

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for ORS Committee Meeting on: July 8, 2019

TO: Ordinances, Rules and Standards Committee

FROM: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

RE: Discussion Regarding Truck Traffic Solutions for Local Streets in the North End

DATE: July 2, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Ordinance, Rules and Standards Committee review the attached information, relative to truck traffic concerns in the north end, and provide direction to staff.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The ORS Committee began discussions at the May 30, 2019, meeting regarding truck traffic related concerns and potential remedies, especially for the streets in the north end of the island.

After hearing a presentation from Public Works staff regarding previous discussions about this matter at the Public Works Committee, as well as PZB's ideas for code changes that would mandate truck traffic logistics information, ORS directed staff to prepare draft ordinances, update the proposal from Kimley Horn to complete a study with recommendations, and complete preliminary research on what other communities are currently doing to regulate truck traffic on city/town roads. In preparation for the July 8, 2019, ORS meeting, please review the attached information. Staff will be present to briefly review each attachment and answer any questions you may have prior to providing direction regarding next steps.

1. Chapter 18 Draft Ordinance prepared by Wayne Bergman, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building - Adds language to section 18-201 of the Town Code, requiring the submission of construction staging and truck logistics plans for major ARCOM projects.
2. Chapter 54 Draft Ordinance prepared by Wayne Bergman, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building - Adds section 54-100 to the Town Code, requiring the submission of construction staging and truck logistics plans with applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

3. Memorandum from Ben Alma, Police Department Support Services Manager - Findings regarding regulation of truck traffic from the preliminary research conducted with communities similar to Palm Beach.
4. Proposal from Kimley Horn & Associates - Scope of work with this proposal, includes (1) review of peer municipality practices, (2) conceptual review of truck circulation, (3) review of Town ordinances, and (4) development of truck regulation plan.

Attachments

cc: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager
Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police
Josh Martin, Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
Wayne Bergman, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building
Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works
Benjamin Alma, Support Services Manager
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney



REPORT OF THE ORDINANCES, RULES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Ordinances, Rules and Standards (ORS) Committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Araskog led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Committee Member Crampton, and was seconded by Chair Araskog, to approve the agenda. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - *None*

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Old Business

1. Further Discussion Regarding Ordinance No. 23-2019, Prohibiting Single-Use Plastic Straws
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Chair Araskog spoke regarding the effect of plastics on our environment and marine life. She referred to the presentation of Diane Buhler of Friends of Palm Beach to the Town Council showing over 250 plastic straws which were collected during beach cleanups.

Deputy Town Manager Boodheshwar provided an overview of the proposed Ordinance and spoke regarding the various communities that have adopted ordinances regarding plastic straws. He itemized the various sections of the Ordinance which had been revised.

Discussion ensued regarding the various reasons for prohibiting the use of plastic straws.

Chair Araskog suggested a six-month education period where the information would be disseminated to Town residents, contractors, landscapers, etc.

Motion was made by Chair Araskog, and was seconded by Committee Member Crampton, to recommend approval of the proposed Ordinance No. 23-2019 as amended with the caveat that it be reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney and take effect in December 2019. On roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

B. New Business

1. Discussion Regarding Truck Traffic Solutions for Local Streets in the North End

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Chair Araskog reported complaints received from residents regarding oversized trucks traversing the narrow streets in the North end. She mentioned the resident who was willing to donate towards a truck traffic study and the Council's decision not to go forward with the study.

Deputy Town Manager Boodheshwar spoke regarding a study being done by the Public Works Dept. regarding this issue.

Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided a brief overview of the study and the various options to alleviate the problem.

Committee Member Crampton suggested certain areas to be addressed in the study.

Wayne Bergman, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building gave scenarios of how the Public Works and PZB permitting processes can be tied together to manage the truck traffic related to development projects. He stated that contractors/owners should be charged with creating a logistics plan detailing types of trucks, materials to be transported, etc. which should be presented to both the ARCOM and Landmarks Preservation Commissions at the time of application.

It was the consensus of the ORS Committee to direct staff to draft an ordinance that establishes a measure for screening the types of construction-related vehicles through the permit application process.

It was the consensus of the ORS Committee to direct staff to research how other communities handle the issue of oversized trucks traversing narrow streets in the community for review at the next meeting.

2. Discussion Regarding Enforcement of Safe Pesticides Application
Ben Alma, Support Services Manager

Ben Alma, Support Services Manager, reported that the Town is unable to create an ordinance that would enforce pesticide applications, as this is regulated by the State of Florida. He explained the process for reporting accidental pesticide contact with humans and suggested placing information on the website to educate residents regarding safe pesticide applications.

It was the consensus of the ORS Committee to remove this from the Committee's purview.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chair Araskog thanked Council President Danielle Moore for hosting the Employee Appreciation Party yesterday, 5/29/19. She expressed that this was a wonderful way of showing appreciation and gratitude to the amazing Town staff.

It was the consensus to schedule the next ORS meeting for July 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Ordinances, Rules and Standards Committee Meeting of Thursday, May 30, 2019, adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

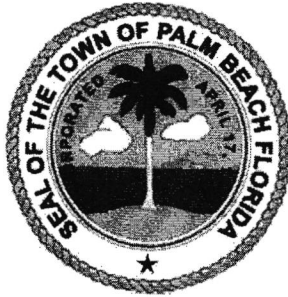
APPROVED:

Julie Araskog
Chair

ATTEST:

Kathleen Dominguez, Town Clerk

Date: _____



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Town Clerk's Office

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order on March 14, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

On roll call, all committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Lindsay requested that sub-item "Florida Power & Light Update Including the New Street Lights in the North End" under item "VII. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE" be moved to the first item after Communications from Citizens.

It was the consensus of the Committee to approve the agenda as amended, above.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

John David Corey, 426 Australian Avenue, spoke regarding the Town Docks project and the impact to the surrounding residential area. He mentioned the need for traffic calming, parking, increasing greenspace, crosswalks, trees and formalized plantings.

* Florida Power & Light Update Including the New Street Lights in the North End

Town Engineer Strayer spoke regarding the replacement of existing poles and installation of new street lights. She reported that some residents had complained about the brightness (lumen) of the new lights so the Town requested the lowest lumen bulb from FPL as a test replacement. That test light is currently installed at Via Manana.

Annette Dowell, 101 E. Inlet Drive, expressed her concern regarding the brightness of the lights on the street and referred to it as being over illuminated. Mr. Corey also spoke of his experience with the new lighting.

* Lake Trail Lift Stations

Ms. Strayer informed that five (5) lift stations will be under construction during the construction season.

* Dock Environmental Permit Progress from Marine Fisheries

Ms. Strayer provided an update on the permitting progress for the Town Docks.

Mr. Brown provided an overview of the Recreation Center progress. He presented photos of various stages in the construction process.

VIII. FIVE YEAR PAY-AS-YOU-GO FUND

Ms. Strayer provided an update on the PAYGO fund comparing last year and this year's budgets. Director Brazil spoke on the budget and funding process.

IX. TRUCK TRAFFIC - UPDATE

Mr. Brown introduced Wayne Bergman, Assistant Director of Planning, Zoning and Building/Building Official. Mr. Bergman expressed his desire to require contractors to add a construction staging plan to their applications. He provided an overview of the requirements of the plan which would ultimately assist in managing the truck traffic into the island.

X. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date in April.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Committee meeting of March 14, 2019 was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.