

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Council Members present: Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor; Maria Antuña, Vice Mayor; Amanda Silvestri, Councilwoman; Stephen A. Levin, Councilman; and Johnny Meier, Councilman.

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** – Deacon Pete Del Valle, St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic 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 presented.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Vice Mayor Antuña, 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. **26-7734** A PROCLAMATION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE LOCAL WINNERS OF THE AMERICAN WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION'S 2026 "DROP SAVERS" WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall read the proclamation.

Ms. Panse commented regarding the basis of the contest and the divisions. She stated they had participation from 8 Wellington schools with over 450 entries. She acknowledged the first, second and third place winners in attendance from Binks Forest Elementary, Panther Run Elementary, Wellington Elementary, Emerald Cove Middle and Wellington High schools. Ms. Panse thanked the principals, parents, students and teachers. She presented the winners with certificates and backpacks from the Village of Wellington. Ms. Panse thanked Council for allowing the Utilities Department to participate in the contest.

The Village Council congratulated the students.

B. 26-7678 WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL "NO PLACE FOR HATE" DESIGNATION

Mr. Barnes introduced this item.

Ian Williams, Village of Wellington Community Services Department, gave comments regarding the "No Place for Hate" designation received by Wellington Community High School (WCHS) and introduced Beth Levy, Social Studies Teacher at WCHS.

Beth Levy gave brief comments and introduced a student who is President of the WCHS Chapter of No Place for Hate, who explained the program and the initiatives that earned WCHS the designation.

The Village Council congratulated Wellington Community High School on receiving the designation.

C. 26-7721 RECOGNITION OF EMERALD COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. Barnes introduced this item.

Ian Williams spoke about the Emerald Cove Middle School Basketball Team and introduced the coaches and team.

Brian Tilley, Athletic Director/Emerald Cove Middle School, provided comments and spoke on behalf of Coach Christina "Ti" Hayden and the team. Assistant Principal Jason Wheeler was in attendance.

Coach Hayden thanked the Village Council and Mr. Barnes for their support.

The Village Council congratulated the players and coaches of the Emerald Cove Middle School Basketball Team and presented them with certificates.

D. 26-7720 CROWNED PEARLS OF WELLINGTON, INC. AWARD PRESENTATION

Mr. Barnes introduced this item.

Ian Williams gave comments regarding the Crowned Pearls of Wellington, Inc. and introduced President Ortiz-Coffie. She recognized the Crowned Pearls members who were in the audience.

Adriana Ortiz-Coffie, President/Crowned Pearls of Wellington, Inc. and Joan Asbury, President/Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Alpha Upsilon Omega Chapter, expressed their gratitude to the Village Council, Mr. Barnes and staff of Wellington. Ms. Ortiz-Coffie also extended a thank you to former Councilmembers Tanya Siskind and John T. McGovern. Ms. Ortiz-Coffie and Ms. Asbury presented an award to the Village Council for their contribution and support of the initiatives and success of the 5th Annual Night Lights & Crowned Pearls Equestrian Event.

The Village Council thanked the Crowned Pearls of Wellington, Inc.

- E. 26-7703** RESOLUTION NO. R2026-24 (PRELIMINARY TRIM RATES FOR WELLINGTON SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING ASSESSMENT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICE FOR TRUTH-IN-MILLAGE ("TRIM") PURPOSES WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF WELLINGTON; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall read Resolution No. R2026-24 by title.

Ms. Quickel presented the item. She explained that these were the preliminary TRIM rates for the Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Assessment for Fiscal Year 2027. The contract shows an annual increase corresponding to the CPI for water, sewer and trash collection with a maximum contract increase of 5%. The proposed rate is \$325.00 per curbside unit and \$240.00 per containerized unit. The final vote will take place at the August 2026 Village Council meeting.

The Village Council asked questions regarding the rates.

Ms. Quickel responded to Council's questions.

A motion was made by Councilman Levin, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. R2026-24 (Preliminary Trim Rates for Wellington Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Assessment).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 26-7668** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS OF MARCH 10, 2026, MARCH 24, 2026 AND APRIL 14, 2026
- B. 26-7576** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL AUDITING SERVICES
- C. 26-7704** RESOLUTION NO. R2026-22 (FY 2025-2026 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND, GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, SALES SURTAX CAPITAL FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION IMPACT CAPITAL FUND BUDGETS FOR MID-YEAR PROJECT AND PROGRAM CHANGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- D. 26-7733** RESOLUTION NO. R2026-23 (LEGAL DEPARTMENT OUTSIDE LEGAL FEES AND COSTS)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND LEGAL DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE OF \$75,000 FOR ADDITIONAL

OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- E. 26-7519** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) ENTER INTO A SOLE SOURCE CONTINUING CONTRACT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) STORAGE TANK INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES AND 2) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A TASK ORDER FOR FIVE (5) YEAR WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) STORAGE TANK CLEANING AND INSPECTION SERVICES PROJECT
- F. 26-7569** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY AERATION BASIN 3 MANWAY ADDITION 2) EXECUTE A TASK ORDER FOR WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY AERATION BASIN 3 MANWAY ADDITION
- G. 26-7531** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR C-8 CANAL MULTI-USE PATHWAY; 2) EXECUTE A TASK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES; AND 3) EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FDOT
- H. 26-7531** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE GREENBRIAR BLVD. BIKE LANES – AERO CLUB DR. TO GREENVIEW SHORES BLVD. PROJECT; 2) EXECUTE A TASK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES; AND 3) EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FDOT
- I. 26-7684** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY CONTRACT WITH PRECISION AIR SYSTEMS, INC., AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, FOR VILLAGE HALL SERVER ROOM HVAC REPLACEMENT
- J. 26-7535** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER RELATED DEBRIS MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- K. 26-7567** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR ROADWAY STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKING SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECTS
- L. 26-7685** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A PALM BEACH COUNTY CONTRACT FOR MULTIPURPOSE PATHWAY, PARKING LOT, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
- M. 26-7686** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CITY OF GREENACRES CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SPLIT RAIL WOOD FENCING ALONG SOUTH SHORE BOULEVARD FROM LAKE WORTH ROAD TO 50TH STREET

- N. **26-7574** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS
- O. **26-7575** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF FILL MATERIALS
- P. **26-7710** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT TO THOR GUARD, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, AND SERVICE OF A LIGHTNING PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEM
- Q. **26-7723** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH CONTRACT FOR A PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEE EVALUATION

Mr. Barnes indicated there were no comment cards for the Consent Agenda.

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

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearing Items.

At this point, Council moved to Regular Agenda Item 9B.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 26-7737 WELLINGTON ATHLETICS DISCUSSION

This item occurred after Item 9B.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ed De La Vega provided an overview about operational concerns by Mr. Bostic and the Village regarding Wellington Sports Academy. He introduced Jonathan Bostic, Founder/Wellington Sports Academy.

Mr. Bostic thanked the Council and referenced the email he sent on yesterday. He provided an update about the building.

The Village Council asked questions and gave comments.

Eric Juckett, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the scheduling of sports events.

Mr. De La Vega spoke about the usage of the fields and parking.

There was further discussion between the Village Council, Mr. Barnes, Mr. De La Vega, Mr. Juckett and Mr. Bostic regarding the comprehensive agreement, naming rights, number of events, participants, size of the events, programming regarding swim meets, contract with Verdex Construction, cleanup after tournaments, certificate of occupancy, flooring, timeline regarding issues, basketball courts and open play, management company, staffing, public use of the facility, bathrooms, and fields.

Mayor Napoleone suggested that a proposal be presented to Council where issues have been worked out between staff and Mr. Bostic.

Mr. Barnes stated a workshop would be scheduled.

B. 26-7726 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

For the Planning, Zoning & Adjustment Board, Mayor Napoleone appointed Scott J. Lee. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed John J. Bowers. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Sal Van Casteren. Councilman Meier appointed Lauren Brody. Councilman Levin appointed Sergio Guereiro.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilman Levin, and passed (4-1; Councilman Meier dissenting), to approve the appointment of Ryan Miskin and Elizabeth Mariaca as At-Large members of the Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board.

For the Equestrian Preserve Committee, Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Gail Bayly. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Annabelle K. Garrett. Councilman Meier appointed Sarah Goos. Councilman Levin appointed Kristy T. Lund. Mayor Napoleone appointed Ash Atkinson.

A motion was made by Councilman Levin, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Glen R. Fleischer and Judith Sloan as At-Large members of the Equestrian Preserve Committee.

For the Architectural Review Board, Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Stacy Somers. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Maria Wolfe. Councilman Meier appointed Lily Cho. Councilman Levin deferred his appointment. Mayor Napoleone deferred his appointment.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilman Levin, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Maria Raspanti and John Greene as At-Large members of the Architectural Review Board.

For the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Bruce M. Ciarlariello. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Elizabeth Ronayne. Councilman Meier appointed Michael Gauger. Mayor Napoleone deferred his appointment. Councilman Levin deferred his appointment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Antuña, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Carlos Poveda as an At-Large member of the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

A motion was made by Councilman Levin, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Terrance Bailey as an At-Large member of the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

For the Education Committee, Mayor Napoleone appointed Marcella Montesinos. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Ashley Ahern. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Krista Springer Basore. Councilman Meier appointed Andrea Preston. Councilman Levin deferred his appointment.

A motion was made by Councilman Levin, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Shelly Albright and Marcia Hayden as At-Large members of the Education Committee.

For the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor Napoleone appointed Elizabeth Rochaine. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Amanda Vomero. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Samuel Falzone. Councilman Levin appointed Roger Pollak. Councilman Meier appointed Joshua Zillmer.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Ryan McCarthy and Anthony Forgione as At-Large members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

For the Public Safety Committee, Mayor Napoleone appointed Ron Herman. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Robert Chenoweth. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Emory Payne. Councilman Meier appointed Joseph Rosenberger. Councilman Levin deferred his appointment.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Antuña, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Matthew Ladd and C. Kevin Kimberly as At-Large members of the Public Safety Committee.

For the Senior Advisory Committee, Councilman Levin appointed Penelope E. Rahman. Mayor Napoleone appointed Roxanne Stein. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Richard Westwood. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed David Sanchez. Councilman Meier appointed Neeraj Mendiratta.

A motion was made by Councilman Levin, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Mable L. King and Donna Baxter as At-Large members of the Senior Advisory Committee.

For the Tree Board, Mayor Napoleone appointed Uma Bhatti. Councilwoman Silvestri appointed Kimberly Blair Chenoweth. Vice Mayor Antuña appointed Kathy Siena. Councilman Levin appointed Heather Hasandras. Councilman Meier appointed James “Jimmy” Moran.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of John Tamsburg and Lisa Stattmiller-Ferrano as At-Large members of the Tree Board.

Ms. Hall informed Council that the Village Attorney had scheduled an in-person Ethics Training for the appointed advisory board and committee members. The trainer will be Rhonda Geiger from the Palm Beach County Ethics Commission and will take place at 4:00 pm on June 25, 2026 in the Chambers.

At this point, Council move to Item 9A, Wellington Athletics presentation.

- C. 26-7572** 1) RESOLUTION NO. R2026-20 (SPECIAL MAGISTRATE(S) SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPOINTING NEW SPECIAL MAGISTRATE(S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-42 OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 2) RESOLUTION NO. R2026-21 (SPECIAL MAGISTRATES REAPPOINTMENT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL REAPPOINTING SPECIAL MAGISTRATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-42 OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Cohen provided an update regarding whether the new potential special magistrates had a conflict with the school speed zone program.

Mr. Stillings stated this is a request for the appointment and reappointment of special magistrates.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. R2026-21 (Special Magistrates Reappointment).

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding questions for special magistrate appointees, code enforcement hearings, minutes and parking at the Athletics facility.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilman Meier, and unanimously passed (5-0) to adopt Resolution No. R2026-20 (Special Magistrate(s) Selection and Appointment) appointing Mr. Rafael Suarez-Rivas as the new special magistrate.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barnes indicated there were two cards submitted for public comment.

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding citations, code of ordinance sections and notices.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

Ms. Cohen spoke about closing for K-Park on June 22, 2026 and referenced an email sent by Mr. Ryan.

Ms. Cohen asked Council to appoint a Council member to attend the mediation for Arion Holdings on June 24th at 10:00 am via zoom; and Isla Carroll Mediation on July 30th at 9:30 am in person.

It was Council consensus for Vice Mayor Antuña to attend the Arion Holdings mediation; and Mayor Napoleone will attend the Isla Carroll mediation.

12. VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Barnes stated the Visioning Workshop will be held on tomorrow, May 13, 2026 beginning at 8:30 am.

The Agenda Review will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 4:30 pm.

The Next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

VICE MAYOR ANTUÑA: Vice Mayor Antuña presented the following report:

- Vice Mayor Antuña waived comment.

COUNCILMAN MEIER: Councilman Meier presented the following report:

- Councilman Meier commented that he was excited to be leaving prior to 9:00 pm.

COUNCILMAN LEVIN: Councilman Levin presented the following report:

- Councilman Levin stated he is trying to attend as many events that impact the Village as possible. He stated that he attended the El Legado Hispanic Business Awards and congratulated Vice Mayor Antuña for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

COUNCILWOMAN SILVESTRI: Councilwoman Silvestri presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Silvestri waived comment.

MAYOR NAPOLEONE: Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- Mayor Napoleone mentioned the various events taking place on the weekend: Flags of Wellington, Kids to Parks Day, and the WCFL Superbowl. He spoke about the Palm Beach Central High School and Wellington Community High School graduations.

Mr. Barnes discussed the travel arrangements for the events.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:58 PM.

Approved:

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

Chevelle D. Hall, Village Clerk