

ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2015

The Town Board of Oriental held its regularly scheduled monthly Agenda meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 4:00pm. Mayor Johnson determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Venturi (to arrive late), Commissioners Overcash, Winfrey, White, and Summers, Administrative Assistant Cox
Several Citizens and Media

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Consent Agenda (Tab 1)
 - a. Consider Minutes from Town Board Agenda Meeting September 1, 2015

Commissioner White-I gave some changes to Tammy to be considered. These are from page 2.

3. Public Comment Period:

Mayor Johnson-There will be two public comments taking place with two different set of rules.

 - a) First the general public comments will be limited to three minutes and statements made to the whole board not individuals. – We have no one signed up on list for this tonight. Is there anyone that would like to speak that did not sign up? No.
 - b) Second will be Camp Creek and the comments will be limited to three minutes but you will be allowed to ask questions to the board and we will be allowed to comment.
4. Public Works Director Award- B Well Operator of the Year- NCWOA (Tab 2)
 - a. Also awarded Physical Chemicals certification, eligible for ORC-Distribution (Nov 2015)
5. Camp Creek Offer – additional documents- (Tab 3)

Mayor Johnson-As stated above the Camp Creek comments will be limited to three minutes but you will be able to ask questions to the board and they will be able to respond. One person signed up to speak today.

The following portion of the meeting was transcribed as close to verbatim from recording as possible.

John Allison from 807 Midyette Street-

- a) I have been involved in parks before. From small to large communities.
- b) I am very much for this.
- c) This property has a home that is of historical aspects.
- d) There are turtle's on the property.
- e) My property is right across from Camp Creek
- f) Good Luck & I hope we get it.

Commissioner Summers-I would like to make some comments because I will not be here on Tuesday night due to surgery that I will have on Monday. He will read from the article that he put in the Town Dock. (see attached)

- a) Said the Town Attorney said that we should accept this property as long as there are no signs of contamination.
- b) Current Value \$115,815. The tax would be \$231.
- c) I have been to home it is in remarkably good condition.
- d) I saw no evidence of being contaminated.

- e) Any park land you can get is a good thing. Even if we can't think of any good use for it a few years down the road someone may. I can't confirm this but I was told at one time we were offered the land that is now the Town Harbor Marina.
- f) Where are the parks in town they are all in the old town? Are those folks not entitled to have a park in their area?
- g) How many historical homes do we own? None
- h) How many black civil war homes are on display anywhere? I certainly don't know of any in this area.
- i) This property has value. I don't want to spend town money on this right now. At some future point.
- j) Would make a great walking trail. Good valuable piece of property.

I will not be at meeting but would like to have Bill Hines and Dale Montgomery present the slides of the property. If the board has no objection I would like everyone to take a look at that.

Commissioner Overcash-I am ok as long as they follow the 5 minute guide lines laid out for Tuesday night.

Commissioner Summers-I see no reason why they could not there is 12 or 13 pictures it should only take 5 minutes.

Mayor Johnson-Last I heard there is no dead line on this. So there is no urgency. So possible on Tuesday night since Commissioner Summer will not be there maybe we could put it off until November when he can be there.

Commissioner Summers-Well we can ask Marsha she is here. Marsha how long will this offer be good for?

Marsha-We have had this offer on the table for a long time. I am speaking for the group since I am the only member that is here. We are currently working on some cool ideas. All we are asking is if the Town is interested please let us know. If they are not interested then we would like to know that also so we can move on. We may see about it being re-subdivided if you are not interested for some of these cottages.

Mayor Johnson-Marsha should the board decide to put it off until November due to Commissioner Summers not being here could you speak for Camp Creek?

Marsha-If we can have an offer by the end of the year so we can start in 2016 fresh and know what we are doing.

Mayor Johnson, as well as Commissioner Overcash & White said that is fair.

Commissioner White-Marsha please be here Tuesday. Because (and please correct me if I am wrong Mayor Johnson) the public can ask questions of us as well as you all.

6. Budget Amendment #2 (Tab 4)

7. Hope Clinic 5K Run in conjunction with Spirit of Christmas (Tab 5)

Mayor Johnson-The Hope Clinic would like to close some roads for the 5K same day as Spirit of Christmas. According to Commissioner White they ask him if they could also use the Town Hall parking lot for a staging area to register the runners.

8. Ol' Front Porch Music Festival- Use of inside Town Hall in case of rain.

Mayor Johnson-They would like to have access to the inside of Town Hall in case of rain

9. Yoga Classes from PCC currently in Town Hall (Tab 6)

Mayor Johnson-we'll be discussing if the PCC classes should be held in the Town Hall.

Commissioner Summers-Again since I will not be here I would like to make a comment: What I would like to see if the Mayor and Town Manager get involved and set down with all involved parties and try to reach a reasonable agreement. I am against competing with a local business. There may be a way to structure so there is no competition.

Mayor Johnson-I have a scheduled telephone conversation with Susan tomorrow and I will see if that will work.

Commissioner White-PCC has a representative coming for Tuesday night meeting to answer any questions.

10. Piling removal/replacement at Town Dock #1(Tab 7)

11. November 3, 2015 Election Day- meeting scheduled at 7PM- move to later/ Nov 10th?
November 26-Thanksgiving Day- move to Nov 19th?

Mayor Johnson-Will will discuss date changes due to Election Day & Thanksgiving Day.

12. Town/Duke Energy project to move overhead powerlines to accommodate masts to the Wildlife Ramp.

Commissioner Summers-This is an expensive project they are talking \$90,000.00. I think there are other options. Three lion's development (Martin Spratt) he is talking to Henry. He could store boats over there. There is a possibility of another location.

Commissioner White-Could we add Sub A- We need to talk to HWAC about the pole. I saw notes back and forth. I just think we should see what pole we are going to do and do it.

Commissioner White-Ok, then we just needs to ask the Town Manager to make a decision on it. And tell us which one she wants.

13. Manager Report (Tab 8) No comments on this at this time.

14. Police Report (Tab 9) No comments on this at this time.

15. Committee/Board Reports (Tab 10)

- a. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – no minutes submitted
 - b. Planning Board – Sept 22, 2015
 - c. Tourism Board – no minutes submitted
 - d. Tree Board –Sept 29, 2015
 - e. Water Advisory Board –not scheduled to meet until Oct 2
 - f. Harbor Water/Fronts Advisory Committee – not scheduled to meet until October
 - g. Bay River Metropolitan Sewer District- Sept 17, 2015
- No comments on Committee/Board Reports this at this time.

Mayor Johnson-We will have comments from all the boards and minutes are in your packet.

16. Commissioners' Comment / Discussion Period

Commissioner Overcash-I was approached by Irma Bond about her father John Bond & Bob Pittman. Have owned the property of the town beach and made sure it was donated to the town. Irma has asked if we would consider naming the beach Bond Beach to honor her father while her mother is still alive. I am bringing it before everyone to think about and to get your input.

Commissioner White-The planning board has done a very good job trying to organize the GMO. To make it user friendly for everyone that way if you are looking for something and you are a business you will be able to find it easier and if you are a home owner the same applies. Hope they will make a recommendation to pass it on to the town board on Tuesday when they meet. Because some of the language in the GMO has changed it must come before a public hearing as well as a board meeting. Eric will request a special meeting sometime in November.

Commissioner Summers-I would like us to have, at the next meeting, a current proposed completion date for Town's new public restroom and a cost estimate. And the other one is electrical. And another question I have is; Have we ask Walmart about the Tax equivalent as to our agreement as we discussed with them? We did have an agreement I know and I don't know where it is right now.

Mayor Johnson-spoke to Diane about it. She fired an email to Scott about this. I don't know where we are with this.

Commissioner Summers-Well I just want to make sure we get that money.

Mayor Johnson-I think it is very important that we get the money. But I am not sure there is a written agreement.

Commissioner Summers-I think there is a written agreement. It was my understanding I do not recall seeing it. But, Bill did say he had a written agreement from them.

17. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Overcash. Seconded by, Commissioner White.

Warren Johnson, Mayor

Diane Miller/Manager/Clerk

Approved 11/3/15