Adoption Schedule.

PASSED by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach on first reading on the 21st day of July, 2021, and ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida, on final reading on the 18th day of August, 2021.

TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA

By: _____
WYATT HOOVER, Mayor

ATTEST:

(TOWN SEAL)

Jennifer Torres,
Town Clerk

Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Designation of Maximum Millage

Submitted By: Elizabeth Mascaro, Town Manager

Background Information:

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Recommendation: Vote a Maximum Millage of \$9.1094%

Attachments: Millage Proceeds Calculation

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Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Commission Approval Required Prior to Ordinances being drafted by
Town Attorney

Submitted by: Commissioner Walters

Background Information

The Town Commission has repeatedly (on at least three earlier occasions) resolved that Town Ordinances, prior to the Town attorney drafting them must first be approved by the Town Commission.

Most recently this directive was ignored and two ordinances and an agreement were drafted for a private citizen and presented in two separate public hearings (P&Z and Town Commission) at a legal fee cost exceeding \$3500.00. There is NO state statute that I am aware of that requires the Town to pay for Ordinances or agreements for a private citizen who requests a zoning change or some other issue that would require approval of a Town Ordinance by the Town Commission. Private Citizens have and still can hire their own attorney.

There is no point in our advisory board P&Z or the Town Manager authorizing the Town attorney to draft an Ordinance that the Town Commission has no knowledge or interest. On at least two earlier occasions in the last few years the Town Commission rejected already drafted Town Ordinances which were not approved in advance and in which the Town had no interest. Thousands of tax dollars were wasted on the earlier occasions.

Recommendation: The Town Manager must have permission from the majority Town Commission to order a draft ordinance be prepared by the Town Attorney

Backup:

- The unpaid to date Town billing in the approximate amount of \$3500.00 sent to Mr. Frank Kofflin (per Town Manager recent RTCM) for 500 First Avenue zoning change he requested and two ordinances and agreement drafted by the Town Attorney.
- The unpaid legal fees and other costs exceeding \$3500.00 billing sent to Mr. Frank Kofflin for the 500 first avenue re-zoning request. (per. Town Manager statement at RTCM)
- The Town Commission has a copy of the two proposed Town Ordinances and the agreement drafted by the Town Attorney for Mr. Kofflin.

Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Excess paper usage in agenda packets

Submitted By: Town Clerk Jennifer Torres

Background Information: During the RTCM in April, Commissioner Walters requested that the bulk of Planning & Zoning and Board of Adjustment site plan documentation included in the RTCM agenda packet not be included because it wastes too much paper. These sections can add 20-50 additional pages.

Recommendation: Include the excess documentation only in the electronic version of the agenda packet that is emailed to each Commission member but do not in the paper version.

Attachments:

- None

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Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Use of tennis courts for Pickle Ball

Submitted By: Public Works Director Tom Davis

Background Information:

We have received nearly a dozen requests from both residents and non-residents requesting that the tennis courts be marked and used for pickleball. According to information researched it is not uncommon to have dual use of tennis courts for tennis and pickleball.

The markings on the courts do not conflict and should not confuse the player of either sport. One issue may be that the center of the nets are made one inch lower in the middle for pickleball than it is for tennis.

Temporary markings for pickleball can be used. Chalk can be used or tape which could be removed if desired.

The Manager and I considered the basketball court but the nets would eliminate use of the court for basketball.

It should be noted also that we have received request periodically to re-surface the tennis courts. Basic investigation into that cost seems to indicate \$20,000 plus.

Recommendation: permit use of temporary tape (Frog tape) that will not damage the court surface to mark off playing area for pickleball. At the time we resurface the courts consider painting the pickleball playing stripes.

Attachments: None

Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Bulletin Board for Ocean Park

Submitted By: Public Works Director Tom Davis

Background Information: with improvements taking place at Ocean Park we would like to add a nice large bulletin board to display material (large posters) explaining our sea life and environment. This would also allow us to post event information or any information relevant to those who visit the park.

Because of the harsh climate the bulletin board will be exposed to we believe a high quality product should be used.

Recommendation: Purchase the three sided bulletin board presented

Attachments:

- Information about the recommended bulletin board

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Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Redwood Road repair

Submitted By: Public Works Director Tom Davis

Background Information: at the intersection of Elm and Redwood there is an area approximately 11 feet wide by 70 feet long that the pavement is “gatoring” (cracking) due to years of water intrusion. Because of the years of watering standing in that area the curbing has failed.

We attempted to develop a means by which the water drain from the area and found an interesting situation. At some point in the past the curb has been designed to drain into a 9” pipe that had been driven into the ground about 36”. Of course the pipe had filled with dirt over the years plus the pipe reached into the ground surface water at 36”. These conditions rendered the set up worthless.

Had this problem been addressed over the last 20 years the pavement would have still had some life.

I consulted with Brewer Paving while they were working on the Orange St. project. To remove the curb and old pavement and replace the same would cost approximately \$20,000. Not an official estimate.

Recommendation: Consider when funds are available correcting this 20 year old problem.

Attachments: None

Town Commission Agenda Item

Section: New Business

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Paving Riverside Dr.

Submitted By: Public Works Director Tom Davis

Background Information: The Commission had indicated a desire to pave Riverside Dr. Based upon a request from the Commission I began to view the area. While making my observation it came to my attention that a utility locate had just been done on that entire roadway. It identified sanitary sewer lines that travel down the middle of Riverside to the lift station located in Ryckman Park.

Based upon my observations I contacted Brevard County Utilities Services. I have provided the information requested by one of the Engineers in that department. I was advised that that information would be reviewed and they would advise me of any projects or other issues that might affect our repaving.

To date I have not received any further information. (Copy email attached)

Recommendation: consider waiting until we get some information from Brevard County as to upcoming project to the sanitary sewer lines on Riverside.

Attachments:

- copy of email from Brevard County



Town Manager Report for June and July 2021

1. As of July 15th 1691 parking permits have been issued. Based on our data, as rental properties turn over residents, permits are being issued to multiple vehicles as well as properties that are bought and sold. I will bring forward to the Commission in August a proposal to limit the parking passes to annual or bi-annual parking passes that would renew on January 1. I would also ask the Commission to consider whether or not they want to issue guest passes or open up annual passes to non-residents. Town Hall receives calls on a weekly basis with these two requests.
2. The current year-to-date revenues: **\$67,531.38**

March revenue:	\$ 2,700.25	Units: OPark-444,	Ryckman-444	Cr Overs -1
April revenue:	\$14,081.25	Units: OPark-1923	Ryckman-941	Cr Overs-323
May revenue:	\$22,645.24	Units: OPark-2310,	Ryckman-1347	Cr Overs-601
June revenue:	\$18,383.04	Units: OPark-1992,	Ryckman-1322	Cr Overs-366
July revenue to date:	\$ 9,721.61	Units: OPark-1121,	Ryckman-589	Cr Overs-197
3. The Orange Street Paving Project has been completed on schedule. A final ride-out with Scott Glaubitz and Billy-Joe Brewer was completed on Friday, July 16th. Final payment will be issued after a change order with cost reductions has been received due to the narrower swale width and lack of tree and mailbox removal. The feedback received by PWD, Tom Davis and in Town Hall has been all positive. The ribbon curb and swale installation has been extremely well received by the residents.
4. Met with Lindsey Larson from FMIT regarding health insurance coverage from the League of Cities. I am waiting for premium estimates.
5. Attended the first meeting of the PBA contract renewal for the FY22 Police salaries. Second meeting in August.
6. Attended the first City-County Managers meeting since COVID. Discussed the Opioids Crisis law suits with Brevard County asking to consolidate any funds granted to cities and towns to allow for a large pool of funds to affect change. Melbourne Beach is eligible for @1800.00 annually IF the State decides to further participate. No Class Action suit has been filed by Johnson & Johnson has already agreed to a large payout. Also discussed was the \$1,000 payout to individual employees who worked (not remotely) during COVID.
7. Attend the first pre COVID League of Cities dinner with Vice Mayor Barton.
8. Attend the annual Mayor's Breakfast. Mayor Hoover presented a detailed summary on the activities and accomplishments of the Town.
9. The Town presented a Hurricane Awareness workshop. Speaking at the event was James Mauney former EOC Director for Volusia County, John Scott the current Director of the EOC Brevard County, Anthony Straley from FPL and Robin Davis who coordinated the entire event. The presentation focused on preparedness and after the storm.

