

MINUTES

FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall – Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

October 1, 2007
6:00 PM

Mayor Boback called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. All councilmembers were present.

Opened Public Comment

Public Comment was heard:

- Lee Melsek spoke to C.O.L.A. and merit increases in the recently adopted budget and questioned who actually sets policy.

Closed Public Comment

Meeting Length and Frequency.

Council discussed ways to increase meeting efficiency such as limiting to two meetings a month, having pre-meeting briefings, adding a time line to each agenda item, action items on the agenda, having the middle meeting being strictly for land use, and the possibility of the LPA being a zoning board. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of the various items.

Staff suggested that a method toward becoming a better local government is in managing the agenda, and suggested that if there was to be a consensus of council for an agenda item, staff would not spend a time on items that fail at a council vote. In fact finding conversation at public meetings, it often is perceived as criticism.

In an effort to reduce the meeting frequency, Council canceled the October 15, 2007 and October 17, 2007. Items for the 15th will be moved to the 22nd, and a meeting was scheduled for October 3, 2007 at 6:30 PM and the 22nd will begin at 3:00 PM.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Kiker moved to summarize the gist of the conversation: that the Council will have two meetings a month including the land use; action items will be documented; each councilmember will seek to obtain the information needed on each item; the Mayor and the town manager will review the agenda and put a time line on each item. Councilmember Acken seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion fails 3-2, with Councilmember Meador, Councilmember Shenko and Mayor Boback dissenting.

MOTION: Councilmember Acken moved to hold two regular town council meetings and one land use; for any special or workshop meetings to be absorbed into the regular

meetings; council will self-police regarding the length of discussion and to remain on topic. Councilmember Shenko seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-1, with Vice Mayor Kiker dissenting.

Policies & Procedures:

Community Development Director Jerry Murphy mentioned two special event permit applications that were scheduled for the October 15, 2007 meeting, and asked council's consideration to hear them at the October 3, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Shenko made a motion to allow staff to approve any recurring events which have not been problematic in the past, provided there is advance notification of the application to council so that it could be placed on an agenda should Council desire, as well as any requests for funding. Vice Mayor Kiker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

Recess: 8:20 PM

Reconvene 8:30 PM

Policies and Procedures, continued.

MOTION: Councilmember Meador made a motion that as far as councilmembers requests be placed on an agenda, that neither staff nor attorney time be devoted to that matter until there is a concurrency among the council to proceed with that item. Councilmember Shenko seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Dalton brought to the council's attention the fact that the language under Council Meeting Information, "...no two nominees having the same residence will be appointed to the same board, commission or committee" is not part of any of the advisory committee ordinances.

MOTION: Councilmember Meador moved to strike the language "however no two nominees having the same residence will be appointed to the same board, commission or committee" from the policies manual. Councilmember Shenko seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Mayor Boback moved to strike the language under Council Meeting Information number 2. the provision for alternate members on advisory boards. Councilmember Shenko seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmember Meador and Councilmember Acken dissenting.

MOTION: Councilmember Shenko moved to add a provision in the policies manual that says, should a conflict exist, the employee personnel manual will prevail.
Councilmember ~~Shenko~~ *Meador* seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Shenko made a motion that for items pending action, that summaries be given in writing to council no less than monthly to be addressed at the first meeting of the month. Vice Mayor Kiker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

Behavior and Conduct.

Council discussed various items, consideration of being addressed on a first name basis or by title, adding a section for censure, being agreeable and disagreeable, being "hard" on staff, a need for credibility, and the importance of respect among council and staff.

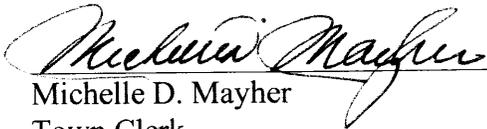
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Meador moved to adjourn. Councilmember Shenko seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Adopted 10/22/07 With/ Without Changes. Motion by Shenko.
(Date)

Vote: 5-0


Michelle D. Mayher
Town Clerk

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