

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2010 5:30 P.M.

Vice Mayor Ray Royce called the special meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday May 24, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. Vice Mayor Royce stated Mayor Holbrook called and informed the Town Clerk he was running a little late. A quorum was present. Atty. Harris gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Holbrook
Vice Mayor Ray Royce
Council Member Debra Worley
Council Member Cheryl Davis
Council Member Steve Bastardi

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Planner Sue BuChans
Town Recreation Director John Komasa

UTILITY DEPARTMENT:

- A. Budget Amendment – Vice Mayor Royce reminded the Council this budget amendment from the Water Department to the Sewer Department for \$10,000.00 is what Council had requested at their May 13, 2010 special meeting. Council had asked for the amendment to allow Mr. Freeman to get a quote from Polston Engineering on preliminary engineering that would be required for proper due diligence and permit renewal. Council Member Bastardi made a motion the Resolution be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

- A. Recreation Department Presentation – Mr. Komasa presented a power point he had prepared showing some options the County could use in funding recreation through the municipalities. Mr. Komasa stated he had presented the power point to the Recreation Committee and they had voted to recommend to Town Council that the Council allow Mr. Komasa to present the power point to the County Commissioners.

(Mayor Holbrook arrived in the middle of Mr. Komasa's presentation, therefore, Vice Mayor Royce turned the gavel over to him.)

After the presentation, the Council debated again the issues of the County not helping to support the municipalities even though County residents use our facilities. Several issues were brought up and discussed. The issues of discontinuing funding reduce/eliminate active recreation; create non ad valorem assessment tax, and user fees. Council Member Royce stated when the County first stated giving funds to the municipalities for recreation they actually did not have any formula for cost sharing and to date they still do not have one.

Mr. Komasa stated he has been told this year we will be receiving less funds than in previous years. Last year we received \$114,300.00

Council thanked Mr. Komasa for his presentation. Council Member Royce stated he felt by consensus we give Mr. Komasa some direction and he suggested that consensus is to continue to get these numbers together. Council Member Royce stated he thought it was premature for him to go to the County Commissioners and lay out something that would be perceived as our position.

Council Member Bastardi stated he would like to see some user fee structure and how that might add up financially; see some solutions for the lighting, what does it actually cost to operate and some particular solutions. Council Member Bastardi state he would like to see us put it on the agenda at the next most appropriate time. Council asked that this matter be placed on the June 21, 2010 agenda and that the Recreation Committee meeting prior to that date and come up with some solutions. Chairman Durrance stated he would schedule a meeting for June 17, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance No. 10-602 – Highlands Cove (2nd hearing) Mrs. BuChans stated the development project is called Highlands Cove Phase I. It consists of approximately 12.89+/- acres of land and is located at 755 Hillcrest Street, Lake Placid, Florida. The Applicant is requesting an Ordinance Amendment to its Highlands Cove Development R-2/PD Planned Development Zoning District (Planned Development (PD) Ordinance) that was approved for one hundred twenty-eight (128) multiple-family residential dwelling units (town homes, condominium units, and villas). The R-2/PD Zoning District will remain R-2/PD with its designated future land use category of Medium Density Residential (MDR). The Applicant's intent for this parcel is to develop up to, but not more than, sixty four (64) multi-family residential dwelling units, parking facilities that are ancillary to the residential units, a community center and associated parking, a community mail center, a playground area and open green space area. The Town of Lake Placid Local Planning Agency moved to recommend to the Town Council that the Ordinance Amendment to the Highlands Cove Development R-2/PD Planned Development Zoning District be approved – subject to several noted changes.

Mrs. BuChan's presented staff's recommendation, with changes suggested by the Town Council from the first hearing.

Council Member Bastardi was very concerned about the note and mortgage owed to the Town on this property. He feels we should foreclose on the property.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion the request be rejected; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, Council Member Bastardi and Council Member Worley, voted yes; Council Member Davis and Council Member Royce voted no. Mayor Holbrook voted no to break the tie.

Council Member Royce made a motion to continue this public hearing for June 14, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible for consideration of this matter and that the Town staff make all the necessary public notice available; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Council Member Royce, Council Member Bastardi and Council Member Davis voted yes; Council Member Worley voted no. Motion carried 3 to 1.

- B. Ordinance No. 10-604 – Charter Amendment (2nd hearing) Mayor Holbrook read the title of the Ordinance in its entirety. Council Member Worley stated she was concerned about Section 407. Charter Officers paragraph four dealing with removing a Charter Officer. She also felt the people in Town needed more time to review the Ordinance. Council Member Worley made a motion the referendum for the electors to decide whether or not they want the Town to go to a Town Manager form of government be held in November 2010; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Council Member Worley voted yes. Council Member Bastardi, Council Member Davis and Council Member Royce voted no. Motion failed 3 to 1.

Council Member Royce made a motion Ordinance No. 10-604 is approved on first hearing by reading of title only and by deleting Section 407. Charter Officers paragraph four, which starts “To remove a Charter Officer, the Council shall...or let the preliminary resolution lapse”; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tuck reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and realized this should have been the second hearing. Council Member Royce made a motion the previous motion to approve the first hearing by reading of title only of Ordinance No. 10-604 and by deleting Section 407, paragraph four, be rescinded; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Royce made a motion Ordinance No. 10-604 is approved on second hearing by reading of title only and by deleting Section 407. Charter Officers paragraph four, which starts “To remove a Charter Officer, the Council shall...or let the preliminary resolution lapse”; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. Mayor Holbrook hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.