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Former Mayor Dave Stewart Gets Council Support for Reimbursement

During the April 12 Town Council meeting, Town Attorney Max Lohman advised the Council they should pay the former Mayor for his legal fees and costs for his defense of charges filed with the Ethics Commission by Lantana Resident Cathy Padilla.

Stewart's Attorney fees and Investigative fees totaled over 47,000 dollars..

An Administrative Law Judge opined the charges should be thrown out by the Ethics Commission and the Commission followed the order, dismissing the charges.

Padilla had accused Stewart of soliciting sex for his vote on speed bumps for her neighborhood.

Stewart denied the charges from the beginning and launched an investigation and legal defense to prove his innocence of the charges.

Lohman explained the "But for" situation of the charges, "But for the fact Stuart was Mayor. . .

The Administrative Law Judge found no wrong doing on Stewart's behalf.

Council member Dr. Lynn Moorhouse suggested paying the legal fees but not the Investigator's fees.

Lohman said without the investigator, the attorney would have investigated and the attorney's hourly rate is much higher.

The Council voted unanimously to reimburse Stewart for his costs.



Lantana Mayor Robert Hagerty presented principals and teachers from Lantana schools with proclamations for Teacher Appreciation Week May 3rd to 7th in the Town of Lantana.

Council Rejects Policy Changes

Having directed staff to re-write council policies to streamline the meetings, it came down to a 4-1 vote to decline the changes, with Councilwoman Karen Lythgoe dissenting.

Most of the discussion centered around having a consent agenda placed on the agenda. Several residents, the majority of whom came from Hypoluxo Island, spoke against placing a consent agenda

on the agenda.

One resident asked the Council to vote against having a consent agenda because preferential items could be put on it.

Another comment was "Our meetings aren't that long".

In other business, The Council considered an agreement with Florida Power and Light to put two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on Lantana Beach parking lot.

Discussion from the residents revealed favor for charging stations, just not at the beach.

It was revealed that FPL had offered to place the stations at the beach since they were paying for the installation and there would be no cost to the town.

Residents offered other locations but were advised it was FPL's desire to use the beach.

The issue was rejected with a 4-1 vote with Lythgoe dissenting.



Town Clerk Kathleen Dominguez accepted a proclamation from Mayor Robert Hagerty recognizing May 2-6 as Municipal Clerk's Week in the Town of Lantana



Lantana Mayor Robert Hagerty proclaimed May 19th as Arbor Day in the Town of Lantana. Accepting the proclamation is Operations Manager Eddie Crockett.

LWB Ocean Rescue Saves Two Lives

Around 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 27, Lake Worth Beach Ocean Rescue lifeguards responded to a distressed swimmer caught in a rip current south of the guarded area. When lifeguards secured

the victim, a second swimmer was swept off of the sandbar into the same rip current and immediately drowned. Lifeguards arrived on scene for back up and recovered the unconscious victim from

the bottom of the ocean in eight feet of water. The lifeless male was brought back to shore where Ocean Rescue staff performed CPR and rescue breathing ultimately bringing the man back to life before

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue was on scene.

Both victims were transported to JFK and survived thanks to the heroic actions of the Lake Worth Beach Ocean Rescue Team.

FROM WHERE I SIT

BY PELICAN PETE



How 'bout LWB Ocean Rescue...This group just keeps on protecting us...for them we are thankful.

It never stops...Hardy jumps ship...not for "the people" just for Hardy...he is no Alcee Hastings and it is an insult for him to suggest he could carry on where Hastings left off...He cares for Hardy...not blacks or whites or "the people" but Hardy.

Imagine a person of no character, honesty or integrity replacing Alcee Hastings...Ugh!

Can't wait for the a Hardy book to be given to all the children...

Could it be? Parting City Manager Michael Bornstein traveling south to Lantana from whence he came. The seat is open and there is interest.