

NAY: None

OTHER POLICY MATTERS:

Roundabout Update

Town Manager Koontz provided an update on the roundabout. The Town and CPH submitted the 90% construction plans and bid documents to Orange County on February 17, 2020. The 90% submittal comments were received from Orange County on April 6, 2020. There was a conference call on Thursday, April 16, 2020 to discuss the comments with Orange County. Orange County is working on the procurement of a consultant for Construction Engineering and Inspection or CEI (The Town and County with share in this expense). The terms of the interlocal agreement have been discussed and Orange County is drafting that document. The documents governing the acquisition of the property from Meritage are being finalized. The \$1.2 million funding from the State through MetroPlan is still in the budget. The construction cost in excess of the grant funding will be shared equally between the Town and the County. The timeline for the bidding and construction of the project have not yet been determined.

Commissioner Ramos asked if there is going to be an extension to the project if needed due to recent conditions. Town Manager Koontz should not need an extension, we want to keep the project moving forward so it does not get tied into the Turnpike project for logistical reasons with having both projects going on at the same time. Mayor Stark stated that while not having the roundabout is painful, building it will be just as painful, but it is greatly, greatly needed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Town Manager Koontz –

- Speer Park Update – Based on the previous approval of the site plan initial improvements are being worked on for Speer Park.
 - Stakes have been put out that will be a future centerline for an additional sidewalk loop. Approximately 5 palm trees will be removed for the sidewalk.
 - Benches are being replaced or rehabbed.
 - Pads are being planned for additional benches and bike rack.
 - We may also get started with the butterfly garden in the near future.
- St. John’s funding – The St. Johns River Water Management District approved project rankings for the Districtwide Cost-share Program and the Rural Economic Development Initiative/Innovative Cost-share Program, which includes \$429,800 for the Oakland Hull Avenue Septic to Sewer project. Mayor Stark mentioned that she thinks this is the kind of thing that will help us pull out of economic downturn as it will put people to work.
- Lakeside Church/Tractor Supply have been going through architectural review. Will be trying to do virtual meetings in May for ARB and Planning and Zoning to keep moving process forward.
- COVID-19 –
 - State of Florida Safer at Home Order and local orders – The Town Commission approved a resolution declaring a State of Emergency due to the threat of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Town Manager Koontz has since signed three additional orders since that time relating to virtual town meetings, permitting and utility grant funding. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis’ statewide stay-at-home order took effect April 3, 2020. The state issued FAQs to address some basic questions regarding the order, which we posted on our Website. Orange County and its

municipalities aligned with the Governor's directive. The Governor's Executive Order 20-91 superseded all County mandates. However, Orange County and its municipalities remain under Curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice. The Town has put up a digital billboard at State Road 50 and two banner signs on Oakland Avenue and Tubb Street alerting people to the order and the county curfew.

- Cases in Oakland – There are more than 1,000 cases of COVID-19 in Orange County. The Town of Oakland has only one case in the 34787 ZIP code. This case was confirmed nearly three weeks ago. No additional information is available.
- Town service changes – Town Hall has been operating with limited essential staffing and is closed to the public for in-person services. This decision was made to protect our residents, especially older persons and those with underlying medical conditions – and our employees. Our personnel have been able to continue serving the public as seamlessly and safely as possible. I would like to extend a special thanks to essential employees who are unable to work from home – such as our Police Department, Public Works, Planning & Zoning, and Finance staff.
- Utility Relief Program – Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, the Town of Oakland is offering eligible residents' relief on their utility bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program will assist in offsetting a portion or all of customers' water, wastewater and garbage bills. The application is available on our website and in the flyer box outside Town Hall. As of the date of the Town Commission meeting, 15 applications had been received.
- Testing site information – Updated criteria started April 13 at the Orange County Convention Center regional COVID-19 testing site. This is a free testing site run by the state and available to all residents. The site now supports a daily limit of 400 tests. Criteria is expanded to include the following:
 - Individuals with respiratory symptoms (regardless of age) or with preexisting conditions, including but not limited to:
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Diabetes
 - Hypertension
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Autoimmune disease
 - All first responders and health care workers, including any staff members of long-term care facilities.
 - Individuals who believe they have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive, even if they are not currently experiencing symptoms.
 - Mayor Stark mentioned that Orange County would be having 5 mobile testing sites around the community.
- Resources – News, information and a list of Town, County, State, and federal resources is available on our COVID-19 website – located at oaklandfl.gov/COVID19. You can also find daily updates on our Facebook page.

Mayor Stark stated that she is so proud of the way this everything has gone so far. This was also echoed by other Town Commission members.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

A Commission member asked if we have an address for the one positive COVID-19 case in Oakland. Chief Peek stated that we are getting updates daily of positive cases in the area for protection of staff however that information is not able to be shared with the public.

Commissioner Ramos –

- Stated that at the beginning of the online schooling process that he was getting calls at the beginning regarding the school and he recommended a little patience as families adjusted to this process. He says now he is receiving comments that families are very thankful for how everything is going.

Commissioner Polland –

- None

Vice Mayor Satterfield –

- Stated that it was frustrating at first for some parents. He said that he checks in with Principal Dwyer on a regular basis to work through issues. He feels that things are going much smoother.

Conversation ensued regarding continuing online schooling through the end of the year. The consensus by the Town Commission was to continue online school through the end of the year. Commissioner Polland stated that he doesn't feel it makes sense to reopen school until fall.

Commissioner McMullen –

- Echoed a big thank you for everything that the town has done during this difficult time. He mentioned that the May Tri-County League Ethics Training would not be occurring so hopefully it will happen sometime in September.

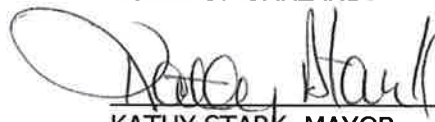
Mayor Stark -

- Mentioned that there are Tri-County League of Cities calls every Monday. There are also Thursday meetings with Orange County Mayor Demings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Stark adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

TOWN OF OAKLAND:



KATHY STARK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ELISE HUI, TOWN CLERK