

**Town of Melbourne Beach**  
**REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING**  
**APRIL 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER – 509 OCEAN AVENUE**

**MINUTES**

**Commission Members:**

Mayor Wyatt Hoover  
Vice Mayor Joyce D. Barton  
Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie  
Commissioner Corey Runte  
Commissioner Marivi Walker

**Staff Members:**

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

## **1. Call to Order**

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

## **2. Roll Call**

Interim Town Clerk Amber Brown conducted roll call

### **Commission Members Present**

Mayor Wyatt Hoover

Vice Mayor Joyce Barton

Commissioner Corey Runte

Commissioner Marivi Walker

### **Commissioner Members Absent**

Commissioner Sherrie Quarrie

### **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

Interim Town Clerk Amber Brown

## **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Hoover led the Pledge of Allegiance

## **4. Presentations**

Police Chief Melanie Griswold presented Corporal Zachary Martin with an Officer of The Year award.

## **5. 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.

**Kate Wilborn**  
**502 Second Ave**

*Kate Wilborn asked what preparations are being made for the next time it rains. She stated a wall and a luxury home is going to be built when the land should be for water retention. Kate Wilborn stated what good is the Town government if it is not protecting its residents. Kate Wilborn stated houses near her have flooded, and houses need to be built in a way that does not flood their neighbors. Kate Wilborn advised she watched a video of the Town Manager and she is embarrassed. She stated if she floods this time she will sue the Town.*

**Ted Funkhouser**  
**509 Banyan Way**

*Ted Funkhouser stated there is a property on Banyan Way that is being rented out as an Air BnB. There are reports around the country. We need to do something about owner-occupied, but the owner lives in Arizona and gets a homestead exemption. Something needs to be done in Melbourne Beach that stops vacation rental development in single-family homes. This particular home is not registered with any place. Please do something about these day to day rentals*

Mayor Hoover stated the State has taken away almost all of our ability as a Municipality to control vacation rentals. Regarding his occupancy and homestead exemption that is something we can look into with respect to the taxes he is paying. Mayor Hoover stated the Municipality is not permitted to limit the length of time of a vacation rental that would be the State.

*Mr. Funkhouser stated Boca Raton just enacted something recently that does not allow day-to-day rentals, and the minimum rental is one month. He stated he spoke with Debbie Mayfield's office and they advised the Municipality needs to have an ordinance.*

Mayor Hoover asked for Mr. Funkhouser to provide any information he has to the Town Manager, so we can verify the Town is doing everything we can.

Commission Corey Runte stated the Town has a noise ordinance and if there is a violation to notify the police. He also stated the State does not allow Municipalities to restrict them unless there was already an ordinance in place. For example, Indialantic already had an ordinance in place prior to the State coming out with Home Rule, so they are able to continue to restrict vacation rentals under that ordinance. He stated our Code Enforcement has done an excellent job trying to identify any nonregistered vacation rentals in Town.

**Gail Goudy**  
**205 Ash Ave**

*Gail Goudy stated she expects our Town Manager to act in a professional manner, and it is very disturbing. What is the Commission doing concerning her actions? There is a complaint against the Town Manager from the previous Town Clerk and a video of the Town Manager that is very disturbing. If anything it confirms the Town Manager*

*has used poor judgment, not acted in a professional manner, and is not representing the Town in a good way or a good example to the employees. As the Commission this is something you need to seriously think about, and what is the Commission going to do about this.*

**Steve Walters**  
**Sixth Ave**

*Steve Walters stated he is wearing a mask because the microphone is not sealed. He stated he received a copy of the grievance filed by the previous Town Clerk Jennifer Torres, a complaint from the Town Clerk before her Nancy Wilson, and other written complaints. Mr. Daniels was also mentioned in that grievance. Jennifer Torres was doing a good job, and that is the toughest job in the Town Hall. Keep in mind the Deputy Town Clerk was fired and never replaced. He is sorry she is gone and you will be hearing from Mr. Daniels and him soon.*

**Jim Simmons**  
**409 Avenue B**

*Jim Simmons stated the more things change the more they stay the same. Same people with the same grievances for forty-plus years with the same issues against the Town Manager that they brought for ten or fifteen years. He would encourage you to look at the history behind the Town Manager's goings-on, and the repeated attacks on the Town Manager and see how repetitive it is. He has a lot of management experience and has been the victim of the attacks as Mayor. They have a nice platform that they can say anything they want. No matter how true or untrue it is. When these types of issues come forward in a public forum they need to be taken with a grain of salt. They need to be looked at seriously from both sides. He stated Elizabeth as the Town Manager has his confidence.*

**Ali Dennington**  
**413 Surd Rd**

*Ali Dennington stated an independent investigation should be done to look into the grievance against the Town Manager. One allegation was deleted text messages which is a violation. There are a bunch of other allegations. She requested the Mayor to temporarily lock down all records. She stated she has made a bunch of public records requests. She does plan to sue the Town for the denial of several public records requests. Partly because of the shed issue with disagreeing with the interpretation of the Code. Ali Dennington requested that all of the documentation that she provided be entered into the record for the meeting. As well as all of the emails sent in the past two days be entered into the record.*

Mayor Hoover asked if she was referring to the seventy-five emails she sent.

*Ali Dennington verified yes those are the emails she would like entered into the record.*

## **6. Approval of the Agenda**

**Commissioner Runte moved to approve the Agenda; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

## **7. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of Special Town Commission Meeting minutes for March 2, 2022
- B. Approval of RTCM Meeting minutes for March 15, 2022
- C. Site Plan Approval for 1507 Pine Street
- D. Site Plan Approval for 404 Sixth Avenue
- E. Site Plan Approval for 414 Hibiscus Trail
- F. Site Plan Approval for 309 Ocean Avenue

Vice Mayor Barton asked about not getting the entire site plan and just paring down parts of it for the Commission. The site plans are a lot of paper that other Boards have already done their job and gone through and approved.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated the site approval process is a very diligent procedure that goes through the consulting engineer, Town Planner, the Building Department, and the Planning and Zoning Board. Then it goes to the Commission on the consent agenda to vote yes or no.

**Vice Mayor Barton moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Walker seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

## **8. Old Business**

- A. Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-04 Town of Melbourne Beach Comprehensive Plan.

Attorney Clifford Repperger read Ordinance 2021-04 for the second reading for adoption. Attorney Clifford Repperger went over the process that Ordinance 2021-04 has gone through.

Further discussion ensued

***Ali Dennington  
413 Surf Rd***

*Ali Dennington stated she would like to object to 309 which was on the consent agenda. She objected to the Planning and Zoning and would like to object here as well. She would also like to object to the Comprehensive Plan. She did file an objection with the State and with the Town. Ali stated she would like to reiterate*

*that she attended and objects for all of the reasons stated many of which are just procedures the Town did not follow. There was mention of not having signed minutes from Planning and Zoning which she believes is a requirement. Without signed minutes she is not sure those meetings are valid. Regarding the section about if it gets destroyed, the language was changed to take out the percent, so now if it gets destroyed at any amount. Why was the letter from the State not included which states objection one requires each local government to include a property rights element in its Comprehensive Plan. The local government has proposed its own property rights element instead of the State one. The proposed property rights element limits the consideration to private property to planning and development. She stated it says it has to be every decision, so she objects to that. The response that it will be worked on is not sufficient and the second reading should be postponed and fix that. Why wasn't the letter included, and why wasn't the property rights element changed.*

Attorney Clifford Repperger stated the dated November 22, 2021, from the DEO was included in the agenda packet. With respect to the property rights element, the changes that were requested were made.

**Kate Wilborn**  
**502 Second Ave**

*Kate Wilborn stated if this is a master plan, she goes by the Town bulletin board every night, and this meeting is not posted. She does care about the master plan because it seems to be for a developer such as Commissioner Corey Runte. She stated there is more and more development and fill fill fill.*

Mayor Wyatt Hoover stated very recently the Stormwater requirement for individual properties was amended to increase the individual retention requirement from one and a half inches in twenty-four hours to six inches in twenty-four hours. What that means is every time a property is redeveloped or torn down and rebuilt they are increasing the amount of stormwater they are retaining on their own property. This is certified by an independent civil engineer.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated he would like to set the record straight. He is the Vice President of pre-construction for certifying commercial construction for his company, and has not done anything along this strip in Melbourne Beach. Melbourne Beach has enacted a new code that is one of the most strict of any beachside municipality to help protect the residents. In addition, the Town is able to spend over one million dollars on stormwater treatment.

**Steve Walters**  
**Sixth Ave**

*Steve Walters received a call a few months ago regarding builders for new homes stating they need a perc test which can cost a couple thousand dollars. The homeowner had to pay twenty-five hundred dollars, but the ordinance doesn't say that. He stated the ordinance should be clarified to state a perc test is not required.*

Commissioner Corey Runte stated per the House of Engineering a perc test is required as part of the approval process to calculate stormwater retention requirements.

***Funoe LLC  
413 Surf Rd***

*Ali Dennington spoke on behalf of her son who is a trustee of Funoe LLC. Ali Dennington stated earlier it was said that the engineer is independent. However, it is the Town Engineer who has a contract with the Town. They have records that are public records. It does not matter that they are outside of the Town which she has requested records related to the Town Engineer last year that she has not gotten. There was mention about all of this money that was going to be spent on stormwater, and she wanted to note that the grievance noted \$100,00.00 that was miscalculated and taken from stormwater, so she objects to that.*

**Vice Mayor Barton moved to adopt the Resolution 2021-04 from the second reading which amends Resolution 2021-02; Commissioner Walker seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

**9. New Business**

**A. Consideration of Resolution 2022-04 amending the Building Permit Fee Schedule.**

Commissioner Corey Runte stated Robert Bitgood was brought on full-time as the Chief Building Official, and he has received numerous unsolicited compliments. He goes above and beyond to protect our residents to make sure everything meets the code and it is quality workmanship. He stated a building department cannot be a profit center. It is self-sustained and does not generate a profit. Robert Bitgood is working to get everything digital, and we are now doing inspections five days a week.

Building Official Robert Bitgood stated per state statute the building department is an enterprise fund and should not be counting on the Town for funding. The fund goal would be to have up to twice the operating budget, and if the fund gets to that point the Town can either lower the fees or offer incentives for things such as stormwater improvements to residents. He stated the building department fees were based on 2014, and a lot has changed since then. He explained the minimum permit fee will be \$75.00 for construction valued up to \$2500.00; then anything above that will pay an additional percentage based on the value of construction. He proposed increasing the cost for doing work without a permit to be up to four times the cost of the permit at the Building Officials' discretion.

Commissioner Corey Runte explained that currently there is no incentive to have the work completed properly before the first inspection because there are no re-inspection fees.

Mayor Hoover stated the Building Department is essentially net-zero financially for the Town, and these changes will allow the Building Department to be more efficient and provide better accountability.

Further discussion ensued

**Julie Samuel**  
**2320 S River Rd**

*Julie Samuel asked how much of the Town's money was used in the year prior, and based on last year's numbers how much would be taken in with the new fee schedule?*

Building Official Robert Bitgood stated he does not have information regarding last year. He stated last month by enforcing through plan review what was supposed to be taken in would have averaged \$7,000.00.

Mayor Hoover stated part of the reason for doing this is because the building department was understaffed and so the level of service the Town was providing was very poor. Such as only doing inspections two days a week. This will allow the Town to provide an adequately staffed building department.

**Steve Walters**  
**Sixth Ave**

*Steve Walters asked after listening to all that, what you are about to vote on is to raise the building permit fee? Another tax folks.*

Building Official Robert Bitgood stated this would be the first increase since 2014.

**Kate Wilborn**  
**502 Second Ave**

*Kate Wilborn asked what about impact fees? If someone is buying a luxury home an impact fee wouldn't be a big deal, and it would help people in older homes from having their foundation crack. Also, grants to protect our river and people from flooding.*

Commissioner Corey Runte stated there are impact fees assigned to any new construction project that are set by Brevard County. This fee schedule would bring us up to date and be comparable to surrounding municipalities.

**Jim Simmons**  
**409 Ave B**

*What I think is missing in this discussion as well as the additional services being provided and the time scales is when he was Mayor he received a call from a resident stating their builder told him the Building Official is very difficult to work with. Jim Simmons stated he doesn't think that is true anymore, we have a new building official, but what you're missing is the Building Official works for the resident, he doesn't work for a building contractor, he is supposed to make sure the builder functions to his responsibilities, and provides a safeguard to the*



*homeowner to make sure the contractor is not taking shortcuts. The Building Official works for the homeowner.*

***Dan Brunger***  
***400 Sixth Ave***

*Dan Brunger stated the comments about donating money bother him. That has been raised to the Town before about charitable contributions and if he pays a tax or a fee, he would not want it donated to anyone else. If he wanted to donate he would do it himself. He also asked about fees being raised. He stated he has a maybe fifteen-foot section of fence that he would like to put up in the future, so would he have to pay the \$75.00 fee and then pay even more for that section of fence.*

Building Official Robert Bitgood stated under this new update you can change up to twenty-four feet of a fence without a permit as long as you are not putting it on anyone else's property. As far as the donations discussion goes the money does not need to be donated the fees could be lowered or even eliminated temporarily. Donating money is just an option and is regulated by the State on what the money can be donated to. The building department is fully funded and sustained by permit fees, so no taxpayer money goes to fund the building department.

