

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Wellington Village Hall  
12300 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL 33414

Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 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** – A little girl from the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** – Pastor Peter Bartuska, Christ Community Church, delivered the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

1. Add Resolution No. R2022-34, Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Florida Division of Arts & Culture Cultural Facilities Program for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Habitat Nature, Arts & Cultural Center to the Consent Agenda as Item 6M.

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

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- A. **22-5269** A PROCLAMATION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING SHANNON LAROCQUE ON HER RETIREMENT AND DEDICATION AS UTILITIES DIRECTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Addie read the proclamation.

Council commended and congratulated Ms. LaRocque on her retirement and gave various comments.

Ms. LaRocque gave comments, thanked her team and Council.

**B. 22-5265 PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS PRESENTATION**

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Gina Levesque, Intake and Compliance Manager, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics gave brief comments and handed out a pocket guide and her business card. She is the Village of Wellington's Liaison for the agency and stated she is available for questions. Ms. Levesque stated Wellington has done a fantastic job.

Council thanked Ms. Levesque for attending.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. 22-5254 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2022**
- B. 21-4777 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH CC CONTROL CORP. FOR UTILITY PROCESS CONTROL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES**
- C. 21-4898 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE ATHLETIC TEAM OFFICIATING SERVICES**
- D. 21-4899 AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES**
- E. 22-5242 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROVED AMOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL**
- F. 22-5243 AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROVED AMOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND SERVICE OF FLYGT PUMPS**
- G. 22-5241 RATIFICATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED FOR ADDITIONAL REFUSE CARTS**
- H. 22-5239 RESOLUTION NO. R2022-15 (DESIGNATE WELLINGTON AS A "VISION ZERO CITY" AND CREATE A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN)**

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, TO DESIGNATE WELLINGTON AS A "VISION ZERO CITY", DIRECTING STAFF TO CREATE A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN, ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF NO SEVERE TRAFFIC INJURIES OR FATALITIES BY 2030; DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE SAME; DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**I. 22-5240** RESOLUTION NO. R2022-16 (ADOPT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR WELLINGTON)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND INITIATING THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING GUIDELINES, PROCESSES, AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING A COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL PERSONS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WHO TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE, MOTORCYCLE, PUBLIC TRANSIT, BICYCLE, OR WALKING ARE EQUAL LEGITIMATE USERS OF ROADWAYS AND SHALL BE PROVIDED SAFE ACCESS TO ALL OF WELLINGTON'S PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**J. 22-5252** RESOLUTION NO. AC2022-03 (1907 PRIMROSE LANE VACATION ABANDONMENT)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO ABANDON A 15-FOOT WIDE PORTION OF A 25-FOOT WIDE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 1,479 SQUARE FEET, LOCATED WITHIN LOT 43, BLOCK 74, SUGAR POND MANOR OF WELLINGTON (1907 PRIMROSE LANE), MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**K. 22-5260** RESOLUTION NO. R2022-31 (DEBT POLICY UPDATE)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING A REVISED DEBT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AND ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**L. 22-5268** AUTHORIZATION TO (1) AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND (2) TO RATIFY A PURCHASE ORDER INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE

**M.** RESOLUTION NO. R2022-34 (GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HABITAT NATURE, ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER)

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF ARTS & CULTURE CULTURAL FACILITIES PROGRAM REQUESTING \$500,000 FOR THE MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HABITAT NATURE, ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 AS THE VILLAGE'S REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS.  
**(THIS ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

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

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

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

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. 22-5256** APPROVAL BY THE WELLINGTON COUNCIL OF THE PAVING OF A PORTION OF 50TH STREET AND ADOPTION BY THE ACME BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RESOLUTION NO. AC2022-04 APPROVING CONTINUATION OF THE PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF A PLAN OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR UNIT OF DEVELOPMENT 50th STREET

Mr. Barnes introduced this item.

Ms. Addie read the Resolution by title.

Ms. Quickel presented the item. She stated this is the second part of the approval of the Plan of Improvements. Notice has been provided to the landowners, South Florida Water Management District and Palm Beach County as required. An advertisement was published for three consecutive weeks. This is for the approval of the Plan of Improvements and authorization for the Village Engineer to prepare the Report of Engineer to work on the methodology and assessment rates, which will come before Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Barnes gave a brief overview of the process.

Mayor Gerwig commented about the cost estimate.

Ms. Quickel stated the cost estimate would be included in the Report of Engineer.

Councilman McGovern stated this is before Council because it was resident driven.

Ms. Quickel indicated this began with a petition from landowners.

Councilman McGovern confirmed that this is the process.

Ms. Quickel stated the Report of Engineer would be filed next and there will be two additional public hearings.

Mayor Gerwig inquired about the methodology of the assessment process.

Public Hearing:

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to open the Public Hearing.**

**There being no public comments, a motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to close the Public Hearing.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the Paving of a Portion of 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Adoption of Resolution No. AC2022-04 (Approving Continuation of the Process for Adoption of A Plan of Improvements for Unit of Development 50<sup>th</sup> Street).**

**B. 22-5167** RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING PRELIMINARY TRIM RATES FOR WELLINGTON, THE ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE SADDLE TRAIL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

A. RESOLUTION NO. R2022-32 (ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR WELLINGTON FOR TRUTH-IN-MILLAGE ("TRIM") PURPOSES WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF WELLINGTON)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR WELLINGTON FOR TRUTH-IN-MILLAGE ("TRIM") PURPOSES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF WELLINGTON; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

B. RESOLUTION NO. AC2022-05 (ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES FOR ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR TRIM PURPOSES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ACME IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING THE DISTRICT'S PRELIMINARY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES FOR TRUTH-IN-MILLAGE ("TRIM") PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

C. RESOLUTION NO. R2022-33 (ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT RATES FOR THE SADDLE TRAIL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR TRIM PURPOSES)

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL  
ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT  
RATES FOR THE SADDLE TRAIL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR TRUTH-IN-MILLAGE ("TRIM")  
PURPOSES WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF  
WELLINGTON; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Addie read each of the three Resolutions by title.

Ms. Quickel stated she was presenting the preliminary proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and TRIM overview. She said Wellington's budget process starts with the Five Fundamentals: Neighborhood Renaissance, Economic Development, Protecting Our Investment, Responsive Government, and Respecting the Environment. She stated then staff developed the budget using insights and information from the 2022 Directions Workshop with Council. Ms. Quickel informed Council that staff focused on infrastructure and facility maintenance, recreation, youth, family programs and events, residential and community revitalization, public safety and visioning and planning.

Ms. Quickel indicated staff is proposing no change to the ad valorem millage rate from this year and for it to remain at 2.47 mills. She said staff also recommends no change in the ACME non-ad valorem assessment and for it to remain at \$230 per unit.

Ms. Quickel indicated the TRIM rates for the Solid Waste Assessments were previously adopted on June 14, 2022 and were recommended at \$220.00 for the curbside rate and \$170.00 for the containerized rate.

Ms. Quickel stated the Water & Wastewater average bill would increase monthly by approximately \$2.42.

Ms. Quickel stated the Saddle Trail Park Improvement District assessment, only for those properties within Saddle Trail that received these benefits, is \$1,721 per acre. She said this is the seventh year of that fifteen (15) year term for that assessment. Ms. Quickel stated the rate is the same as last year.

Ms. Quickel stated the proposed budget is \$128.5 million, which is \$5.5 million less than the current year budget of \$134 million. She said this \$5.5 million decrease is primarily due to a change in capital improvement project budgeting.

Ms. Quickel stated that out of the proposed FY 2023 budget of \$128.5 million, tax revenues provide approximately \$24 million in revenues using the proposed 2.47 millage rate. This is the tenth consecutive year of increased property values since 2013. The revenue value of each tenth of a mill is \$989,000 compared to \$883,000 for FY 2022. Other revenue increases include in state and local economic revenues, intergovernmental revenues, business tax receipts, permits and fees, the addition of the SHIP Program and charges for services driven by a return to full programming in Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Quickel highlighted governmental sources including transfers and fund balance. She also referenced budget influences in regards to expenditures. Ms. Quickel discussed the budget changes in the Governmental Funds and Enterprise Funds. In addition, she explained the top categories that ad valorem taxes contribute to: general government, public safety, and culture and recreation.

For Capital Projects, the FY 2023 budget includes One-Time Governmental Projects at \$9,365,024 million. The Ongoing Programs are \$4,460,000 million and the Utility Projects are \$9,985,000 million. Ms. Quickel explained what was included in each category.

Ms. Quickel commented regarding the millage rate and future funding considerations. She said with the proposed 2.47 millage rate, the impact for a homesteaded property valued at \$450,000, would be a \$33.00 increase. For a property that is non-homesteaded, it will be a \$111.00 increase.

Ms. Quickel reviewed a sample tax bill. She concluded the presentation with the budget calendar and noted that staff is focused on outreach right now. She indicated staff had begun the budget challenge last week. In addition, staff is conducting information presentations coordinated with the Neighborhood Services program. Ms. Quickel indicated that staff would receive the Florida Department of Revenue, Office of Tax Research, Municipal Revenue estimates in late July and will make the necessary budget adjustments based on this information.

