

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Council Members present: Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor; Tanya Siskind, Vice Mayor; John T. McGovern, Councilman; Maria Antuña, Councilwoman; and Amanda Silvestri, Councilwoman.

Advisors to the Council: Jim Barnes, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney; Tanya Quickel, Deputy Village Manager; Ed De La Vega, Assistant Village Manager; and Chevelle D. Hall, Village Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Napoleone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Father Steven Thomas, Retired Rector of St. David's in the Pines Episcopal Church, delivered the invocation.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Napoleone led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Barnes indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda as amended.

- 1). Add Walk On Item #25-7290 (Approval Of Additional Work Required For The Gym Roof Replacement Project At Village Park) to the Consent Agenda as Item 7I.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Agenda as presented.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDED TIME REQUESTS BY INTERESTED PARTIES
FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS, IF ANY**

There were no requests to consider.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. **25-7272** PRESENTATION BY SENATOR LORI BERMAN AND
REPRESENTATIVE ANNE GERWIG OF THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE
APPROPRIATION

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Representative Anne Gerwig, District 93, and Brenda Bryant (Legislative Aide) on behalf of Senator Lori Berman/District 26, spoke about the appropriation in the amount of \$650,000 for the Wellington Pump Station Improvements Project. They thanked Coker and Watson, Village Lobbyists, and the Village Council for their advocacy efforts with the appropriation.

The Village Council thanked Representative Gerwig and Senator Berman for their support and work on the appropriation.

B. 25-7286 PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WELLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall read the proclamation recognizing the Wellington Historical Society (WHS).

Ms. Sue Bierer introduced the Wellington Historical Society members who were in attendance and thanked the Council for recognizing them. She stated it would not be possible without the support of Council and the Education Committee.

The Village Council commended WHS and gave brief comments.

C. 25-7094 PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON 2024 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Lieutenant Matthew LaVigna, District 8 Executive Officer/Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), thanked Council for the opportunity and presented the District 8 Wellington FY 24 Annual Report. He recognized Volunteer Captain Howard Gross who was Volunteer of the Year for 2024; and Volunteer Captain Ken Finkleman from Unit 1 Wellington who was Captain of the Year for 2024.

Council gave comments and asked various questions in regards to the report. Lieutenant LaVigna responded to Council's questions.

Council extended thanks to Captain Addazio, Lieutenant LaVigna and team for all they do to keep Wellington safe; and commended them for the comprehensive report.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 25-7278 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2025

B. 25-7215 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW MULTIPLE EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR UTILITY PROCESS CONTROL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

C. 25-7145 RESOLUTION NO. R2025-33 (PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON FY2026 BUDGET AND CONTRACT)

- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FOURTH ADDENDUM TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR FY 2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- D. **25-7144** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-34 (PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PLAN (LESP) FOR FY26)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PLAN (LESP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- E. **25-7270** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-54 (WELLINGTON SENIORS CLUB AGREEMENT)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES BETWEEN WELLINGTON AND THE WELLINGTON SENIORS CLUB INC.; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- F. **25-7260** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-55 (REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING A SCHEDULE FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2025/2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- G. **25-7259** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-56 (ANNUAL LISTING OF PROCLAMATIONS)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN PROCLAMATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- H. **25-7273** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-58 (INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY RELATING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORK SERVICES)
- A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PALM BEACH COUNTY RELATING TO PALM BEACH COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORK SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- I. **25-7290** APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL WORK REQUIRED FOR THE GYM ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT VILLAGE PARK (***THIS ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA***)

Mr. Barnes indicated staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 25-7246** ORDINANCE NO. 2025-22 (AMENDING CHAPTER 24 WATERWAYS)
AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 24 ("WATERWAYS") OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON FUEL TYPE AND ADDRESS BOAT SPEEDS AND WATERWAY ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall read Ordinance No. 2025-22 by title.

Tim Stillings, Director of Planning and Zoning, stated this was initiated due to Senate Bill 1388. He said the bill adopted the "Watercraft Energy Source Freedom Act". Mr. Stillings explained the amendment.

Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to open the public hearing.

Public Comment:

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Antuña, and unanimously passed (5-0), to close the public hearing.

Mr. Stillings stated there had been no changes since first reading.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0) to Approve Ordinance No. 2025-22 (Amending Chapter 24 Waterways) on second reading.

- B. 25-7256** ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23 (AMENDING CHAPTER 13 ("OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"), ARTICLE 1. ("PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"), SECTIONS 13-1 TO 13-3)
AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 13 ("OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"), ARTICLE 1 ("PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"), SECTIONS 13-1 TO 13-3. OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE PROVISIONS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Mr. Stillings stated this amends and clarifies definitions for property maintenance. It does not change any regulations and reinforces the implementation of interpretations to date.

Public Hearing

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0) to open the public hearing.

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0), to close the public hearing.

There was a brief discussion between Council, Ms. Cohen and Mr. Stillings regarding the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to Approve Ordinance No. 2025-23 (Amending Chapter 13 ("Offenses And Miscellaneous Provisions"), Article 1. ("Property Maintenance"), Sections 13-1 To 13-3) as presented on first reading.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 25-7284 DISCUSSION OF POLICY FOR EXEMPTION OF FEES FOR WELLINGTON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Mr. Barnes provided background information regarding permits and permit approvals. He made reference to the policy that had been established regarding Village owned and operated projects.

Mayor Napoleone asked if the Village would still go through the process.

Councilman McGovern inquired about moving monies from line items.

Mayor Napoleone inquired about the General Fund and Building Fund.

Councilman McGovern stated Finance Department staff time would be decreased.

Mr. Barnes responded to the Village Council's questions.

It was Consensus of Council to authorize the Village Manager to amend the contracts to address this issue in those contracts with the legal department's assistance.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barnes indicated there were no comment cards submitted for Public Comment.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MS. COHEN: Ms. Cohen presented the following report:

Ms. Cohen mentioned the second PFAS settlement payment that was received.

Councilman McGovern inquired about the additional settlement payments.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

MR. BARNES: Mr. Barnes presented the following report:

The Next Village Council Meeting will be held on September 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Agenda Review meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

Village Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day.
Ms. Hall was appointed to the Florida League of Cities Municipal Operations Policy Committee.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN SILVESTRI: Councilwoman Silvestri presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Silvestri thanked everyone for her cake and flowers.
- Councilwoman Silvestri stated she appointed Johnny Meier to the Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board. She thanked Stacy Lima for her service on the board.

VICE MAYOR SISKIND: Vice Mayor Siskind presented the following report:

- Vice Mayor Siskind wished Councilwoman Silvestri a Happy Birthday.

COUNCILWOMAN ANTUÑA: Councilwoman Antuña presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Antuña wished Councilwoman Silvestri a Happy Birthday.
- Councilwoman Antuña stated this was a good meeting and encouraged Council to continue to make sure that they head in the right direction for the Village.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern wished Councilwoman Silvestri a Happy Birthday.
- Councilman McGovern stated he and the Mayor attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference and referenced some of the topics. In addition, he congratulated Mayor Napoleone on his appointment to the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors.
- Councilman McGovern asked that a discussion be held at the next meeting regarding the numbers for the school zone speed detection safety program. He stated the numbers are staggering.

Mayor Napoleone stated most of the infractions are occurring during school dropoff and pickup times.

MAYOR NAPOLEONE: Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- Mayor Napoleone wished Councilwoman Silvestri a Happy Birthday.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM.

Approved:

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

Chevelle D. Hall, Village Clerk