

Town of Oriental – Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 3, 2012

The Oriental Town Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church.

Present were: Mayor Sage and Commissioners Bessette, Johnson, Styron, Summers and Venturi
Town Manager Maxbauer and Deputy Clerk Wagoner
LRPCII member Dee Sage
Fifteen members of the public

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

APPROVE AGENDA - With no objections the January 3, 2012 Agenda was approved.

AUDIT REPORT - Mr. Chris Burton of Pittard, Perry & Crone was present to report that there was nothing materially wrong with the Town's finances and received a clean audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -

1. In regards to the Oriental Steamer Restaurant, when discussing the owner's request for a temporary exception to the Special Use Permit requirement due to the change in use, Mr. Keith Sexton asked the Board to consider the disturbances caused at this establishment when reaching a decision.
2. Mr. Art Tierney reported that 60ish boats participated in the Instead of Football Regatta on New Year's Day. He also asked the board to consider passing an ordinance that would require all citizens of Oriental to wear name badges.
3. Mr. Ben Cox urged the Board to carefully consider Section 63-Change in Use and Section 65 - Accessory Uses of the GMO when discussing the issues surrounding the Oriental Steamer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Commissioner Summers moved to approve the October 4th & 27th minutes; November 1st regular and closed session & 16th minutes; and the December 2nd Special Meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Johnson. With no objections the minutes were approved.

DISCUSS RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING BOARD FOR ORIENTAL STEAMER RESTAURANT - After some discussion and learning that the owner of the restaurant planned to shut down the restaurant for renovations the following Friday:

MOTION: Commissioner Summers moved to have Mr. Tomczak keep the Town Manager apprised of his progress in the renovations and to let him know the reopening date. Mr. Maxbauer will in turn keep the Town Board informed. Second by Commissioner Venturi. Vote 5-0.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE II REPORT - Mrs. Dee Sage presented the portion of the Workbook Matrix approved by the committee and asked the Board to review it and provide feedback.

DISCUSS TOWN COUNCIL RETREAT - The first-ever Council Retreat will be held January 27 & 28, 2012, at River Dunes. At this retreat the town manager will lead discussions on the goals, objectives and challenges for the Town of Oriental.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Review of the December Financials Statements and the budget amendment (both are hereby made a part of these minutes);

MOTION: Commissioner Summers moved to approve the proposed budget amendment as written. Second by Commissioner Styron. Vote 5-0.

POLICE REPORT - A copy of the December Police Report is attached to these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - All committee reports are hereby made a part of these minutes.

- a) **PLANNING BOARD** - A copy of their December 13, 2011, minutes are attached.
- b) **LRPCII** - A copy of their December 13, 2011, minutes are attached.
- c) **PARKS & REC COMMITTEE** - A copy of the December 14, 2011, minutes are attached.
- d) **TOURISM BOARD** - No meeting held.
- e) **TREE BOARD** - A copy of their December 6, 2011 minutes are attached.
- f) **BAY RIVER** - No meeting held.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT /DISCUSSION PERIOD -

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the search for a new chief of police - this will be discussed at the Council Retreat. Commissioner Summers congratulated Mr. Art Tierny and Mr. Tom Lathrop for organizing of the Instead of Football Regatta.

There being no further business to discuss:

MOTION: Commissioner Venturi moved to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Vote 5-0.
Meeting ended at 8:36 pm.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Robert J. Maxbauer, Town Manager