Council gave comments and asked questions regarding the millage rate, budget, revenues and property values.

Ms. Quickel answered Council's questions and stated Council has always maintained their commitment to replace and repair infrastructure.

Ms. Quickel stated the budget and capital workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022. The TRIM approval rates for ACME, Water and Wastewater, Solid Waste and Lake Wellington Professional Center (LWPC) are scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022. The first budget public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 and the second budget public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

#### Public Hearing:

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0), to open the Public Hearing.**

**There being no public comments, a motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to close the Public Hearing.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2022-32 (Adopting the Preliminary Ad Valorem Millage Rate for Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Purposes within the Jurisdictional Boundaries of Wellington) setting the TRIM rate at 2.47 mils as presented.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. AC2022-05 (Adopting the Preliminary Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rate for Acme Improvement District for Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Purposes) as presented.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilwoman Siskind, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2022-33 (Adopting the Preliminary Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Rates for the Saddle Trail Park Neighborhood Improvement District for Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Purposes within the Jurisdictional Boundaries of Wellington) as presented.**

**C. 22-5231 RESOLUTION NO. R2022-20 (FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM)**

A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, FY 2022/2023 – FY 2026/2027 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND FY 2022/2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO FORWARD THE PLANS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Barnes introduced the item.

Ms. Addie read the Resolution by title.

Mr. O'Dell presented an overview of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Public Hearing

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

**There being no public comments, a motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Vice Mayor Drahos, and unanimously passed (5-0), to close the Public Hearing.**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Drahos, seconded by Councilman McGovern, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2022-20 (Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program).**

**8. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. 22-5249 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE FINANCING TEAM AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE WELLINGTON COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Barnes introduced this item.

Ms. Quickel introduced the Village's Financial Advisors who were present: Steven Eaddy and Lourdes Abadin. Jaclyn Mesa was not present but is on the team. Ms. Quickel stated tonight staff is bringing forth the item for Council approval of the financial team. She then explained the next steps and process.

Ms. Quickel, Mr. Eaddy and Ms. Abadin answered Council's questions.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village has very little debt and because of this partnership, they are looking for the best rate for the bond.

Vice Mayor Drahos stated Council will take this systematically and review every figure. He feels the firm is capable of representing the Village throughout this process.



Councilman Napoleone stated the project is still in the vetting process to make sure the project is viable and this is just the first step in the process.

Councilman McGovern stated the team is not paid if the debt is not issued.

Ms. Quickel stated that is correct. The team is paid out of the bond closing costs out of the issuance of the debt. It is contingent on the debt actually being issued.

Mayor Gerwig stated the Village has never participated in a Private/Public Partnership before and asked Ms. Abadin to explain what a Private/Public Partnership is and does.

**A motion was made by Councilman McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Financing Team Agreements Related to the Wellington Community Park Improvement Project.**

## **9. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Barnes indicated there were three comment cards received.

### Public Comment:

1. Jack Brownson spoke about the school bus stop on Montauk. Mr. Bronson commended PBSO and staff for what they do in the Village.

Mr. Barnes stated staff would discuss the bus stop with the Palm Beach County School District.

2. Michael Costelle spoke regarding access to the athletic fields.
3. OJ Smith spoke regarding speeding in the Village.

## **10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

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

- Ms. Cohen stated in regards to the deposition for Big Blue, the Village had offered dates but had not heard back.

At this point, Village Clerk Addie announced that this is Assistant Village Clerk Kelly Avery's last meeting. She has accepted a position as the new Town Clerk for the Town of Ocean Ridge.

## **11. MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- Next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- Private utility work continues throughout the Village. Specific areas the contractors are hitting hard include the Paddock Drive/Sugar Pond Manor area as well as Block Island community. To remedy this, the Village has a list of contacts that are supplied to the residents. If residents do not receive a response, the Village does what it can to assist them and provide additional information.

Mayor Gerwig spoke regarding the utility contractors and their equipment.

- The Town Center project is ongoing with no issues to report. Scott's Place and the Amphitheatre closed as of July 5, 2022 until April/May 2023.

- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline three-digit dialing code 988 will be available to everyone in the United States starting July 16, 2022. The current Lifeline phone number (1-800-278-8255) will always remain available, even after 988 is launched nationally.
- Benihana's has withdrawn applications because the deal had not worked out with the owners of the property. In addition, the Palm Beach Polo development proposals for tennis property and south of Forrest Hill Boulevard has been submitted.
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) monthly meeting was held on July 6, 2022. There was a vote on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 list of priority projects. After a staff presentation, Wellington made a motion to adopt the FY 24-28 project list. During the discussion period on the motion, Palm Beach County Traffic and Planning staff presented their case to delete \$1 million dollars from the Okeechobee Boulevard/State Road 7 Corridor Study. The County did not support the preliminary work that had been performed. However, a substitute motion was passed.

Councilman Napoleone suggested having the TPA present at the next Western Communities Meeting.

Councilman McGovern stated the corridor study and other significant subject matters need to be discussed at the Western Communities Meeting.

- There is regular and routine maintenance that included striping on Forest Hill and Binks Forest/Greenview Shores intersection.
- Mill and overlay work is ongoing in Amesbury. On June 22, 2022, door hangers went out to let residents know of the impending milling and paving starting on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. If weather permits, this project should be complete by Thursday afternoon.
- The Village continues to have strong numbers for summer camp at the Village Tennis Center and at the Tournament/High Performance camp at the high school. Artificial turf is being installed around the building at the high usage area. All Courts are now "smart courts" with mounts in place and calibrated for SWING Vision Technology.
- Our Annual Back to School Backpack event will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Wellington Community Center. Thanks to our partners at the Wellington Community Foundation, Back to Basics, Christopher Aguirre Foundation, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, the Crowned Pearls and Wellington Rotary Club.
- Camps are exceeding pre-pandemic numbers.

## **12. COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

- Vice Mayor Drahos stated the Fourth of July Celebration was fantastic as far as what the Village oversaw and could control. However, he commented that he was underwhelmed regarding the fireworks finale especially since Council increased the budget for the fireworks.

Mr. Barnes stated staff spoke with the Village's vendor, Zambelli, and staff went to evaluate the area and document as necessary. He stated the Village has not paid Zambelli at this time. In addition, he informed Council that this was the last year of that contract and staff will be going out to bid.

Mayor Gerwig commented on being able to see the fireworks and said the process should be evaluated.

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

- Councilman Napoleone mentioned that the Vision Zero and Complete Streets policies were both passed on Consent Agenda tonight. He would like for staff to place information on social media to inform residents of what has been done and what the Village is doing.

Mr. Barnes stated staff would continue to work with the TPA regarding information for social media and the website.

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

- Councilwoman Siskind asked about the vacant At-Large appointments.

There was brief discussion regarding the At-Large appointments.

Councilman McGovern asked for an update regarding the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC).

Councilman Napoleone asked that information be provided to the public regarding the AHAC's specific requirements.

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

- Councilman McGovern stated regarding the Big Blue matter, he wants the Village's staff to make sure they regularly monitor and document regarding the cypress wetland.

Mr. Barnes indicated staff is out there regularly and documenting visually and with field reports.

Ms. Cohen commented regarding an email sent to the Village regarding the matter.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the Village has the ability to capture drone footage of the area.

Ms. Cohen stated she would review this.

- Councilman McGovern asked for a report on where the Village is regarding cellular coverage.
- Councilman McGovern commented about housing challenges and finding affordable housing. He spoke about codifying protections for renters in regards to notice periods for evictions and using authority to cap rent increases. He asked that staff to review what other communities are doing and be vigilant to assist those who are renters in the Village's communities.

There was further discussion on this topic.

Mr. Barnes stated staff would review this.

Ms. Cohen stated her team would research this.

- Councilman McGovern congratulated and thanked teachers, principals and administrators. He stated it has been quite a process and period of adjustment for students, parents, teachers and administrators to go through COVID and its impacts on learning and the schools. Councilman McGovern stated Wellington schools did very well once again in keeping Palm Beach County an "A" rated school district.

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

- Mayor Gerwig asked about Village Manager and Village Attorney evaluations. She stated this is a communication tool and requested that if there is a better way to send out the form, for the Village to do so.

Ms. Cohen provided an overview of the evaluation process.

- Mayor Gerwig stated there was great resident input tonight. She commented about the hedges on thoroughfares in the Village and asked that this be reviewed since school will be starting soon.
- Mayor Gerwig commented about open field play and stated there should be a plan for open play for parents to play with their children.
- Mayor Gerwig commented on speeding throughout the Village.
- Mayor Gerwig commented about childcare for the Council meetings and asked staff to review this.
- Mayor Gerwig asked about the email from Mr. Lido.

Mr. Barnes reiterated the information regarding the work in Amesbury.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Village Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:07 P.M.

**Approved:**

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**Anne Gerwig, Mayor**

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**Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk**