

# **Town of Melbourne Beach**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **MINUTES**

**TOWN COMMISSION WORKSHOP  
RESCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 to  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019@ 6:00pm  
MASNY ROOM – 507 OCEAN AVENUE**

**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 Nancy Wilson

**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 conducted the roll call.

Commissioners Present:

Mayor Jim Simmons

Vice Mayor Wyatt Hoover

Commissioner Sherri Quarrie

Commissioner Corey Runte

Commissioner Absent:

Commissioner Steve Walters

Staff Present:

Town Manager Elizabeth Mascaro

Town Clerk Nancy Wilson

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

Led by Mayor Simmons

**IV. Public Comment**

No public comment

**V. Old Business**

1. Continued discussion regarding the Fire Departments' stipend payment options – Fire Chief Micka

Chief Dave Micka, Deputy Chief Gavin Brown and Assistant Chief John Miller were in attendance to answer questions. Chief Micka said that they are proposing a total of \$75,000 for a stipend including \$10,000 for training and \$15,000 for a part-time week-end Station Manager. The proposal provides incentives for community members to volunteer and incentives to help retain the volunteers they already have. The hope is to sustain the Volunteer Fire Department for the longest possible time.

The Chief continued to explain and field questions about the stipend plan and provided a cost analysis for different scenarios. He explained the Monroe County plan upon which their plan is based.

Mayor Simmons said that the modeling is good but asked how the Town gets around what was written in Andy Hament's memo that addressed treating stipends as wages for purposes of IRS reporting? He added that Mr. Hament's

memo was based on the original plan submitted by the Fire Department; he hasn't seen the new proposal, but, the same issues seem to apply.

**There was Commission consensus to have the Town Manager reach out to Monroe County to see how they got around the issue of volunteers being considered employees of the payer; also to get details of their original plan and the current plan – 15 years later. Further, an in-person meeting with Mr. Hament was requested. 4-0.**

2. Continued discussion regarding beach access parking – Town Manager Mascaro (00:53:39).

Town Manager Mascaro contacted 3 vendors who could provide parking kiosks and services at Ocean Park. They are similar in that they mostly allow parking by tag number, license plate and by phone. What the Town needs to consider is how we want to collect money, what fees to charge and how much personal information we want to collect without violating privacy. The various means of collecting fees and enforcement were discussed with the Police Chief and the Town Manager who both didn't like the use of hard cash for parking; money would be collected electronically. The Mayor was fine with the use of a mobile app and credit cards. He suggested that the Commission see a sample version of the device in order to be more comfortable with the process.

The topic next moved to how best to implement the plan and introduce it to the residents. From the conversation, it was clear that more information is needed to determine how to manage non-resident parking, determining who and how daily permits would be obtained, where resident-only signs would be posted, etc. Vice Mayor Hoover said clear visuals would be necessary to avoid confusion.

3. Other topics

Town Manager Mascaro suggested compiling feedback from social media and the Commission tasked the Police Chief and Town Manager with arranging a demo from the 3 proposed kiosk providers.

Mayor Simmons said that the ethics training class held in Viera is 6 hours long. Satellite Beach held a class that was 4 hours long which is the minimum amount of time to get credit for the training which is required once a year for elected officials. The classes are available online. The Mayor said we could maybe get Town Attorney Repperger or Paul Gogleman to conduct a class.

The Town Manager provided updated budget packets to the Commission which contained changes that had to be made to the budget. The budget is intact and



we are still at 9% over rollback. The changes were necessary due to large increases in insurance rates, the addition of new employees and an auditor request.

Other ancillary topics were briefly discussed.

## **VI. Adjournment**

**Vice Mayor Hoover made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Quarrie seconded. Motion carried 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

**ATTEST:**

  
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**James D. Simmons, Mayor**

  
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**Nancy Wilson, Town Clerk**