

**TOWN OF ST. LEO**  
**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 12, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

OPENING - William Hamilton – Mayor Pro Tem

INVOCATION – William Hamilton – Mayor Pro Tem

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – William Hamilton – Mayor Pro Tem

ROLL CALL Donna DeWitt, O.S.B. – Commissioner  
Richard Christmas – Commissioner - absent  
James Hallett, O.S.B., Mayor  
William Hamilton, Commissioner – Mayor Pro Tem  
Robert Courtney - Commissioner

STAFF Joan Miller - Town Clerk  
Patricia Petruff, Town Attorney

GUESTS Rev. Richard D. Long – Gulfside Regional Hospice Inc.

MINUTES **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 08, 2010.**  
**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Hallett  
**SECOND:** Commissioner Courtney  
Discussion.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous for Approval – Adopted 4/0

EXPENSES AND BUDGET REVIEW

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT DATED APRIL 12, 2010.**  
**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Hallett  
**SECOND:** Commissioner Courtney  
Discussion.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous for Approval – Adopted 4/0

MAYOR'S REPORT –

Final Reading **SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE 010-10**  
Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton read the second and final reading of Ordinance number **010-10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. LEO, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 38-27(3) TO DECREASE THE SPEED LIMIT ON WICHERS ROAD AND ADDING A SUBSECTION (4) ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT FOR POMPANIC STREET; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
Discussion.

**MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 10-01 AS READ.**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Hallett

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner DeWitt

Discussion.

**VOTE:** Unanimous for Approval – Adopted 4/0

**Fire Inspection Interviews**

On March 26, 2010, Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton and Clerk Miller interviewed two Fire Marshall applicants interested in providing Inspection and Plan's Review Service to the Town. Their proposals were reviewed during tonight's meeting.

Discussion

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM KERRY BARNETT AND TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER HAMILTON WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE TOWN CLERK TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT AND ISSUES OF CONCERN WITH MR. BARNETT, THEN BRING A CONTRACT FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE MAY 10, 2010 MEETING.**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner DeWitt

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Hallett

Discussion.

**VOTE:** Unanimous for Resolution 4/0

**Gulfside Hospice Proclamation 10-03**

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton read a proclamation honoring Gulfside Regional Hospice Volunteers.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION # 10-03, AS APRIL 18 THROUGH APRIL 24, 2010, AS GULFSIDE HOSPICE VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner DeWitt

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Hallett

Discussion.

**VOTE:** Unanimous for Approval 4/0

**Water Proclamation 10-02**

**MAYOR PRO TEM READ PROCLAMATION # 10-02 DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH.**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Hallett

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner DeWitt

Discussion.

**VOTE:** Unanimous for Approval 4/0

**Public Boating Hours on Lake Jovita**

The City of San Antonio, lakefront park (on Lake Jovita) has a sign stating that the park is, "closed from dusk to dawn". Enforcement of these hours is being requested from the Town of St. Leo Commissioners. San Antonio may additionally be requested to secure the boat launch so that it is not available after hours.

Frequent public use of a vacant waterfront lot (owned by an absentee owner) has created nuisance issues for lakefront residents. This topic can be addressed by ordinance. Attorney will review this topic and deliver give recommendations in May.

**Agricultural Animals in the RDR Zoning District**

A brief review of zoning uses for the RDR zoning district was discussed.

**Offshore Oil Drilling**

The commission could not agree on wording to address a resolution for offshore oil drilling. This issue was tabled.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Petruff reported that she received a reply from Zephyr Stripes n' Seal. This letter was a reply to a concern made by Commissioner Courtney during the December 14, 2009 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Sign Ordinance** Attorney Petruff suggested that bringing (present) signs into compliance will require several steps. We should begin by determining which signs have had some type of approval from the town. Then a letter should be sent to other owners requesting information to document when their signs were placed and if any approval was received from Town Hall. An attempt by town Hall to bring signs into compliance legitimately should be made. The Town Staff will continue methodically obtaining research in attempt to bring all signs into compliance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Miller is concerned that town business on commissioner's workplace computers could potentially be a bad situation if a lawsuit arose and computers were subpoenaed. It has been suggested that "notebooks" or similar laptop computers could be purchased by the town for use by each commissioner to solely be used for the purpose of town business (e-mail). Attorney Petruff recommended that work e-mail and all public record, town business be kept completely separate as you can. If a public records dispute occurred, the server/hard drive could be subpoenaed because you might have town business on it. This topic will be discussed again at the May meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:08 P.M.**

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Courtney

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Hallett

**VOTE:** Unanimous for Resolution 4/0 Adopted

Respectfully,  
Joan Miller, C.M.C.