



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all Committee Members were found to be present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Committee Member Moore and was seconded by Committee Chair Zeidman to approve the agenda. On roll call the Motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - None

IV. REGULATING TRUCK TRAFFIC ON TOWN STREETS

Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works gave an overview of Chapter 316 of the Florida Statutes that addresses vehicle/traffic control.

- Section 316.008 relates to powers of local authorities that may restrict the use of streets and/or prohibit or regulate the use of heavily traveled streets by any class or kind of traffic found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic.
- Section 316.515 covers the dimensional issues as to what state law allows. The total width or load may not exceed 102 inches except use of public road that do not have one through lane of 12 feet or more in width in each direction may be restricted to 96 inches. As to height, may not exceed 13 feet 6 inches.
- Section 316.535 deals with the maximum weight that shall not exceed 20,000 pounds per axle and depending upon the distance between the front and rear axles the total gross weight shall not exceed a range of 40,000 to 66,610 pounds.

- Section 316.550 allows a local authority to issue a special permit to authorize the operation of vehicles exceeding the maximum size or weight as specified by the State Statutes.
- Section 316.555 allows local municipalities to prescribe loads, weights and speed limits lower than the limits allowed by the State Statute.

Paul Brazil, Director Public Works spoke regarding limiting the discussion to Town streets and defining certain terms.

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue spoke regarding if the Town can restrict different speed limits based on classification of vehicles.

Discussion then ensued regarding whether more stringent regulations were needed regarding vehicles traveling on Town streets. Councilmember Moore requested that Director Brazil provide a Town map showing the FDOT roads at the next meeting. Chair Zeidman commented on the Truck Traffic Management Study.

V. CROSSWALK AND BOLLARD REQUESTS – UPDATE

Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works reported that the bollards were painted and installed at the end of Primavera and Pendleton Avenues to restrict vehicles from entering the bike trail. Assistant Director Brown reported that the crosswalks at Cocoanut Row (Whitehall Way) and at the Royal Poinciana Chapel were re-stripped.

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue presented photos of crosswalks at Cocoanut Row and at Royal Poinciana Chapel that were installed and thanked the Town for handling those two (2) items. He then showed photos of various crosswalks that are in need of re-stripping and repairs. Director Brazil advised that maintenance of the crosswalks will be handled during the off-season (late spring/summer). Mr. Corey reported that Palm Beach Walks had compiled a list of the sidewalks in need of maintenance or repair and submitted it to Brett Madison, Facilities Manager. Chair Zeidman suggested that this issue be heard at a Town Council Meeting to get direction from her colleagues. Director Brazil pointed out that he would need a variance to carry out work during the season.

Diane Buhler, 2505 S. Ocean Blvd. spoke regarding the safety issue at the Bradley Place/Publix intersection.

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, reported that she denies numerous requests for Right of Way permits during the season as the Town Regulations state. For the Town to carry out work during the season puts her in an uncomfortable position and sets a bad precedent for the Town.

VI. TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a. ECR Issues
- b. ACIP – Project Updates
- c. Town-wide Paving Program

Director Brazil suggests providing an update at the next Town Council meeting and inform the Council of any new topics to be discussed at future meetings. An update regarding the Regional water treatment plant will be provided at a future meeting. He also spoke regarding the ACIP and Town-wide Paving Program.

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue brought up the following issues:

- a missing bronze plaque from the Worth Avenue Clock Tower;
- reducing speed limit in the north end;
- removal of two (2) concrete poles from the middle of the Lake Trail;
- signage on the Lake Trail;
- shade tree replacement at S. County Road and Australian Avenue;
- lighting at the Royal Park (Middle) Bridge;
- tree at Australian Avenue;
- sidewalk at Australian Avenue (Town employee parking lot).

Committee Member Moore requested the monthly ACIP report.

Chair Zeidman requested Director Brazil comment on the water main break that recently occurred on S. Ocean Boulevard. He reported that WPB informed him that it was a material defect of that section of the pipe. Chair Zeidman then thanked the various departments that responded to this mishap.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.