

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SWIM & RACQUET CENTER, 21618 ST. ANDREWS BOULEVARD, BOCA RATON
September 16, 2019

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Susan Vogelgesang, at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin A. Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Barry Tetrault is in favor of the District constructing the golf course on its own. He applauds the District for standing up for what it believes in.

Mr. Angelo Sands believes that the golf course will revitalize the north east section of Boca Raton and living in a first-class city means you should have first class facilities!

Mrs. Sue Daddino feels that the Boca Teeca community is represented at the District and supports the District constructing the golf course on its own.

Mr. Robert DuKate does not support a millage rate increase and believes that a 300-yard driving range is sufficient for 95% of golfers.

Mr. Larry Portnoy, representing G.L. Homes, stated that the City has adopted an ordinance extending the closing of the sale of Boca Municipal to October, 2020 with a unilateral six month option for the City to extend the closing until April 30, 2021 and a second six month option to extend the closing until October, 2021 which must be a mutual decision between both parties.

Mr. Gabriel Banfi congratulated and encouraged the District to defend the beauty of Boca Raton with a world class golf course and maintain Ocean Strand as a natural park.

Mr. Al Zucaro supports: the District raising the millage rate; the District being independent of the City and renegotiating the Interlocal Agreement.

Mr. Joe Pedalino believes that the City has no intention of compromising on the golf course and did not proceed in good faith. He thanked the Board for the time and effort they put forth to make the community a better place to live.

Mr. Tony Daddino inquired which design the District will submit for approval and thanked the Board doing a great job!

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Mattice Business Services Contract Renewal

Ms. Harms presented a renewal contract for Mattice Business Services for \$1,650 month for a one-year contract.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the Mattice Business Services Contract renewal for a one-year contract for \$1,650. per month as presented.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Budget Discussion

Ms. Harms presented a revised budget based on the tentative mileage rate of 1.0519 which included a revised line of \$500,000 set aside for the Gumbo Limbo sinking fund.

Boca National Golf Course

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel for the Beach and Park District to move forward without financial assistance from the City of Boca Raton and engage Jerry Ford, our Financial analyst, to investigate the least expensive way to fund the construction and to seek his advice on the feasibility of obtaining a bond rating if it is in his opinion that it would facilitate a lower rate of financing.

Discussion ensued

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Sam Goren, General Counsel, suggested that the Board formally submit a final plan to the City for its consideration, review, comment, and approval as stated in the Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Ehrnst suggested making the following changes to the final design plan prior to submitting to the City for approval: exclude the tunnel and have no permanent structure on the property where the hotel was located.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to have the District Chair, Executive Director and District Counsel meet with the City Manager, City Attorney and the Mayor in an effort to obtain approval for the masterplan which will exclude the tunnel and the clubhouse, which will be determined at a later date, as amended.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Employee Pension Discussion

Ms. Harms asked the Board's consideration to obtain various retirement option plans from the Florida League of Cities that could piggyback off the Dade City Agreement. Ms. Harms would like to present these options to the Board in October for review and possible adoption in January.

4. Artificial Turf Proposed Change Orders Nos. 7,8 & 9

Ms. Melissa Dawson, Facilities Manager, asked the Board's consideration to approve C.S.R. Heavy Construction Change Order Nos. 7,8 & 9.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve change order No. 7, a credit for lime rock base at curbs, in the amount of \$8,482.50

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve change order No. 8, for additional concrete sidewalks, in the amount of \$61,316.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve change order No. 9, for the purchase of a field drag sweeper, in the amount of \$3,100.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

Commissioner Ehrnst recommended removing Mr. Koski's invoice in the amount of \$10,000 until the amendment to his contract has been finalized.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the revised payroll and invoices totaling \$802,518.58

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Needs Assessment Update

The City has been receptive to the changes that the District has suggested and thanked Ms. Zimmer for taking the lead on this project. Ms. Harms believes that there will be some inciteful results that will help guide future projects.

Repairs at Don Estridge

The track repairs at Don Estridge have been completed.

Swim & Racquet Center

Ms. Harms thanked the Swim and Racquet Center staff for being so accommodating and being such great neighbors!

Patch Reef Park Website

Ms. Harms thanked Ms. Samantha Christianson for her outstanding work on the new website for Patch Reef Park.

Communication RFP

The scope of work has been approved and Ms. Harms asked for approval to release the RFP once it has been completed and reviewed by counsel.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to have Ms. Harms commence with the communications RFP when completed.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

District Counsel

Mr. Samuel Goren, District General Counsel, reviewed Florida Statute 164.101, The Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Act, which provides a step by step process to try and resolve conflict between governmental agencies prior to litigation.

If the District fulfills its contract obligations under the Interlocal Agreement and the City does not provide its consent to move forward with the design, the District could follow the provisions of Florida Statute 164.101. The main objective of the statute is to find resolution between governmental bodies.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioners

Commissioner Rollins stated that sentiments were expressed at the last meeting that may have come across as condescending to City staff. He wanted to make it clear that the District loves the City staff, that they do a great job and he has nothing but favorable and positive things to say about the City staff members.

Commissioner Ehrnst stated that he recently apologized to Councilman Thomson regarding comments made at a previous meeting.

Commissioner Engel suggested putting out a press release to the media announcing Ms. Harms as the new Executive Director of the Beach & Park District.

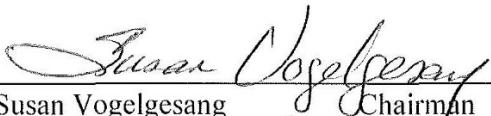
Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested that the Commissioners visit Homeowner Associations; Civic Organizations, etc. with the golf course design and other aspects of the Districts vision for the community.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEM -

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:04p.m.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer