

REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2024

**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 Geoff Pugh  
Vice Mayor Steve Coz  
Commissioner Carolyn Cassidy  
Commissioner David Hutchins  
Commissioner Ainar Aijala Jr.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pugh led the pledge of allegiance.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no additions, deletions, or modifications to the agenda.

**Vice Mayor Coz moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy. Motion carried 5-0. (:48)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2. **The meeting schedule for the next month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM; Community Standards Hearing on Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 am; Planning & Zoning Meeting on Tuesday, March 26 at 9:00 am; Board of Adjustment Meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 am; A joint meeting of the Town Commission and Planning & Zoning Commission will be held on April 8, 2024, at 10:00 am. All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at the Town Hall.**
3. **The Annual Municipal Election will be held on March 19, 2024. There are two Town Commission seats open for a three-year term and one Town Commission seat open for a two-year term. Qualified Candidates Appearing on the Ballot are: Geoff Pugh, Nicholas Arsali, David Hutchins and Ainar Aijala / La Elección Municipal Anual se llevará a cabo el 19 de marzo de 2024. Hay dos puestos en la Comisión Municipal disponibles para un período de tres años y un puesto en la Comisión Municipal disponible para un período de dos años. Los candidatos calificados que aparecen en la boleta son: Geoff Pugh, Nicholas Arsali, David Hutchins y Ainar Aijala.**
4. **The Town Commission will consider appointments to the following Board positions at the May 6, 2024 Town Commission meeting: Board of Adjustment, two regular members for a three year term; and Planning & Zoning Commission, two regular members for a three year term. Interested residents must be registered to vote in Ocean Ridge and submit a resume and letter of interest to the Town Clerk by the deadline of April 26th at 3:00 p.m.**
5. **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. She also mentioned that the last day to request mail-in ballots is Thursday, March 7th, before 5:00 pm.

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**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. Presentation of Proclamation to Digital Vibez Team for “Let’s Move Palm Beach County Month”**

(Item moved due to the arrival of recipients)

Town Clerk Avery read the Proclamation into the record and presented it to the Digital Vibez Team.

A representative of the Digital Vibez Team spoke briefly about the benefits of daily exercise.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – (3-minute individual limit)**

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

Terry Brown - mentioned that the town purchased a wetland, which was a great investment. He inquired if the Town would consider purchasing a dune property, 5015 Old Ocean.

There was a consensus to have Town Attorney Goddeau look into this property.

Peter Wolf - thanked the Town Commission for their quick response regarding his request to establish a resolution regarding discriminatory acts.

Stella Kolb - announced an art sale, the Senior Care Event scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and thanked everyone for attending the Ice Cream Social.

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items that do not require discussion)**

- 6. Adopt Minutes of the Town Commission Regular Meeting of February 5, 2024**
- 7. Approval of the January 2024 Revenue & Expense Report**
- 8. Acceptance of the Annual Infrastructure Surtax Report for 2023**
- 9. Resolution 2024-01, A Resolution Of The Town Commission Of The Town Of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Reaffirming Its Condemnation Of Discrimination And Condemning Recent Increases In Hate-Motivated Crimes, Violence, And Other Discriminatory Acts; And Providing For Conflicts And An Effective Date.**
- 10. Approval of Contract with Murray Logan for FDOT- Required Bridge Repairs**
- 11. Approval of Rate Increase for Special Magistrate with Davis & Associates, P.A**

Mayor Pugh asked for approval of the Consent Agenda.

**Vice Mayor Coz moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Hutchins. Motion carried 5-0. (15:09)**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

- 12. Second reading of Ordinance 2024-01, An Ordinance Of The Town Of Ocean Ridge, Florida, Amending The Land Development Code At Chapter 64, “Zoning”, Article I, “District Regulations,” Section 64-1, “RSF And RSE Single-Family Residential Districts, To Add A Provision Authorizing A Special Design Exception By The Planning And Zoning Commission For A Pitched Roof With A Minimum Pitch Of 3:12 (Rise To Run); Providing For Codification, Severability, Conflicts, And An Effective Date**

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Town Clerk Avery read the ordinance into the record by title only.

Town Attorney Goddeau provided an update on the item.

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the floor for public comment.

**Commissioner Hutchins moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 on seconding reading; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy. Motion carried 5-0. (17.05)**

### **STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **13. Town Manager**

##### **a. Cash Management Policy**

Town Manager Ladner said that her report was included in the meeting package. She mentioned that she and Commissioner Aijala worked together on a cash management policy. She explained that the policy was submitted to the Town Attorney for review and would be available for the next meeting.

Vice Mayor Coz mentioned that the town should pursue FGUA. A brief discussion ensued. He also asked a question about who is responsible for the trash on Old Ocean and Town Manager Ladner answered his question. More discussion followed regarding trash pick-up days.

Lucy Brown - expressed her concerns about trash on Harbour Drive N.

Terry Brown - spoke about cash reserves and Commissioner Aijala provided an explanation for his comment.

#### **14. Town Attorney**

Town Attorney Goddeau said she had no report to present.

#### **15. Police Chief**

Chief McClure said that his report was included in the meeting package and reminded everyone that Turtle season had begun. Mayor Pugh asked the number of beach citations that were issued, and Chief McClure answered his question.

### **TOWN COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Comments - Vice Mayor Coz said that he was approached about parking issues on Fayette Drive and a couple of the residents wanted to express their concerns.

Sarah Steies - requested that "No Parking" signs be placed on Fayette Drive. A discussion ensued regarding no parking signs. Mayor Pugh mentioned the town provides parking decals for residents. More discussion followed regarding parking decals.

There was a consensus to allow Chief McClure to research the placement of no-parking signs.

Betty Bingham - expressed her concerns regarding parking issues.

Joe Belmani - spoke about parking issues on Fayette Drive.

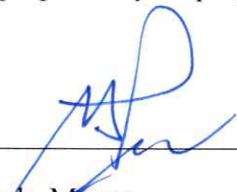
Margaret Schott - expressed her concerns about drivers' speed over the crosswalk.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Pinder and adopted by the Town Commission on April 1, 2024.



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Geoff Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

