

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Wellington Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Blvd
Wellington, FL 33414**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at Wellington Village Hall, 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414.

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

Advisors to the Council: Jim Barnes, Manager; Laurie Cohen, Attorney; Tanya Quickel, Deputy Village Manager; Ed De La Vega, Assistant Village Manager; and Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Gerwig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mia Matthews, a student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Deacon Pete Del Valle, St. Therese de Lisieux Catholic Church, delivered the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Barnes indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda as amended.

1. Add Item, Receipt of Unsolicited Proposal from Wellington Athletics, LLC, to the Regular Agenda as Item 8A.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. **22-5093** RECOGNITION OF PALM BEACH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AUTHOR RYAN SNIDER

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ian Williams, Community Services Department, presented this item and introduced Ryan Snider.

Ryan Snider thanked Council for the recognition and stated his book has currently sold out. He said additional books have been ordered and are on the way.

Mayor Gerwig asked how long the process was to get the book published.

Mr. Snider referenced the process for edits and rewrites.

Vice Mayor Drahos asked Mr. Snider what the pitch was his book.

Mr. Snider explained the aspect of the story.

Councilman Napoleone stated he was impressed by what Mr. Snider has accomplished and congratulated him on the writing of his book.

Councilman McGovern asked Mr. Snider what inspired him to write an entire book and commented regarding the ten additional stories he wants to write.

Mr. Snider commented regarding his English teacher and said he has a story to tell. He said he is an avid reader who loves to write his own stories.

Councilman McGovern also commended Mr. Snider on the family, school and community component and offered him congratulations.

Councilwoman Siskind stated this is very inspirational to have accomplished this at such a young age and congratulated Mr. Snider.

Mr. Williams then introduced Reid Snider (Ryan Snider's twin brother), a member of the Wellington Youth Council and Vice President of the Palm Beach County Association of Student Councils.

Reid Snider gave comments regarding his Vice Presidency and spoke of his desire to give back to the community.

Mayor Gerwig stated their parents did everything right with Ryan and Reid Snider.

Council presented Special Recognition Certificates to both Ryan and Reid Snider.

Mr. Barnes introduced Mr. Edgecombe.

Mr. Edgecombe stated Palm Beach Central is in great hands and the future looks bright. He thanked Mr. Snider, who is the Assistant Principal, and his wife, Diana, and commended the students.

**B. 22-5102 RECOGNITION OF WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
TESSIE GORON**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Mr. Williams showed Council a video of Philanthropy Tank Finalist Tessie Goron who created the Drop the Vape Campaign.

Ms. Goron gave brief comments and thanked Council for the recognition.

Mayor Gerwig asked Ms. Goron to speak regarding the competition.

Ms. Goron provided an overview of the competition.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated vaping is a big problem. He commended Ms. Goron and wished her the best of luck.

Councilman Napoleone stated this is a great project. He commended Ms. Goron and stated the Council is happy to be partners with her and spread the word.

Councilwoman Siskind stated she is not surprised that she won and commented regarding Ms. Goron's program.

Councilman McGovern asked Ms. Goron what are the next steps for the \$9,000 that she won.

Ms. Goron stated it would be dedicated to promotion and further steps to make the project a reality. He stated education, advocacy and support is key to the project.

Council presented a Special Recognition Certificate to Ms. Goron.

C. 22-5097 PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF WELLINGTON'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Nicole Coates provided an overview of the Public Safety Essay Contest and introduced members of the Public Safety and Education Committees. She stated they reviewed 150 essay submissions and selected winners from the elementary, middle and high school categories. Ms. Coates also acknowledged principals in the audience and thanked Jet Hauling for sponsoring the contest.

Ms. Jackie Hutton, Public Safety Committee Member, provided a synopsis of the essay contest and acknowledged all of the students who participated.

Ms. Coates recognized the winners of the contest and provided certificates and gift cards from Jet Hauling, Inc.

Council provided comments regarding the contest and thanked the committee members, teachers, students, parents and Jet Hauling, Inc.

D. 22-5042 REPRESENTATIVE MATT WILLHITE: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Representative Matt Willhite stated public safety is important to the Village. He introduced himself, provided a Legislative Session Wrap-Up, and briefly mentioned the special sessions that are occurring. He discussed Wellington's appropriation and stated they were not able to get it into the Senate budget or the House budget. He highlighted the major session issues. He provided his contact information and introduced his legislative aide, Melissa Santoro. Representative Willhite thanked Council for allowing him to speak and stated it has been an honor to represent Wellington.

E. 22-5055 PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON FY21 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Captain Rolando Silva of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) introduced Major Coleman, Sergeant Matt DeJoy and Lieutenant Shavitz. He also acknowledged his new analyst, Vivian Fernandez. He stated Safewise ranked Wellington as the #8 safest city out of 50 cities in Florida. He thanked Council for the opportunity and presented the District 8 Wellington FY 21 Annual Report.

Council gave comments and asked various questions in regards to the report. Captain Silva responded to Council's questions.

Council extended their thanks to Captain Silva and his staff and commended him for the comprehensive report.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 22-5088** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS OF APRIL 12, 2022 AND APRIL 26, 2022
- B. 21-4518** AUTHORIZATION TO 1) AWARD CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES AND 2) UTILIZE CONTRACTS AWARDED BY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY IF CONTRACTED DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES VENDORS ARE UNAVAILABLE
- C. 21-4896** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MULCH, PINE STRAW AND GROUND PREPARATION, FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, VILLAGE-WIDE
- D. 22-5089** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP) CHEMICAL SYSTEM PHASE II IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Barnes stated there were no comment cards on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Barnes indicated staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

- A.** RECEIPT OF UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL FROM WELLINGTON ATHLETICS, LLC.

Mr. Barnes introduced and presented this item. He stated the Village is now pursuing a P3 and referenced the unsolicited proposal. He said this is a public/private partnership. He indicated they would come back to Council to negotiate with that team. Mr. Barnes referenced Florida Statute requirements for advertisement.

Ms. Cohen spoke briefly regarding advertisement and the reason for the change. She stated the Village is required to go through this process. She indicated staff needs direction to enter into a comprehensive agreement and the 21-day notice period is appropriate under the circumstances. She asked Council to direct staff to proceed with the notice requirements. Ms. Cohen stated that any agreement would come back to Council.

Mr. Barnes stated there are multiple steps in this process and there is currently no budget or financial impact at this time.

A motion was made by Councilman Drahos, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to move forward in the review process and to comply with the notice provisions set forth in Florida Statute 255.065 by meeting the 21-day notice period.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Barnes indicated there was one comment card received.

Public Comment:

1. Brad Johnson proposed a stipend for board and committee members.

Mayor Gerwig congratulated Mr. Johnson on his upcoming graduation that would be held on May 22, 2022.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

- Ms. Cohen stated she had no report.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. The Communications Department will work with Ms. Aldrich in the coming weeks to schedule Council Hurricane Public Service Announcements. This is a part of our efforts to plan for community outreach before, during, and after a storm.
- Aero Club Drive widening: The contractor has completed the shoulder-widening portion of the project. Upcoming activities over the next two weeks include full width milling and placement of the final lift of asphalt. Work along the shoulder for restoration of the swale will begin this week as well.
- Town Center Phase 2: Phase 1 of the project continues with no delays reported to date. Currently the contractor is rough grading the parking area. Over the next two weeks, the contractor will continue to grade out the parking lot and begin adding base material. We have agreed to cease Amphitheatre activities beginning on June 30, 2022, in anticipation of commencement of Phase 2 of the construction project.
- Aero Club/Big Blue Landscaping: The contractor is currently obtaining the building permit to begin the irrigation portion of the project. Over the next two weeks, we hope to see construction activity on the Aero Club portion of the project.
- The Utility is focused on planning and execution efforts to ensure the Lime Plant can come out of service on June 1, 2022 as required to complete the WTP Renewal and Replacement work with Wharton Smith. The plant will be out of service for 3 months.
- The Utility is planning for the mobilization of Badger Meter to commence Phase II of the endpoint replacement program.

- The Utility is planning for the system wide testing of all fire hydrants. This work is scheduled to commence this week. The hydrants are being tested by a third party contractor and will take approximately 2 months.
- Cybersecurity remains on high alert as the cyber-attacks have only increased every week and show no signs of slowing. Please remember to “THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK”. Links in emails are not trustworthy. Go to the site manually and log in or do a web search for the article referenced. Small things like this could save the Village from an unpleasant cyber security incident. Report anything that does not seem right to IT or have them help you review a questionable email before opening it. We would rather spend 5 minutes reviewing an email than 5 days cleaning up after a cyber-incident.
- Pressure cleaning, scrapping, priming and painting of the wall on Big Blue and South Shore. The air conditioning coils will be changed out at Town Center. As a result, you will observe a crane in the back to lift the units out to remove coils. Yellow Trail, weather pending, from Flying Cow to Palm Beach Point will be completed this week with the rehab.
- The first season of “middle school” tennis was a big success as we had over 20 kids who participated. This will continue to grow.
- Wellington was the hub of Palm Beach County USTA/JTT (junior team tennis) and the Village’s first “moms” program was started so that the parents now play while the kids are participating in juniors between 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.
- Wellington will host a Village wide Neighborhood Watch Hurricane Preparedness Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Residents will hear from representatives from the Village of Wellington, Palm Beach County Emergency Management Division, the National Weather Service, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue,, the Solid Waste Authority, and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office regarding storm information, how to prepare and the official 2022 Atlantic hurricane forecast. This event is open to the public and registration is required to attend the Zoom meeting. Visit wellingtonfl.gov/neighborhoodwatch to register.
- Mr. Barnes provided COVID-19 statistics in relation to employees and the testing sites. He stated the agreements are set to expire in June and staff recommends renewal of the agreements.

Vice Mayor Drahos asked if all three were up for renewal.

Mr. Barnes replied yes.

Councilman McGovern asked if the vendors want to renew.

Mr. Barnes stated the vendors do want to renew.

Mayor Gerwig stated she does not want to do a disservice to local businesses by competing with them. She stated staff informed her that there is no other location that provides walk up service or rapid PCR. She said this is a unique service.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated this is a huge resource to have in the Village and it is an effective tool for containment.

Councilwoman Siskind commented regarding the statistics.

- Mr. Barnes stated Kids to Park Day is on May 21, 2022 at Greenview Shores Park.

- Mr. Barnes stated the National Special District Coalition originally had a program that was in California that has now been opened nationwide. He showed Council a video that the Village's youth group put together for the video contest. Mr. Barnes indicated the youth group is in the top ten.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

VICE MAYOR DRAHOS: Vice Mayor Drahos presented the following report:

- Vice Mayor Drahos waived comment.

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- Councilman Napoleone stated Wellington hosted the Florida State Rugby Championships on April 30, 2022 at Greenview Shores Park and had teams from as far away as Minnesota and France. It was a well ran event and a great day.
- Councilman Napoleone said the board and committee application deadline had been extended through May.

COUNCILMAN MCGOVERN: Councilman McGovern presented the following report:

- Councilman McGovern reiterated that the deadline to apply for boards and committees had been extended and encouraged anyone who wants to serve on any board to apply.
- Councilman McGovern reiterated that Kids to Park Day would be held on May 21, 2022 and the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony would be held on May 30, 2022.
- Councilman McGovern commented that Wellington has a series of teachers who are finalists in the Dwyer Awards.
- Councilman McGovern congratulated the 2022 high school graduates on their upcoming graduations.

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- Councilwoman Siskind congratulated the high school seniors on their upcoming graduations.
- Councilwoman Siskind stated she is looking forward to the upcoming Visioning Sessions.

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- Mayor Gerwig she is leaving in the morning for the National League of Cities' Risk Conference because she serves on the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT).
- Mayor Gerwig suggested that everyone view the video on the Around Wellington website regarding Chris Norton who is now a Wellington resident.
- Mayor Gerwig commented that it is the five-year anniversary for Palm Beach State College's Loxahatchee Groves campus. It was nice to see the community support.
- Mayor Gerwig stated she and the Parks and Recreation staff were invited to the 20th Anniversary of Stick Ball.
- Mayor Gerwig commented about white PVC in regards to sprinklers. She stated the community has a question and this should be reviewed. She asked Mr. Barnes who has the final decision on this.

Mr. Barnes stated the Council has final decision. He indicated that he and Mr. Stillings are working on color palettes and other ARB related items.

- Mayor Gerwig wished happy Municipal Clerks' Week to the Village Clerk Department.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:23 P.M.

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk