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# CITY OF COCOA BEACH "NEWS & VIEWS"

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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER by DAVE NETTERSTROM

"This is Tuff"

When I ran for Commissioner, I told my family, friends, acquaintances and supporters that "I will be fiscally conservative during these difficult economic times."

As promised, I went to work and here's what happened: I wanted to have a discussion about how we run the golf course but a former Mayor (who I greatly respect) and the doctor who delivered my wife were very concerned. Then I started looking into cost saving opportunities with EMS and Fire services - The commission room filled with dedicated fire professionals. Dredging some more canals would be nice but I think we should wait - I haven't been invited on my brother's boat since that meeting.

In order to delay taking out some very large loans, I tried to slow down some of the Water Treatment plant upgrades - A good neighbor concerned about the environment sends an email (along with about 50 other people). This job is tuff!

These people placed my campaign signs in their yards and even walked on election day for me (I'm really glad the tennis courts were upgraded before I was elected...otherwise, I might be sleeping on the couch).

To all of you, I apologize and I hope you understand I'm just trying to do the job I said I would do. I have no pet projects and am not biased - If it costs money, I'm collecting information, asking questions and having debates. For those of whom I haven't upset yet...just wait, but I do apologize in advance.

And by the way, I am truly hopeful and looking forward to better economic times when we can debate over how to spend all the extra money (or just give it back to ourselves).

Regards,

~~~ Commissioner Dave Netterstrom



## AUGUST 2011

LEON "SKIP" BEELER—MAYOR  
KEN GRIFFIN—VICE MAYOR  
SKIP WILLIAMS—COMMISSIONER  
KEVIN PRUETT—COMMISSIONER  
DAVE NETTERSTROM—COMMISSIONER  
CHUCK BILLIAS—CITY MANAGER

## COCOA BEACH MAYOR SKIP BEELER and CITY MANAGER CHUCK BILLIAS DECIDE TO STAY ON UNTIL NOVEMBER 2012



Both the Mayor and City Manager have decided to stay on the job at least until the 2012 November election.

During the August 4, 2011 Commission meeting,



Cocoa Beach Mayor Skip Beeler and City Manager Chuck Billias revealed that they would remain in their respective positions until the end of the Mayor's term of office in November 2012.

Earlier this year, they both tendered separate resignation letters citing personal reasons for curtailing their positions with the City. However, after much thought and additional considerations from a personal and public impact perspective, they have both decided to stay.

In the interim, the City Commission has decided to hire the services of a professional executive search firm to find a replacement for the City Manager prior to his 2012 departure date. The firm will begin its search/hiring process on May 1, 2012 for hiring a new City Manager by October 1st in order to accommodate a minimum of a 30-day overlap period for continuity purposes.

## COMMISSION DECIDES TO HOLD SPECIAL NOVEMBER ELECTION ON "MIXED USE"

Below is the official ballot language that Cocoa Beach voters will voting on during the November 8, 2011 special election:

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Shall the City of Cocoa Beach adopt mixed use for downtown/Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)?

The downtown/CRA vision plan developed over the last three years includes mixed use as a method to revive our local economic conditions and improve the downtown environment. Do you approve of allowing an additional mix of retail and residential uses downtown as long as it does not exceed the city-wide density caps as set in the City Charter?

- Yes, to approve
- No, to reject



## DOWNTOWN COCOA BEACH PARKING LOT NEARLY COMPLETED

The City's new downtown parking lot initiative is nearly completed. Public Works and Water Reclamation crews have been busy installing landscaping, irrigation sprinklers and individual parking space "stop bars". Two parking ticket-stub issuance kiosks have been installed but are not scheduled to be activated until after city personnel are trained on operations, accountability and system maintenance procedures. The lot is expected to be "open for business" on/about August 17, 2011.



## 2011 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

### A Huge Success...

The Cocoa Beach Police Department's "National Night Out" was a huge success, according to Police Chief Bryan Holmes.

The August 2nd event behind City Hall featured free food, soft drinks and entertainment for all attendees. The purpose of National Night Out is to educate people about neighborhood crime prevention and to provide an opportunity for citizens to meet their local law enforcement cadre.

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