

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Regular Meeting of the Wellington Council was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 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** – Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INVOCATION** - Deacon Pete Del Valle, St. Therese De Lisieux Catholic Church, Wellington, delivered the Invocation.

At this point, Mayor Gerwig acknowledged the loss of Tom Hollihan. Mr. Schofield asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Hollihan.

Mayor Gerwig also recognized the passing of Arle Adams, the wife of Ken Adams who is one of Wellington's founding fathers. Mayor Gerwig asked for a moment of silence in Ms. Adams' memory.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Schofield indicated staff recommended approval of the Agenda with the following amendment:

1. Move Consent item 6F, Authorization to Award a Task Order to Provide Engineering Services for the Wastewater Lift Station Evaluation, to the Regular Agenda as item 8E.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

There were no presentations and proclamations.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 17-0829** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WELLINGTON COUNCIL MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 13, 2016 AND JANUARY 10, 2017
- B. 17-0624** AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING CO. FOR THE ANNUAL JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- C. 17-0667** AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE A CLAY COUNTY CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, SURFACING AND A SHELTER FOR HAWTHORNE PARK
- D. 17-0766** AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, LICENSES AND RENTAL OF THE VILLAGE'S TIMEKEEPING AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW SYSTEM
- E. 17-0705** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER FOR DESIGN FINALIZATION AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2017 WATER TREATMENT PLANT RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT
- F. 17-0802** ~~AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER LIFT STATION EVALUATION~~ *(MOVED TO REGULAR AGENDA AS ITEM 8E)*
- G. 17-0826** AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE HYDROGEOLOGIC CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A RAW WATER SUPPLY AND WELLFIELD EVALUATION

Mr. Schofield stated staff recommended adoption of the Consent Agenda as amended. He also indicated no comment cards were received from the public.

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

Mr. Schofield indicated there were no Public Hearings.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. 17-0816** RESOLUTION NO. R2017-04 (INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE): A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AS THE VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE SURTAX CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS; ESTABLISHING A SUNSET DATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Quickel indicated this item was required as part of the referendum for the additional one cent surtax that was passed on November 8th in Palm Beach County. She stated the ballot language required the establishment of an infrastructure surtax Citizen Oversight Committee to review the expenditures as determined by Council when the funds are received. She said staff is recommending using the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as the Citizen Oversight Committee in addition to their other duties and responsibilities. She indicated there are options for the Citizen Oversight Committee, as Council could establish a separate committee if they wish. She said the League of Cities has an Oversight Committee option that could be utilized, but staff believes the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board would serve very well and fulfill the requirements of the referendum.

Councilman Napoleone understood the committee would verify the Village was in compliance with the statute and that the expenditures are on Council's list of projects. He stated the committee would not be suggesting projects, as they would be a ministerial function for the most part. Ms. Quickel stated that was correct.

Vice Mayor McGovern explained the purpose of the committee was for oversight and to report back to Council on an annual basis that the Village is in compliance with Florida Statutes. He asked if there would be any other function or administrative function. Ms. Quickel stated there was not. She said the Council would determine the projects and the Citizen Oversight Committee would review the expenditures.

Mayor Gerwig stated Council's discussion yesterday was that they would prefer to have people in the Village making that decision, instead of using the County's option or the League of Cities option. She said the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is used to dealing with contracts and understands these types of functions.

Vice Mayor McGovern understood staff was recommending the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board over some other Village advisory board, because it currently deals with a lot of financial budgeting and oversight. Mr. Schofield stated the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has been dealing with capital projects and budgeting since the Village has been incorporated, so this oversight function is well within their capabilities. He noted, as the Council pointed out last night, Council will have to consider the oversight function when making their recommendations for positions on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for the next ten or eleven years.

Councilman Drahos stated he spends a lot of time considering his appointees on each committee as does all of Council. He said he trusted the judgement of this committee just as he would any other. He indicated if staff's recommendation is that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is suitable for this, then it is suitable for him.

Vice Mayor McGovern thought if Council did not like the way it was going, they could change it at any time. Mr. Schofield stated that was correct.

Councilwoman Siskind stated she agreed with what Council discussed at the Agenda Review.

Councilman Drahos indicated the Village was not the only community using Parks & Recreation for this function.

Mayor Gerwig stated she supported it. She believed the Parks & Recreation Committee was experienced in the community and able to take on the function.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2017-04 (Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee) as presented.

- B. 17-0849** RESOLUTION NO. R2017-05 (ESTABLISHING THE SALES SURTAX FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017): A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE SALES SURTAX FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.47 MILLION; ALLOCATING THE FUNDS FOR REVENUE AND FUTURE PROJECT EXPENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He said this item establishes the accounting process for the approximately \$2.5 million the Village would be collecting this year. He noted it does not allocate funds or approve projects.

Ms. Quickel explained when Council originally approved the budget in September, this item was not included as it was not voted on until November 8th. She said when it passed, the budget had to be officially amended for the revenue and for expenditures. She indicated the Village will start receiving funds at the end of March and the money will be kept in an expenditure capital fund until Council designates projects.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor McGovern, seconded by Councilman Napoleone, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve Resolution No. R2017-05 (Establishing the Sales Surtax Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017) as presented.

- C. 17-0834** COUNCIL DIRECTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE CANVASSING BOARD

Mr. Schofield introduced the item.

Ms. Cohen indicated in the March election the voters voted to amend the Charter to require that a community member and an alternate be appointed to the Canvassing Board when there is an even number of members. She stated the Village has an election coming up in March 2018 and this requirement has to be met one year prior to the elections. She said she brought this item forward, so Council could provide direction on how they would like to appoint the community member and the alternate.

Ms. Cohen explained the Canvassing Board verifies that the votes cast were accurately counted and then certifies the results of the local election. In the past, the Village has taken a position that the County was the certifying body. But it became apparent in the course of the 2012 election that the Village's Canvassing Board is the certifying body when it is a standalone municipal election. She indicated the upcoming election would be a standalone municipal election.

Mayor Gerwig questioned the wording in the write-up, because it says Vice Mayor McGovern and Councilwoman Siskind cannot serve. However, they could serve on the Canvassing Board if they do not run for re-election. Ms. Cohen indicated the expectation is that Vice Mayor McGovern and Councilwoman Siskind would run for re-election. She said if they chose not to, there would not be an even number and they would not need a community member and an alternate to break a tie or create an uneven number. She stated, in that case, the community member and the alternate simply would not serve in those roles.

Vice Mayor McGovern thought that with every municipal election Council would be going through this process one year prior, because they never know if they will have an even or odd number until the qualifying period ends. Ms. Cohen stated that was correct and noted the municipal elections happen every two years.

Councilman Drahos stated whoever Council ends up appointing, also has to be someone who has no interest in running in that particular election as well.

Mayor Gerwig recalled Council discussed criteria yesterday and asked Ms. Cohen if she was able to look into the proper criteria. Ms. Cohen stated she intended to present a memo to Council that they could provide to people or post on the website that would explain the duties of a Canvassing Board member. She said the expectation would be that someone appointed to the Canvassing Board would not be involved in the election in any way. She indicated if someone who was appointed as the community member or the alternate decided they wanted to run or be involved in the election, then Council would have to appoint someone different or move to the alternate. Mayor Gerwig noted with the election being one year away, all kinds of things could happen.

Mayor Gerwig asked if the community member could endorse a candidate in any race in a municipal election, if serving as the Canvassing Board member. Councilman Drahos asked if the community member could contribute to a campaign. Ms. Cohen stated it was not really defined, so she did not know if that would be prohibited. She said she would probably recommend not making a contribution, as that would appear to be an endorsement.

Councilman Napoleone asked if the Council members, who are not in that election cycle but on the Canvassing Board, could not endorse a candidate in the election. Mayor Gerwig stated they went through that discussion before and it was determined that the Village Charter does not preclude it.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated Ms. Cohen brought forward a resolution in the past that Council has never acted upon. Ms. Cohen said there was not much interest in adopting it when she brought it forward, but there was a proposal to pass a resolution that would essentially prohibit Canvassing Board members from getting involved in other elections. She indicated the wording mirrored the State Statute.

Mayor Gerwig thought it was determined that it did not apply because of the Village Charter. Ms. Cohen stated Council could adopt it by resolution, if they chose to. She said she could bring the resolution back for Council's consideration. Councilman Napoleone indicated he would like to see the resolution.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated they needed to act on this by February 28, 2017, the second Council Meeting in February.

Ms. Cohen asked Council how they wanted to select the community member and the alternate. Mayor Gerwig preferred to advertise it with the criteria, so they would know who is willing to put themselves in that category. She said she did not want to ask someone without them knowing the requirements.

Councilwoman Siskind asked how other municipalities did this. Ms. Cohen stated she was not aware of any other municipalities doing this.

Vice Mayor McGovern believed there was a limited set of people who would qualify for or want to do this, i.e., former judges, former magistrates, former council members with some experience in the electoral process or government. He thought if they posted the criteria with a one page summary, people could either reach out to Council or Council could reach out to the people, and then Council could make their nominations. He believed they would each have two or three names at the most.

Ms. Cohen understood Council wanted the criteria posted on the website as well as the duties of a Canvassing Board member, and the expectation they would not be involved in the election process. She said that Council would then come back with their proposed names and go through a nominating process. Councilman Napoleone asked if they could do it at the first meeting in February, so they can make sure it is done. Ms. Cohen stated they could.

Councilman Drahos expressed concern about the language of “not be involved.” He asked if they needed a definitive statement. Ms. Cohen indicated the Village currently does not have any prohibition in the Village Charter or by resolution that prohibits a Canvassing Board member from endorsing, donating or advocating on behalf of someone who was up for election. Mayor Gerwig thought it seemed odd to prohibit someone else.

Councilman Drahos stated this language could be construed later on and tie his hands. He said he did not want to be restricted on going about the community and speaking to people about what he thinks is best for Wellington, and he did not want to do that to a resident either. Ms. Cohen indicated she would not include any statements regarding that.

Mayor Gerwig clarified that no Canvassing Board member would be able to sway the count of the votes. She said they are not allowed to touch the ballots, because it is conducted by the Supervisor of Elections. She indicated if the Village conducted their own election, it would have to use certified equipment and it would have to be done according to state standards. She reiterated a Canvassing Board member will not be able to affect the outcome.

Mayor Gerwig explained in years past, they attended the Logic and Accuracy testing before the election as well as the post-election audit, and then came to the Village for a Canvassing Board meeting where they certified the results. She asked if the members of the Canvassing Board would be attending the Logic & Accuracy testing and the post-election audit. Ms. Cohen stated they would.

Vice Mayor McGovern stated in his experience the Canvassing Board has had a role in reviewing ballots, as some voters had to complete provisional ballots and their intent could not be determined by the machine. He said the Canvassing Board is required to look at the ballots and determine the intent of the voter. He indicated they do not get to touch them, but a Supervisor of Elections staff person will bring those ballots forward.

Ms. Cohen stated there would have to be a majority of the Canvassing Board to count the vote

one way or the other, which is why it has to be an odd number. Mayor Gerwig indicated that did not occur in the 2012 election. She said the Supervisor of Elections determined the intent of the voters, not the Canvassing Board.

Councilman Napoleone asked who would do that in the March 2018 election. Ms. Cohen believed the Village's Canvassing Board would certify the results, but she has not researched that specific question. She stated if the County Canvassing Board is functioning as the Canvassing Board, as they did in the November election, they would be the ones to canvass the ballots.

Vice Mayor McGovern asked what happened in the presidential preference primary this past March, because that trumped all of the municipalities. He understood, without that, the Village Canvassing Board would independently do it. Ms. Cohen agreed. She believed in the past, Awilda Rodriguez and Rachel Callovi would be present with the Supervisor of Elections who, even though it was not in the Village Charter, was a member of the Village Canvassing Board.

Ms. Callovi stated when Ms. Rodriguez would go to Canvass absentee ballots, if there was some question about the signature, she and Susan Bucher, Supervisor of Elections, would do it, because Ms. Bucher was thought to be a member of the Canvassing Board, which they discovered in 2012 was not in accordance with the Village Charter. Vice Mayor McGovern stated it was now being done by the Supervisor of Elections, the appointed Judge, and the appointed County Commissioner. For example, in November, they sat there for days looking at thousands of ballots that fall into this category.

Mayor Gerwig stated when her Canvassing Board was allowed to do the hand recount by the Judge, they did it at the end. She said at that point no one wanted to get involved anymore, so they had to do it.

Mayor Gerwig stated they will come up with the criteria and requirements, i.e., be a legal resident of Wellington, registered to vote, and attend the Logic and Accuracy testing.

Vice Mayor McGovern understood the point about elected representatives, who have already been before the people, serving on the Canvassing Board being allowed to endorse or participate in the election. However, he thought if they were talking about a citizen who was going to be appointed to this potentially powerful committee, it was okay to have a separate discussion on whether that person should be out of the election. He believed there was a distinction between being an elected representative on the Canvassing Board and being a citizen appointed to it. He did not think it had to be done in regards to how they select the person, but at some point they should have that discussion.

Ms. Cohen thought that may factor into whether an individual would be willing to serve in that capacity, so Council might want to have that discussion before they select a community member and an alternate.

Mayor Gerwig stated she had the same thought as Councilman Drahos. She asked why they would put a requirement on the community members that they did not put on themselves. Vice Mayor McGovern stated when Mayor Gerwig was elected, it was known that she would be a member of the Canvassing Board, but an appointed person is separate and apart from that.

Councilman Drahos did not think the residents would be looking at a member of the Canvassing Board that Council appoints with any greater level of credibility. He stated he would be looking

for someone with an impeccable reputation in Wellington, they all trust and who has the utmost integrity. He said this person would be able to formulate in their own mind whether or not they feel comfortable endorsing a candidate or contributing to a candidacy, etc. He thought rather than overregulate it, Council would pick someone who would have the judgement to say whether or not they are going to get involved or not.

Councilman Napoleone stated he did not disagree with Councilman Drahos' reasoning on how to pick someone. But from a public perspective, if someone appointed to the Canvassing Board has been seen actively campaigning for a particular candidate and is called to determine voter intent of a questionable ballot, it could create an impression in someone else's mind that this person is not fair and impartial or may have a bias. He said whether they think that person does or does not, because they are not going to pick someone who does, they want to avoid that appearance. Vice Mayor McGovern thought if an elected official did that, they would potentially have to answer to that the next time they go before the voters.

Mayor Gerwig stated she would be satisfied with not publicly endorsing a candidate.

Vice Mayor McGovern believes this person was potentially different than a Council person, because they would go back to the voter. He did not think that this person should publicly endorse.

Ms. Cohen said if that is the criteria Council believes is appropriate, she would bring a resolution forward that Council could adopt prior to their selection, so it is part of the requirements. She indicated it is not really set forth in the Charter and it needs to be set forth somewhere in writing and a resolution would be the appropriate mechanism. She stated they would have two agenda items, one resolution adopting the criteria and the next would be appointing or nominating who Council feels would be appropriate members. Mayor Gerwig stated she would like to do that at the February 14th Council Meeting.

D. 17-0839 DISCUSSION OF THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He stated, at this point, Council needed to select someone to negotiate the employment agreement, as Ms. Cohen's current agreement expires on April 25, 2017.

On behalf of Council, Councilman Drahos agreed to lead the negotiation process.

E. 17-0802 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TASK ORDER TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER LIFT STATION EVALUATION (FORMERLY CONSENT ITEM 6F)

Mayor Gerwig indicated she needed to recuse herself, because of a contractual conflict on other projects. She exited the Council Chambers.

Mr. Schofield introduced the item. He stated the last time the Village did a comprehensive analysis of the utility system was in 2009. He said Council has seen in the Weekly's where staff is looking to do lifecycle analysis. He explained this was setup to look at nine lift stations annually, to determine their condition and if they need to be upgraded.

Ms. LaRocque indicated this was a preliminary design report to look at nine lift stations that will

result in a scope of work and basically a preliminary opinion of cost. She said they will use that to move forward with design services in the next six to seven months. She stated there were about 110 lift stations in the Village, so this would be an ongoing recurrence.

A motion was made by Councilman Napoleone, seconded by Councilman Drahos, and unanimously passed (4-0), giving staff the Authorization to Award a Task Order to Provide Engineering Services for the Wastewater Lift Station Evaluation.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schofield indicated no public comment cards were received.

At this point, Mayor Gerwig returned to the Council Chambers.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MS. COHEN: Ms. Cohen indicated she had nothing to report.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The next regular Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, at 7:00 PM here in the Council Chambers. He reminded everyone that the Annual Landowners Meeting of the Acme Improvement District will immediately follow this Council Meeting.
- He stated the Village has had a significant increase in auto thefts and auto burglaries. He said he asked PBSO to take a look at what they could do, so they put together Operation Vigilance. He indicated Captain Silva was there to go through the details. Mr. Schofield noted a successful interdiction was done over the weekend.

Captain Silva explained Operation Vigilance was a collaboration between PBSO and District 9, which included the Village of Royal Palm, Violent Crime Division, Gang Unit, South Florida Task Force and Robbery Division. He said the action plan was put in place for one week, with success, and will continue for some time. He indicated the Village Manager rode along with PBSO this past weekend and witnessed an interesting night. He stated they made three felony arrests, seven misdemeanor arrests, and drug seizures including 27 grams of marijuana and some Xanax. He said they also issued twelve criminal citations, so they made good progress.

Captain Silva said the Village had an uptick in vehicle burglaries starting from the beginning of this year. He indicated 29 vehicle burglaries occurred in one week, which is almost unprecedented. He stated 21 of those were unlocked cars. He reminded everyone to lock their cars at night, which is when the burglaries are occurring. He indicated in the second week they were down to 13 and this last week they were down to 7. He said since the operation Saturday night, they have not had any burglaries.

Mr. Schofield noted that a significant number of golf carts are included in the number of auto thefts reported. He said he tried to differentiate between them in the Weekly's. He reminded folks to take the keys out of the golf carts.

Captain Silva stated that people also needed to remove all keys from their cars. He explained the newer cars with the side-view mirrors are easy to detect when they are unlocked, as they mirrors will not be turned in. He stated if the keys are left inside the cars that have the start/stop

button, it makes it very convenient for the thieves.

Mayor Gerwig stated a locator could be put in the golf carts and minibikes, and it is not very expensive. She noted the keys for the golf carts were universal and could be used for more than one golf cart. Captain Silva indicated he could get them information on the locator devices.

Captain Silva responded to Council's questions and concerns. Council thanked Captain Silva for his efforts.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR GERWIG: Mayor Gerwig presented the following report:

- She reported the League of Cities had a retreat today for the Board to discuss the direction of the League. She said it was meaningful for her to serve on this Council with Dr. Priore, as his understanding of the League and their mission was passed to her, and she was not sure she had done that for her Council members. She encouraged them to attend the monthly League meetings, and announced that tomorrow's meeting is in Jupiter. She said the meetings were a good place to network and understand how other communities handle similar issues. She stated her fellow Council members were invited to the District 2 and 3 luncheons as well. She said she gets more information at these luncheons than the Countywide meeting, because it is informal and she can talk to the other municipalities. She indicated the luncheons are \$20.00 and held at the Atlantis Country Club. She noted Wellington was hosting the luncheon again on February 22nd at the showgrounds and hoped everyone could make it.
- She said the Village was getting ready for the Relay for Life. She stated on behalf of her team, she will make and deliver a cake for a \$75.00 donation to the American Cancer Society. She announced her "A Team" will have change canisters sitting around for Village employees to donate their extra change if they want. She said she was looking forward to a friendly competition. She stated she promised that if everyone on her team signed up for the relay (they do not have to donate money), she would walk the entire time.

COUNCILWOMAN SISKIND: Councilwoman Siskind presented the following report:

- She stated the President of the Kiwanis Club of Wellington, Don Meyers, was visiting the local area schools at the School Advisory Committees to reach out and see how they could help. She said she expects to see some great things happening there. She indicated Binks was already working on a project and the framework for it should be coming out soon.
- Regarding the Relay for Life, she encouraged all of the schools to get a team going. She said Binks was doing it and it was easy to do online. She stated they could form their team and have fun with the fundraising like Mayor Gerwig.
- She stated the Wellington PTA/PTO group met this morning to make their final plans for the Great Charity Challenge. She said that event is February 4th and the admission is free. She encouraged everyone to attend as they were giving away millions of dollars to charity. She indicated the schools are grandfathered in every year, which is a blessing as the schools really need that money.
- She said she had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Avossa speak last night at the Palm Beach County PTA Meeting. She stated he spoke about unlocking students' potential and finding pathways for success. She said it was very uplifting and they could all make a difference in the lives of students. She encouraged everyone to check the School Board

website to see what is happening in their school district.

COUNCILMAN NAPOLEONE: Councilman Napoleone presented the following report:

- He reported that Nicole Hessen organized about 160 second graders from Binks Forest to tour the Courthouse where the kids got to hear from some lawyers and judges as well as see the bomb sniffing dogs in action. He said the kids had a great time.
- He stated the Art Fest will be held this weekend on the Wellington green lawn. He said, in addition to art, it will have food and live music.
- He announced the Community Center is now taking applications for Wellington Idol.

COUNCILMAN DRAHOS: Councilman Drahos presented the following report:

- He reported America's Equestrians Got Talent has their own version every Wednesday at the Community Center. He said it is fantastic, as the talent in this community is impressive. He said it is open to the public if they want to come and watch it. He stated it is for a good cause. He encouraged participation from those who are interested.
- He stated the Young Professionals of Wellington are having Accelerate Wellington tomorrow at the Wanderers Club from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. He said they are still selling tickets for \$30, which covers the overhead for the event. He indicated this was their second year. He explained they take applications from startup companies that originate in Wellington, hear their pitch, and then award \$10,000 to the company they think is most deserving. He stated it has a community purpose and it is a lot of fun.

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

- On behalf of himself and his family, he offered condolences to Tom Hollihan's family. He said he and his family were out of town and they missed the remembrance in Tom's honor this past weekend.
- He also sent condolences to former County Commissioner Ken Adams for the loss of his wife, Arle Adams, who he had the pleasure of meeting on several occasions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

Anne Gerwig, Mayor

Rachel Callovi, Clerk