

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, March 24, 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; 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** – Deacon Al Payne, 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 amended.

1. Add Item 26-7533, Authorization to: 1) Award a Contract for 120th Avenue South & Lake Worth Road Intersection Roundabout Improvements; 2) Execute a Task Order for Construction Phase Services; and 3) Approval of Resolution No. R2026-12 Amending the Gas Tax Capital Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by Allocating Monies from Contributions and Gas Tax Capital Fund Balance for the Lake Worth Road and 120th Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, to the Consent Agenda as Item 7D.
2. Remove Item 8B, Ordinance No. 2026-08 (Lake Worth Road Annexation), from the agenda to come back at future meeting date.
3. Re-order the Presentations and Proclamations to come after the Consent Agenda and Public Hearings.

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

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. 26-7660 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE AND RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS

This Item presented after Item 6B.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall read proclamations honoring Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern into record.

Former Councilman Michael Drahos extended comments regarding the tenure and service of Vice Mayor Tanya Siskind and Councilman John T. McGovern.

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding Village Council.

Michelle McGovern referenced the relationships between Councilmembers and their children. She provided comments in recognition and honor of Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern. Ms. McGovern shared a video from their daughter.

Mr. Barnes, Ms. Cohen and Ms. Hall extended thanks and provided comments to Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern.

The Village Council recognized and commended Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern in honor of their tenure and service as Village Council members and their service to Wellington.

Mayor Napoleone presented plaques to Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern.

Vice Mayor Siskind thanked former Councilman Drahos for his comments. She stated she did her best over the last ten years and said she appreciated serving on the Council. She thanked the Village Council, Village Attorney, Village Manager, Village Clerk, staff and the Village of Wellington.

Councilman McGovern extended thanks to his family and to Vice Mayor Siskind, former Councilmembers and Paul Schofield, Village Attorney, Village Manager, Village Clerk and staff for their service to the Village Council and the Village of Wellington.

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

B. 26-7650 PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

This Item was presented after Regular Agenda Item 9A.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

District Chief Amanda Vomero of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue stated it has been a pleasure and honor to work with Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern for the last three years and wished them both the best of luck in their future endeavors.

She showed Council a video about Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and presented the Village of Wellington Annual Report for October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Council gave comments and asked questions in regards to the report.

District Chief Vomero responded to Council's questions.

The Village 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 commented about the report.
2. Sue Loyzelle thanked Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and asked about the fire station.

At this point, Council moved to Presentation Item 6A.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 26-7644 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026 AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026

B. 26-7643 RESOLUTION NO. R2026-16 RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE COMMUNITY FORESTRY CAPACITY PROGRAM FOR THE WELLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE TREE CANOPY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATORY; AND RESOLUTION NO. R2026-17 FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE THE GRANT

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE COMMUNITY FORESTRY CAPACITY PROGRAM FOR THE WELLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE TREE CANOPY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATORY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-17 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES GRANT FUNDS OF \$50,000.

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES GRANT FUNDS

AWARDED FOR WELLINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE TREE CANOPY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C. **26-7654** FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29 (ISLA CARROLL POLO AND RESIDENCES REZONING)

- D. **26-7533** AUTHORIZATION TO: 1) AWARD A CONTRACT FOR 120TH AVENUE SOUTH & LAKE WORTH ROAD INTERSECTION ROUNDABOUT IMPROVEMENTS; 2) EXECUTE A TASK ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES; AND 3) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. R2026-12 AMENDING THE GAS TAX CAPITAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BY ALLOCATING MONIES FROM CONTRIBUTIONS AND GAS TAX CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE LAKE WORTH ROAD AND 120TH AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT **(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 Antuña, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **26-7645** ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10 (ORDINANCE INCREASING COUNCIL SALARY)

 AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL INCREASING THE COUNCIL COMPENSATION, AS PERMITTED BY WELLINGTON'S CHARTER, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-16 (SALARY ADDITIVE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall read Ordinance No. 2026-10 by title.

Ms. Cohen stated this is second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember salaries have not been increased since 2003, are far below any other municipality in the county and have remained stagnant for more than 20 years. Ms. Cohen said the ordinance would become effective when the new Councilmembers assume their seats, and it requires a supermajority vote for approval.

Public Hearing

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

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding the ordinance.

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

Councilman McGovern stated he brought the item forward and said no Council had addressed the matter of Council salaries in over two decades and referenced the range of council/commission salaries throughout Palm Beach County.

Ms. Cohen added that the Village Charter permits Council to vote on this type of item and there is no conflict because it does not take effect until the next term.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Silvestri, seconded by Councilwoman Antuña, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10 (Council Salaries) on second reading.

~~B. **26-7653** ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08 (LAKE WORTH ROAD ANNEXATION)
AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING THE UNIFORM METHOD ("INVOLUNTARY") ANNEXATION (PETITION NUMBER 2026-0001-ANX), OF A PORTION OF LAKE WORTH ROAD TOTALING 5.5+/- ACRES, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 0.6 MILES WEST OF STATE ROAD 7, IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, AS MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; AMENDING SECTION 12 OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER BY REDEFINING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS ANNEXATION; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO FILE A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 171, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.~~

This Item removed from the agenda.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 26-7663 RESOLUTION NO. R2026-15 (PROJECT TANGO)
A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL EXPRESSING CONCERNS REGARDING "PROJECT TANGO" AND OTHER HYPERSCALE AI DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED IN PALM BEACH COUNTY; URGING CAREFUL REVIEW OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS RELATED TO ENERGY DEMAND, WATER USE, NOISE, LAND USE COMPATIBILITY,

AND COMMUNITY CHARACTER; ENCOURAGING APPROPRIATE SITING STANDARDS AND FURTHER STUDY BEFORE SUCH FACILITIES ARE APPROVED IN PROXIMITY TO RESIDENTIAL, SCHOOL, OR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item. He stated additional versions of the resolution were provided to Council earlier today for their consideration and spoke regarding the options.

There was Council discussion regarding the whereas clauses for the resolution.

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke about data centers and the resolution.
2. Sue Ellen Loyzelle spoke regarding the resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve Resolution No. R2026-15 (Project Tango) as amended.

At this point, the Village Council moved to Presentations and Proclamations Item 6B.

B. 26-7649 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARCH 10, 2026 VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

This Item was after Presentations and Proclamations Item 6A.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Hall presented the March 10, 2026 Municipal Election results as provided and certified by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections.

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding the municipal election results, sample ballot and other topics.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barnes indicated there was one comment card submitted for Public Comment.

Public Comment:

1. Bruce Tumin spoke regarding the code enforcement and the code of ordinances.

11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

Ms. Cohen referenced the roundabout at Lake Worth Road and 120th and the settlement terms with Grand Isles. She asked Council for authorization to file the complaint that she had drafted and to enter into the stipulation with Grand Isles regarding the property.

Councilman McGovern spoke about the meeting held with Grand Isles.

A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Vice Mayor Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to authorize the Village Attorney to file the complaint and enter into the stipulation with Grand Isles.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

The Next Agenda Review Meeting is April 13, 2026 at 4:30 pm.

The Next Village Council Meeting is April 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

The Swearing in Ceremony for Councilman Elect Levin and Councilman Elect Meier will be held on April 14, 2026.

Mayor Napoleone recognized PBSO District 8 Captain Addazio for receiving the Giraffe Award for women in Palm Beach County who have “stuck their neck out” for others. The Village Council presented her with flowers.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN SILVESTRI: Councilwoman Silvestri presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Silvestri thanked Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern and stated she will miss them.

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

- Vice Mayor Siskind wished her daughter, Scarlett, happy birthday. She received her first place in regionals and stated she rides for her university team in Rhode Island.

COUNCILWOMAN ANTUÑA: Councilwoman Antuña presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Antuña congratulated Captain Addazio on her award.
- Councilwoman Antuña congratulated Anjuli Panse for being one of the speakers for the Village of Wellington Tea Talk representing STEM.
- Councilwoman Antuña stated she looks forward to working with Councilmember Elect Levin and Councilmember Elect Meier.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern thanked his family and the residents of Wellington for all of their confidence in him for ten years.

MAYOR NAPOLEONE: Mayor Napoleone presented the following report:

- Mayor Napoleone stated he looks forward to working with the two new councilmembers and said he will miss Vice Mayor Siskind and Councilman McGovern who he had worked with for a long time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:51 p.m.

Approved:

Michael J. Napoleone, Mayor

Chevelle D. Hall, Village Clerk