48 10. Mayor Hoover and I met with the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization's Education and Safety Coordinator, Kim Smith and Georganna Gillette, Executive Director. The discussion revolved around Ocean Avenue safety, traffic flow, and pedestrian movement. Georganna felt the Town would be a great fit for a "Complete Street" Access Management study. Also discussed with the TPO' "Vision Zero" initiative, which will be brought to the Commission during the August RTCM. The "Complete Street" would involve the re-engineering of Ocean Ave between Oak and the curve.

11. Spoke with Mitch Varnes regarding the 5k and 10k Holiday races in December. He was out of town for several weeks so I have not yet received any cost estimates.

12. I discussed the stop sign recommendations with Chief Griswold, who agreed with the installation of additional stop signs on Palm and Orange. The new stops signs will be installed before the end of August.

13. PWD, Tom Davis and I both registered on the Electric Car site but have not been contacted by a representative.

14. Mayor Hoover and I met with Dr. Mark Mullins, Superintendent of Schools and Russell Bruhn, Chief Strategic Communications Officer, to discuss the Town's continued partnership and promotion of local schools, an internship program, the SRO program and the possibility of developing a science curriculum program that incorporates the health and challenges of the IRL, as well as, marine life and environmental sustainability.

Building Department Report

June 2021

- 58 permits issued
- Construction Value of the 58 permits totaled \$1,570,858.00
- Total Permit fees \$12,818.12
- 138 inspections completed
- 69 plans reviewed
- 0 Site Plan review for P&Z
- 1 BTR reviews
- 2 Vacation Rental inspections
- 1 new home

Public Works Activities**June 2021**

1. White striped Ocean and Riverside
2. Striped Pine
3. Clean and trimmed Ocean Park
4. Pothole repair 4th
5. Installed new drinking fountain Ryckman Park with bottle filler
6. Constructed fence area for trash cans Ocean Park
7. Pothole repair 400 block Riverside
8. Pothole filled repaired 100 block of Oak
9. Concrete grinder used to eliminate 11 sidewalk trip hazards area of Dogwood
10. Edged curb and removed large over grown grass in street Rosewood area
11. Repaired areas of 2201 and 2105 Redwood – water standing damaged pavement over years
12. Investigated drain in yard 501 Riverside – evaluating as to eliminate it
13. Trimmed some crossovers
14. Built and installed toy box Ocean Park
15. Bike symbols painted on Ocean
16. Repaired sign in front of “old” post office Ryckman
17. Constructed decorative fence around railroad display by pier
18. Cleaned off storm water inlets throughout town
19. Walked and checked dunes rear of 2105 Atlantic – Breakers alleged abuse of dune – unfounded
20. Used ditch witch to unclog storm water baffle box S. Palm and Riverside
21. Began addressing failing pavement Magnolia and Oak
22. Placed stickers on all parking signs “Thank you for paying to park helps keep our parks nice”
23. Installed large enter and exit signs at Ocean Park
24. Contacted Florida High Speed internet had them repair dangling lines
25. Ditch witched storm water baffle boxes
26. Stripped intersection of Ocean and Oak eastbound



Melbourne Beach Police Department

Monthly Report

June 2021



In the month of June, we had a total of 6 arrests and 1 Capias. Those arrests range from Driving Under the Influence, Narcotics, Domestic Battery, and Traffic.

House checks/residential and business checks are continued daily. The officers and I continue to be proactive as they conducted several "directed traffic enforcement details" throughout the town. Our radar trailers are also placed in various locations throughout the city to assist in deterring speeders.

We had two animal complaints/calls this month consisting of;

1 Loose/stray dog

1 Injured bird

One of our areas of high volume calls consists of Injured/Ill persons. These calls are unpredictable, and each of the officers is First Responder/CPR/AED certified and is first on the scene to provide medical treatment as necessary.

All reports and calls for service are checked each day by either myself or a supervisor. Depending on the type of crime we have, procedures are in place to take the appropriate action to resolve the issue.

Community Event

Come and enjoy the movie "Scoob" in Ryckman Park with the Melbourne Beach Police on Friday, July 30th

Free Games start at 7:30 PM - Come see the horses of the BCSO Mounted Posse

Free Movie begins at 8:30 PM

Free Popcorn

Free Snow Cones

Please bring your chairs or blankets

Social distancing and masks are encouraged

You are welcome to bring picnic snacks, but please remember this is an alcohol-free event.

PD News

Summer Series of public service announcements ranging from Bicycle and Pedestrian laws, Lock it or Lose it, and Turtle Season, to name a few. The PSA's will be posted on our Facebook weekly throughout the summer.

Like our page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Melbournebeachpolice>

All officers completed their qualifications at Palm Bay gun range. During the two days, officers met their annual qualifications and were put through several scenario-based shoot or don't shoot situations. Thank you, Lt. Smith, for the training and setup, and Ofc. Smith for the refresher in shield training. Great job!

Attached you will see a brief overview of the Sergeants monthly report highlighting some of our calls for service.

Stay Safe, Chief Melanie Griswold

**MELBOURNE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT****Jason Hinchman****Sergeant****507 Ocean Ave, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951****Phone: (321) 723-4343****Fax: (321)725-3253****Monthly Report June 2021**

- 06/02- Domestic verbal disturbance in the 800 block of Oak Street. One male was issued a trespass warning.
- 06/09- Criminal mischief, unknown subject wrote in permanent mark on the pay to park sign and a trash can. This case is under investigation.
- 06/10- Domestic battery in the 400 block of Hibiscus Trail. Female was arrested for domestic battery.
- 06/10- Vehicle crash (Hit and Run) at Ocean Avenue and Oak Street. (2) Vehicles involved, no injuries were reported, and minor damage.
- 06/11- Found Property in the 300 block of Avenue B. Medication was misplaced then found.
- 06/17- Traffic arrest in the 2100 block of Atlantic Street. The male was issued a court date for an unregistered vehicle.
- 06/18- Domestic verbal in the 800 block of Pine Street. Parties were separated.
- 06/18- Missing juvenile in the 800 block of Pine Street. Missing juvenile male returned home.
- 06/26- DUI/drug arrest in the 900 block of Oak Street. The female was arrested for DUI and possession of methamphetamine.
- 06/27- Trespass warning issued in the 900 block of Oak Street. Female was issued a trespass warning.
- 06/27 Special unit response (Drone) in the 4000 block of Highway A1A. Melbourne Beach Police Department assisted Brevard County Sheriff's Office in a possible drowning.
- 06/29 Vehicle crash 100 block of Ocean Ave. (1) Vehicle involved with significant damage and minor injuries to the driver.

**MELBOURNE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT****Steven Kino****Sergeant****507 Ocean Ave, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951****Phone: (321) 723-4343****Fax: (321)725-3253****MEMORANDUM**

TO: LT. Smith

FROM: Sgt. Kino

RE: June Monthly Call Report

DATE: 06/30/2021

6/6- Traffic crash in the 300 block of Ocean Ave. There were no injuries, roadblocks, or airbag deployment.

