

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting and Public Hearings
December 7, 2010

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Venturi, Roe, Styron, Johnson and Bohmert
Interim Town Manager Maxbauer and Recording Secretary Wagoner
Chief Casassa and Town Staff Artley
Planning Board members Marlowe and Mrs.Sage
6 members of the public

Mayor Sage established quorum, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the September 30, 2010 Closed Session minutes. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the October 28, 2010 Agenda Workshop minutes with corrections. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the November 3, 2010 minutes. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

REZONING REQUEST - MR. SYLVAN FRIEDMAN - Mayor Sage reviewed the rezoning request and opened the floor to hear the commissioners' comments. After a lengthy discussion;

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the rezoning request. Second by Commissioner Styron. During discussion the mayor pointed out that according to the GMO the board had 65 days in which to act on a rezoning request and that timeframe was exceeded after the petitioner asked for two extensions and the board postponed its decision for two months. Therefore, the board could not vote on the rezoning request and it was considered denied. After more discussion Commissioner Bohmert withdrew her motion.

Mr. Friedman was advised of his options to resubmit his rezoning request. If material changes are made to it he may resubmit the rezoning request immediately otherwise he will need to wait the one year period before resubmitting the original request. The board will consider the possibility of waiving the fee should Mr. Friedman decide to reapply.

2009-2010 AUDIT REPORT - Mr. Chris Burton, of Pittard, Perry & Crone, was present to report that the town received a clean audit.

RESOLUTION FOR STREET CLOSINGS & FACILITY USE -

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to approve the resolution with changes. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Maxbauer reported that in addition to their regular duties, the Public Works Dept. completed 90 work orders during the month of November. At the water plant, the overhead

door to the workshop is now in place. Three pump controllers malfunctioned during the month and were successfully replaced in-house saving the town money.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (ref. November 30, 2010).

LRPCII REPORT - They will meet on December 14, 2010 and are still waiting for the final committee report.

PARKS & REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT - At the agenda meeting the board was given the 'Resolution of Support for the Development of the Croatan Regional Bicycle Plan' to review. After some discussion;

MOTION: Commissioner Styron made a motion to adopt the resolution. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.

TOURISM BOARD REPORT - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (ref. November 16, 2010 minutes). The board voted to change their meeting time to 5:30 pm during the winter months.

MOTION: Commissioner Bohmert made a motion to appoint Marsha Paplham and Will Flannery to the Tourism Board. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

TREE BOARD REPORT - A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. (ref. November 2, 2010 minutes).

BAY RIVER REPORT - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (ref. November 18, 2010 meeting notes).

POLICE REPORT - A copy of the report is attached to these minutes (ref. November Report).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - A copy of the statements is attached to these minutes (ref. November Financials).

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT PERIOD - Commissioner Venturi reported that the town received over 70 applications for the town manager position and they have all been reviewed and rated by her and Commissioners Johnson and Roe. A spreadsheet was distributed for the rest of the board to review and they were asked to schedule time to review the actual letters and résumés of some of the applicants.

NON AGENDA ITEMS - The board discussed moving or canceling the agenda meeting;

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi voted to cancel the December 30, 2010 Agenda Workshop. Second by Commissioner Bohmert. Vote 5-0.

There being no further business to discuss;

MOTION: Commissioner Styron made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0. The meeting ended at 8:48 pm.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Robert J. Maxbauer, Interim Town Manager