

Town of Melbourne Beach

REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. COMMUNITY CENTER - 509 OCEAN AVENUE

MINUTES

Commission Members:

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Vice Mayor Joyce Barton
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte
Commissioner Marivi Walker

Staff Members:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Attorney Cliff Repperger
Town Clerk Amber Brown

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Town Clerk Amber Brown conducted a roll call

Commission Members Present

Mayor Wyatt Hoover
Vice Mayor Joyce Barton
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte

Commission Members Absent

Commissioner Marivi Walker

Staff Members Present

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro
Town Attorney Clifford Repperger
Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr
Building Official Robert Bitgood
Fire Chief Gavin Brown
Public Works Director Tom Davis
Police Chief Melanie Griswold
Town Clerk Amber Brown

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Mayor Wyatt Hoover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Administration of the Oath of Office – Reception to Follow

A. Alison Dennington – Mayor

Town Clerk Amber Brown administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Alison Dennington.

B. Adam Meyer – Commissioner

Town Clerk Amber Brown administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Adam Meyer.

Brief Reception

Roll Call

Town Clerk Amber Brown conducted a roll call

Commission Members Present

Mayor Alison Dennington
Commissioner Sherri Quarrie
Commissioner Corey Runte
Commissioner Adam Meyer

Commission Members Absent

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Public Works Director Tom Davis
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5. Meeting Agenda – Additions/Deletions/Changes

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about removing new business item D – consideration of purchasing 500 First Ave due to the lack of value.

**Commissioner Sherri Quarrie made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes;
Commissioner Corey Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes October 18, 2023
- B. Reappointment of Board Members
 - 1. Reappointment of James Simmons to the Board of Adjustment

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Corey Runte seconded;

Celena Cobb – 306 Fourth Ave

Celena Cobb asked for a brief explanation of what they are giving consent to.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about the minutes and reappointment of a Board Member. The minutes from the prior meeting were too condensed.

Ted Funkhouser – 509 Banyan Way

Ted Funkhouser asked if this is about Airbnb's, if so he has some things to say.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about wanting to remove the reappointment of James Simmons to the Board of Adjustment in order to discuss it.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about needing a motion to pull something off of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Adam Meyer made a motion to remove item B.1. from the consent agenda in order to have a discussion about it; Mayor Alison Dennington seconded; Motion failed 2-2 with Commissioner Sherri Quarrie and Commissioner Corey Runte dissenting.

Commissioner Adam Meyer spoke about James Simmons being qualified, but he would like to have a discussion on the item.

Kate Wilborn – 502 Second Ave

Kate Wilborn spoke about being concerned and about the loss of trust, so things need to be slowed down.

Stan Budesha – 503 Magnolia Ave

Stan Budesha spoke about the motion failed, so let's move on.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about the importance of the Board, and since there are three positions open on the Board try to fill all of them at once. She is uncomfortable reappointing Jim Simmons since he has an email distribution list and uses his personal email. She spoke about the Board of Adjustment needing a Town email.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about there currently being three positions open on the Board and Jim Simmons was the only one that applied, he is more than qualified so he doesn't see any reason to table it.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about there being a lack of communication, the open positions were not in the newsletter, give it a month and allow other people to apply.

Heather Barlow – 210 Elm Ave

Heather Barlow spoke about being at the Board of Adjustment meeting and Mr. Simmons read an email he received from Commissioner Runte. She thinks there is a relationship between Mr. Simmons and Commissioner Runte.

Mike Krajic – 2103 Neptune Dr

Mike Krajic spoke about how he might be interested in the position, but he is not sure what it is about. Open it up and see where it goes. He thinks a prayer is appropriate not a moment of silence. December 3rd Santa will be at the Ryckman House.

Frank Thomas – 606 Atlantic St

Frank Thomas congratulated Commissioner Meyer and Mayor Dennington. He spoke about moving here in 1962, registering to vote, and being involved in the Town.

Ted Funkhouser – 509 Banyan Way

Ted Funkhouser asked if this Committee or Commission is how ordinances are created.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about the Board of Adjustment being responsible for appeals and variances.