***Ali Dennington***  
***413 Surf Rd***

*Ali Dennington stated she is going to make the same objection to every single thing. She stated this is over four hundred pages. She asked when did the Commission receive a copy.*

Mayor Hoover stated Friday

*Ali Dennington stated she requested it two days ago. She emailed on the eighteenth each Commissioner, the Town Manager, the Town Attorney, and the Town Clerk, even though we don't have one right now so the Town doesn't have a records custodian, she did not get a copy of the agenda packet until today. Ali stated she objects to everything in the meeting that is decided on the bases that her due process rights have been violated. The whole point of a public meeting is to give people notice of what will be decided so that they can object if they want, but if you limit the amount of time they are able to digest the things being decided they cannot formulate an objection. If she had two or three days she might not have any objections, but because she only had a couple of hours it is a due process violation. You need a reasonable opportunity to review something.*

Mayor Hoover apologized for not forwarding the packet, but they received over seventy emails from her, and he has not had time to read them all.

Further discussion ensued

*Ali Dennington stated the emails she sent she had to do that legally to preserve her record.*

**Vice Mayor Barton moved to approve the Resolution 2022-04 in regard to the increase to building permit fees effective immediately; Commissioner Walker seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

- B. Consider the purchase and installation of 7 new street poles for Ocean Avenue, Ryckman Park block.

Public Works Director Tom Davis stated as part of the Town's plan for beautification, he would like to purchase and install new street poles for the west end of Ocean Ave.

Mayor Hoover asked where the funds were coming from.

Public Works Director Tom Davis stated the Commission took \$40,000.00 from the Redwood property and put it aside for beautification.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated he only sees one proposal, and they are required to get three if it is over \$4,000.00. He stated he would like to see at least one more preferably two more proposals. Florida Bulb and Ballast were the ones that just did the tennis courts and saved us \$30,000.00. Also, FPL does a leasing program.

Vice Mayor Barton stated she likes the idea of doing this and has seen how beautiful it looks in other Towns, but would request more proposals.

Public Works Director Tom Davis stated he will come back next month with more.

## **10. Staff Reports**

### **A. Town Attorney Report**

Attorney Clifford Reppeger stated he would hesitate to get too involved in a discussion, but he would like to address the elephant in the room. As you're aware we have an Interim Town Clerk tonight because the Town Clerk has separated employment with the Town. There was a special Town Commission meeting scheduled that was canceled. The purpose of that meeting was to consider the appeal from the Town Clerk to a final written discipline that the Town Clerk had received. On April 12<sup>th</sup> the parties met and discussed the issues and the Town Manager agreed to rescind the final written warning and to agree that it would not be an official part of the Town Clerks employment history. A copy of the executed letter rescinding the final written warning has been provided to you. Given the withdrawal of that final written warning, the Special Town Commission Meeting was canceled as unnecessary. The parties then entered into a separation agreement which both parties signed, and the Town Clerk voluntarily resigned. On April 4<sup>th</sup> a separate grievance complaint was filed with his office, pursuant to the separation agreement that was entered into the Town Clerk voluntarily withdrew the grievance complaint, and asked that the grievance complaint investigation cease. That is what happened, the investigation was closed and no further action was taken. Those documents are

public records, and from an employer's standpoint, the issue was resolved. If the Commission feels something further needs to be done they can advise him accordingly.

Mayor Wyatt Hoover stated it is important in any organization to evaluate individuals on their work, and certainly, none of us are perfect, since Elizabeth has taken over as Town Manager we have never seen the parks department operating as effectively as it is, from a Commissioner standpoint, the budgeting process is smooth and streamlined, the building department is operating better than it has, all of the departments in the Town. Mayor Hoover stated he is frequently in Town Hall and the morale is good and they have a positive experience working with and under Elizabeth. She is not supposed to be everyone's best friend, she is their boss and sometimes that can create unfortunate situations. Holding people accountable is not fun, and so there are always difficult situations. He stated he is proud of Elizabeth and the work she has done.

Vice Mayor Joyce Barton stated she would agree with everything Mayor Hoover just said. She has witnessed the same thing in her time here. She goes into Town Hall a lot and she sees the morale in the offices. Being a former employer she knows it is difficult and knows how hard it can be when you have employees to deal with when there is a problem. Sometimes things have to change, and she is very confident we will find the right person for this position, and everyone will get their needs satisfied. Thank you to Attorney Clifford Repperger for allowing the Commission to speak on this because it is the elephant in the room, and there have been a lot of hard feelings and harsh things that have been said and done. We live in an amazing little town and she would suggest everyone move forward from this. It is a learning experience for everyone involved, but she thinks we have all learned and will move forward in a positive way.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated he is on six nonprofit boards throughout the county and he used to chair a quasi-judicial board in Melbourne. Prior to Elizabeth Melbourne Beach used to call other Towns to see how they were doing things and model it after them. He spoke with another City Manager who stated Melbourne Beach is doing some amazing things and they are looking at how we are doing things now. It is important to not only look at just one person who didn't work out for whatever reason, but to look at the bigger picture. This Town has never been in a better place. People see that, and other municipalities see that. Elizabeth is our Town leader and we need to respect her. There will always be tough decisions she has to make.

## **B. Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro stated she and Chief Griswold were going to meet with Indianalantic Town Manager Casey and Chief Conner about golf carts and the Interlocal agreement, but the meeting had to be postponed. She stated Public Works Director Tom Davis just installed four more golf cart parking spots along Ocean Ave. She was on a conference call with District five for FDOT to put their section of Ocean Ave on their map for paving in 2026. That also provided the opportunity to discuss the entrance and egress for Ocean Park and the shopping centers. It is the annual

budget cycle, so it is time for the Commission to review her and as part of that process she would like the Commission to think about what goals they would like to task her with. What they would like to see in the next twelve months, but maybe also twenty-four and thirty-six so if it requires budgeting funds she can make sure they start setting that money aside.

Mayor Wyatt Hoover asked for a few email reminders with deadlines.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro stated she would like to have the first budget meeting in June, so she would like to have the information by the end of May to give her a little bit of time to estimate the costs and work them into the budget. She stated they can send the items as they think of them, they do not all need to be listed and sent at the same time. She will send out an email to them.

Commissioner Corey Runte asked if the audit was done.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro stated it was done and they will be presenting next month. She stated we did fantastic; Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr did an awesome job.

#### C. Town Clerk Report

No Report

#### D. Departmental Reports

##### 1. Building Department

No additions to the report

##### 2. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Tom Davis stated four golf cart parking spots were added in Ryckman Park. The DAR has done a tremendous job on the Ryckman House. Landscaping in Ryckman Park was done.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated the bathrooms look amazing, and the Ocean Park sitting area is beautiful.

Public Works Director Tom Davis stated the palm trees in the park are out of control. He stated they spend hours having to pick up palm fronds. Tom stated he would like to be able to trim them; he knows there were a lot of complaints last time, but if he keeps it at three and nine that should allow him to at least cut the dead stuff off.

Further discussion ensued

***Jim Simmons***  
***409 Avenue B***

*Jim Simmons stated the only concern would be bat roosting. We have done everything we can to encourage bats in town, and they breed in the boots of cabbage palms. He stated we should look into when is a good time to trim cabbage palms so the bats are not nesting.*

Mayor Wyatt Hoover clarified that when the trees are trimmed leave the boots alone and only trim the palm fronds. He asked if there was an update on the Sunset swale modification. It was previously discussed about uplighting, but is it possible to take out the Christmas lights.

Public Works Director Tom Davis stated he spoke with the Town Manager today about the Sunset project and it might have to wait for Founders Day, but it might start sooner. They plan to cut the curb and take out the compacted vegetation that is stopping water from going down. Regarding the Christmas lights, they will be taken down before Founders Day. He stated he found a company out of Tampa that has an in-ground canister light that he really likes.

### 3. Code Enforcement

No additions to the report.

### 4. Police Department

Chief Melanie Griswold stated after numerous complaints on First Avenue; we have put the speed trailer there. There has been a large increase in traffic, so speed humps have been installed. Unfortunately, the Police Department will be phasing out the drone program due to security standards from the government as of January 1, 2023. The government has given agencies a list of five approved drones that are allowed. The approved drones are between \$2,000.00 and \$7,000.00 and are too compact so they would not be able to use them for life-saving in the water like they want.

Commissioner Marivi Walker stated she witnessed something horrible while walking on Riverside the other day. Can anything be done on Riverside for speeding? She also asked about an incident at Gemini and a letter about needing more officers.

Chief Griswold stated we do need at least two more officers. Regarding the incident near Gemini, Chief Griswold was working from home to assist the officers. That incident was not in our jurisdiction, we were just assisting the Sheriff's Office, but if we got a call in our jurisdiction we would have had to break from that call. Indialantic was also on scene as well as a couple of K-9s.

Mayor Hoover asked what the nature of the challenge is and what the current situation is with the number of officers on duty.

Chief Griswold stated a lot of complaints that they have received are related to traffic. Everyone has seen an increase in traffic, not necessarily speeding, but just

more people are here. There are certain things she would like to do that are in the works right now. Having more officers to concentrate on traffic would be very helpful.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated regarding walking along Riverside when the road project starts the sidewalk will be continued which will at least allow a barrier between vehicles and people walking.

#### 5. Fire Department

Chief Gavin Brown stated three volunteers completed the one hundred ninety-one hour State approved firefighter training course that was taught in-house by State certified fire instructors. He stated they held a few multi-agency fire trainings at a house donated by the Formica family. There are also four new candidates that have successfully gone through the sixty-day training program.

Vice Mayor Joyce Barton stated there is a scholarship opportunity coming up through the Space Coast League of Cities for people working in the fire or police department, or people that are interested in getting into that field.

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro stated they had a very successful pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Parks Board for the Easter party.

#### 6. Finance Department

Commissioner Corey Runte asked if our total expenditure rate is fifty-three percent.

Finance Manager Jennifer Kerr stated yes, and this is the new software report. There is a new encumbrance column which is money that is marked for purchase orders.

***Ali Dennington***  
***413 Surf Rd***

*Ali Dennington stated she would like to reiterate her earlier objection that she did not have enough time to review the voluminous record that the Commission got on Friday, but she did not get it until a few hours before the meeting. She stated she objects to everything in the entire document. She also stated she will provide her written objections and supporting documents at the end. She asked for someone to touch on the \$100,000.00 that had been lost or miscalculated which was taken from stormwater and put somewhere else. She stated she requested the audit records last year and she has not gotten anything on that. She also previously requested the contracts for the building that is contracted out and she has never gotten those.*

***Kate Wilborn***  
***502 Second Ave***

*Kate Wilborn stated she does not know if everyone has seen the video of Town Manager Mascaro, but the video is out there and should be addressed. She would really like to compliment the Police Department, Fire Department, and Tom Davis they work really hard and she appreciates that. She would like the same from the Town Council and Town Manager.*

***Julie Samuel***  
***2320 S River Rd***

*Julie Samuel stated she might have missed public comment on the individual reports, but she is curious why Officer Rick was suddenly removed from Gemini. She stated she works with Elizabeth and has seen the video, but she would say some sort of public apology or something to address it.*

Chief Griswold stated she received anonymous complaints regarding SRO Rick Doval at the school and that is why he was removed. It is under investigation so she cannot get into it.

***Chelsea Hansen***  
***1807 Neptune Dr***

*Chelsea Hansen stated she would also like some type of acknowledgment. She thinks it could be really positive for Melbourne Beach she loves living here, but she missed the part where this was addressed.*

Mayor Wyatt Hoover stated they hear the concerns, but they have not received the entire video yet to review it and discuss it.

**Vice Mayor Barton moved to approve the Finance Report as presented; Commissioner Walker seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

## **11. Town Commission Comments**

### **A. General Comments**

Vice Mayor Barton stated the Space Coast League of Cities meeting that we host is coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Corey Runte stated Founders Day is Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. For any vendors that would like to participate there is an application on the website. Also for anyone that would like to watch the Mayor and Commissioner Corey Runte skydive behind Sand on the Beach at their own expense on Founders Day in the morning.

Steve Walters stated he would make sure he packs their shoot.

Town Manager Mascaro stated the Town will have a table at Founders Day to get feedback from residents.

Vice Mayor Barton asked what advice we have for people coming from outside of the Town regarding parking. What about a shuttle.

Chief Griswold stated from Pine to Riverside will be blocked off. Regarding patrons coming to the park, they will have to park elsewhere and walk. She stated Rotary did a shuttle and there wasn't much participation in it.

B. Review of Commission Action List

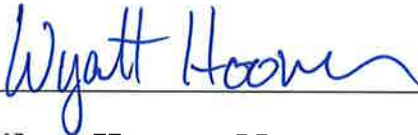
Town Manager Mascaro stated the meeting with Indialantic had to be rescheduled, so that will go to May.

**12. Adjournment**

**Commissioner Runte moved to adjourn; Vice Mayor Barton seconded; Motion carried 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



**Wyatt Hoover, Mayor**



**Amber Brown, Interim Town Clerk**

