

Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

6:30 PM

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

Mohammad Junaid Akther

Michael Arena

John Archambo

Richard Christmas

Jacqueline Hutman

Brad Johnson

Michael Weil

I Call to Order

Chair Michael Weil called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

II Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Michael Weil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Roll Call

Members present: Chair Michael Weil, Michael Arena, Jacqueline Hutman, John Archambo, Richard Christmas, and Brad Johnson

Excused absence: Mohammad Junaid Akther

Staff Present: Nicole Coates, Gloria Kelly and Jesse Wright

Guests: Lt. Eli Shaivitz, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office; District Chief William Rowley, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue; Joseph Sandora, Senior General Manager for FCC Environmental Services.

IV Opening Comments

All committee members welcomed each other and stated they are looking forward to this evening's meeting .

V Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by John Archambo, seconded by Michael Arena, and unanimously passed (6-0), to approve the agenda as presented, with Muhammed Junaid Akther absent.

VI Approval of Minutes**A. [PSC-163](#) APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23 ,2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Michael Arena, seconded by John Archambo, and unanimously passed (6-0), to approve the June 23, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented, with Muhammed Junaid Akther absent.

VII Old Business

Chair Michael Weil asked about the status of next year's essay contest.

Ms. Coates responded that the contest is typically conducted in the spring and would add the discussion item to the Committee's January 2022 agenda.

VIII New Business

Mr. Johnson spoke about living near Greenview Shores and finding some areas not well lit when he goes on walks. He feels this area would pose a

danger to those who are jogging. He also mentioned there are areas with spider webs. Mr. Johnson stated he sees light poles with no lights on them and wonders if they could have lights.

Mr. Johnson also shared his thoughts on the possibility of providing a stipend to committee members for their service. He stated that he had not yet emailed Mayor Gerwig and asked for members thoughts on the matter.

A. PSC-168

SOLID WASTE UPDATE

Joseph Sandora, the General Manager for FCC Environmental Services introduced himself to the committee and provided an update on FCC's operations as they prepare to begin service in Wellington on December 30, 2021. He shared that starting October 1st, FCC will be switching out the current dumpster containers.

Mr. Christmas asked if all the containers for residents will be changed. Mr. Sandora explained it would just be the dumpster containers in business or apartment complexes that would be changed out.

Ms. Coates also mentioned that the Village is working with FCC and will be sending out postcards to the homes that will be affected by the service change with the new provider.

B. [PSC-167](#)

SELECTION OF TOP COP AND TOP FIREFIGHTER FOR 2021

At the suggestion of Ms. Coates, the Selection of the Top Cop and Top Firefighter item was moved to be combined with the PBSO and PBCFR.

IX Reports

A. [PSC-164](#)

STAFF REPORT

Mrs. Coates reminded the committee that the gold cart ordinance will be going to council for a second reading on September 28th Council Meeting.

Mrs. Coates spoke about the COVID-19 testing site in Wellington located behind the Aquatics Complex which was a partnership with Curative. The PCR tests being provided are free of charge with results within 3 days. She also shared information regarding the process of yellow tagging by Solid Waste for residents not separating their waste items.

B. [PSC-165](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT

Lt. Shaivitz shared highlights of the two deputies nominated for the 2021 Top Cop Award. He shared their time serving in Wellington along with examples of why they were selected as nominees for the award.

Ms. Hutman made motion to nominate Detective Jason Villiers as the 2021 Top Cop. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) to nominate Detective Villiers. Muhammed Junaid Akther was absent.

Lt. Shaivitz went on to provide the PBSO report, stating that the golf cart

ordinance was scheduled to be considered at the September 28th Village Council meeting. He also reported that PBSO would be implementing Operation Bent Metal II in the coming months.

Mr. Christmas mentioned that he had noticed a crackdown on golf cart usage near Binks Forest Elementary where golf carts were regularly being used for school pickup and utilizing the sidewalks.

Lt. Shaivitz responded that at this time PBSO Deputies were handing out informational flyers regarding the use of golf carts.

Mr. Archambo stated that it was his first time serving on a Village Committee and thanked the Lt. and all law enforcement officers for all that they do.

C. [PSC-166](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT

Chief Rowley introduced himself to the Committee and began by sharing highlights about this year's Top Firefighter nominee. He explained that, while there was only one firefighter nominated, there was overwhelming consensus from Command staff regarding this individual.

Mr. Christmas made the motion to nominate Lt. Jen Keleir as 2021 Top Firefighter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (6-0) with Muhammed Junaid Akther absent.

Chief Rowley went on to report that he was currently filling in for Chief Tozzi who had recently been promoted. The incoming District Chief would be Chief Phillip Olavarria.

Chief Rowley also reported that Station 27 now had 6 full time personnel versus 5 which would help to increase response times.

X Public Comments

There were no public comments

XI Closing Comments

Mr. Arena thanked everyone for their time and PBSO and Fire Rescue for their dedication.

Mr. Weil expressed his excitement at meeting this year's Top Cop and Top Firefighter award winners at the October 26th Council meeting.

XII Adjournment

Mr. Weil adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm