

**REGULAR TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
JANAURY 8, 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 Pugh	Present
Vice Mayor Coz	Present
Commissioner Cassidy	Present

**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.

Commissioner Cassidy announced that the History of Ocean Ridge books are available for purchase at Town Hall. She mentioned that dates need to be set for the Planning and Zoning Workshop.

**Vice Mayor Coz moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy. Motion carried 3-0. (2:06)**

**PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Swearing-in of Newly Appointed Town Commissioners

Town Clerk Avery swore in newly appointed Commissioners Aijala and Hutchins.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- b. The meeting schedule for the month is as follows: Regular Town Commission Meeting Monday, February 5th at 6:00 PM; Community Standards on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am; Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting tentatively Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am was cancelled; Board of Adjustment Meeting tentatively on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am was cancelled . All meetings are held in the Commission Chambers at the Town Hall.
- c. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15th, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.
- d. 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 Arsalí, 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

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dos años. Los candidatos calificados que aparecen en la boleta son: Geoff Pugh, Nicholas Arsalí, David Hutchins y Ainar Aijala.

- e. 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 - (3-minute individual limit)**

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

Terry Brown – spoke regarding condominiums waste disposal and estuary programs.

Betty Bingham – emphasized that fines are enforced for violators.

Jerry Lower – mentioned that there was a delay with delivery of the Coastal Star newspapers.

Stella Kolb – spoke regarding dogs on the beach and that fines are enforced for parking violations.

A brief discussion ensued regarding guidelines for dogs and service dogs.

Peter Wolf – spoke regarding beach signs and expressed that antisemitism should not be tolerated.

Vice Mayor Coz responded to Mr. Wolf's concern.

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

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

1. Adopt Minutes of the Town Commission Regular Meeting of December 4, 2023
2. Adopt Minutes of the Town Commission Special Meeting of December 21, 2023

Mayor Pugh asked for approval of the Consent Agenda.

**Vice Mayor Coz moved to the Consent Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy Motion carried 5-0. (19:12)**

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none.

### **STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **3. Town Manager Ladner**

Town Manager Ladner said that her report was included in the meeting package. She mentioned that the doctor released her back to work full time. She also asked for patience from the public during the implementation of the new software system.

#### **4. Town Attorney Goddeau**

- a. Update on Ord. 2020-07

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Town Attorney Goddeau gave an update of the item. She mentioned the previous discussion about the 2019 Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps adopted by FEMA and explained why the maps are in the repealed process. She gave suggestions and asked for direction from the Commission. The Commission expressed their concerns regarding repealing the ordinance.

Mayor Pugh opened the floor for public comment.

Terry Brown – mentioned that the county was trying to appeal the maps county wide.  
Nicholas Arsali – spoke about the unnecessary costs to the homeowner by repealing the ordinance. Commissioner Cassidy explained to Mr. Arsali why the ordinance was being repealed.

Mayor Pugh closed the floor for public comment.

**Commissioner Cassidy moved to start the process to repeal Ordinance 2020-07; seconded by Commissioner Hutchins Motion carried 5-0. (28:12)**

Commissioner Cassidy asked Attorney Goddeau for an update on 6273 N Ocean project and Attorney Goddeau provided the Commission with an update.

**5. Police Chief**

Chief McClure said that his report was included in the meeting package. He also announced that the Police Department and the Starbright Foundation are sponsoring a CPR class on February 1<sup>st</sup> for the residents.

**TOWN COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Town Commissioner Cassidy solicited dates for the Planning and Zoning Workshop. The Commission and Town Manager Ladner discussed their preference and availability.

There was a consensus to set the Planning and Zoning Workshop on April 8, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Aijala suggested that they discuss cash management approaches at the next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Cassidy asked a question about the Florida Class Investment and Town Manager Ladner answered her question.

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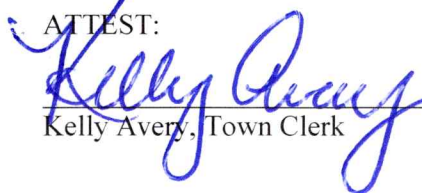
**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Pinder and adopted by the Town Commission on February 5, 2024.

  
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Geoff Pugh, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kelly Avery, Town Clerk

