

## MINUTES

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

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

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

Advisors to the Council: Paul Schofield, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Esq., Attorney; Jim Barnes, Assistant Manager; Tanya Quickel, Director of Administrative and Financial Services; and Rachel R. Callovi, Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Noah Norwitch and his brother, Caleb, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Deacon Al Payne, 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 Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the Agenda as presented.**

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

- A. 16-0582 A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING DANCE THEATRE WELLINGTON'S DANCE TEAM ON BEING CHOSEN TO PERFORM AT THIS YEAR'S MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. Ms. Callovi read the proclamation.

The Captain of Wellington's Dance Theatre Dance Team spoke about how the team was chosen to perform in this year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. She explained they have been holding fundraisers to help pay for their trip.

Council congratulated the team and wished them the best with their performance in New York, as they will all be watching the parade on TV.

At this point, Council had their picture taken with the dance team and presented them with proclamations.

- B. 16-0612 PRESENTATION BY NOAH NORWITCH OF DONATION TO VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NOAH NORWITCH SCHOLARSHIP**

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Noah Norwitch addressed Council stating that he is 12 years old and in seventh grade at Wellington Landings Middle School. He stated he has been donating his birthday money to charities since he was 5 years old. He announced he, along with his friends and family, is donating \$4,601.88 to the Village of Wellington Parks and Recreation Department to help the children of families who are less fortunate participate in sports and swim lessons. He stated he has helped about thirty families in Wellington thus far, but his goal is to eventually help one hundred families. He hoped what he has done will encourage others to do something similar. Noah also introduced his brother, Caleb, who has followed in his footsteps. He stated Caleb has raised over \$14,000 for Little Smiles over the past two years. He said Little Smiles is a charity that helps kids who are sick in the hospital.

Council wished Noah a Happy Birthday and thanked him for being committed to donating his birthday money. They recognized his selflessness, determination and inspiration. Council was proud to have such generous kids in their community.

At this point, Council had their picture taken with Noah and his brother, Caleb.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. 16-0594 AUTHORIZATION TO (1) UTILIZE A FLORIDA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF A JOHNSTON STREET SWEEPER AND (2) DISPOSE OF EXISTING STREET SWEEPER AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**
- B. 16-0606 AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO TERMINATE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

Mr. Schofield stated staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. He indicated no public comment cards were received for the Consent Agenda.

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Siskind, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), approving the Consent Agenda as presented.**

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings items to discuss.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

There were no Regular Agenda items to discuss.

## **10. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Schofield indicated no comment cards were received for the Public Forum.

## **11. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

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

- She indicated she had nothing to report at this time.

## **12. MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- He reminded residents that hurricane shutters should be removed within two weeks of a hurricane.
- He recommended Council cancel their November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, as no items have been scheduled or planned for discussion and it was close to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0) to cancel the November 22, 2016 Council Meeting.**

- Mr. Schofield stated they were having issues with getting the road completed at Blue Cypress. He indicated another preconstruction meeting was held this week and construction will start on Monday. He said they will let the Polo HOA know that construction equipment will be in there beginning Monday.
- He stated the Village has been having some issues with timely fire reviews. He said he has instructed the Building Official and Plans Examiner to become certified as fire plans reviewers and fire inspectors in hopes of speeding up that process. He thought it would take about three months for them to get the necessary course work, tests done and certifications back.

## **12. COUNCIL REPORTS**

**COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE:** Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- He congratulated the Wellington Chamber of Commerce on their inaugural golf tournament this past Saturday. He said it was a great event with a great turnout.
- He recognized another young person in the community, Daniel Clein. He is a senior at Wellington High School who created a program called "Bricks Busting Boredom." He collects Legos and donates them to children's hospitals, so the children have something to do. Last year he donated to the Joe DiMaggio Hospital in Broward, and this year he donated 230 lbs. of Legos and 50 boxes of brand new Legos to Palms West Hospital. Councilman Napoleone stated it was a fantastic program by another young person who thought outside-of-the-box as a way to give back and have it mean something to them. He hoped these people were inspiring others to do great things.
- He reminded everyone they had two more weeks to vote early. He indicated Election Day is November 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated they will have elected a new president by their next meeting, but they will not know who it is yet.
- He wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

**COUNCILMAN DRAHOS:** Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- He commended the Village and the employees on the Fall Festival this past weekend, as they put on a first class event that he believes is getting more popular every year. He said many of the employees dressed in costume put their heart and soul into it. He thought the kids and families in Wellington really benefited from it.
- He reminded everyone that the Young Professionals of Wellington were hosting “Wicked at the Wanderers” on Saturday, October 29, 2016. He said a few tickets are left and available at YPwellington.com or by contacting him. He stated it is a good time and a great event that goes to a good cause, the Kids Cancer Foundation.

**VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN:** Vice Mayor McGovern presented the following report:

- He stated the Fall Festival was spectacular. He thanked Mr. Barnes, Mr. Delaney, Mr. Piconcelli and their teams for putting on a superb event.
- He said the Green Market started this past Saturday. He hoped all residents would continue to take advantage of this unique opportunity, as the Green Market has a lot of friendly vendors offering some great products. He stated it will continue throughout the fall season.
- He said the Village often takes criticism on the permit process not being fast enough. He appreciated Mr. Schofield for seeing that things were getting bogged down at the fire permit stage and proactively will be sending Village employees to get certified. He also thanked the Chief Building Official and the Plans Examiner for pursuing that certification.
- He stated he attended the Village-Wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting last week and the Senior Symposium today. He commended staff on both of those events, particularly Meridith Tuckwood for the Senior Symposium where Chief Deputy Gauger from the Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office and a team from Jeff Atwater’s office, the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida, talked to the seniors about how to protect themselves from being victims of fraud. He stated both programs were very well attended.
- He indicated a Town Hall meeting will be held in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> with Council, Commissioner McKinlay, County officials, and folks from the Palm Beach County School District. He said they will be discussing the issues residents will be voting on that are not receiving 24 hour news coverage, which are the amendments and the one-cent sales tax. He thought if people wanted to be informed on the issues, this presentation would be good to find out what it means to vote yes or no.
- He noted the discussion on the Winding Trails matter would be presented to this Council at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- He congratulated the Wellington High School Wolverine Football Team for defending and repeating their title of District Champions.
- He wished everyone a Happy Halloween and stated he will see them at “Wicked.”

**COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND:** Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She stated the Fall Festival was fantastic. She said even though it was packed with people, it was organized and well run. She stated it was really fun judging the costume contest. She thanked staff and Parks & Recreation for a great event.
- She announced the Village Holiday Food Drive was going on now through November 17<sup>th</sup>. She stated drop off locations are at Village Hall, Wellington Community Center, Parks & Recreation, Ultima Fitness, Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office, and a few others. She noted the Village website has complete details.
- She indicated Polo Park is having their fourth annual Night of Science on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. She said it is a fantastic event with food trucks and experiments to try.
- She mentioned Publix is offering a “Not So Scary” party for children on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. She said the kids can go by and get candy and coloring books.

She thought it was a cute idea and safer for some of the younger kids.

- She reminded everyone that the Binks Carnival is November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. She said it is a fun event for the children as well.

**MAYOR GERWIG:** Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She stated the Village lit its clock tower pink for the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness. She explained she did not want to offend anyone, but she did want to remind everyone to get their mammogram.
- She said she heard the Fall Festival was fantastic. She thanked her fellow Council members for being there in her absence.
- She indicated the Village will be hosting the Palm Beach County League of Cities luncheon at the Community Center on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. She stated the Board Meeting will be held at 10:00 AM followed by the League of Cities Meeting.
- She reminded everyone that “Read Across America Day” is Thursday, October 27, 2016, and all of Council will be reading at elementary schools.
- She stated Thursday was also the day for the Employee Wellness Fair, and she encouraged everyone to get their flu shot.
- She stated the Wellington Dance Theatre’s Dance Team was amazing. She said they were going to send Council something to watch via e-mail. She indicated the dance team was accepting donations, if anyone wanted to contribute to their fundraising efforts.
- She said Relay for Life is having a kickoff party at the Community Center on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, so everyone can get together and discuss what their teams are going to do. She stated Relay for Life is an American Cancer Society event that is coming up in the spring. She said they will vote on the theme at the kickoff party. She stated the Western Communities, including the Village of Royal Palm, Village of Wellington, Indian Trail Improvement District, the Acreage, and some of West Palm Beach, are joining together to hold one event. She believed the Relay was going to be held at the Fairgrounds. She hoped the Village could get some competitive games going with Royal Palm.
- She encouraged everyone to vote and make their voice heard.
- Mayor Gerwig loved that the kids in the community have been so giving, but she thanked Council for participating in everything. She appreciated each of them for giving so much of their time and family. She also thanked staff for their participation. She stated Mr. Schofield has done an excellent job in getting staff to participate in the events Council brings to them.

Mr. Schofield said the employees really enjoy their jobs, so it is not his doing.

Councilman Drahos noted he will not be able to attend the Town Hall Meeting tomorrow evening, as he will be out of town.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Approved:**

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**Anne Gerwig, Mayor**

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**Rachel R. Callovi, Clerk**