

REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pugh at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Avery led the roll call, which was answered by the following:

Mayor Pugh	Present
Vice Mayor Coz	Present
Commissioner Aijala Jr.	Present
Commissioner Cassidy	Present
Commissioner Hutchins	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pugh led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cassidy requested Commissioner Comments. Town Manager Ladner requested to add the AV proposal to her report.

Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Vice Mayor Coz. Motion carried 5-0. (1:30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM; Community Standards Hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2025; Planning & Zoning Meeting on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:00 am; Board of Adjustment Meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 9:00 am; All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at the Town Hall.
2. Town Hall will be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.
3. Residents who wish to sign up to receive important Town notifications and news through Civic Ready should sign up on the Town's website or call Town Hall for assistance.

Town Clerk Avery read the announcements into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

The following spoke: Terry Brown and Betty Bingham

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

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Mayor Pugh asked everyone to take a moment of silence for former Vice Mayor Lynn Allison's husband, Harvey Sovelove.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Adopt Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Special Town Commission Meeting.
5. Adopt Minutes of the November 4, 2024, Town Commission Regular Meeting
6. Approval of Requests from Star Bright & the Garden Club to use Town Hall for Bingo night, a Meditation and Sound Bowl Session, Holiday Wreath Making and an Aging Gracefully workshop.
7. Review of timeline and scope of project for proposed Countywide Transportation Master Plan RFP.
8. October Revenue and Expenditure Report

Town Manager Ladner requested to add the Budget Amendment and Finance Report to the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by Commission Hutchins. Motion carried 5-0. (9:27)

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9. Update on the Water Main Project

Town Engineer Tropepe provided a brief update on the Water Main Project and informed the Commission that the project was complete.

There was a discussion regarding water main construction costs in the future.

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

The following spoke: Terry Brown

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. Town Manager

Town Manager Ladner stated that her report was included in the meeting package. She informed everyone that the new online building portal was live, and training would be available for contractors. She also mentioned that the new website and domain were launched. She stated that she put together a draft RFP using the information provided by Commissioner Aijala for audio-visual for the Commission chambers.

There was a discussion regarding public access to the new building software.

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Town Attorney Goddeau recommended that the Town go out for an RFP for the audio-visual for the Commission chambers.

Terry Brown asked a question about the new permit portal.

There was a consensus to allow the Town Manager to proceed with an RFP for the audio-visual.

Mayor Pugh asked for clarity regarding the amount approved for the dispatchers and Town Manager Ladner answered his question.

There was consensus for Town Clerk Avery to research the budget regarding the additional hour's dollar amount approved for the night shift dispatchers.

11. Town Attorney

Attorney Goddeau had no report.

12. Police Chief

Chief McClure said that his report was included in the meeting package. He mentioned that fraud was on the rise, and bike patrol was reinstated. He thanked the town for their donations for the toy drive. He also informed everyone that the Police Department received a donation from Starbright and requested approval to transfer the donation to the Department of Public Safety Support Group, Inc.

There was a consensus to accept the donation from Starbright for the Department of Public Safety Support Group, Inc.

TOWN COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cassidy stated that there were multiple complaints regarding construction work on Christmas Eve and suggested that restrictions be placed on construction on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Commission agreed that this item be brought before the Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Cassidy also discussed the Ad Hoc Committee that was formed in Gulf Stream that was tasked with the study of "massing" in the Core district of Gulf Stream. After completing their research, this committee ultimately recommended creating an overlay for the area in question in which they recommended incentivizing people to build 1-story vs 2-story homes. She suggested that they have the Planning & Zoning Commission review this topic for Ocean Ridge. Planning & Zoning Commission Chair, P. Shields Ferber, provided a response to her suggestion.

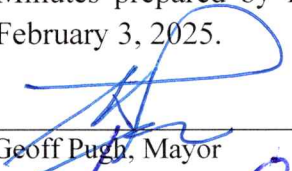
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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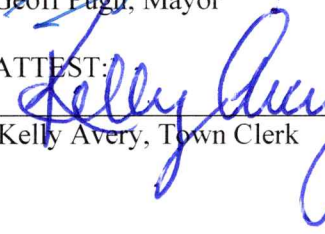
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Minutes prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Pinder and adopted by the Town Commission on February 3, 2025.



Geoff Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

