

Town of Melbourne Beach

TOWN COMMISSION WORKSHOP

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2020 immediately
following the STCM @ 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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order at 6:40 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

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Vice Mayor Hoover moved to dispense with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence; Commissioner Runte seconded; Motion carried 5-0.

4. Presentation

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Old Business

- A. Discussion, update and review of the resident permit parking program –
Town Manager Mascaro

Town Manager Mascaro said there have been 755 permits issued and the Town is refunding any residents who were ticketed because they did not have a decal yet.

She said there has been a lot of positive feedback. They say there is less trash and they enjoy that they can get to the beach. She admitted there are also some non-residents who are upset they can't park in the decal only areas.

Commissioner Quarrie said the Commission started this resident decal program to make sure the residents got their money's worth and so we could take care of the beaches and parks. She said Ocean Park is a wonderful place where people who are driving from afar

can go and park. It has bathrooms, etc. The ends of streets have none of those accommodations.

She went on to say that she's really happy the residents are happy about it and she knows there are comments about parking spaces not being full – but she's not concerned because we are in the midst of a pandemic and added that she's really proud of what's going on and happy with it.

Town Manager Mascaro said there have been a few residents who said they would like to open it up to non-residents.

Mayor Simmons went over his observations of parking over the weekend. He handed out written record of his observations at various times of the day and noted that there were often a large amount of empty spots. The Mayor said he felt the Commission needs to have an open mind about opening up some of the decal-only spots to non-residents.

Commissioner Quarrie asked if he was suggesting charging via kiosk for non-residents to make payment for an end of access parking spot.

The Mayor said he was.

Commissioner Quarrie said her contention is that right now we are in pandemic mode and once the pandemic eases, the crossovers will be fuller.

Mayor Simmons said he thinks the situation should be monitored and adjusted if needed.

Commissioner Runte said he has always taken the position that the Town offer guest permits but can see that the beaches are cleaner now. He suggested the Town sell a limited amount like Indialantic does.

Commissioner Walters said his concern was that once Ocean Park has a kiosk, the residents will be going to the beach accesses. He felt that if non-residents are going to use the beaches, they should help pay for it.

Vice Mayor Hoover reminded the Commission that they had decided to review the program again in six months.

Public Works Supervisor Davis said he can see the Mayor's point about vacant parking spaces but he has received overwhelming enthusiasm from residents who enjoy how clean the beaches are.

- B. Review Documents at 9% Millage Rate, an Increase of \$103,073 Over Previously discussed figure. **(21:22)**

Town Manager Mascaro explained that the Town received preliminary figures from the State for calculating roll back and millage rates – and then received the updated and final roll back and millage rate. The roll back rate increased from 4.1295 to 4.3414. The increase to the roll back increased the amount of Ad Valorem taxes the Town would receive at a 9% millage increase. Because the Commission had previously directed her to place any overage in the Stormwater Fund, she did so, but wanted to ask for direction from the Commission since the amount (\$103,073) is a substantial increase.


Mayor Simmons suggested returning the amount back to the taxpayers and lower the millage rate to 4.5151% (4% over rollback) (instead of the previously proposed millage of 4,7321%). The Commissioners agreed.

7. Adjournment

**Commissioner Runte moved to adjourn; Vice Mayor Hoover seconded;
Motion passed 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:



Wyatt Hoover, Mayor



Jennifer Torres, Town Clerk