6/7- Domestic Battery in the 1300 block of Atlantic St. A Capias Request was completed and sent to the SAO for review.

6/7- Baker Act in the 500 block of Magnolia Ave. Officers were able to successfully detain the male without incident. He was then transported to Circles of Care for further treatment.

6/15- Hit and run traffic crash in the 400 block of Colony St. A long form crash report was completed.

6/16- DUI arrest in the 1000 block of Atlantic St. A B/F was placed under arrest for DUI.

6/21- Narcotics arrest in the 1000 block of Atlantic St. W/M was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine.

6/23- Narcotics arrest in the 400 block of Ocean Ave. W/F was arrested for possession of a controlled substance without prescription.

6/24-Trespass in the 800 block of Pine St. The trespass was completed without incident.

6/24- Criminal Mischief in the 1200 block of Atlantic St. The victim did not want to pursue charges. He then completed and signed a Decline to Prosecute.

6/29- Trespass in the 900 block of Oak St. A W/M was making threats to the clerk. He was trespassed without incident.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

June 2021

Incident Response

For the month of June 2021, the Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Department responded to 10 calls for service. The average number of responding volunteer personnel per paged out call for the month was 9.

Breakdown:

- 8 Fire/Rescue 911 Calls (paged out)
- 1 Assist Other Agency
- 1 Public Assist

Notable Incidents

- 06/07/2021 – High voltage transmission line problem in Ocean Park. Park and parking lot was evacuated and A1a (Ocean Ave & Atlantic) shut down as a precaution. Scene was secured and eventually turned over to FPL who was able to make temporary mitigations make the area safe. FPL returned later in June to repair the issues.
- 06/27/2021 – Mutual Aid provided to Brevard County Fire Rescue for reports of multiple drowning victims at Ponce Deleon Park in South Melbourne Beach. MBVFD sent ATV-58, SKI-58, 2 Rescue Boards and 11 rescuers to assist with the search for the 2nd victim. The 1st victim was recovered and transported to a local hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. The 2nd Victim was not able to be located and search was eventually suspended by Brevard County Command. 2nd victim was recovered the next day in Brevard County's jurisdiction.

Department Membership

- Certified Firefighters: 20
- Support Services Personnel: 6
- Administrative Personnel: 2
- Probationary Personnel: 1

Notable Events

The Fire Department has received their new Hurst waterproof extrication tools (jaws of life) from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation®. The tools are valued at \$33,180.00 and were awarded as part of a grant program, at no cost to the Town of Melbourne Beach. The new tools will expand the capabilities of the Fire Department for rescuing entrapped victims due to vehicle accidents, structural collapse, or natural disasters. Thanks to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation® and their generous donors for making this project possible.

The Beachside Fire Chiefs Task Force (Indialantic, Indian Harbor Beach, Satellite Beach, & Melbourne Beach) completed their COVID-19 vaccination mission.

On June 1st, the Melbourne Beach Rotary Club presented the Fire Department with a donation check for \$4,500 earmarked for supporting the Department's Marine Rescue Program. The Melbourne Beach Rotary Club raised this money during the 2021 Founders Day event. The Fire Department appreciates the continued support it receives from the Rotary Club and the hard work that it's volunteers put in for our community.

6 Melbourne Beach Support Services Members have completed all requirements and are now State of Florida certified Volunteer Firefighters. These members will be attending the August RTCM to be sworn in for their new position within the Fire Department.

The Fire Department will be starting another Volunteer Firefighter course in August. This course will assist non-certified members of the MBVFD, as well as of other local beachside volunteers, in obtaining their State of Florida Volunteer Firefighter certification.

Grant Updates

The Department submitted a new FEMA AFG grant early in 2021 to assist in offsetting the cost of purchasing new radios for the Fire Department. At this point we are awaiting notification on if we were successful with this attempt.