

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR “VIRTUAL” MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
June 15, 2020

The “VIRTUAL” MEETING, conducted through the Zoom platform, 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  
Commissioner Wright

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

*The following people called into the meeting with public comments:*

*Mr. Harold Chaffee, President of Keep Golf in Boca, requested that public requests be re-opened after the agenda items have been discussed. He believes that using the cart paths as walking trails early in the morning could be an option at Ocean Breeze.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to approve the minutes of the Regular “Virtual” Meeting held on June 10, 2020, at 5:15 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Ocean Strand Discussion**

A design build RFP to open the Ocean Strand property as a pedestrian park for \$75,000 was provided to the Board in the agenda packet. Ms. Harms stated that she had since made the following revisions to the RFP:

- Time of work will start at 8 a.m.
- Adjusted insurance amounts
- Added a hold harmless agreement that would indemnify the District and name the District as additionally insured on the subcontractor’s policies.

Discussion:

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired if it would be cost effective to use the vegetation that is removed from the Ocean Strand property in the beautification of the golf course at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Clint Moore Road.

Commissioner Rollins suggested adjusting the budget for the Ocean Strand project from \$75,000 to \$100,000 to attract more interest in the project.

Community organizations could participate to help reduce labor costs. The volunteers would be required to sign an indemnification agreement.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Wright to increase the budget for the Ocean Strand RFP.

Discussion ensued.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the revised Ocean Strand RFP with an increase in the budget from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Ms. Harms will update City Council members on the Ocean Strand project.

**2. Preliminary Budget and CIP Discussion**

Ms. Harms provided preliminary tax revenue options based on the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's values for the next fiscal year.

The current tax rate of 0.9147 would provide the District revenue in the amount of \$26,767,100, the rollback rate of 0.8856 would provide \$25,916,500. The District would have approximately

\$7 million or \$7.8 million to put towards projects using these estimated values. The Golf course and Gumbo Limbo will be listed as separate line items on the budget.

Discussion:

Commissioner Engel was happy to see that the reserves are being built back up.

Commissioner Ehrnst inquired if the Special Interest Revenues should be reduced due to the COVID19 pandemic and stated that the District needs to be extra cautious when taking on new projects and how they are phased in.

Commissioner Rollins is reluctant to consider an increase in the millage rate and stated that the District should be prudent with its spending.

The proposed City budget will be distributed this week and further discussion will be held at the next meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the payroll and invoices totaling \$ 1,138, 840.95.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director:**

Financial Disclosures

Ms. Harms reminded the Board that the Financial Disclosure forms are due back prior to July 1, 2020.

Golf Course RFP

The Board received a draft copy of the Golf Course Beautification RFP to review. This item will be added to the agenda at the next meeting.

Employee Non-Interference Policy and Employee Evaluation Policy

The above policies will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

**Counsel:**

Mr. Goren, District Counsel, asked the Board's consideration to permit counsel to request an extension of Executive Order 20-69 beyond June 30, 2020, allowing for virtual meetings.

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**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to direct counsel to compose a letter to the Governor formally requesting an extension of Executive Order 20-69, the ability to have virtual meetings.

Discussion:

Commissioner Rollins supported extending the order with the proviso that the public be allowed to attend the public hearings on the budget if it is safe to do so.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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**Attorney General Opinion**

On June 8<sup>th</sup> Counsel received an “informal opinion” from the Attorney General’s Office concluding that the District does not have the legal authority to sell, lease or otherwise convey real property owned by the District.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Wright thanked Mr. Chaffee for his comment regarding the walking trails around the golf course.

Commissioner Engel suggested scheduling an additional budget meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>; inquired if a date for a Joint Meeting has been set; and would like to further discuss the possibility of pickleball at Ocean Breeze during the RFP discussion.

Commissioner Rollins expressed his best wishes and support for Commissioners Wright and Engel on their campaign; he believes that the District needs to stay on top of the City regarding the abandonment of the right of way at the Jeffery Street corridor.

Suzi Commissioner Vogelgesang suggested directing counsel to inquire with the FEC on the ability to have a crossover at the Jeffrey Street location.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to direct counsel to investigate the prospects of the abandonment of the right of way at Jeffrey Street and the ability to have a crossover at that location.

Discussion:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** were re-opened:

Mr. Harold Chaffee suggested that the District request that the City vacate the property at Jeffrey Street since the District owns both sides of the property.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

RFP Golf Course Beautification

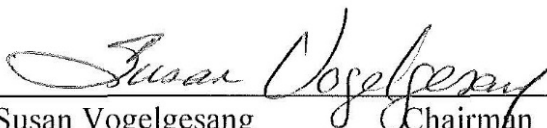
**ADJOURNMENT:**


**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Susan Vogelgesang Chairman

  
Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer