

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, April 8, 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; John T. McGovern, Vice Mayor; Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman; 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** – 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. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR**
 - A. **24-6414** APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He indicated that Council, per Charter, needed to appoint a Vice Mayor for the Village of Wellington.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the appointment of Councilwoman Siskind as Vice Mayor of the Village of Wellington.

At this time, Ms. Nicole Coates conducted a special presentation for Captain Nichole Addazio, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office/District 8, who completed the FBI National Academy. She presented a plaque to Captain Addazio on behalf of the Village of Wellington.

Captain Addazio thanked the Village Council and gave brief comments.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

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

There were no requests to consider.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. 25-7062 PACK 125 ANNUAL PINEWOOD DERBY PRESENTATION

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Karen Webb of Cub Scout Pack 125 thanked Council for their support and presented the Hero's Cup to Council for winning the Pinewood Derby.

The Village Council gave comments.

B. 25-7068 WELLINGTON ROTARY CLUB FLAGS OF WELLINGTON

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Nicole Coates showed Council a flyer regarding the Flags of Wellington and provided background information about the project.

Walter Imperatore, President of Wellington Rotary Club, discussed the Flags of Wellington program. He thanked the Village Council for their leadership.

The Village Council gave comments.

C. 25-7053 PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

District Chief Amanda Vomero of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue presented the Village of Wellington Annual Report for October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Council gave comments and asked questions in regards to the report. District Chief Vomero responded to Council's questions.

Council thanked Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for all that they do in the community.

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin thanked Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and read a statement into record referencing the report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 25-7058 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025

B. 24-6438 AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE LIFT STATION 16 REHABILITATION PROJECT; 2) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE LIFT STATION 65 REHABILITATION PROJECT; 3) AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND 4) APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R2025-09 AMENDING THE UTILITY FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BY REASSIGNING CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGETS TO THE LIFT STATION PHASE III

PROJECT

- C. 25-7032** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) EXECUTE A GMP AMENDMENT FOR THE MEMBRANE PLANT 2 EXPANSION PROJECT AND 2) EXECUTE A TASK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE MEMBRANE PLANT 2 EXPANSION PROJECT
- D. 25-7033** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CARTRIDGE VESSEL FILTER; 2) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE; AND 3) AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HIGH-PRESSURE PUMP
- E. 25-7025** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING A CITY OF CAPE CORAL CONTRACT AS A BASIS FOR PRICING TO PROVIDE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
- F. 25-7065** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-19 (FY 2024-2025 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND, GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL FUND, SOLID WASTE FUND, SHIP FUND, AND SALES SURTAX CAPITAL FUND BUDGETS FOR MID-YEAR PROJECT AND PROGRAM CHANGES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- G. 25-7078** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-23 (THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE LOAN AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING PLEDGED REVENUES; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING ASSURANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- H. 25-7031** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD ANNUAL SOD CONTRACTS TO MULTIPLE VENDORS AND 2) APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R2025-17 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 GENERAL FUND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET TO ALLOCATE FUND BALANCE OF \$700,000 FOR SOD REPLACEMENT ON SPORTS FIELDS
- I. 25-7035** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF MULCH, PINE STRAW, AND GROUND PREPARATION, VILLAGE-WIDE
- J. 25-7029** RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED FOR HURRICANE MILTON DEBRIS REMOVAL OPERATIONS
- K. 25-7000** RESOLUTION NO. R2025-18 (FACILITIES FEE SCHEDULE)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING A FACILITIES FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- L. 25-7070** AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO PALM BEACH COUNTY FOR THE REBUILD AND UPGRADE OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT BENT CREEK RD & BINKS FOREST DR

Mr. Barnes indicated there were comment cards for the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment:

1. Susan Welch spoke about the traffic light on Binks Forest Drive.
2. Gene Sais spoke about the traffic light on Binks Forest Drive.
3. Danielle Greenfield spoke about the traffic light on Binks Forest Drive.

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

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 25-7060** ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09 (CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS)

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 1 ("GENERAL PROVISIONS"), SECTION 1-2 ("DEFINITIONS") OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced this item.

Ms. Hall read Ordinance No. 2025-09 by title.

Cory Cramer, Planning and Zoning Manager, said the Ordinance is a legislative item and discussed hours of operation. She stated during the Code update a few years ago, there was no reference regarding hours. This Ordinance adds the definition for normal hours of operation.

Public Hearing

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

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2025-09 (Code Of Ordinances Amendment To Chapter 1 - General Provisions) as presented on first reading.

- B. 25-7061** ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 (CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 13-OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE II - NOISE STANDARDS)

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 13 ("OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"), ARTICLE II ("NOISE STANDARDS"), SECTION 13-7 ("SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS") OF WELLINGTON'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY AND LAWN EQUIPMENT DURING CERTAIN TIMES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Cramer stated this is regarding machinery operations and construction work, and lawn equipment. The changes intend to expand the examples of operations and what constitutes construction work to ensure certain activities are included for clarification. She relayed the times to Council.

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:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding loud noise and decibel levels.

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

Mayor Napoleone confirmed the purpose of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilwoman Antuña, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2025-10 (Code Of Ordinances Amendment To Chapter 13-Offenses And Miscellaneous Provisions, Article II - Noise Standards) as presented on first reading.

10. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. 25-7054 PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

It was Council consensus to reappoint Mayor Napoleone as the Voting Delegate and Councilwoman Antuña as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

- B. 25-7066 APPROVAL OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Councilman McGovern stated he and Ms. Cohen reviewed her prior contract and briefly referenced the changes. He said the contract extension is through April 1, 2029.

Ms. Cohen thanked Council and said she is satisfied with the terms of contract. She appreciates the time and effort by Councilman McGovern.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Siskind, seconded by Councilwoman Silvestri, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the Attorney's contract.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no further public comments.

12. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

Ms. Cohen stated the Village collected a large judgement on a code enforcement matter in the amount of 9,447,056.08. She stated between August 2024 to date, on two separate matters, the Village had collected over ten million dollars. Ms. Cohen said this is a benefit to the community.

Councilman McGovern stated this will be used to invest in green space, preservation and maintenance in the Village of Wellington.

Mayor Napoleone stated the money will be put to good use for that purpose.

Vice Mayor Siskind thanked Ms. Cohen, her team and outside counsel.

13. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

The Next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN SILVESTRI: Councilwoman Silvestri presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Silvestri stated this is the one year mark since she and Councilwoman Antuña were sworn in and thanked the residents. She stated it has been an honor to serve the community. She highlighted some of her favorite duties so far.
- Councilwoman Silvestri stated she is thrilled the Recreation Soccer team is now doing playoffs.
- Councilwoman Silvestri thanked the Council and staff for welcoming her to Council and said it has been a seamless transition.

COUNCILWOMAN ANTUÑA: Councilwoman Antuña presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Antuña stated this is her one year anniversary since she was sworn in and stated staff and leaders were encouraging. She commented on the hard work of the team and how well the Village does things. Councilwoman Antuña said this has been rewarding for her and she is proud and honored to be a Councilwoman for the Village and she will continue to do her best.
- Councilwoman Antuña wished everyone a blessed and safe Easter.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern stated he had the privilege of serving as the Vice Mayor three times and had the privilege of serving with 3 different councils. He stated the unifying principle for this community is the greatness of Wellington. He commented about the Village management and directors.
- Councilman McGovern wished everyone a happy Easter.
- Councilman McGovern commended the Florida Gators on their championship win.

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

- Vice Mayor Siskind congratulated Councilwoman Silvestri and Councilwoman Antuña on their first year.
- Vice Mayor Siskind commended Captain Addazio on her completion of the National FBI Academy.
- Vice Mayor Siskind commended Palm Beach County Fire Rescue on all that they do.
- Vice Mayor Siskind thanked her colleagues for voting for her as Vice Mayor. She said she is honored to serve.

MAYOR NAPOLEONE: Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- Mayor Napoleone congratulated Councilwoman Silvestri and Councilwoman Antuña on their first year.
- Mayor Napoleone stated staff did an outstanding job on the events and thanked staff for all of their hard work.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46 PM.

Approved:

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

Chevella D. Hall, Village Clerk