

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Council Members present: Anne Gerwig, Mayor; Michael J. Napoleone, Vice Mayor; John T. McGovern, Councilman; Michael Drahos, Councilman; and Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman.

Advisors to the Council: Paul Schofield, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Attorney; Jim Barnes, Assistant Manager; Tanya Quickel, Director of Administrative and Financial Services; and Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Palm Beach County Commissioner, District 6, Melissa McKinlay led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Deacon Vince Muller, St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church, Wellington, delivered the Invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

A. 19-3268 FISCAL YEAR 2020 KEELY SPINELLI GRANT AWARDS

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Paulette Edwards, Community Services Director, stated the Village, as a member of the Florida League of Cities, is celebrating Florida City Government Week and civic engagement this week. She showed Council a brief video.

Ms. Edwards stated the Village continues to engage all citizens, especially the youth in this community. She introduced the Village of Wellington Youth Council comprised of sixteen (16)

students total from Palm Beach Central and Wellington Community High Schools. A student from each high school spoke for their respective members regarding their vision, goals and objectives for the Village of Wellington Youth Council. The Youth Council will meet on the first Monday of each month, starting November 4, 2019.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Council has been desiring input from Village youth. She said she was happy to see that most of the members were not seniors, so they could serve on the Youth Council for more than one year. She thanked Ms. Edwards for getting this accomplished.

Vice Mayor Napoleone stated he was glad to see equal representation from both high schools. He said Ms. Edward's team has done another great job in putting this Youth Council together. He stated he is looking forward to receiving input from these students.

Councilman Drahos stated the Village Council and the Youth Council are going to accomplish great things. He said it takes a lot of courage to stand up and be a leader. He told the students it is a serious responsibility and to aim high.

Councilman McGovern congratulated and thanked the students for serving on the first Village of Wellington Youth Council. He said he looked forward to interacting with these students in the coming months.

Councilwoman Siskind asked how the students were selected for the Youth Council. Ms. Edwards stated the Village met with the Student Activity Directors at each school for guidance. She said some of the students have gone through Civics 101.

Councilwoman Siskind stated she knows these students will make everyone very proud. She said she is very excited to work with the students and about this program. She stated Wellington prides itself on engaging young people and it is going to be great.

Ms. Edwards indicated the Youth Council will be required to participate in some Village key events, like the upcoming food and toy drives.

Mayor Gerwig stated one problem experienced in the past was when the adults planned the activities it was not much fun for the kids. She thought it would be good for the students to plan the activities and get engaged. She said the kids also did not want to go where their parents knew they were, as it was too structured. She stated she is excited to see what the Village and the students come up with together.

At this point, Ms. Edwards showed Council a video on how the funds from the Keely Spinelli grant awards have been utilized by the schools.

Valerie Zuloaga-Haines, Palm Beach County School District Regional Superintendent acknowledged and thanked the Village for their partnership.

Ms. Haines recognized the late F.E. "Buz" Spooner who served the School District of Palm Beach County for 43 years and for many of those years as the principal of Wellington Elementary school. She shared a personal story and stated that Mr. Spooner taught her how to take care of the whole child, not just the academic piece.

Ms. Haines also remembered Keely Spinelli as an amazing principal and for finding ways to help students that really struggled with reading. She said they celebrate Ms. Spinelli's legacy

every year by using these funds to help their schools and acknowledging the Village's commitment to their schools. She stated the Village is giving back \$400,000 to their schools this year. She indicated these schools all have A ratings and will continue to work just as hard with these extra funds to meet the needs of all students. She said that is what Ms. Spinelli would have wanted all along. She thanked the Council for recognizing Ms. Spinelli in this way.

Ms. Marcia Andrews, School Board Member/District 6, thanked the Council, Village and staff on behalf of the entire School Board and Superintendent Dr. Donald Fennoy. She stated the Village of Wellington makes a difference for its children. She said she worked closely with Ms. Spinelli when she dreamed about making a difference for all children.

Ms. Andrews stated she sees the Keely Spinelli Grant working every day in all of the Wellington schools and it makes her so excited, as the children are not being left behind. She said it is the vision of the leadership in the Village of Wellington. She stated when she speaks with the leadership across Palm Beach County, she tells them what Wellington is doing to make a difference for their children. She said the children are moving to higher levels of academic achievement and social and emotional growth, because of the Council's vision. She thanked the Council and the Village of Wellington for everything they do. She stated she is proud to be their school board member.

Mayor Gerwig recognized and thanked the Education Committee. She explained how Michelle McGovern called her early on to discuss how the Wellington schools would not be receiving the Title 1 funds. She stated sometimes children in high performing schools still need services. She thanked Ms. McGovern and Ms. McKinlay for stepping up along with the entire Education Committee.

Mayor Gerwig indicated there was no better way to improve property values for the entire community than to have the kind of schools Wellington has. She stated, from a marketing standpoint, it lets people know that Wellington is a community that cares about its schools.

Councilman McGovern stated people come to Wellington to raise their families, because it has the best schools. He said the Keely Spinelli grant program is deeply important and a statement of what they believe as a community.

Ms. Andrews stated the Superintendent as well as the School Board is thrilled to partner with the Village of Wellington. She said they are always willing to listen to what the Village has to say as it relates to making sure that every child in the Village is successful. She stated whether they are talking about monies, facilities, etc., she is as close to them as the Superintendent.

Vice Mayor Napoleone stated this is always the best meeting of the year. He said it is one thing for the government to provide money, but it is the teachers, administrators and staff as well as the students and parents who make it so successful. He stated he is proud that what they do on Council helps Wellington to have all A rated schools, as it makes Wellington a special place.

Councilwoman Siskind stated this is a great legacy and a great way to honor Ms. Spinelli. She said the grant money has proven that it makes a positive impact. She indicated she has been the PTA President at Binks and she knows how hard it is to raise the funds that are needed. She stated the parents and students are involved and it is great to see it all come together. She stated the principals and the administration do amazing things with the money. She wished that every community and municipality would be able to do this. She thanked everyone for a wonderful partnership.

Councilman Drahos stated that Wellington leads the way by example, as they recognize how important the schools are. He said the residents continue to support this grant. He stated he served on the Education Committee thirteen years ago when they developed the criteria for receiving this grant money. He said he is so proud that all eleven schools are A rated. He stated he credits everyone for all of their hard work.

Dr. Glenda Sheffield, Chief Academic Officer, thanked the Council for their unwavering support to their schools and community. She indicated one long term outcome for the schools is around balanced literacy. She said it takes an entire village. She thanked the Council for their contribution, desire and commitment. She assured them that the school community is committed to maximizing the learning opportunities for all of their students and the contributions the Village is presenting this evening is a testament of its commitment to them. She also assured Council that the schools are just as committed to this community. She stated Ms. Spinelli is certainly smiling.

Ms. Haines introduced Vivian Green, Instructional Superintendent and Karen Whetsell, Secondary Instructional Superintendent, as they were in attendance as well.

At this point, Ms. Haines asked the principals of the Wellington schools to come forward as she distributed the Keely Spinelli grant awards.

B. 19-3361 PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 8, 2019 AS "WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DAY"

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He stated the Wellington Community Foundation has been a great partner in many of the good things the Village of Wellington does. He said the foundation participates in events like the backpack program and helps veterans make improvements to their homes. He explained the organization started from a change in the ethics rule and have come a very long way with its initial \$5,700. He stated the foundation is now doing a great number of things and recognized the great work the Wellington Community Foundation has done.

Ms. Nubin read the proclamation.

Former Mayor Tom Wenham, Chair of the Wellington Community Foundation, Inc., thanked the Council for proclaiming November 8th as Wellington Community Foundation Day in the Village of Wellington. He said they have already received some money, which has been a big help for their projects. He stated as a board they put together a plan as to where they will spend the money in the following year.

Mr. Wenham stated he looked forward to seeing the Councilmembers on November 8th at the Red, White & Blue Jean event. He said the foundation is very pleased with how it is going, as the response has been great. He stated tickets are available by calling the office.

A few of the board members, Maria Becker, Mickey Smith, Dr. Gordon Johnson, thanked the Council for the proclamation and their support. The members expressed how it is an honor to serve on this board and the Wellington community.

Councilman Drahos stated he loved this charity. He said a foundation is only as effective as the

people who are in it. He stated the members have their hearts in this 100% and the community knows that. He said the Wellington Community Foundation members are at every event the Village puts on. He stated this foundation raises the bar for every other charity in town. He said their accomplishments are second to none and they continue to raise the bar every year. He stated the Council is extraordinarily proud to do whatever they can to support this organization.

Vice Mayor Napoleone stated the Wellington Community Foundation has been a superstar group. He said they fill the needs of people that some did not know existed in Wellington. He thanked the members for everything they have done to make Wellington even better.

Councilwoman Siskind stated this was another example of a great partnership. She said there is nothing nobler than serving the children, seniors and veterans of this community. She stated it is another example of what makes Wellington such a great hometown. She thanked the Wellington Community Foundation for everything they do. She stated everyone was looking forward to the Red, White & Blue Jeans event.

Councilman McGovern stated the Wellington Community Foundation continues to amaze him. He said people thought that maybe there was not a need for this board or that maybe the foundation would not make it, but the members have proven otherwise. He stated the foundation has grown and expanded, and it has been there every time there is a project or need. He said he was proud to be a partner of the foundation.

Mr. Wenham indicated the members of the foundation have enjoyed the cooperation of Ms. Edwards and her community services people. He said it has been a personal relationship to getting things accomplished the way they should be done. He thanked Ms. Edwards and her staff for working with them as closely as anyone could.

Mr. Wenham stated he has a great team behind him. He thanked Council for their kind words. He said without them and Mr. Schofield they would not be where they are today. He also thanked everyone for the proclamation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 19-3354** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
- B. 19-3264** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TIGER SHARK COVE PARK BASKETBALL COURT
- C. 19-3330** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE EXISTING CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS FY 2020 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
- D. 19-3271** RESOLUTION NO. R2019-66 (EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO (1) AWARD A CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH PLAN (CDHP) AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA HEALTHCARE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS AND RETIREES, AND APPROVE HRA FUNDING FOR EACH ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ANNUAL OUT OF POCKET COSTS, INCLUDING

DEDUCTIBLES; (2) AWARD A CONTRACT TO CIGNA TO PROVIDE DENTAL INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS, AND RETIREES; (3) RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CIGNA GROUP BENEFITS TO PROVIDE LIFE/AD&D AND DISABILITY INSURANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield stated staff recommends approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. Schofield indicated one public comment card was received:

1. Bruce Tumin, 752 Lake Wellington Drive, Wellington. Mr. Tumin spoke regarding Item 6C, Authorization to Utilize Existing Contracts for Various FY 2020 Public Works Projects. He commented on the use of public and private roads in Wellington and questioned the fairness of some roads being maintained with residents' taxes.

There being no further public comments, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings items.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

There were no Regular Agenda items.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

1) Bruce Tumin, 752 Lake Wellington Drive, Wellington. Mr. Tumin stated the Council handed out \$400,000 in Village taxes at the beginning of this Council Meeting to subsidize the Palm Beach County School Board for schools located in the Village. He said these taxes will be used to help meet the needs of the students beyond the classroom and to help with learning opportunities for all students. He stated it is a shame the system is unfair to Wellington students. He asked why the Village was providing these programs and not the School Board. He also asked why the Council was forcing Village taxpayers to pay twice for public education. He said if public education is a cause for this Council and if Council likes to do it, the Charter should be changed to make it a requirement, by referendum, or they could run for the School Board. He said education should be with the School Board and not the municipalities.

2) Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay stated her decision to move to Wellington in 2004 was due to the dedication to open space and parks, A-rated schools, and Council support of the school grants. She thanked Council for their commitment to public education and the Keely Spinelli grant awards.

Commissioner McKinlay commented on the meeting being held tomorrow with the Town of Loxahatchee Groves regarding resolving some of the equestrian waste management issues. She stated a new location has been found, off Southern Blvd where the old landfill used to be, for the equestrian waste management site. She said the Solid Waste Authority owns it and has agreed to lease it. She indicated the zoning application has been issued to county staff and asked for the Village's input on this zoning matter.

Commissioner McKinlay congratulated Council on the Community Center, Town Center and boardwalk addition. She said it is a focal point and it brings people together.

Commissioner McKinlay thanked the Village for employing her daughter this summer. She said her daughter enjoyed her experience and was able to get a job in Tallahassee because of her opportunity in Wellington.

Council thanked Ms. McKinlay for her comments.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- She stated there was a hearing today on the motion to dismiss in the foreclosure action against Palm Beach Polo. She said the motion to dismiss was denied, so Palm Beach Polo will have ten days to answer. She indicated this hearing was before Judge Rowe.
- She stated there were hearings on the two cases challenging the jurisdiction of the magistrate. She said the court has reserved ruling on that, but she expects a ruling in about ten days. She stated the court acknowledged it is a matter of law, so it will either be a summary judgement for or against the Village. She said she believes it will be for the Village. She indicated the hearing yesterday was before Judge Small.
- She stated there is a continuation of the hearing on the Pine Tree matter scheduled for October 31, 2019, for an additional two hours. She said Mr. Schofield, Mr. Barnes and expert Mr. Higgins will be attending the hearing.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

MR. SCHOFIELD: Mr. Schofield presented the following report:

- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.
- The Agenda Review is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 4:00 PM in Conference Rooms 1E/1F.
- Villages Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2019, in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.
- The Annual Veterans Day event will take place on Monday, November 11, 2019, beginning at 8:15 AM at Village Hall.
- Mr. Schofield provided an update on the CVS building. He stated the contractor has made significant progress and has corrected approximately 65% of what the Building Department found. He indicated the contractor has a plan for the rest and has brought in a new special inspector. Mr. Schofield thought construction would begin in the next couple of weeks if all is good. He said it looks like the contractor will be able to comply with the requests, but it will take several months to finish the project.
- He indicated the Polo West Golf Course has been sold. He said no applications have been submitted for this golf course and it will probably be a couple of months before an application is received by the Village.

Mayor Gerwig referenced emails received from Ms. Reagan and inquired about the chemicals being used. Mr. Schofield provided an update regarding the property. He stated a remediation

schedule was prepared and is being met. He said the contractor has done most of the demolition. He stated the Building Department was looking at the chemicals and the Environmental Health folks have been asked to look at them as well. He said the building was a mess and the walls have been torn down to the bare walls. He stated the biggest concern is the upstairs. He said the site is being inspected every day.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

VICE MAYOR NAPOLEONE: Vice Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- He stated he had no comments.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- He congratulated staff for putting on an awesome Fall Festival event. He stated he loves judging the costume contest.
- He stated the Florida's Children First Organization is hosting the Advocates for Children Awards at EmKo Palm Beach from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday, October 24, 2019. He said Commissioner McKinlay and the Young Professionals of Wellington (YPOW) will be honored as Outstanding Advocates for Children. He indicated that Council is invited to attend.
- He stated the Young Professionals of Wellington are hosting "Wicked" at the Wellington National Golf Club this year. He said it is the greatest Halloween Party of the year. He stated tickets are available for \$125 per person and it is for a great cause, as the YPOW raise money for charity.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- He stated he will be attending the Florida's Children First event on Thursday night.
- He referenced the memo that Ms. Cohen sent on October 10th regarding qualifications for the Construction Board of Adjustments & Appeals. He stated he would like to discuss this at the November 7, 2019 Agenda Review meeting and move forward with filling the open seat or seeking additional applicants.
- He congratulated the entire Parks and Recreation team for a spectacular Fall Festival. He said the layout was good. He stated many families participated in the costume contest and it was a lot of fun.
- He referenced the Palm Beach Central Homecoming game stating that the school recognized the Village Council and Village as a whole for its partnership with Palm Beach Central. He said the school presented the Village with a game football signed by Principal Edgcombe and the entire team. He stated the Village's logo was painted on the football field in two places. He said he was excited to represent this Council and celebrate all of the good things happening at Palm Beach Central.
- He expressed condolences to the family of Buz Spooner, Wellington Elementary's first principal. He stated Mr. Spooner was a pioneer for education in this community.
- He indicated a Village-wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held at the community center on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
- He stated the Senior Health Fair is on Thursday, October 24, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the community center.
- He noted that the Hometown Holiday Food Drive has begun. He hoped that everyone will participate.

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She stated she will be attending the Florida's Children First event on Thursday night. She congratulated Commissioner McKinlay and the YPOW on their awards.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She asked that all evaluations for the Village Manager and the Village Attorney be submitted. She said the evaluations will be circulated, so they can get an understanding of how Council is feeling about everything.
- She commended staff for the Fall Festival event. She said the person in the pumpkin head costume was really good.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 PM.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk