

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL  
Wellington Village Hall  
12300 Forest Hill Blvd.  
Wellington, Florida 33414**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

Council Members present: Bob Margolis, Mayor; John Greene, Vice Mayor; Matt Willhite, Councilman; Anne Gerwig, Councilwoman; and John T. McGovern, Councilman.

Advisors to the Council: Paul Schofield, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Esq., Attorney; Awilda Rodriguez, Clerk; and Jim Barnes, Director of Operations.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Margolis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Margolis called upon several young children from the audience to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Rev. Mark Caldwell, St. Peter's United Methodist Church, Wellington delivered the Invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Schofield presented the agenda recommending approval as presented.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gerwig, seconded by Mayor Margolis, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

### 5. **PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. 15-622 PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING WELLINGTON WILD 01 BECOMING THE 14B USSSA ROAD TO ORLANDO WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS AND FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PLAY IN THE USSSA WORLD SERIES

Mr. Schofield introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Matt Estes, Coach, spoke about his team's accomplishments at Disney's Wide World of Sports competing for the World Series noting that they were ranked 42 out of 42 teams and went 9-0. He said that they had a great season, all the girls enjoy playing the game and they all did a great job. He then introduced his assistant coaches, and said they appreciated all of support that they received from the Village of Wellington. Coach Estes then called each girl to

the podium to be recognized. Coach Estes then spoke about his player who was having a tough game because she felt that she should have made several plays, but she came up with the bases loaded, and hit a double to win the game.

At this point, Ms. Rodriguez read the Proclamation.

Council then presented the Proclamation to the team and coaches.

Council each expressed words of congratulations to the team on their incredible win, their hard work and perseverance. They told them that they are the heart and soul of the community. They also recognized their families for their support.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. 15-488** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING REVENUE GENERATING CONTRACTS FOR CHEER AND DANCE, SWIMMING, TUMBLE TOTS, TAEKWONDO AND WELLINGTON SOCCER
- B. 15-336** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE UTILIZING CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC TEAM OFFICIATING SERVICES
- C. 15-377** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL TO CANALS AND LAKES VILLAGE-WIDE
- D. 15-502** AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERTSON RECREATIONAL SURFACES, INC., TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL SYNTHETIC AND POURED IN PLACE SURFACING AT SCOTT'S PLACE PLAYGROUND, UTILIZING A CLAY COUNTY CONTRACT, AND A VILLAGE COUNCIL AWARDED CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING
- E. 15-340** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BADGER WATER METERS AND COMPONENTS
- F. 15-335** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A PALM BEACH COUNTY CONTRACT, AS A BASIS FOR PRICING, WITH ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION, FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE
- G. 15-586** RESOLUTION NO. R2015-63 (ZACARA FARM PLAT):  
A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE ZACARA FARM PLAT FOR A 102.8067 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 41 EAST, VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 37 THROUGH 48, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK A AND LOTS 16 THROUGH 24, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK B, WELLINGTON PRESERVE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 100, PAGES 180 THROUGH 186, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- H. 15-608** RESOLUTION NO. R2015-67 (VILLAGE GREEN CENTER REPLAT):  
A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE VILLAGE GREEN CENTER REPLAT LYING IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 41

- EAST, VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING A REPLAT OF VILLAGE GREEN CENTER, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 115, PAGES 153 THROUGH 155, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.
- I.      **15-601**      RESOLUTION NO. R2015-68 (ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF THE LIMITED ACCESS EASEMENT ALONG SOUTHFIELDS ROAD):  
A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE LIMITED ACCESS EASEMENT ALONG SOUTHFIELDS DRIVE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
  - J.      **15-602**      SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL AGENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FLYING COW ROAD GREENWAY PROJECT
  - K.      **15-590**      RESOLUTION NO. R2015-64 (ANNUAL LISTING PROCLAMATIONS):  
A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN PROCLAMATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
  - L.      **15-594**      RESOLUTION NO. R2015-65 (REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE):  
A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING A SCHEDULE FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
  - M.      **15-597**      CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION FOR NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Schofield introduced the Consent Agenda recommending approval as presented.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Mr. Houston Meigs, 16433 Deer Path Lane. Mr. Meigs, speaking on behalf of himself, spoke in opposition to Consent Agenda 6J: Supplemental Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the Flying Cow Road Greenway Project. He said that he opposed the shelter being placed on Flying Cow Road because of the problems it would create. He said that this item was in contradiction to the resolution that had approved that project.

**PUBLIC FORUM** - There were no members of the public who wanted to speak at this point in the meeting.

#### **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A.      **15-569**      RESOLUTION NO. AC2015-11 (ADOPTING THE BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT RATE FOR THE ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT)  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE DISTRICT BUDGET AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL AS PROVIDED HEREIN;

LEVYING OF THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT AND APPOINTING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE DISTRICT'S NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the agenda item. He noted that the rate remained unchanged from the previous year. Ms. Rodriguez read the resolution by title.

Ms. Quickel indicated that she would be presenting the proposed budget for FY2015/2016 for the Acme Improvement District. She noted that this budget was part of the overall proposed budget for the Village of Wellington which is \$79.0 million. The Acme Budget for 2016 is a total of \$7.3 million which is an increase of slightly over \$1 million or 15.9%. The operating budget is \$5.41 million which is an increase of \$1.4 million or 37.5%. The Capital Projects budget is \$1.2 million down \$430,000 or 26.4%. Ms. Quickel said that these changes and those amounts were due to the transfer of funds from Capital into the Major Maintenance Fund which is part of the operating budget which has been discussed in all of the budget presentations which is also part of the Acme Budget. She indicated that there is an indirect cost allocation of \$713,500.00 that is based on time and activity allocation model that is used for that purpose. Ms. Quickel further explained that the proposed assessment rate is \$230.00 which represents no change from last year. The additional \$30.00 generates approximately \$800,000 that is dedicated to the Capital budget portion of the Acme Budget. The overall budget generates \$5.6 million on an estimated 25,927 units.

Ms. Quickel then showed some historical information regarding the Acme assessment. She said that the largest portion of the Acme revenues is the Non-Ad Valorem assessment which is the \$230.00, and for 2016 that will be \$5.6 million which is a very small change from the current year. Ms. Quickel noted several other areas: charges for services: which includes Wycliffe and Pine Tree; there is a small miscellaneous amount and a small amount of interest. She reiterated that the total for revenues is slightly over \$6.0 million which does not include the appropriation of Reserves which is almost \$1.3 million. For expenditures, there are five primary areas within Acme: (1) Environmental Services; (2) Equestrian Trails; (3) Neighborhood Parks; (4) Preserve Maintenance; and (5) Surface Water Management. She said that for FY2016 they total \$3.4 million. She also showed the personnel that are allocated for each of those divisions which total 22 staff members. The operating budget of \$5.41 million is up almost \$1.5 million which is the transfer of major maintenance from capital to the operating budget.

Ms. Quickel noted that there are 24 neighborhood parks, 67 miles of equestrian trails and the surface water management accounts for 89 miles of canals and eight operating pump stations.

Councilman Willhite said that it was his previous understanding that very little of the equestrian trails were owned by the government or were in use. He asked Ms. Quickel to explain what she meant that the trails are in public use, and questioned where the 67 miles of trails were coming from. In response, Mr. Schofield explained that the 67 miles of public equestrian trails are almost all on the Village's canal rights-of-way which are maintained by the Village. He said that they have very little in the way of private equestrian trails which the Village does not maintain.

Ms. Quickel said that the Acme Improvement District included a new website that was mandated by law. She indicated that there is a button on the Village of Wellington's website to access it or at [acme.wellingtonfl.gov](http://acme.wellingtonfl.gov). She said that the information provided shows the services that are provided as well as their financial information, the history of the District, and links to

various services and maps for the District as well as the Water Control Plan.

Ms. Quickel said that the five different primary areas that are included in the Acme budget include: (1) Environmental Services: they have budgeted TPP replacement of two mosquito sprayers and one vehicle, and there are four staff in that area for 2016; (2) Equestrian Trails: they have added materials and supplies for trail upkeep and repairs and major maintenance of \$100,00 for fencing, footing replacement and crossing and two staff full time positions are designated for that; (3) Neighborhood Parks: major maintenance of \$200,000 for neighborhood park equipment and grounds maintenance has been included; there are four full time positions designated as well as 3,120 part hours which is for the 24 neighborhood parks; (4) Preserve Maintenance: they have increased repairs and maintenance expenses for Wellington Environmental Preserve boardwalk and pergola; they have one person dedicated for that as part time hours of 1,560; and (5) Surface Water Management: there is an increased operating budget for aquatic weed control and major maintenance of \$1.25 million for surface water system rehabilitation, canal bank reclamation and swale maintenance, and there are 11 full time positions dedicated for that division.

She indicated that the Acme Capital projects include the \$800,000 which is from the \$30.00 from the \$230.00 assessment with a carry forward for a total of \$1.1 million. There is the Acme Parks Master Plan carryforward amount of \$176,000; Communications and Technology Investment (Acme Portion) is \$100,000; Neighborhood Parks program of \$100,000; Neighborhood Trails Program of \$100,000 and Surface Water Management System Improvements of an additional \$100,000. The total additional Government Capital Funding this year is \$1.2 million and including the carrying forwards it is almost \$2.4 million.

Ms. Quickel indicated that she was available to address any Council questions.

Councilwoman Gerwig referred to the additional \$30.00 assessed last year, and asked if it was for the Water Control Plan. Ms. Quickel responded affirmatively.

Vice Mayor Greene indicated that he had some questions, but that he would meet privately with Ms. Quickel.

Mayor Margolis wished Ms. Quickel a Happy Birthday. He asked Ms. Quickel to explain what is meant by "carry forward." Ms. Quickel explained that they are funds that have been budgeted in previous years for projects that may be unfinished that are carried forward because they were authorized in a prior budget period.

#### Public Hearing

A motion was made by Councilman Willhite, seconded by Councilwoman Gerwig, and unanimously passed (5-0) to open the Public Hearing.

There being no public comments, a motion was made by Councilman Willhite, seconded by Councilwoman Gerwig, and unanimously passed (5-0) to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Gerwig, seconded by Vice Mayor Greene, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Resolution No. AC2015-11 as presented.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. 15-379 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR LOBBYING SERVICES WITH COKER CONSULTING.**

Mr. Schofield introduced the agenda item. He explained that the Village had entered into a one year agreement with Coker Consulting with a provision for two additional one year extensions. He said that staff was asking for authority to renew the contract. Mr. Schofield noted that the Village has received very good service from them. He further noted that they are in the process of developing the legislative agenda for the 2015/2015 legislative year.

**A motion was made by Councilman Willhite seconded by Vice Mayor Greene and unanimously passed (5-0) authorizing the renewal of an existing agreement for Lobbying Services with Coker Consulting.**

**B. 15-378 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH BLACK FOREST ENTERPRISES, INC. (DBA GARDENSCAPES OF THE PALM BEACHES) FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES OF ALL PARKS VILLAGE-WIDE**

Mr. Schofield introduced the agenda item. He explained that the contract includes a requested increase of 5%. He believed this was the first such increase requested by the company. He noted that staff was recommending approval.

Councilwoman Gerwig asked if the Village felt that the 5% increase was justified. Mr. Barnes explained when staff reviewed the contract, the CPI including the down years at the beginning of the terms of the contract were slightly over 8%, and they are only asking for 5% which he believed was fair based on what they are seeing as increased labor and fixed costs. Councilwoman Gerwig said that this was the first time that the company has asked for any adjustment. Mr. Barnes said that was correct. He noted that the Village was more than satisfied with their services. He also noted that they were the low responsive bidder on the facilities contract that was bid two years ago, and they continue to do a good job on that contract as well.

Councilman Willhite asked if it was correct that they only do the Village's parks. Mr. Barnes said that was correct adding that they also have a separate contract for facilities. Councilman Willhite asked if the Village had added additional work to the parks when they took out the clay infields. Mr. Barnes explained that the contract includes common ground, and does not include the athletic fields which are maintained by in-house staff. Councilman Willhite asked what that included. Mr. Barnes explained that it includes all of the parks common areas, i.e., anything that is not Bermuda Turf at Village Park, Olympia Park, Tiger Shark Cove; all the neighborhood parks, landscape material, hedging, lawn areas, He further explained that they maintain anything that is not maintained as an athletic field for athletic play.

Councilman McGovern asked if this was the first increase since what date. Mr. Barnes said that it is the first increase since 2009. He noted that there is one more renewal after this.

**A motion was made by Councilman Willhite, seconded by Councilwoman Gerwig, and unanimously passed (5-0) authorizing the renewal of the contract with Black Forest Enterprises.**

**9. PUBLIC FORUM - There were no public comments.**

## 10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- She advised Council that the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed by Palm Beach Polo Holdings, Inc. against the Village of Wellington was denied by the court today. She reminded Council that was a situation during a replat where the Village staff noticed that there had been a material omission or misrepresentation in the site plan amendment. She said that staff recommended that it be decertified, and there was a hearing before the Planning, Zoning & Adjustment Board. After hearing all of the evidence, the Board decertified it and remanded it to the Development Review Committee (DRC). Rather than going to DRC to reprocess the site plan amendment, Palm Beach Holdings filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, and the decision was made was in favor of the Village.

Councilwoman Gerwig asked if they would be able to file it in Circuit Court or was this the end of the road. In response, Ms. Cohen said that this was a petition to the Appellate Division of the Circuit Court. Because it was a per curiam affirmed, it would be inappropriate for them to file any appeal from this order.

Vice Mayor Greene asked if the Village was pulling the bond or did they have a time certain condition to build that road. Ms. Cohen believed Mr. Riebe would advise them that their deadline for building a road is December 31st. She indicated there is a bond, and if the road is not built timely, then she was sure Mr. Riebe would take the necessary steps. Vice Mayor Greene thought when they did the replat that strip of land that was in question was not platted, and asked if there was anything that was coming back. Ms. Cohen stated that the applicant had gone forward after that with a second amended site plan and a replat which was recorded, and they have taken actions in furtherance of that. She said that the Village contended and raised to the court that those actions essentially mooted the case; however, the Court wanted to have the briefing done, and they have now issued the order.

Councilman Willhite recalled that it was brought back and Council was shown where the correct location of a roadway would be, and asked if they were contesting that it should not be there. Ms. Cohen said that they had amended it to be correct, but she believed there was a road that still had to be built. Councilman Willhite said that they had showed it at one time, and would not construct it until this happened. Since the Village prevailed, they can now move forward with the plat they have and build that road by December 31st or the Village will pull the bond and construct the additional roadway with that bond. Ms. Cohen said that was correct and it restores the direct access to the Chukker Holdings property.

Mayor Margolis said that this misrepresentation case came out of the Planning, Zoning & Adjustment Board (PZAB). Ms. Cohen responded affirmatively noting that it was held by them out of an agreement of the parties. They then appealed the PZAB decision to the Circuit Court and filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. Mayor Margolis asked how much bond money the Village had. Ms. Cohen said that she did not know, but Vice Mayor Greene thought it was in the neighborhood of \$450,000. Mayor Margolis asked Ms. Cohen to find out how much it cost the Village to defend the Planning, Zoning & Adjustment Board. Ms. Cohen said that she would obtain that information.

Mayor Margolis asked if Mr. Riedi defended the Village at the Planning and Zoning meeting. Ms. Cohen believed that Mr. Doney represented the Village and presented testimony, and that a number of people testified on behalf of the Village.

## 11. MANAGER'S REPORTS

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

- The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. He said it was changed from Tuesday to Thursday to avoid a conflict with either the School Board or the County noting that the Village cannot hold their budget hearings on the same day as either the County or the School Board.
- Other important meetings in September are:
  - Monday, September 1st at 5:00 p.m. Capital Improvements Workshop for the unfunded projects.
  - Monday, September 1st at 6:00 p.m. Charter Review Workshop
  - Monday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. K-Park Town Hall Meeting at Village Hall
- There will be a parade honoring the Wellington Little League Intermediate All Star Team and the Wellington Wild 01 Girls Softball Team on their national titles which will be held on Saturday, August 29th. The parade will start at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall and will end with a ceremony at the Amphitheatre. A Billy Joel Tribute Concert will follow the ceremony at 8:00 p.m.
- Village Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th in honor of Labor Day.
- Village Park, Community Park, Wellington Green Park, Scott's Place and Tiger Shark Cove playgrounds will be open from 8 am to 5 pm on Labor Day. The ballfields at Olympia Park and Tiger Shark Cove will be closed.
- The 9/11 ceremony will take place on Friday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Patriot Memorial.

## 12. COUNCIL REPORTS

**COUNCILWOMAN GERWIG:** Councilwoman Gerwig presented the following report:

- She reported that she will be attending Parents Weekend at UCF, and she would be unable to attend the fundraiser event "Putting for Patients." She hoped that the rest of Council will be able to attend. She reported that she would also not be able to attend the CAFCI's event.
- She said she spoke with the Mayor of Apopka at the League of Cities event. He told her about Wellington's baseball team as they had played at Apopka's fields at the Regional event. The Mayor praised Wellington's team for their sportsmanship and spoke about how impressed he was with them.
- Councilwoman Gerwig asked Ms. Cohen to advise her about the Sunshine Law as it impacts their conversations outside of the public meeting relating to the contracts for the Manager and Attorney. Ms. Cohen recommended that Council not discuss those contracts because even know they would not be voting on the evaluations, the evaluation could lead to a vote for or against retaining either the Manager or the Attorney. It would be inappropriate for them to discuss that outside of Sunshine.

**VICE MAYOR GREENE:** Vice Mayor Greene presented the following report:

- He recognized and congratulated the Wellington Wild 01 team for representing the Village so well. He also thanked the families of the girls for their support

**COUNCILMAN WILLHITE:** Councilman Willhite presented the following report;

- He thanked the Sheriff Deputies and Crossing Guards for their work during the first week of school.

- He asked if the Village Attorney's evaluation was tied to the budget or prior to the renewal of her contract.

Ms. Cohen stated that she believed her evaluation was tied to her performance noting that her contract expires in March. She said that it is generally done in conjunction with the budget process because if there was going to be any change in compensation or benefits; it would have to be done at that time. Councilman Willhite believed that would be the most relevant time to do it in the event there were any changes in salary.

- Councilman Willhite encouraged the residents to continue to participate in the Village's Budget Challenge which can be found on the website.
- He said he was excited about having the parade recognizing the two teams noting they have never really had such an event. He hoped to see everyone come out and help recognize these kids.
- He recognized the Village's Parks and Recreation Department for their FFEA Sunational Awards for 2015. He said that the Village has so many things going on, and he wanted to see their programs being recognized.
- Councilman Willhite said that the County's ordinance no longer allowed the firefighters to collect donations for Muscular Dystrophy on street corners as they have done in the past over the Labor Day weekend. He said that the firefighters have been able to work something out with the Publix Corporate Office who will allow them to collect donations in front of every Publix in Palm Beach County over that weekend. He voiced his appreciation to Publix Corporation for allowing them to collect the funds in front of their stores.

**COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN:** Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- He thanked the principals and teachers for their efforts during the first week and a half of school. He also thanked them for all that they do for the kids.
- Councilman McGovern hoped that there will be a huge neighborhood turnout on Saturday for the parade as they recognize the Little League Intermediate Team and the Wellington Wild 01 team.
- He wished everyone a safe Labor Day
- He wished a belated Happy Birthday to Mr. Schofield.

**MAYOR MARGOLIS:** Mayor Margolis presented the following report:

- With regard to appointing someone to negotiate Mr. Schofield's contract, he asked Council to consider some things and not make that appointment that night. He explained that he had the opportunity to do some research over the last couple of days and looked at how other municipalities handled negotiating the manager's contract which he said he will share with Council through staff. Mayor Margolis said that he has been involved in negotiating three Village Manager contracts which is difficult yet rewarding. He explained some of the different ways that other municipalities negotiate their manager's contract, i.e., negotiating it at a Council meeting, selecting two Council members working individually, Council-appointed panel. He said that he was not advocating for any of these other methods nor was he saying the Village's process was incorrect, but he only thought perhaps there was another way that the Council could or should be looking at negotiating Mr. Schofield's contract. Mayor Margolis said after his initial research, he found that the method used by the Village was in the minority. He asked that this be placed as an agenda item on September 10th at which time they will have a chance to further discuss this, and then decide on the method they should use to negotiate the contract.

Councilwoman Gerwig asked how the two-Council member method would function. Mayor Margolis explained that there would be two Councilmembers. Councilmember A would sit down and negotiate a contract with the Manager; and Councilmember B would do the same thing, but not at the same time.

Ms. Cohen raised concerns about the two-Council method because she felt that it would place the Manager in an odd position of trying not to be a facilitator for discussions that have occurred between one Councilmember and the other. She said that it would be something that would have to be done very carefully.

Mayor Margolis said that he also found an option whereby the City Attorney would negotiate the contract with the Village Manager and then the Attorney would make the presentation to Council. He said he was not trying to reinvent the wheel, but reiterated that there are other options that Council might want to consider instead of just appointing a point person to negotiate the contract. Mayor Margolis asked that they look at the information, and if they decide that they want to appoint one person, then they should select that person at the next Council meeting and start moving forward.

Ms. Cohen asked Mayor Margolis if he wanted her to conduct research on the process followed by other municipalities. Mayor Margolis responded affirmatively. He suggested that Lynn Tipton from the Florida League of Cities may be a good person for Ms. Cohen to contact.

- Mayor Margolis stated that he and his wife would be celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary the next day, and he wished her a Happy Anniversary.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned.

**Approved:**

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**Bob Margolis, Mayor**

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**Awilda Rodriguez, Clerk**