

Marineland Town Commission Meeting
April 23, 2020
6:00 PM
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM with Pledge Of Allegiance.

Attendees:

Leslie Babonis, Mayor
Craig Lenniger, Town Commission
Suzanne Dixon, Town Manager
Brandon Mellin, Town Clerk
Bill Bosch, Town Attorney
Chris Kelley, Mobius Marine
Janice Fleet, Town Planner
Agnes Olsen, Town Financial Advisor

1. Public comment: None heard

2. Consent agenda: Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

3. Minutes:

February Commission meeting (2/20/2020): Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

March Commission meeting: Meeting canceled due to Corona virus pandemic
Comprehensive plan workshop (3/12/2020): Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

4. Invoices:

-News Journal (CRA meeting announcement)- Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).
-Fleet & Assc. (Town Planner)- Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).
-Conner Bosch Law (Town Attorney)- Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

5. Financial report: Miscellaneous income was renamed Marineland project review fees. This was moved under a new tab- site plan review.

***Zoom shutdown at 6:22, the meeting was reestablished at 6:24.

6. Marina financial report: Tabled until May Commission meeting.

7. Comprehensive plan update: The Town planner provided notes from the comprehensive plan workshop. The commissioners discussed cleaning up some of the language in the provided notes to better reflect the workshop discussions. Water facilities are a required part of the plan. The town planner will research the availability of a DEO grant to help defray the cost of the comprehensive plan

review. The Mayor will send the Town planner the results of the DEO feasibility study.

8. Florida Communities Trust: The Town planner has completed this report, to the best of her ability.

9. Utilities lateral connections: The Commission was informed that the utilities owner does not intend to connect to the new water main. The commission discussed the options available to the Town, including updating the language in the comprehensive plan.

10. Cellular tower issues: Flagler County is having issues with the cellular tower contractors attempting to access the tower, since the park is closed. There is a concurrent question about the legality of accessing the tower, while the building is condemned. The County is attempting to reach a solution with the property owner and the contractors.

11. Covid-19 and Marineland Businesses: The commission discussed possible measure to help local businesses sustain themselves and prepare for recovery from this pandemic. The ideas that were discussed were: potentially waiving or deferring rent for the concession (Ripple Effect Ecotours), waiving LBTR's for all business conduct in Town through the remainder of the year, and finally offering desk space to FWC to lower the tax burden on the concession. It was decided that it would be prudent to discuss needs with the businesses in Marineland before making a decision.

12. Town Charter: The commission discussed the requirements of the Town charter for the populating the commission. It was determined that, although the commission currently has a quorum, all members of the commission should reach out to any residents of the Town and gauge interest in serving.

13. Special Events: The commission discussed the current safety, or lack thereof, of accepting special event applications. It was determined that the Town will not be accepting any applications until further notice. Commissioner Lenniger will update the special events application page to reflect this decision.

14. Other business:

-FEMA Reimbursement: The Town has received reimbursement from hurricane Matthew. The commission discussed how to use this reimbursement money: including holding as insurance for hurricane season, and using it to pay down the Town's debt.

The Town director of finance will run projections against the loan for the May meeting.

-Beach and park closures: The commission decided to support Flagler County's decision regarding when it will be safe to reopen the park and the beach.

-Legal notice: The insurance companies have put forth a legal notice for claims. All claimants will have to make their claim before the notice expires in order for it to a valid claim. The Town Attorney will draft a notice of claim

13. Public comment: None heard

The next regular Town Meeting will be May 21, 2020, 6:00 PM, Strickland Conference Center (or via Zoom as the situation allows)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. Minutes of the meeting were taken and prepared by Brandon Mellin.