Stan Budesza – 503 Magnolia Ave

Stan Budesza asked if that Board just makes recommendations to the Commission. A lot of good has been done for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the Board of Adjustment rulings being final. They are an independent quasi-judicial body.

Tim Flint – 1706 Atlantic St Unit 3A

Tim Flint spoke about things that have passed that were against what the community wanted such as the second kitchens. This should be tabled so it can be discussed.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about the Planning and Zoning voted 3-2 in favor of the second kitchen ordinance.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the discussion being off track. There is a motion and a second, and procedurally nothing else is relevant.

Mark Mc Bride – 310 Second Ave

Mark McBride spoke about how Jim is probably a good candidate, but there are a lot of people here and you are hearing what they want.

Jeanne Lewis – 506 Hibiscus Trail

Jeanne Lewis spoke about it being the pot calling the kettle black. She has watched Commissioner Runte yell at people who have come up to talk or clap because they feel they are being heard for the first time in a long time in the meetings.

Joanie Shepherd – 201 Third

Joanie Shepherd spoke about working with many Planning and Zoning Boards and she has never heard of someone changing zoning before.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about how there were no zoning changes.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about people not being aware of important things. People feel the bare minimum amount of communication is being done. We owe them more.

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie spoke about the Board of Adjustment being responsible for decisions where residents request things that are against the Town Code. The members have to know all of the ordinances. They do not change zoning.

Frank La Grassa – 412 First Ave

Frank La Grassa spoke about the Planning and Zoning Board advised against the second kitchen ordinance. He did not say they voted against it. Residents want a fair chance to oppose things.

Tina Coppock– 505 Avenue B

Tina Coppock asked who picks or appoints the board members. It looks like there is a vendetta. Jim was already on the board and there are still 2 other open positions. Jim is 1 person, and there are still 2 other spots that the Commission can fill.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about people applying for the positions and then it goes in front of the Commission for a vote. People want to be involved but don't understand so let's teach them.

Jay Gurecki– 406 Sixth Ave

Jay Gurecki spoke about something being approved by the Board of Adjustment sets a precedence. If someone has been on the board before see what precedence they have set.

Stan Budesá – 503 Magnolia Ave

Stan Budesá asked what the outcome was of last night's Board of Adjustment meeting.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about the Special Exception for 315 Ocean Ave was approved 5-0.

Commissioner Corey Runte asked if Commissioner Sherri Quarrie would be willing to amend her motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item B being tabled to next month.

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie amended her motion to approve the consent agenda with item B being tabled to next month; Commissioner Corey Runte seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

7. Proclamations/Presentations/Awards

8. Finance/Budget Report

Mayor Alison Dennington asked if the \$100,000 from the parking fund that was created is on there. What is that for and where is it?

Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr spoke about parking funds 172 and 175. Last year the Ryckman Park parking funds were in department 75 under the general fund. Fund 175 was created for better tracking of the Ryckman Park parking funds.

Commissioner Runte made a motion to approve the finance/budget report as presented; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Alison Dennington dissenting.

9. Department and Board/Committee Reports

A. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Tom Davis spoke about projects going on in his department. If there is anything the residents notice around Town please call into the Town Hall.

B. Building Department

Mayor Alison Dennington asked if there is a repayment agreement for the costs of the Building Officials' certifications if he leaves.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about the Building Official's employment is not conditional on repayment for any certifications. To have him as a Building Official he has to retain certifications that are required by law. You didn't see the certifications in the past because the Town contracted out the services. It is more beneficial for the Town to employ a Building Official. He has turned that department around. It was in the hole as much as \$50,000 two years ago.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about any certifications that are not required by law it would be nice if he left within twelve months then he would repay the Town. The Town has had a hard time keeping Building Officials, so what would keep him from leaving after six months?

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about that not being standard practice in this situation. The building department is in the best shape it has ever been. We are fully digital, have a Building Official 5 days a week, and finally making a profit or breaking even. He would not advise the Building Official to stop getting certifications that will help the Town.

