

# **T Town of Melbourne Beach**

## **SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2020 @ 6 pm  
MASNY ROOM – 507 OCEAN AVENUE**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Commission Members:**

Mayor Jim Simmons  
Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover  
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 – Led by Mayor Simmons**

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Town Clerk Torres conducted the roll call.

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Jim Simmons  
Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover  
Commissioner Steve Walters  
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie  
Commissioner Corey Runte

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro  
Town Clerk Jennifer Torres  
Police Chief Melanie Griswold

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

Led by Mayor Simmons

**4. Public Comment**

*Sue Holbert  
305 Pelican Drive*

Ms. Holbert suggested the Town delay charging kiosk fees until late morning because she is part of an early morning workout group that uses the park three mornings a week and the cost for parking would make it difficult for them to continue to meet

**5. Old Business**

- A. Consideration of approval of bid for two paid parking kiosks and related equipment from IPS Sales – Commissioner Walters

**Commissioner Walters moved to waive the bid process and approve both kiosk quotes presented, not to exceed the quoted amount of \$14,500; Vice Mayor Hoover seconded; Motion carried 5-0.**

**6. New Business**

- A. Review the two- year MOU from the School Board of Brevard County to the Town of Melbourne Beach for placement of an SRO in Gemini Elementary School – Town Manager Mascaro

Town Manager Mascaro received a two-year-contract from the Brevard County School Board for a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Gemini Elementary School with an increase in fees of \$5,000 because they recognized the need to provide more funds to support the SRO.

Commissioner Walters suggested the Town turn the position back over to the BCSO for them to appoint someone. He added that since former Melbourne Beach Police Officer Vila was now with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office perhaps he could take the position, if interested.

The Town Manager said that her understanding was that former Officer Vila enjoyed being the SRO but was now ready for a change.

Commissioner Walters said that was not his understanding and he was told former Officer Vila loved his job and wanted it back. He went on to suggest the Commission ask the BCSO to consider appointing Vila as Gemini's SRO.

Commissioner Quarrie said she didn't think the Town Commission was in a position to tell the Sheriff what to do.

Vice Mayor Hoover pointed out that the MOU the Town is being asked to sign is with the School Board and if they don't sign it, the decision will default to the School Board.

Further discussion on the matter took place.

Mayor Simmons suggested the Commission approve the MOU and then get some answers because the MOU allows cancellation within 30-days - and in that time, the Town can check with the Officer Vila and Gemini Elementary School to see if he is interested in coming back and also if the school would like him to come back.

Commissioner Runte agreed adding that he didn't want to leave the school in a bad spot by leaving the MOU unsigned.

### **Public comment**

*Lauren Hardman  
326 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue*

Going forward, Ms. Hardman suggested the SRO position is given a more structured, organized role.

**Vice Mayor Hoover moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the School Board of Brevard County allowing the Town to assign a**

**School Resource Officer to Gemini Elementary School. Commissioner Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 5-0.**

- B. Review estimate for a new irrigation well at Ryckman Park - Town Manager Mascaro

Town Manager Mascaro explained that the well in Ryckman Park began leaking and needed to be capped off, which was done by Brevard County at no cost to the Town. The old well was the only water source for irrigation in Ryckman Park and on Ocean Avenue heading east.

Tom Davis, Public Works Supervisor said he would like to have a new well dug to re-establish water source for ground irrigation.

Town Manager Mascaro said Heidekruger Well & Pump Services, Inc. is considered a single source provider, as there are very few well diggers in Brevard County. Their estimate includes a cost of \$1,500.00 to fill the old well, which has already been completed by the County. The Cost of the new well is \$7,000.00

She asked the Town Commission to consider waiving the bidding process in order to get the repair started.

Commissioner Quarrie asked if this was in the budget already and the Town Manager said she could take it from contingency.

**Commissioner Runte moved to waive the bidding requirement and to approve as presented \$7,000 for a new irrigation well with funds pulled from contingency; Vice Mayor Hoover seconded; Motion carried 5-0.**

- C. Officer Tilesio Sick Leave Pay (Walk on item)

In a walk-on item, Town Manager Mascaro suggested that in regard to Officer Tilesio, who is no longer with the Melbourne Beach Police Department, the Commission consider sending him a portion of his sick pay which he was not initially paid because it was determined he resigned in lieu of termination. However, upon further investigation that was never communicated to him and he resigned as an officer in good standing.

Town Attorney Repperger said he would like to prepare a document of understanding with Officer Tilesio for him to sign before receiving the payment.

Commissioner Walters agreed that giving him his sick pay money is a good idea.

**Commissioner Quarrie moved to authorize the Town Attorney to prepare a separation agreement; Commissioner Runte seconded;**

Commissioner Walters disagreed with asking former Officer Tilesio to sign anything before receiving the payment, saying that if he is due money, the Town should pay him.

Vice Mayor Hoover asked the Town Attorney what would happen if former Officer Tilesio refuses to sign the document. The Town Attorney said he wasn't sure.

Commissioner Runte said that if the Town Attorney is recommending the document then he will agree with it.

**Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Walter dissenting.**

## **7. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Runte moved to adjourn; Commissioner Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**James D. Simmons, Mayor**

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**Jennifer Torres, Town Clerk**