



M Town of Melbourne Beach

TOWN COMMISSION WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.

MASNY ROOM – 507 OCEAN AVENUE

MINUTES

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

Town Manager Bob Daniels
Town Clerk Nancy Wilson

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town Commission conducted a Town Commission Workshop
on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 in the Masny Room
to address the items below.

I. Call to Order – Led by Mayor Simmons

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

II. Roll Call

Town Clerk Wilson led the roll call.

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

Town Manager Bob Daniels
Town Clerk Nancy Wilson

III. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Led by Mayor Simmons

IV. Presentation

Alan Ross from the Rotary Club is involved in fundraising locally and in his hometown in Maine. He and his wife spend 7 months of the year in Melbourne Beach and 5 months in Maine. In both locations, they sponsor music festivals in order to give back to their communities. They pay for the bands but need a venue and this year they'd like it to be Ryckman Park; he's asking that the Commission consider granting him the opportunity to put on this event. Timing is of the essence, however, because he has to make final commitments with the bands; the date of the event is March 2nd.

Last year they had 230 attendees and raised almost \$7,000. This year, Mr. Ross hopes to attract 1,000 attendees. If approved, they are going to look for local sponsors to offset associated costs. The Rotary Club will have a beverage setup where beer will be served and they will provide the necessary insurance. Eddie Struttman added that for Founder's Day, about 2,000 – 3,000 people attend and it's not as transient a crowd as what Mr. Ross is proposing. Some specifics:

- Ticket price is \$25; between 10-18 years is \$10 and under 10 years is free
- Ticket sales would be limited to 1,000 people

- The 3 charities to which the profits will be donated are 40% to *Guitars for Vets*; 40% to Ryckman Park playground equipment and 20% to *Genesis House*. Rotary will oversee the distribution of proceeds
- The event will last from 11am – 9pm
- The performers include *Highway One*, Jimmy Buffet style; *Southern Drawl Band*, country/folk/blue grass; a rock band will also play
- The event will be called the *2nd Annual Southern Squall*

The Commission was generally in favor of the event but they are worried about what it would cost the Town. Melbourne Beach would be responsible for providing waste pickup, portable toilets, security and clean-up. It was decided to revisit this matter at the January 16th meeting at which a special events permit will be presented along with other ancillary information.

V. Public Comment

No public comment

VI. Old Business (00:32:58)

Discuss low speed vehicle parking and certification in Melbourne Beach – Town Manager Daniels

The Town Manager referred to the map included in the agenda packet that showed each of the crossovers. A few of them can accommodate 3 low speed vehicles (LSV) with some clearing, but on 1st and 6th, only 1 vehicle can be accommodated. The Town could start by providing a minimum of 1 space per crossover. Signage would cost about \$600. Crossovers at Avenue A & B will be replaced soon with composite material at which time they'll see if the parking areas need to be realigned, what vegetation can be cut, where bicycle racks can go, etc. He and Public Works Supervisor Davis will conduct some research to make the parking areas safe ensuring that backing out into the street isn't necessary. Mr. Davis explained how the parking areas will be reconfigured for space and safety. There's been a drainage problem at 1st Avenue starting at Atlantic and running to the crossover that the Town Manager said he would like to pave which would eliminate that drainage issue. He is also meeting with our engineer, Scott Glaubitz from B.S.E., next week after which he'll have a proposal regarding road paving at a future meeting.

Commissioner Quarrie asked about LSV parking at Ryckman Park. The Town Manager answered that we could realign the planters to provide parking at that location. He and the Public Works Supervisor are looking at regular

parking spaces that could be converted to 4 or 5 LSV spaces; this may include parking on grass. The timeline for completing the activities for LSV parking would be about 2-3 months.

Mayor Simmons questioned if 3 LSV's could be parked side by side at Avenue B - the answer was "yes". He wants to make sure that safety isn't compromised or parking spaces aren't eliminated. The Town Manager said that's why they just want to start with 1 LSV space per crossover.

While viewing the pictures in the agenda package, conversation ensued among staff and the Commission about vegetation, space utilization at crossovers and the timeline.

Commissioner Walters said he wants to see us reclaim our Town property by removing vegetation from the parking areas. He also likes the idea of starting with 1 LSV spot per crossover because they can always park where cars park; he doesn't see any justification for having more parking than that. Commissioner Quarrie disagreed with the 1 LSV spot per crossover adding that their use is growing and we shouldn't limit parking for residents since they will be the ones utilizing those spaces. Vice Mayor Hoover said that he knows people who don't feel safe crossing the street to go to the beach who would utilize their LSV's if there was parking available.

Julie Judge

400 Coral Drive

Ms. Judge has a registered LSV and explained the differences between LSV's and golf carts. She owns a golf cart that's been converted to an LSV by registering it with the DMV and insuring it. LSV's have a VIN number, a tag and must be equipped with safety equipment; golf carts do not. To get it inspected, the vehicle must be transported to Titusville; there isn't a remote service available to satisfy that requirement. The Town can't bypass the law by registering either type of vehicle in Melbourne Beach. In her LSV, she can drive on any road with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less per Florida statute. If Melbourne Beach adopts the proposed ordinance, Ms. Judge would have to pay to register her vehicle twice; once with the State and once with Melbourne Beach. Mayor Simmons added that we can register a golf cart to be used in Town. Ms. Judge said that if we require golf carts to get decals and they are permitted in Town, we would have to erect signs at all entrances to the Town saying we are a Golf Cart Community.

Commissioner Walters said he's not sure he'd vote for having golf carts on our streets that aren't street legal. Mayor Simmons said what we are talking

about is allowing somebody to modify a golf cart and meet all the DMV requirements that they would have to meet but instead of having to trailer it to Titusville, we would inspect it here. Commissioner Runte said he believes the Commission's intent is to provide a local option to get the vehicle registered. The bottom line is that unless the vehicle is licensed with the DMV it is not an LSV and can't be driven unless we become a designated Golf Cart Community. The Mayor concluded that we don't ever need to have an ordinance that addresses low speed vehicles unless we want to prohibit them.

Commissioner Runte also commented that there are many, many golf carts/LSV's in Town. He wants to support as many parking spots as makes sense and he wants to make it easier to get the vehicles designated as LSV's. He'd also wants to see the requirements for becoming a Golf Cart Community.

The Commission agreed that insurance would be required for any golf cart use that's approved.

The Mayor added that we should pulse the community about golf carts since he's heard both pros and cons about allowing them.

The Commission consented to "installing" up to 2 spots for LSV's except where only one will fit and to add an Action Item to address what's required to become a Golf Cart Community

(01:29:05)

Town Manager Daniels said he'd like to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony for the pavilion. The electric work should be completed soon so a tentative date has been scheduled for February 20th at 5:30pm.

Mr. Daniels also proposed not having Town Attorney Repperger attend the Planning & Zoning Board meetings when the items being reviewed are straightforward site plans. The Board members are knowledgeable and he thinks it's a waste of money for the Town Attorney to attend those meetings. The Town Manager said he will get with the Board Chairman prior to the meetings.

The Commission consented to not having the Town Attorney attend the Planning & Zoning Board meetings unless it's determined by the Town Manager that he should be there.

The Commission directed the Town Manager to find a civil engineer to review site plans who will pay careful attention to the retention of water on

properties. The costs will be charged to the homeowner. The Commission has talked about making water retention plans a separate submittal.

Town Manager Daniels said that our Building Official is pending retirement and our *Safebuilt* agreement is expiring. They are raising their hourly rate from \$86/hour to \$89/hour. Since our current Building Official will no longer do roof inspections, the suggestion is to keep him on for 2 days a week at \$89/hour and engage a Building Inspector for 1.5 days a week at \$69/hour. Mr. Daniels is researching the feasibility of hiring our own Building Official but after considerable conversation the **Commission consented to stay with *Safebuilt*.**

VII. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Hoover made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Quarrie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

ATTEST:



James D. Simmons, Mayor



Nancy Wilson, Town Clerk