Building Official Robert Bitgood spoke already about having all of the certifications that he would need. The training he is going to is required by the State. The schooling that he is going to will save the residents a lot on insurance. The building department operates as an enterprise fund, so the costs for his certifications and schooling come from permit fees not from the general fund, so the taxpayers as a whole are not footing the bill.

C. Code Enforcement

Mayor Alison Dennington asked for more details about the short-term rental violations.

D. Fire Department

Fire Chief Gavin Brown spoke about notable incidents and events.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about the importance of the fire department's marine unit and that it is not funded by tax dollars.

E. Police Department

No additions

F. Town Clerk

No additions

10. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

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.

Ted Funkhouser – 509 Banyan Way

Ted Funkhouser spoke about being disappointed regarding the amount of support he has received related to Airbnb's. Found out that back in 2009/2010 the elected officials could have prevented Airbnb's, but failed to do anything. The second kitchen business is going to turn this Town into Miami Beach.

Nancy Funkhouser – 509 Banyan Way

Nancy Funkhouser asked who on the Commission owns a short-term rental in the Town. Is there a code about trash cans being left out forever? The short-term rental near them is a nightmare.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about how to file a code enforcement complaint.

Mark Mc Bride - 310 Second Ave

Mark Mc Bride spoke about an email he sent the Commissioner regarding Cocoa Beach changing their ordinance and provided several recommendations. What is the Town doing about them?

Joanie Shepherd – 201 Third

Joanie Shepherd asked what costs are associated with changing zoning and where can she get that information. The realtors, owners, and managers that are responsible for Airbnb's need to be held responsible. Get together and figure out a plan.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about there not being any zoning changes.

Mike Krajic – 2103 Neptune Drive

Mike Krajic spoke about a road issue and a vacant lot on Neptune that is not being maintained. His wife suggested that the Town collect resident email addresses and send out mass emails about things.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about the fix being temporary because the road is coming up on the road repaving list.

Police Chief Melanie Griswold spoke about how residents can sign up for Nixle on the Town's website. The Town has had Nixle for several years to send out alerts to residents.

Tina Coppock – 505 Avenue B

Tina Coppock spoke about the second kitchen ordinance states the second kitchen needs to be removed within a year if they lose their homestead exemption.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the second kitchen ordinance requires the owner to maintain their homestead exemption.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about how the Building Department can track second kitchens, but there haven't been any yet. If an owner violates the ordinance then it would become a code enforcement violation.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about setting up a series of workshops to discuss hot topics.

Jennifer Ottomanelli – 510 Avenue A

Jennifer Ottomanelli asked why the Parks Board is not consulted regarding changes to the parks. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and deserves to be heard by their elected officials.

Stan Budesa – 503 Magnolia Ave

Stan Budesa spoke about his understanding that an ordinance can be rescinded at any time. Would like some clarification on the letter that he received about the Town Manager and the Town Attorney that was sent to every attorney in the state.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about it not being that easy to rescind an ordinance because you would have to pass another ordinance to amend the language.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about the email being sent to attorneys in the state because she asked the Town Attorney what position the Town would be in having someone serve as Mayor who currently has lawsuits against the Town. The request was not to unseat the Mayor or reverse the decision. It was merely for guidance to see if there was something we should know or if there was any precedence or knowledge about a Mayor having lawsuits against the Town. There was nothing nefarious. The letter itself was accurate, but the post with it had someone's twist on it which was not true.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the letter being about how to address conflicts that may come up.

Kari Ross – 206 Flamingo Lane

Kari Ross spoke about attending the last meeting and this potential conflict was brought up and Ali herself stated it was a valid question. It seems like a prudent measure for the Town Attorney to not waste taxpayers' dollars to look into it before the election.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about the Town Attorney using a private email from a law firm in Melbourne to conduct Town business.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about a lot of comments tonight stemming from the election. Let's move forward in the best interest of the residents.

Kate Wilborn – 502 Second Ave

Kate Wilborn spoke about the Town Attorney has put in his notice. She hopes the next Town Attorney's role will be to protect the Town.

Bryan Troy – 509 Hibiscus Trail

Bryan Troy spoke about Commissioner Corey Runte and some others who were helpful in assisting with an Airbnb. Back in 2009 or 2010, the Town really could have nipped Airbnb's. The Town is doing everything they can currently do. Best Town in Brevard County hands down.

Gail Gowdy - 205 Ash Ave

Gail Gowdy spoke about what is being said regarding the 2009 Commission is not correct. Check with Attorney Gougelman there was an ordinance that was put in place.

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie spoke about the ordinance did not apply to 1-RS, 2-RS, or 3-RS.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about already speaking with Attorney Paul Gougelman regarding the 2011 preemption and the Town did not pass an ordinance related to vacation rentals at the time despite his advice and counsel that the preemption was coming in 2011. At the time short-term rentals were not a problem like they are today. The Town does have a regulatory ordinance that can be tweaked.

Heather Barlow – 210 Elm Ave

Heather Barlow spoke about how our zoning is on American Legal. Other counties have a searchable document or in the front have the history of changes.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about there currently being a search function.

Frank La Grassa – 412 First Ave

Frank La Grassa spoke about the second kitchen ordinance is not enforceable. A referendum on this would clear up the debate.

11. Public Hearings/Special Orders

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

A. Appointment of Vice Mayor

Mayor Alison Dennington made a motion to nominate Commissioner Adam Meyer as Vice Mayor; Motion failed for lack of a second

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to table the appointment of Vice Mayor until we have a full commission next month; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Alison Dennington dissenting.

B. Appointment of Voting Delegate for the South Beaches Coalition

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about what the South Beaches Coalition is.

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to nominate Mayor Alison Dennington for the delegate for the South Beaches Coalition; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Alison Dennington abstaining.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about Mayor Alison Dennington abstaining due to any potential conflict and the Town Clerk will provide a Form 8b for each abstained vote.

- C. Consideration of changing the Parks Board's monthly meeting day to the first Thursday of each month.

Julie Samuels - 2320 S. River Rd

Julie Samuels spoke about it being difficult for the Parks Board to meet on the first Wednesday so the Board decided that the first Thursday would be better.

Kate Wilborn – 502 Second Ave

Kate Wilborn spoke about the Parks Board doing a great job and would like them to have a vote and input on decisions.

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to approve item c under new business consideration of changing the Parks Board's monthly meeting day to the first Thursday of each month; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

~~D. Consideration of purchasing 500 First Avenue~~

This item was removed from the agenda

- E. Consideration of Resolution 2023-08 – Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 2023-07; AMENDING EXPENDITURES FOR ALL FUNDS INCLUDING THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND; TRANSFER FUNDS FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER FUND; ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION

Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr spoke about this resolution closes the fiscal year 2023 budget. This is required by the state and the auditors.

Mayor Alison Dennington asked about the transfer related to the increase in banking and auditor costs.

Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr spoke about that being due to an increase in cost for the auditors. This is not changing the bottom line it is just moving funds from one area in the general fund to this line item.

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to approve item D consideration of Resolution 2023-08 for the fiscal year 2023 as presented; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

F. Consideration of Resolution 2023-09 – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-2024; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 2023-04 RELATED TO THE USE OF ALL CARRYFORWARDS AND TRANSFERS FOR ALL FUNDS INCLUDING THE GENERAL FUND; ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.

Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr spoke about this being for carryforwards from fiscal year 2023 into fiscal year 2024.

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to approve item F consideration of Resolution 2023-09 for fiscal year 2024 Budget Amendment; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

G. Discussion regarding notice of termination of legal services agreement

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the current legal services agreement expires on November 30, 2023. His firm has made the decision not to renew the agreement so the Town will be going out for a request for proposal (RFP). Pursuant to the agreement, a thirty-day notice has been provided. If approved his last day of service would be December 8, 2023. Otherwise, the agreement expires on November 30, 2023.

Mayor Alison Dennington asked about including the contract and all of the modifications.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about there not being any modifications done to the contract other than doing a memorandum of understanding to extend the contract and notices of law firm change.

Mayor Alison Dennington asked what the timeframe was for turning over all of the town's public records.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about how he would work with the town staff to coordinate that.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about having an RFP that will go out tomorrow.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about wanting to review the RFP before it goes out.

Stan Budesá – 503 Magnolia

Stan Budesá spoke about any RFP should go to the Mayor and the Commission for approval.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the RFP process is a very uniform and routine practice that every municipality does. It is very simple. It would be in the best interest of the Town to have the Town Manager proceed with sending out the RFP.

Tina Coppock – 505 Avenue B

Tina Coppock spoke about having 30 years of government contracting experience. Some RFPs can be simple and some are very complex. To think the part-time Town Commission would have time to review everything the Town Manager does is ridiculous.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about reviewing the RFP before sending it out, a special meeting can be scheduled, and letting the contract expire early.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about how not sending the RFP out right away would mean not having a Town Attorney for over a month. He would entertain a motion to approve the extension through December 8th. Allow the RFP to go out as soon as possible contingent on the Mayor approving it.

Commissioner Adam Meyer asked how the billing works. Is there a daily bill that would occur between December 1st and December 8th?

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about the billing being done hourly based on the work performed.

Heather Barlow – 210 Elm Ave

Heather Barlow asked what the Town gets for the extra 8 days. His work for the Town is done.

Kate Wilborn – 502 Second Ave

Kate Wilborn spoke about how his work here is done. The protection of the Town Attorney is to protect the Commission, but it should be to protect the Town. The extra 8 days of the Town Attorney protection is not needed.

Jason Judge – 206 Flamingo

Jason Judge spoke about if the Town Attorney is currently working on things it would be better to have him finish out the projects rather than turning them over to another attorney who would bill to get up to date on the projects. In the case of saving money that seems to be the best case. The attorney cares about the Town, has done a good job, and is cheaper than anyone else. Allow him to finish up as much as he can.

Steve Walters – 416 Sixth Ave

Steve Walters spoke about the Town having a great attorney who will take over at any point, Paul Gougelman. He was an excellent town attorney for Melbourne Beach for years. If someone spoke with him he would be more than happy to take over.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about there being 18 law firms that applied during the last RFP process. If something happens during the 8 days then hire a special attorney.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about already speaking with Attorney Paul Gougelman about coming in temporarily and he might offer to do that at an increased rate, but at this time his law firm is not prepared to allow him to do that. At this time his law firm is not interested in applying.

Stan Budesha - 503 Magnolia

Stan Budesha spoke about not knowing about the swapping of the parking lot for Djon's and not knowing about what's going on.

Ted Funkhouser – 509 Banyan Way

Ted Funkhouser spoke about the contract says 30 days' notice so give him the 30 days.

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to approve the notice of termination and extension to December 8th as presented; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Alison Dennington dissenting

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about her voting against the motion because of the extension not because of the termination.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about being the counsel of record on the outstanding litigation cases. He would like to stay counsel on those cases. One has already had a hearing on it. The other two are still pending. The cases involve the Mayor, so it would be recommended the Mayor abstain from voting. He is requesting to be retained or stay as appointed outside counsel on those litigation cases at least until such time the Town has new counsel so he can discuss the cases with new counsel. There is a hearing scheduled for January 30th on the mandamus claim.

Commissioner Adam Meyer spoke about that being fine as long as it transitions to the new counsel so the Town does not have two legal counsels.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about how it is not uncommon to have appointed outside counsel when an attorney has done a lot of work on a case.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about the Town Attorney wants to stay as counsel on the election case in which he is a defendant, but he wants the Mayor to recuse voting on it. She thinks there is a conflict.

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about there not being a reason he cannot self-represent in that case as the Town Attorney.

Commissioner Adam Meyer made a motion to keep Attorney Repperger on for those active litigations until the point we get a new lawyer; Commissioner Corey Runte seconded; Motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Alison Dennington abstaining.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about abstaining from the vote due to a conflict.

Town Clerk Amber Brown spoke in response to residents stating they were not aware of things that came in front of the Commission, to read the Beach Comber. There is a whole section that lists every motion that the Commission has made.

14. Administrative Reports

A. Town Attorney

Town Attorney Clifford Repperger spoke about how he became the Town Attorney 9 years ago. He has been practicing for 27 years, and he has always been involved in local government. There have been a lot of comments about darkness and shade in this community and that is not what he sees. He sees light and transparency and hard work from all of the staff. His practice has a lot going on and this job has taken on a lot more of a role in his practice than expected. He wished everyone the best.

B. Town Manager

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about meeting with Indialantic tomorrow regarding the repaving of Riverside. At a manager's meeting, they discussed the lifeguard contracts. Melbourne Beach's contract has not changed. There is a meeting with the County in December about lifeguards. Board of Adjustment met last night they passed the Special Exception for 315 Ocean Ave 5/0. It will be a café style restaurant. Thanked the Parks Board for putting on the Veterans Day event.

Mayor Alison Dennington asked if there is a plan for the Veterans Parks and where.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about looking at putting it in Circle Park.

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about putting ideas on the website for the residents to see and comment on.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about the process starting with the Commission because if the Commission is not interested in looking into a specific item then it would be a waste of time to research and put something together. After the Commission requests proceeding with an item then the research, review, and discussions start.

Julie Samuels – 2320 S. River Rd

Julie Samuels spoke about having a few new Parks Board members, so they have more capacity to get involved in more things related to the parks.

15. Commission Reports

16. Task List

Updated:

Options and Costs for Live Streaming – Next month

Mayor Alison Dennington spoke about not needing to livestream the meetings.

Town Clerk Amber Brown spoke about still working on getting a couple of the quotes amended so they match.

S.E.A Project – Closed

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about how this was originally to have a plan set for what we would like the streetscape to look like for FDOT to copy when they redo their road. There were drawings done that we are not moving forward on.

Commissioner Corey Runte spoke about tabling the item for the foreseeable future since FDOT has pushed the project back.

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie spoke about no one liking the drawings that were presented and concerns from the Police and Fire Chief that were valid.

Commissioner Corey Runte made a motion to close the S.E.A Project action item for the foreseeable future; Commissioner Sherri Quarrie seconded; Motion carried 4-0.

Sixth Ave Boat Ramp Improvements – February Workshop

17. Public Comment

Kate Wilborn – 502 Second

Kate Wilborn asked if there are any records associated with the stop signs on Riverside because no one she knows likes them, and she does not remember seeing it on an agenda. She would like it to be added to a future agenda.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about the signs were discussed with the Police Chief to approve them.

Jennifer Ottomanelli – 510 Avenue A

Jennifer Ottomanelli asked if the meeting with Indialantic will include discussing a sidewalk on the west side of Riverside. Were the Bocce courts removed as step 1 of adding a median in the road? If the Veterans Memorial is in Circle Park it would not be visited as much as if it were in Ryckman Park or some place that is more trafficked.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro spoke about a sidewalk on the west side has not been discussed by the Commission, so that will not be part of the meeting with Indialantic. The Bocce courts were removed because they were dilapidated. The idea is to add a ramp to the front of the Community Center and add parking, but that has not gone to the Commission for approval.

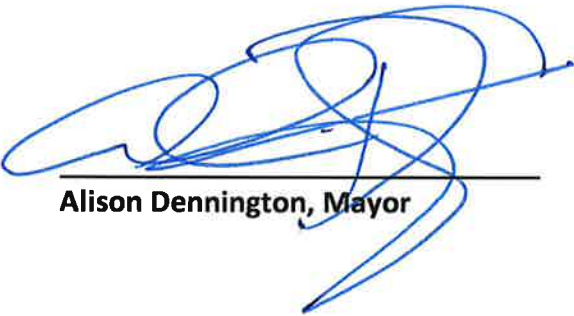
Lauren Hardman – 320 Sixth Ave

Lauren Hardman thanked everyone for their hard work and spoke about the audio-visual equipment being a very important addition. It would be a bonus for those who cannot make a meeting. There is so much to cherish in this Town.

18. Adjournment

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie moved to adjourn; Commissioner Corey Runte seconded, Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Alison Dennington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amber Brown, Town Clerk

